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Campus to host lottery debate before election

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

An MTSU professor will debate the benefits and pitfalls of a state-run lottery with lottery opponents on campus Wednesday.

MTSU professor of finance William Ford will argue in favor of the lottery. Opposing him will be Roger Abramson, of the Gambling Free Tennessee Alliance. John Vile, chair of the political science department, will serve as a moderator for the forum.

"I'm really looking forward

to this debate," Ford said.

All students and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend the debate.

Coordinators hope the debate will inform students about the differing views surrounding a state lottery and encourage college students to vote.

The lottery is one of the hottest issues in Tennessee because it would be the only legal form of gambling in the state.

Tennessee's constitution has never allowed for any type of gambling. This includes casinos,

betting on sports events, bingo games and raffles meant to raise money for charity organizations and lotteries.

Because of the recent monetary strain on Tennessee's budget, education has not been receiving the amount of money that it needs to operate effectively.

When compared to what other states spend on education, the state is one of the lowest in the nation.

Tennessee officials plan to use money from a state lottery to supplement what is already being given to the school sys-

tems. Much of the money would benefit post-secondary schools, such as MTSU, through scholarships given to qualifying high school students.

Any extra money received through the lottery would likely be allocated to K-12 schools, after-school programs and early learning programs.

According to Ford, 3 to 5 percent of the money collected would go to MTSU students.

"That would be \$9 to \$15 million for our students," Ford said.

Before any changes can be made to the state constitution

to allow a state lottery, the citizens of the state must make a vote to decide whether or not they would have a state lottery.

In order for the amendment to be added to the constitution, more than 50 percent of the votes cast must be in favor of the lottery.

The referendum, which is found in its entirety on the Nov. 5 ballot, calls for a state lottery such as what is found in the states of Georgia, Virginia and Kentucky.

The amendment, if passed, will not legalize any other form of gambling other than the state

lottery.

In 1999, Alabama citizens voted down the lottery referendum proposed in their state.

The debate will be presented at 12:15 in McWhorter Learning Resources Center, Room 221.

For more information on the debate, contact Ford at 898-2889.

To find out more about the items on the November ballot, visit the Tennessee Division of Elections at www.state.tn.us/sos/election.htm on the Web.

Early voting is going on through Oct. 31. ♦

Construction to hinder traffic

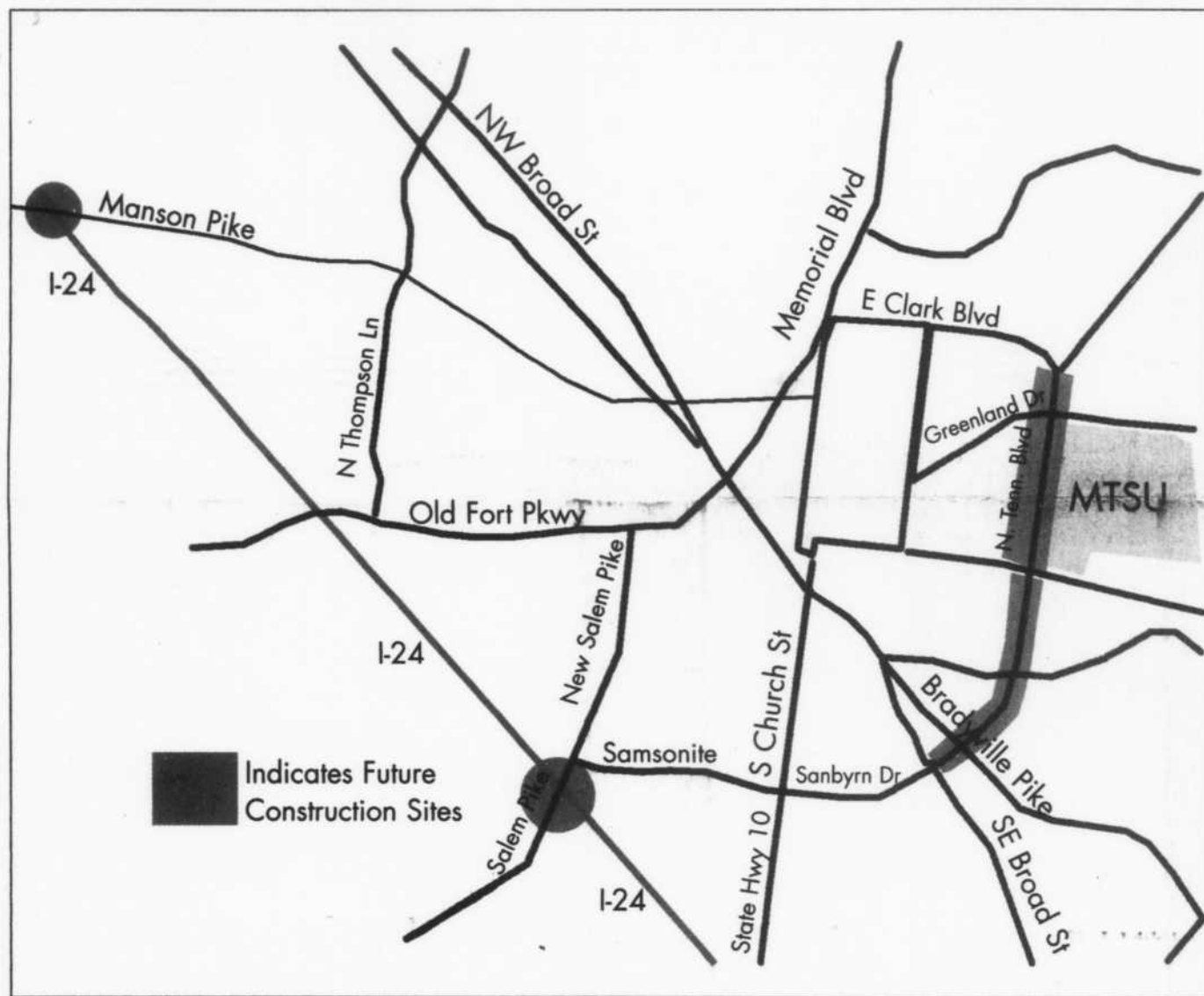


Illustration by Nick Fowler | News Design

The Tennessee Department of Transportation will be widening Tennessee Boulevard and constructing a new interstate exit between Interstate 24 and Highway 99. The projects are scheduled to be completed in 2005.

By Juanita Thoun
Contributor

If traffic around campus seems bad now, just wait - it's going to get worse before it gets better.

In accordance with Murfreesboro's major thoroughfare plan, the city and Tennessee Department of Transportation will begin widening the

stretch of Tennessee Boulevard from Greenland Drive to Main Street early next semester. Then, around exam time, they'll extend that stretch to include Tennessee Boulevard from Main Street to Broad Street.

In the midst of these projects, TDOT will build new Interstate 24 interchanges at Highway 99 and Manson Pike.

In its entirety, students, faculty and

staff will endure localized construction traffic for about 16 months and interstate construction traffic until the summer of 2005.

"Unfortunately, we live with the short-term aggravations to achieve long-term benefits," said Murfreesboro traffic director Dana Richardson.

See Traffic, 2

Internet2 technology coming to MTSU

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

California music students are experiencing a new method of teaching this year - a method that will find its way to MTSU's campus in January.

Instead of face-to-face instruction, New World Symphony conductors in Florida are improving student musicians through a new technological system known as Internet2.

"It's like those students in California are there in Miami working with an expert instrumentalist," said Lucinda Lea, MTSU's vice president for Information Technology.

Lea described this one example of Internet2 technology, a system coming to MTSU in January. Soon, Murfreesboro students will have similar opportunities to those in California.

"This community realized that there's a need to go to the next level and to be able to do more advanced kinds of things," Lea said.

The new program goes beyond the Internet system presently on campus.

Instead of e-mail and online chatting, Internet2 focuses more on research and instructional communication with other education systems.

Paula Short, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Tennessee Board of Regents, developed a task force with Lea to link MTSU with other schools. With access to

Internet2, MTSU can interact and conduct research with K-12 schools. This task force also plans to open lines of communication with local community colleges.

According to Lea, those who use Internet2 will find it beneficial for research. The commodity, however, won't be available to all students. Only selected areas on campus will contain this technology, and limited faculty and students will have access.

Instead of becoming an Internet2 member, MTSU decided to be sponsored by a nearby university member. Tennessee Internet2 members include the University of Tennessee, the University of Memphis and Vanderbilt University.

"We looked at who we could go through to get the best access," Lea said. "It turned out that we can get the cheapest access through Vanderbilt."

With the Vanderbilt sponsorship, MTSU's cost for the system will be lower.

"We still have the high speed network connection, which is what we want," Lea said, "but because we're a sponsored participant and not an actual member, we don't have to pay a yearly membership fee right now."

With the help of Richard Detmer, the chair of the computer sciences department, MTSU was awarded the National Science Foundation grant - \$150,000 for two years -

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Walking for a cure for cardiovascular disease



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Heartwalkers exercise and stretch before hoofing it for hundreds of combined miles yesterday to benefit the American Heart Association's heart research.

Program looks to expand horizons of females

By Kristin Hall
Staff Writer

Math and science are traditionally male-dominated subjects - fields that few women tried to approach.

If a recent gathering of 60 professors, college students, professionals and young girls have their way, the number of women in the profession will increase.

MTSU played host to the Expanding Your Horizons conference Oct. 12 to foster an interest in math and science for girls, which, for many of the volunteers, is an issue very close to their hearts.

"When I was little," MTSU junior Linda Hendrickson said, "I wanted to be a doctor, but my mom said that I wouldn't really

be suited to that. So, I should take a typing class instead."

Hendrickson is now studying pre-nuclear medicine, and she hopes to erase that sexist attitude from the minds of other girls, including her own daughter, attending the event through her school.

"I think it's really good for her to see particularly the women presenters because, in my family, all the women she knows are pretty much subservient to their husbands," Hendrickson said.

EYH's annual program invites girls to talk to female professors in math and science fields, perform experiments and meet women who excel in male-dominated careers.

Bonnie Maynard, a Nashville firefighter and an emergency

medical technician, opened up the program by telling the girls about the ratio of men to women in her job.

"Out of the 900 field medics that I work with, there are only 53 women," she said.

Maynard's profession was just one of the careers showcased during the instructional seminars. Other areas of interest, such as biology, environment, engineering, chemistry, accounting, physics, astronomy, computers and aerospace were discussed for the girls.

Many of the women who teach these subjects faced criticism, surprisingly from other women, because they enjoyed math and science as young girls.

Karen Hargrove, the outreach coordinator for the MTSU Center for

Environmental Education, was a seminar instructor and spoke about her own experience as a child.

"When I was a girl, you could be a teacher or a nurse," Hargrove said. "No one ever said, 'You would make a great scientist.'"

Junior Joanna Velasquez, a chemistry major and seminar instructor, felt conflicted with her mother's ideas of her role as a woman.

"My mom is Mexican and that's how she grew up," Velasquez said. "The woman's place was at home."

"All my sisters quit school, and that was OK with my mom. But my brothers had to finish school and go to college."

See EYH, 2



Photo by Brandon Morrison | Staff Photographer
W.D. Snodgrass speaks about his poetry Thursday in the James Union Building.

By Brandon Morrison
 Staff Reporter

Poet discusses inspiration, purpose of his works

faculty members attending. Afterward, he signed copies of his books.

Snodgrass was invited to speak by the English department and the Virginia Poet Foundation.

The poet spoke on the inspiration of many of his poems. His work, "Who Steals My Good Name," is based on a recent trip to Mexico.

"But a couple of years ago, somebody in Mexico took my name, and with it, he took my purse at the same time. What he took was my credit card," Snodgrass said. "We were coming back from Mexico, and we thought that when we got here we were going to rebuild our kitchen. Then we found out that someone had taken that card, and in five days, ran off with \$11,000."

Another one of Snodgrass's poems, "Farm Kids," is based on his experience with his neighbors. In the poem, he explains how hardships of life have shaped how the children in the area grow up. In the poem, Snodgrass speaks on one child in particular.

"She looked exactly like a Raggedy Ann doll," Snodgrass said.

The child's teachers think that she is retarded, but Snodgrass has a different theo-

ry. "I'm not sure if she's retarded or shy or there are just an awful lot of things that would be well for her not to notice," Snodgrass said.

The audience was captivated by Snodgrass's reciting of the poem "Leanings," which describes a mouse hoarding poisoned food for the winter.

"Why take these green crumbs from our bait trays," Snodgrass said. "Bit by bit and bite by bite, for a safe deposit here in our Romanian black, clay vase."

Snodgrass has written numerous books of poetry during his career, including *The FuehrerBunker: The Complete Cycle, Each in His Season* and *Heart's Needle*.

Heart's Needle won him a Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1959.

In addition to writing poetry, Snodgrass translated poems from 20 different languages for six volumes of poetry books, including *Selected Translations*.

Snodgrass is a member of many organizations, including The Academy of American Poets, the Ford Foundation, the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Institute of Arts and Letters and the National Endowment of the Arts. ♦

Good help is hard to find, according to W.D. Snodgrass.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning poet talked Thursday to a packed dining hall about how hard to it was to order a harpsichord for his wife. After giving the instrument maker the money for the harpsichord, he never shipped the harpsichord back to Snodgrass. The incident caused Snodgrass to write the poem "Against A.H., Who Does Not Make Instruments: A Curse."

"Or if you keep it (the harpsichord) as your own," Snodgrass recited, "May it ring with a strong, clean tone, at times. But when in public, may jacks swell and jam so that you play garbles of chords and melodies gapped like decaying teeth or cheese."

Snodgrass spoke in the Hazelwood Dining Room in the James Union Building Thursday afternoon. He read some of his poetry to the 50 students and

Internet2: System in place by spring

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to fund the project. Detmer proposed the idea of NSF grant, and his proposal was accepted earlier this month, cutting costs of Internet2 payments.

For more financial help, the Information Technology Division has set aside additional funds. Students will not be

required to pay for the service.

Internet2 was developed approximately five years ago with involvement from 30 of America's top universities. Now, more than 100 universities have joined.

"This is the kind of thing that is certainly important in MTSU becoming a major comprehensive university, which is one of our goals," Lea said.

Next spring, once the system is completely installed, Information Technology will sponsor an "Internet2 Day."

Experts on Internet2 will be available to discuss changes the new system will create.

Those who attend campus can attend to learn more about the capabilities of this new technology. ♦

EYH: Event affects males

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school and go to college," Hendrickson said.

The feeling of math and science being a "boys only club" was reiterated by many of the volunteers at the event.

Pooja Marella, a graduate student in forensic chemistry, watched her mother get left behind to care for the home when her husband went to work.

"I've seen that attitude in India, but I thought things would be different in America," Marella said. To be able to go into crime scenes, Marella will have to become a police officer, which she feels might be difficult because she is a woman.

Even as college students now, women such as Marella, Velasquez and Hendrickson have difficulties interacting and connecting with teachers in their fields.

"With my field, women are barely starting to get into it, so it's still the older white males [that are teaching]," Velasquez said.

"It's hard to find a mentor," Hendrickson said.

When Hendrickson was in middle school, she had only one female science teacher.

"When you don't see it, you don't even think it is in the realm of possibility," she said.

Although her male professors are courteous to their students, Hendrickson said she feels afraid to ask them for extra help.

Velasquez said girls tend to be shy and are afraid to do badly or ask stupid questions because they will be embarrassed.

Teachers in elementary and middle school play an important part in helping bridge the gap of math and science for younger girls.

"I think that, even in younger grades, girls aren't encouraged as much toward science," Hendrickson said.

Many of the young girls go to EYH to get more interactions with math and science than their own schools provide for them.

Kristan Jackson, an eighth

grader from Fairview Middle School, said her science class is too easy for her.

"I can't wait until I get to ninth grade, where we don't have to do baby science," Jackson said.

For many women who enter math and science occupations, much of the support they need comes from within. But, by participating in EYH, they can provide hundreds of other girls with the confidence to be interested in a variety of fields.

In addition to the effects on girls, Marella said she feels that the program would be a benefit to boys of the same age as well.

"Their attitude will change when they see girls who are equally intelligent in the class and outside the class," Marella said.

Ultimately, Marella said the attitudes of both sexes must be open to equality before the problems of sexism will vanish.

"It's not a change that could be brought about in a day," Marella said. "It's a slow change." ♦

Traffic: Campus to give land for project

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Since 1990, Murfreesboro has experienced a 53 percent increase in population. During that same time frame, MTSU's enrollment grew 42 percent from 14,865 to 21,163 students enrolled.

"Clearly, the growth of MTSU is why some of these projects are being pursued," Richardson said.

The widening of Samsonite Boulevard, Sanbyrn Drive and Tennessee Boulevard and the new Highway 99 interchange are part of a master plan to create easy access from Interstate 24 to the university.

By diverting university traffic, the planning department hopes to reduce transportation bottlenecks in business and shopping districts along Old Fort Parkway and Broad Street.

Although MTSU has no part in the funding or actual construction of these roads, Campus Planning Director Patti

Miller and Jay Wallace of MTSU Construction Administration and Construction Renovation have been very involved in the planning process.

"I hear a lot of concerns about what will happen to the tennis courts," Miller said. She's confident they won't be impacted.

Miller emphasized that, although the university would experience some land loss, the completed project would not affect buildings or parking.

According to Richardson, most of that land loss will occur in the wide, grassy area between Tennessee Boulevard and Alumni Drive.

Additional land will come from across the street.

"Our main concern is the protection and safety of students, faculty and staff of the university," Wallace said. He said he expects the construction crew to provide flagmen during crucial stages of construction.

Miller and Richardson

likened the upcoming frustrations and final outcome to the widening of Greenland Drive five years ago.

They noted that the end result will provide four lanes of vehicle traffic and bike lanes on each side of the road.

Miller said there would be textured sidewalks at Bell Street and Faulkenberry Drive, and she expects to see an added traffic light and crossing at Division Street.

According to Pete Hiatt, civil engineering manager for TDOT, the Tennessee Boulevard project is on schedule.

However, Richardson warns that project dates are extremely fluid and subject to change.

The MTSU community can keep abreast of construction progress by visiting the Murfreesboro traffic department Web site at www.ci.murfreesboro.tn.us, and clicking on "transportation projects". ♦



The Housing and Residential Life Office is now accepting housing reapplication forms from returning students for the Fall 2003/Spring 2004 academic year. Students are encouraged to reapply for housing as early as possible, particularly if they are request-

ing to move to a different location on campus next year, as new assignments are made by application date. Students requesting to remain in their same location on campus next year will be given first priority to do so as long as their reapplication and \$200 prepaid rent deposit are received by the deadline. The deadline for students living in on-campus housing to reapply for housing with priority for the 2003/2004 academic year is **Monday, March 3, 2003 at 4:00 PM**. Students need to complete a reapplication form available in the Housing and Residential Life Office, pay the \$200 prepaid rent at the business office cashier windows in the Cope Administration Building, 1st floor, and return the reapplication form stamped "paid" to the Housing and Residential Life office in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Students also have the option of reapplying for housing with priority online at www.mtsu.edu. Housing is found under STUDENT AFFAIRS. The \$200 prepaid rent is paid by using a credit card, Mastercard or Visa, or by completing an online check. There is an additional \$10 nonrefundable service fee charged for processing the payment online.

To obtain a **HOUSING REAPPLICATION FORM**, please come by the Housing and Residential Life office during office hours, 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, in the Keathley University Center, Room 300.

For additional information or questions, please contact Housing and Residential Life during office hours at 898-2971

IS MORALITY POSSIBLE WITHOUT GOD?

A Dialogue between **Tom Flynn**, editor of *FREE INQUIRY Magazine*, a publication of the Council for Secular Humanism, and **Dr. Randall Bush**, Professor of Philosophy and Christian Studies at Union University.

The discussion will be moderated by Dr. John Vile, Chair of MTSU's Political Science Department. A time for questions from the audience will follow the dialogue.

Monday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.
JUB Tennessee Room

This event is jointly sponsored by the MTSU Chapters of the Campus Freethought Alliance and Baptist Collegiate Ministries

OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board Media's job not to spew theories

While suspects are in custody in the D.C.-area sniper case, the media bombardment on the subject continues.

Instead of snazzy graphics such as "Sniper on the Loose" accompanying scary music written to instill terror in the ignorant, we now get the "Sniper Suspects" graphic with more impending-doom music and, of course, the picture of the suspects smiling. There is too much wrong with this media coverage blitz to cover in the space provided, but there are a few standout points.

A disturbing trend in national broadcast media is the consultation of so-called "experts" lending their knowledge to speculate wildly about the case. Instead of telling the (gasp!) news, we get an endless parade of college professors, military and intelligence consultants, crime psychologists and the like hypothesizing everything from the shooter being a young white guy working alone to being a delivery driver for Michaels' craft stores because of the white van we were all advised to be watching out our windows for. These, of course, were all wrong (that is, if the suspects are indeed the guilty party). Oh yeah, and they weren't first-person shooter video game experts, either.

Even worse, constant coverage designed to demonize the shooter can often have the exact opposite effect with the viewing public. Witness the Eminem video with Osama bin Laden dancing in a cave somewhere with the members of D-12. When a news organization squeezes a story for every last morsel of information – regardless of relevancy or accuracy – the public notices. Oversaturation can have the effect of turning the villain into a cult hero, which undermines what authorities are trying to do and makes the media outlets seem rather silly.

With multiple media outlets broadcasting around the clock, the opportunity for true news coverage lies in state. There are so many stories to be covered around the world and even in the United States that never get covered by the largest outlets. One night of watching *BBC World News* or the *BET Nightly News* exposes this fact. The time constraints that limited network evening news and newspapers is nonexistent with 24 hours of news hole per day.

But then again, it's easier to tote in some guy who knows a little about something and is hungry for any TV time he can get rather than focus on actually covering all the news that they can. Is this what James Madison had in mind when he pushed for freedom of the press to be included in the Bill of Rights? We doubt it.

In short, it is the job of the news media to report and inform, not spout theories and unverified information that, ultimately, mean nothing. ◆

Media must criticize ignoble acts



American Bacon
Patrick Chinnery
Assistant
News Editor

In between the Iraq debate and the recently-ended saga of the snipers in Washington, D.C., a news story was announced out of Russia that too few Americans heard.

Chechen rebels, upset over continued Russian occupation of their homeland, took hostage 800 people in a Moscow theatre in the middle of last week. After 58 hours of standoff, the Russian military filled the theatre with an unknown gas in an attempt to disorient the terrorists and free the hostages.

In the end, the plan worked. 50 captors died, including 38 men and 12 explosive-laden women. The other captors were

taken into custody. Unfortunately, the gas that was supposed to only subdue the rebels was directly responsible for 115 of the 117 hostage deaths that occurred, according to Moscow's chief doctor. 646 other hostages, as of yesterday, are currently hospitalized as a result of exposure to the gas.

Further complicating matters is the fact that the Russian government is refusing to disclose what gas was used in the attack, despite pleas from foreign embassies who are trying to treat their nationals. Russian medical officials have said that the gas is an anesthetic used before surgery that is known to cause complications with lung, heart, liver and kidney functions, although they too would not name the gas.

There surely could have been a more optimal way to end this stand-off. Negotiating tactics could have been utilized, or, at

the very least, a different, non-toxic gas could have been used to disable the rebels.

The mission was a failure in a very basic way – the Russian government was responsible for 115 hostage deaths, the rebels only two.

Russian President Vladimir Putin disagrees, of course.

Russian forces "managed to do the impossible – that is, save the lives of hundreds," Putin said in an address on Russian national television. He added, "We have proven that Russia will not fall to its knees."

The former KGB chief added that the storming on the theatre was part of the international war on terrorism.

With that statement, Putin has equated the cause of people trying to defend their homeland with the cause of trying to destroy all of Western civilization.

While no rational person would support the means by which these Chechen rebels tried to advance their cause, many people will acknowledge the Chechen grounds were just ones.

Russian forces invaded Chechnya in 1994, and had to withdraw the next year because the fighting was so intense. The Russian military returned in 1999 to enforce Russian rule in the region. These people just want to be free to live their lives in peace.

This is a far cry from the forces the United States and its true allies are trying to defeat – forces that have been trying to develop weapons of mass destruction, such as anthrax and nuclear weapons, and have gassed their own people.

Putin is trying to hide behind a noble goal to advance his own authoritarian plans.

Yet, most of the American media has not shed light on his actions,

let alone criticized his ends and means.

How convenient that an "ally," and one with a permanent veto on the U.N. security council, is praised in the national media for its actions, actions that in any other context would be viewed as damaging.

Even when President Bush criticizes American allies, such as Israel for its terrorist efforts against Palestinians, it gets only a buried headline in the middle of the news section, or a short blurb on a Web site.

It's time for the American press to stop acting the part of international diplomat and start reporting things for what they are – even when it hurts the president's political agenda. ◆

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Letters to the Editor

Lottery would bring economic strain

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to Amber Bryant's column supporting a state lottery ("State lottery beneficial to education, taxpayers," Oct. 16).

Bryant states that higher education in our state will benefit from a lottery, citing Georgia's HOPE scholarship as an example. The situation in Georgia, in fact, gives no support to the lottery issue; 80 percent of HOPE "scholars" fail to meet the requisite GPA to maintain their scholarships beyond the freshman year. Apparently, rather than "encourag(ing) high school students to work harder," the HOPE scholarship has promoted giving higher education to lazy, predominantly middle-class kids with money which came overwhelmingly out of the pockets of the poor.

That the poor make up the majority of lotto ticket buyers is not an assumption; it is a fact. Besides, these people have less expendable income. Money for a lottery ticket is money they could have spent on groceries.

To make matters worse, the lottery company seeking Tennessee's business (described by *Fortune* magazine as "sleazy and underhanded") uses propaganda aimed at poor citizens. One of their billboards, strategically placed in a ghetto neighborhood, pictured a lottery ticket with the statement, "Your ticket out."

Moral issues aside, a lottery will deprive the state of millions in sales tax revenue that could have been generated by people spending their money on goods and services instead of a lottery.

In the end, a state lottery will only bring more economic strain and educational failure to Tennessee.

Andrea Walker
Junior, recording industry

Environmentalists making world better

To the Editor:

Marshall Weber's column was the worst, most inane column I've ever read in your publication ("Ecosystem sucks," Oct. 10).

It's bad enough that most of the population is too apathetic or ignorant to try to maintain our environment, but to waste the time and energy to insult a loosely defined group of people who are trying to make things better for everyone (in the long run) is just awful.

First of all, I'm not part of the Earth Liberation Front. Just because I recycle and advocate alternative energy sources doesn't mean I'm out there destroying other people's property. I think many corporations have done their fair share of that already.

Secondly, I doubt the number of environmentalists out there "bullying" third world farmers who cut down forests for farming are far less than the oil company reps who are out there seizing land, completely destroying property and driving indigenous tribes from their homes. At least the environmentalists are doing it for the greater good rather than their wallet.

Thirdly, I care if we destroy an albino salamander's habitat because it's about more than the salamander. It's about the trees and vegetation and other animals in that habitat, which, believe it or not, are all ultimately linked to humans.

There are plenty of other things to worry about. Most environmentalists are worried about war, poverty and crime. Maybe if we weren't so dependent on polluting sources of energy such as oil there would be a few less wars.

Lastly, environmentalists don't want to make it harder for everyone. They want to make the world better for everyone. Yes, SUV driving and fast food is easy and convenient, but how healthy is it?

It's not easy for me. That's why I do simple things to help – like putting my cans in the recycle bins on campus rather than the trash, driving a car that gets good gas mileage and being aware of what's going on around me.

It's not that hard to be more environmentally responsible. Not nearly as hard as being part of the same species as Weber and people like him.

Shannon Vick

WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



Here's a hint for all you would-be dope dealers out there: Pot plus convenience store microwave plus cops equals felony charges.

Just two hours down the road in Chattanooga on Friday morning, Rudy Raines and William King needed to dry out a pound of weed, and fast. So they pulled in to a Fast Food and Fuel Convenience store at 7:30 to use its microwave.

When they arrived, they saw a police cruiser outside. Our incredibly incompetent criminals decided to press on with their plan. How much pot they had already smoked is unknown at this time, but if quality of judgment calls are any indication, these guys were blazed six ways 'til Sunday.

Raines walked into the store, with one large plastic baggie of marijuana in hand, stopped to talk to Officer David Ashley inside the store, then made his way over to the microwave. He put the bag inside and started the aiding and abetting appliance, filling the tiny convenience store with the odor of pot.

Ashley walked over to Raines, who had realized how dumb his plan was a little too late, and asked Raines what he was doing. Raines

admitted that he was trying to dry out the weed.

The officer then went out to Raines' car, and found several other bags of weed and a sleeping King.

When questioned about the pot sitting at his feet, King said that he has no idea how it got there.

Raines made the second biggest blunder of the day when he tried to explain to officers that he and King were on their way to a drug rehabilitation clinic.

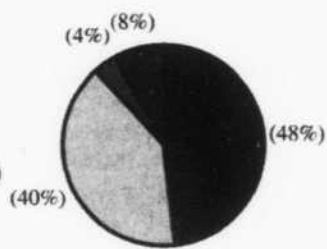
With the charge of felony possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute both schmucks picked up, Raines and King will have wished they were eligible for a drug rehabilitation clinic.

Remember kids, crime doesn't pay, especially if you're dumb. Raines and King might have gotten away with their microwave-drying idea if they had done it at home.

The moral of the story is: Don't take your pot to a Kwik-E-Mart. Or better yet, don't take it out of your house. ◆

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Who do you plan to vote for in the gubernatorial election?"



■ Phil Bredesen (48%)

■ Van Hilleary (40%)

■ No one - I don't plan to vote (8%) ■ A less publicized independent candidate (4%)

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "How would you describe the media coverage of the Washington, D.C., sniper crisis?"

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Historic Main Street home has 'haunted air'



Photos by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

With ceilings 14 feet high and three floors, The Crichlow House, built in the late 1870s, remains the most distinguishable house on East Main Street. Owner Judy Smythe doesn't deny the possibility of the house being haunted.

By Derek Carter
Contributor

Jim and Judy Smythe's house is among the most recognizable on Murfreesboro's historic Main Street, if not the entire city.

Its French Second Empire design gives the home a look not too different from that of television's fictional Addams family – minus the cemetery in the backyard, of course.

"A lot of people who come to see the house say it looks like that one from that TV show," Judy said, laughingly.

The mansion, located at 511 Main St., has a "tower" in front that climbs up all three floors of the house. The first-floor ceilings are 14 feet high and the doorways resemble giant mouths that swallow anything that enters. There are two sets of stairs leading to the second floor landing. One set of stairs leads up to the third floor door that slams behind whoever forgets to close it upon entering.

Construction on the house was started in 1879 by Ingram Collier, who died shortly after the first floor was finished, leaving Collier's brothers to finish its building. The home remained in the Collier family for 106 years, Judy said.

As for the home's current-day name, Judy recounts that after one Collier cousin married someone in the Crichlow family, many people began referring to the home as the "Collier-Crichlow House" – or simply the "Crichlow House" – and the name stuck.

The Smythes purchased the house in 1985 after it had been vacant for nearly 18 years. At that time, Judy said, the home still had all the original woodwork, flooring and windows. In fact, she added, she had been surprised that the home had not been vandalized, even after having

been vacant for so long, and she suspects that, perhaps, that fact could be credited to some of the stories about the mansion.

"There are different stories about ghosts and other strange things that have happened here over the years," she said.

Moreover, Judy offered a story about Carmine Collier, the daughter of the home's original owner. As the story goes, Carmine never married, but she was to be wed at one time. The wedding was held on the balcony of the house, Judy said. Out of jealousy, however, one of Carmine's ex-suitors allegedly rode on horseback up to the house, where he shot and killed Carmine's fiancé, who was on the balcony.

"That is one of the tales, and of course in the telling of tales, things can get switched around, but it really makes it interesting to have so much history in the house," Judy said.

Still, Judy doesn't deny the possibility that her house could be haunted. In fact, she said that the Crichlow Mansion does have a "haunted air" about it.

"We ourselves have heard noises and had things happen that we just couldn't explain," she observed. "There have been a lot of little things that have happened."

For example, Judy explained, "When my daughter lived here, there were many times that she would lock the front door, come back later and find the door unlocked. [And] I have turned lights off and left a room, and then came back and the lights were back on."

Judy also recalled another strange occurrence that happened late one night as she was getting ready for bed. Her daughter and son-in-law were coming up the back stairs when they heard the sound of someone moaning coming from the

bedroom where her husband Jim was sleeping.

"It was a very audible moaning sound," Judy said. "It was like someone was in extreme pain or anguish."

She also added that prior to she and husband Jim purchasing the home, she knows that people who lived in the house actually died there.

"We know that one of the Collier men died of a stroke in the room where me and Jim sleep," she said.

Regarding the evening Judy, her daughter and son-in-law heard anguished moans in the home, Judy's granddaughter, Jessica Trull, also heard the noises that night.

"It was very scary," Trull said. "This place is creepy, that's why I don't stay here."

Judy said that, in spite of the odd occurrences she's witnessed in the home, she's never felt threatened.

"Unexplainable things have happened, but whatever is here is friendly," she said.

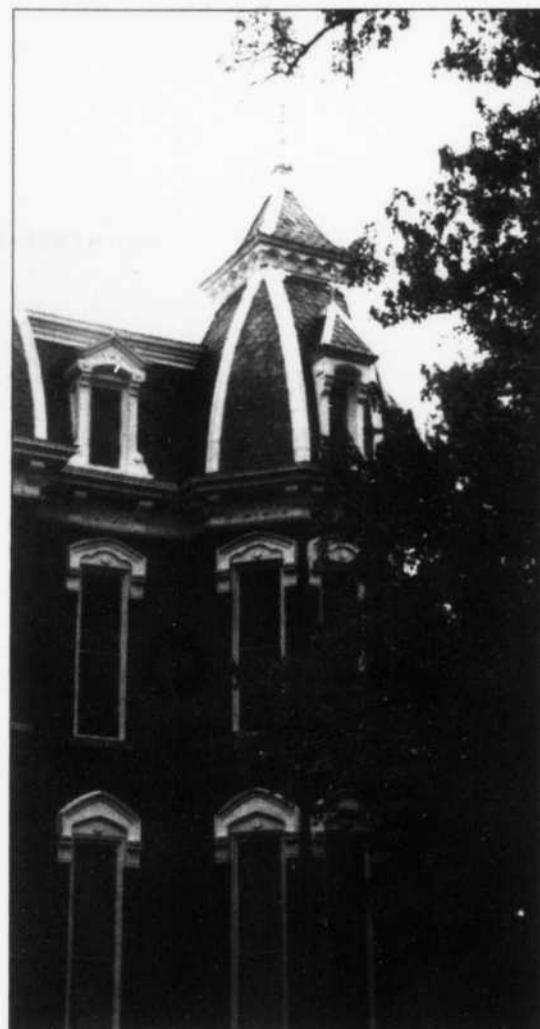
Nonetheless, even people not native to Murfreesboro are aware of some of the stories that surround the mansion.

"I have always heard that that place is haunted," said MTSU student and Jackson, Tenn., native John Jackson. "I don't really believe in that kind of stuff, but I definitely don't think I'd want to be there alone at night either."

Judy is aware of the rumors and stories that surround her house, and she admits that there are some things that have happened there that even she can't explain.

"Jim has offered to pay anyone \$100 to spend the night on the third floor," Judy said of the open offer her husband has made.

To date, though, she added, "No one has taken him up on it yet, [and] I sure wouldn't do it." ♦



Murfreesboro's Crichlow House, located on East Main Street, has a tower that scales all three floors of the home.

Sculpting to the beat of his own drums

Artist shares love of making instruments

By Amanda Maynard
News Editor

William Kooienga may think of himself simply as a sculptor, but artists like Santana and Paul Simon seek him out for his masterful drum making skills.

"His drums are works of art but the drums are also dynamic percussion instruments," said Tanya Tewell, adviser for the Student Art Alliance.

Kooienga will be visiting MTSU tomorrow in the Wright Music Building from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Room 117.

The artist began making drums of various styles in 1994 and has made more than 100 in his studio home in Dowelltown, Tenn.

"I wish I could play music, but I'm just not good at it," Kooienga said. "What amazed me was the shape and sound. It was more the drums than the drumming that appealed to me."

Kooienga's career boomed after Paul Winter of the Paul

Winter Consort, who has also played drums for Paul Simon, saw Kooienga's drums in his studio. Kooienga created a drum out of a tree trunk especially for Winter.

"I discovered that as a sculptor I could also create high quality drums to put in my shop," Kooienga said.

Through Winter's connection, Kooienga also created drums for Giovanni Hidalgo, the Dizzy Gillespie United Nations Jazz Orchestra and Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead.

"I met a bunch of other less well-known artists, but still extraordinary drummers," Kooienga added.

The artist now focuses on sculptures that draw largely on nature scenes and the outside world.

Sculpting for more than 25 years, Kooienga now focuses on garden scenes, totem polls and fountains.

"Drums are not an obsession like it was," Kooienga said of his

newly inspired artwork.

Along with his drums and sculptures, Kooienga recently built a log cabin in Asheville, Tenn., that is a work of art in itself.

With materials gathered from the land, Kooienga and his family took three years to build the cabin that they now reside in.

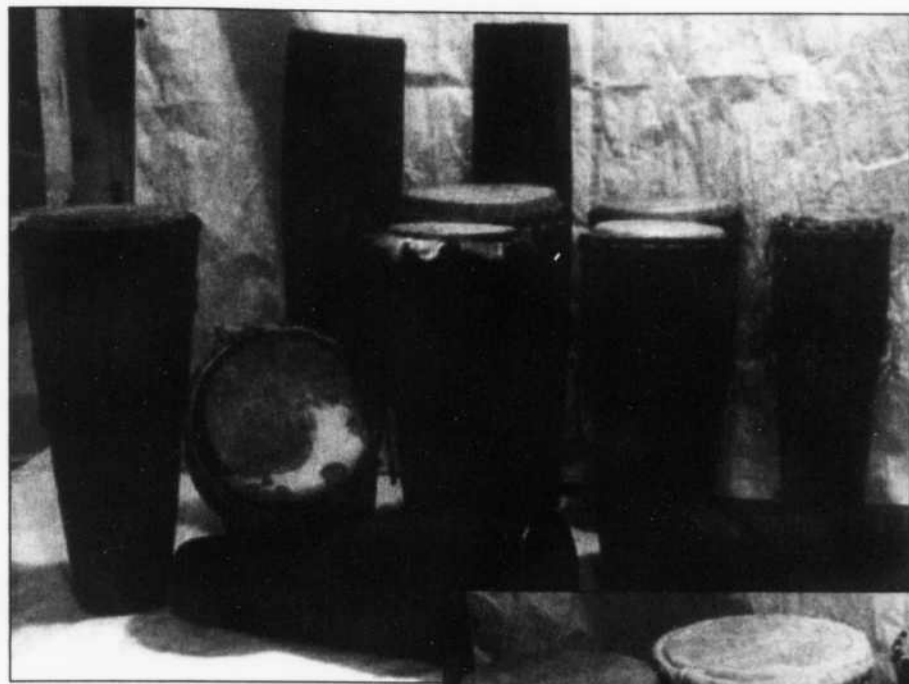
As part of his presentation tomorrow sponsored by the Student Art Alliance, Kooienga will present slides of his work and invite students to participate in a drum circle.

In the circle, drummers are encouraged to beat out a rhythm and try to focus on achieving a state of oneness.

"It's easier than it sounds," Kooienga said.

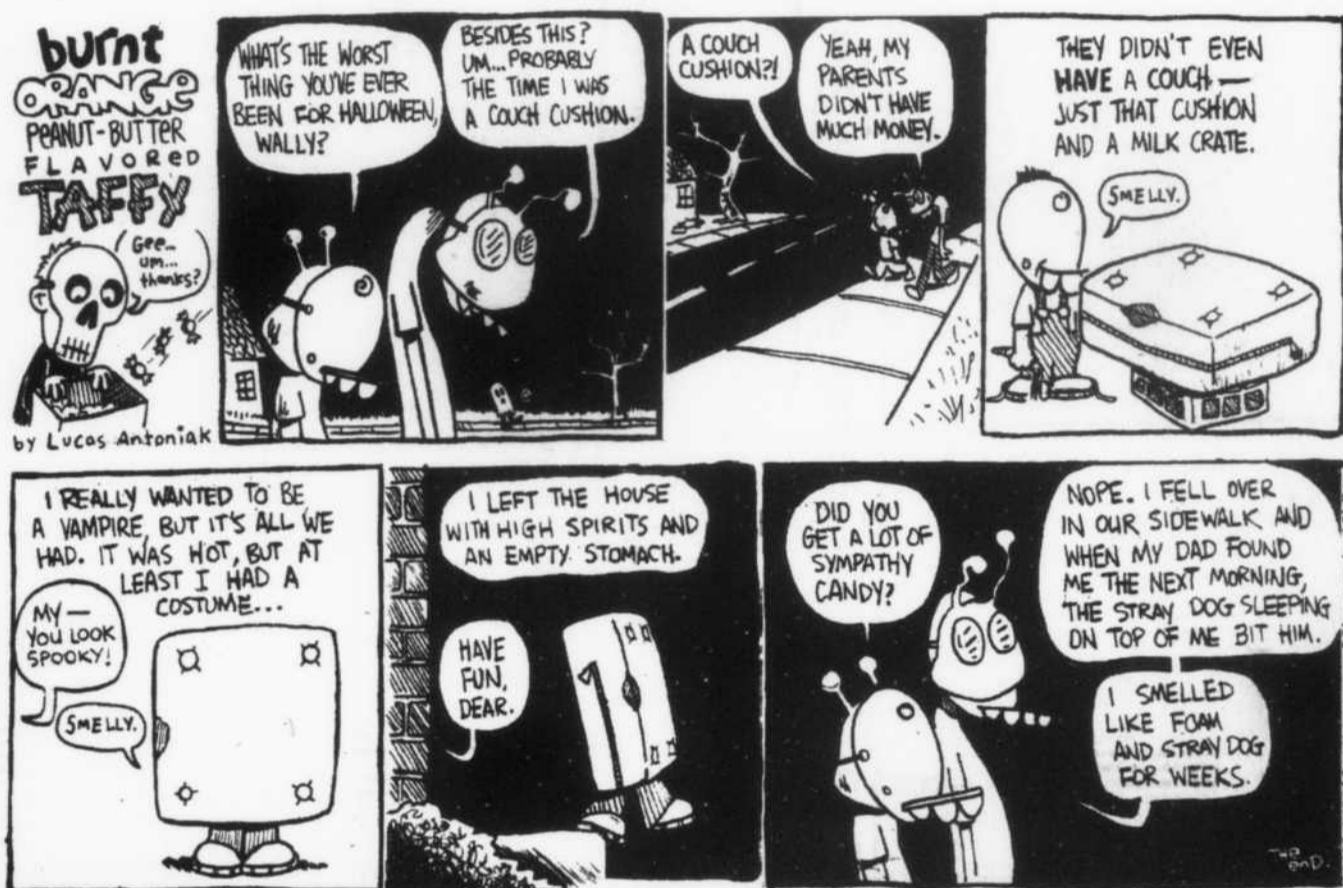
Fellow percussionists from the audience are also free to test drive Kooienga's creations at conclusion of the presentation.

For more information on Kooienga's presentation or creations, contact Tewell at 898-8412. ♦



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William Kooienga sculpts drums similar to these pictured, and considers both their form and function as works of art. Kooienga will present a slide show tomorrow night and lead a drum circle, open to audience participation.



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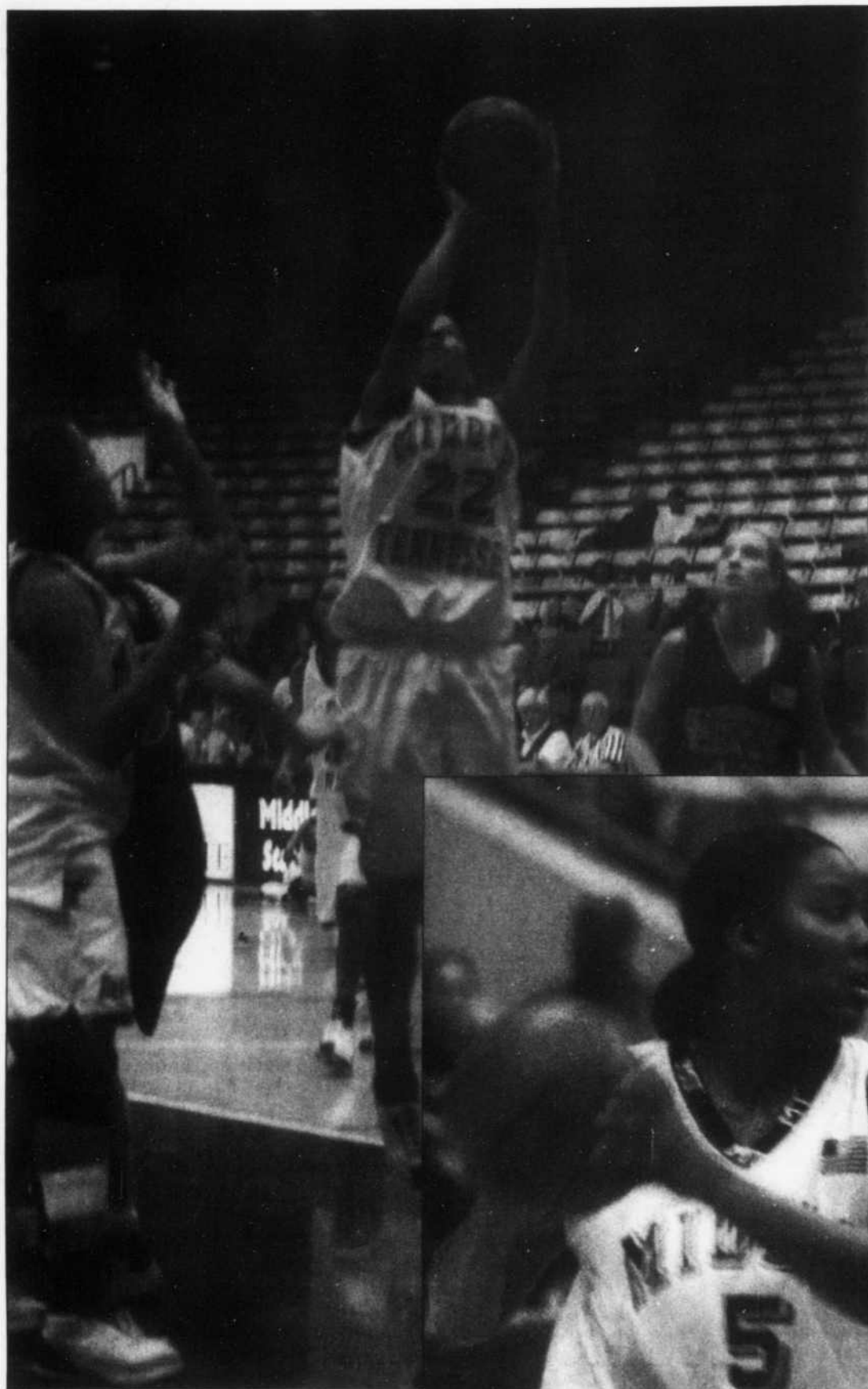
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Lady Raiders gear up for '02-03



File Photos

Sophomore Tiffany Fisher, above, jumps for a layup. Keisha McClinic, right, looks to pass the basketball.

By David Knies
Staff Writer

October is here again, and that means it's almost time for basketball.

NCAA basketball will begin play in early November, but teams have been hard at work throughout the entire summer as well as early this fall preparing for the new season.

The Lady Raiders are no exception.

Last year the team finished the season with an overall record of 16-13 and a 7-7 record within the Sun Belt Conference. Those 16 wins tied for the fourth most in the conference and the seven in-conference victories awarded the team third place in the East Division. This is an impressive record for most teams; however, the desire to improve on this record in the 2002-03 season is evident among these girls. The Lady Raiders have been very busy getting in shape and fine-tuning their skills on the basketball court. The Lady Raiders started off this fall with six

straight weeks of strength and conditioning drills with the team's strength coach. The team began those weeks working out with weights at 6 a.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Along with the weightlifting, the Lady Raiders do conditioning Monday through Thursday at 1 p.m.

Due to NCAA rules and regulations, the coaches of Middle Tennessee were not allowed to have contact with the entire team on the basketball court until Oct. 12. However, the coaches were allowed to work with up to as many as four players at a time. This was valuable to the coaches, as they were allowed to focus on a specific player's individual skills and talents.

The team held its first official practice on Oct. 12 and opened with only eight players able to fully participate in all aspects of practice.

Currently, four members of the Lady Raiders are hampered by minor injuries, which prevents them from

competing in practice. Four male students practice with the Lady Raiders, hoping to give the team a little extra competition. According to head coach Stephany Smith, these guys are generally quicker, stronger and faster than the players on the team and make them work much harder.

"(These guys are) extremely instrumental to conduct a practice, they give a challenge the team wouldn't have otherwise," Smith said.

The Lady Raiders will have only two seniors returning from last year's team. These two players, Paula Penttila and Mia Parviainen, will be the team's co-captains this year.

Both players are also natives of Finland. Penttila hails from the city Lahti and Parviainen is from Helsinki. Both Penttila and Parviainen will be looked upon by the rest of the team for experience and leadership on and off the court. Penttila made a great sacrifice

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Two Sun Belt teams fall to volleyball squad

By Kasimu L. Harris
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders hoped to use their last two-game home stand of the season to end the mediocre home play this weekend.

Prior to this weekend's games Lady Raiders' overall records stood at a respectable (12-10, 3-4) however, their home record is a dismal 3-6. They Lady Raiders have gotten the job done on the road with an impressive record of 5-2 and 4-2 at on neutral courts.

Middle Tennessee played against the University of New Orleans in a sweeping 3-0 victory Saturday at home.

Sophomore Keke Deckard had an impressive match with 15 kills and 12 digs. She registered her 15th double-double of the season.

Other key MT players in the match were sophomores Dara McLean with 10 kills and Kelly Cannon with 40 assists.

For UNO, it was another devastating game in a long series of away losses. The team has yet to win an away game. Saturday marked the second time this season the team has been swept during a match.

Despite the loss, UNO's Jennifer Cruz still showed an impressive game with 11 kills during the match. UNO player Christine Zimmer added 10 digs to the UNO defensive game.

The Lady Raiders started the Sunday game in the same manner they ended Saturday - winning. They tabbed 14 kills, 38 total attacks and only 5 errors for .237 and stormed to a 30-20

victory in game one. In game two the Lady Raiders continued to play well with 20 kills, seven errors and 43 total attacks for .302 percentage. During the second game, South Alabama's Selena Chidester was ejected by the referee for the remainder of the second game.

"In my opinion, he didn't call three lifts on their side and he turned around and called one on us and so I thought he missed the call, and I told him that," Chidester said. "Then I turned around and said something to my team and he thought it was directed toward him, so he ejected me."

In the third game, with victory in sight, leading 29-28 and serving for the win, the Lady Raiders squandered the lead. The Jaguars rattled off three straight points to win the game 31-29.

"We have this tendency as a team to either be really totally confident or start getting desperate, and when we started to act like that," said head coach Lisa Kisse, "that's when I really got disappointed, because I felt we had grown past that point. Then a few of them decided, 'Let's show some determination.' You don't have to show desperation because you let somebody back into the game."

In the fourth game the Lady Raiders played catch-up for most of the game and were able to tie the game three times. The third tie was 28-all and the Lady Raiders managed to go up one, 29-28. With a block hitting error by the Jaguars, it gave the

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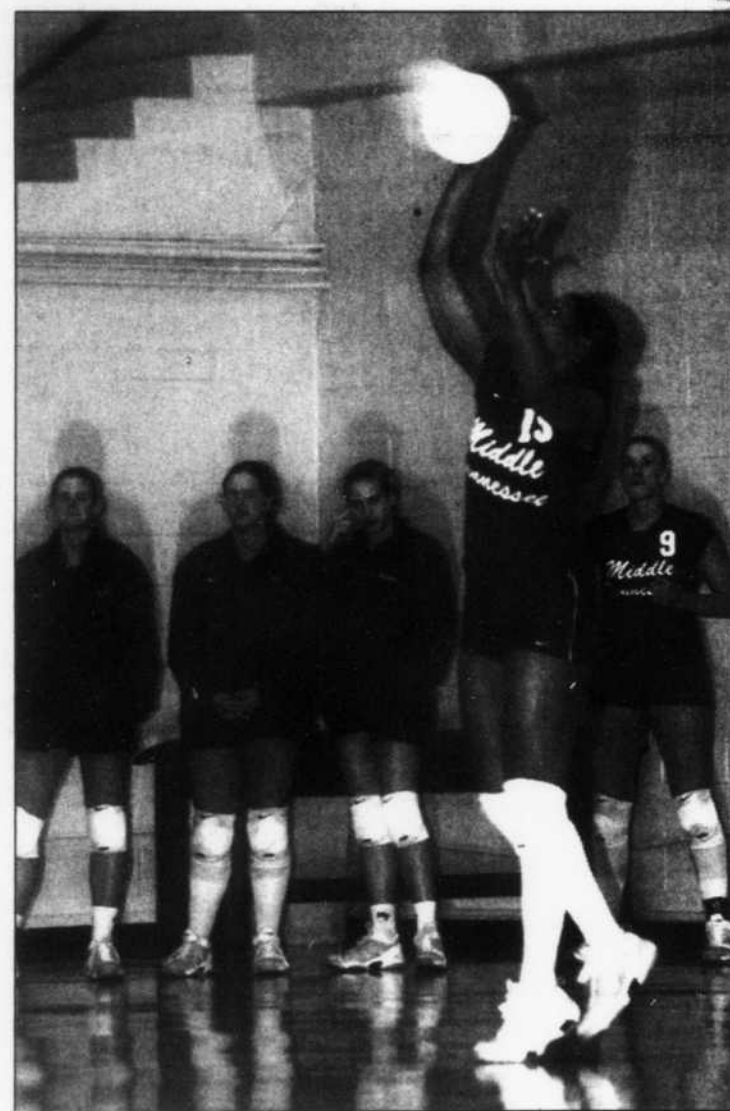


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Kelly Quinn serves the ball during Saturday's match.

Vandals defeat Blue Raiders, 21-18



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Middle Tennessee's football team traveled to Moscow, Idaho, and lost to another Sun Belt Conference team. The Blue Raiders' 1-2 SBC record is steadily putting them farther away from bowl game contention.

South Alabama hands MT another loss

By David Knies
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider soccer team lost a heartbreaker by the score of 3-2 Friday afternoon to the University of South Alabama Jaguars.

With 44 seconds remaining in the second half, Tanya Allegretti kicked the winning goal past Middle Tennessee goalie Emily Shrum. With less than a minute left to work with, the Blue Raiders had little time to try and tie up the score as their last attempt just past mid-field sailed away from the post. The loss dropped the Blue Raiders to 8-10-1 overall and 3-4 in the Sun Belt Conference.

It was a tale of two halves Friday as the Blue Raiders dominated the first 45 minutes, but were outplayed by the Jaguars in the second half. The first half saw MT grab a 2-0 lead with

13:41 left and then hold that lead for the rest of the half. The team scored the two goals within a minute of each other, the first one coming with 14:45 left.

Jessica Northcutt tallied the first goal for the Blue Raiders after the ball was deflected off of an USA player. Northcutt sailed a shot over goalie Amber Angermeier from about 20 yards out. Laura Miguez accounted for the second goal.

Danielle LaDuke, who crossed the ball over the field, put Miguez in great position to score.

Neither team threatened after MT's last goal and the Blue Raiders went into the half feeling good with their chances of coming out with a victory.

"We came out and played really well to start the game," said Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden. "The difference was we didn't take advantage of

the opportunities we had to put the game away in the first half. Two-0 is the worst lead to have in soccer because one goal gets the other team back in the game."

However, the Blue Raiders came out flat in the second half and allowed the Jaguars to seize the momentum. Kathy Steinmetz helped to shift this momentum in the second half by scoring USA's first goal of the afternoon 15 minutes in. MT stayed in the lead until Julia Herman tied the game at two with 12:13 remaining in the game. The goal was Herman's 11th of the season, keeping her in second place in the SBC scoring race.

For the last 12 minutes of the half, both teams tried to muster up a clear shot on goal, but the defense for the two teams

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MT wrestling club ranks in top spots in preseason polls

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee men's wrestling club will be looking to lay the smack down on opposing teams this year as one of the best teams in the country.

As a club that has only been around since the spring of 1999, they have established themselves as one of the top teams in the country. The team is ranked 10th in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association preseason poll. Last season, the team finished eighth in the final NCWA poll. The team is not sanctioned by the NCAA.

The top wrestler on the team is junior Angelo Giansante who competes in the 149-pound division. Giansante is ranked No. 1 in that division's NCWA preseason poll. Last season,

Giansante finished the season at 24-4 and runner up in the 149-pound division at the NCWA National Championship. He lost in the finals to Shad Olvera from the University of New Mexico 5-3.

However, Giansante took home first place at the Tennessee Temple Invitational and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler.

He had a second place finish at the inaugural MT Invitational.

Also in the preseason poll is junior Kenneth Hammonds. Hammonds wrestles in the 199-pound division. Last season, Hammonds was one match away from being an All-American in that weight class. Hammonds did win the 197-pound weight class at the Tennessee Temple Invitational.

"We want to have more All-Americans, more national champions, because we have never had one, and more members."

—Kenneth Hammonds
MT wrestling club member

He finished second in the same weight division at the MT Invitational. For Hammonds, he has a long history in the sport.

"I started in fourth grade, and have been wrestling since seventh grade," Hammonds said.

The third member of the team included in the poll is Demetrice Miller. Miller wres-

ted in the 235-pound class, and is ranked sixth in the NCWA poll. Miller was one win away from becoming an All-American last season.

Miller finished second at the Tennessee Temple Invitational in his weight class last season.

The team has a returning All-American coming back to the squad in heavyweight Will West. West finished in fifth

place at the NCWA tournament in 2000 that earned him All-American status in the 235-weight class.

There is a youth movement on the team as it includes seven freshmen on the squad and several other new members.

As always, the team has high expectations to stay in the top tier of teams in the nation.

"We want to have more All-Americans, more national champions because we have never had one, and more members," Hammonds said.

The most memorable match last season was the win over Auburn University.

At that time, MT was ranked No. 7 in the nation, while Auburn was eighth.

In the match, MT only lost twice, and those were by forfeit. MT won the match 33-12 Nov.

10, 2001.

"We dominated the whole match," Hammonds said.

The team followed up with a 27-3 victory over the University of Tennessee.

In the match, Angelo Giansante had a combined three pins and Hammonds won two matches.

The new season opened up for the wrestlers Saturday, when they participated in the Georgia Tech Open.

Last year, Hammonds finished fourth in the competition. Nov. 16, the team will host the MT Duals. Then, Dec. 7, MT will host the second-annual MT Invitational Tournament.

In January, the teams travel down to the University of Georgia.

For more information go to www.mtsu.edu/~wrestle.

Soccer: Squad faces conference tourney

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stepped up the play, knowing the next goal scored would likely win the game. As the half neared the final two minutes, it seemed as if the game was going to have to be settled in overtime. However, the Jaguars' Allegretti had other plans.

After a couple of corner kicks resulted in nothing for the Blue Raiders, the ball ended up in the control of Allegretti as she raced toward Shrum.

She missed the ball on her first attempt to score, but regained her composure and scooted the ball past Shrum and into the net for the game-winning goal.

The soccer team travels to the SBC tournament Nov. 6.

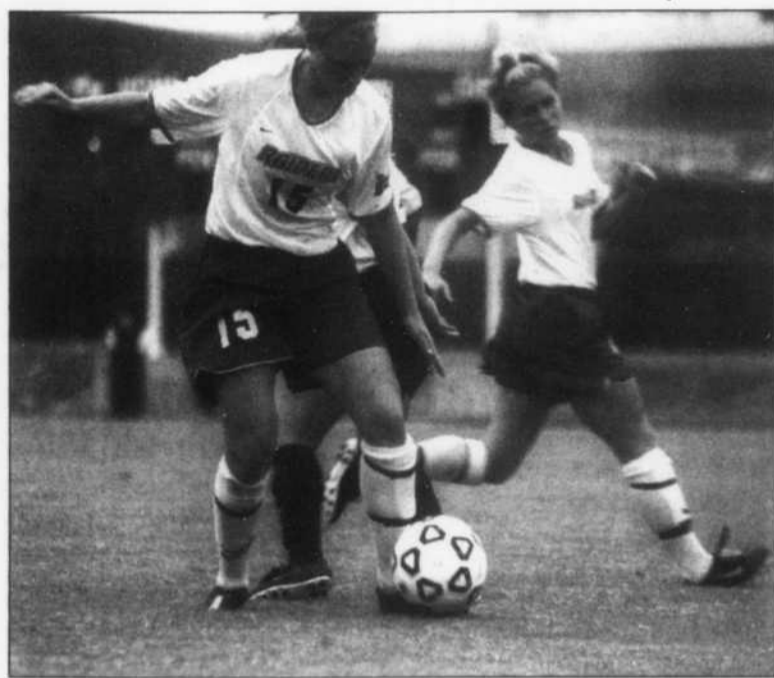


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Senior Sarah Schulz runs past the opposing team's defender during Friday's game against South Alabama.

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Basketball: Team to be "more up-tempo"

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for her team after last season. During the off-season, she was accepted to attend medical school back home in Finland. Instead of going back to start her career at home, Penttila decided to stay and play out her senior year at MTSU. The co-captains both agree that this has been the best preseason that the team has had during the four years they have been on the team.

"(We are) a young team with many athletic players who are very excited to win," Penttila said.

One of those young players who will be making an impact this season is sophomore Patrice Holmes. Holmes was named the Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year last season while averaging 12.6 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game. Holmes, last year's returning leading scorer, said she believes that the key to this year's overall team success will be intensity and a positive attitude.

When asked if she feels any pressure as she feels any success, Holmes said she feels a little pressure to "live up to more and more expectations."

Even though Holmes led the team in scoring last year, the Lady Raiders are not expecting to depend on her to carry the load this season.

"(There is) lots of talent on this team; (we are) not depend-



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Sophomore Patrice Holmes flies down the court.

ing solely on her," Smith said. "Even the 12th man will be extremely instrumental in what we accomplish. The most important player is not who scores the most points, but the one who pushes that player in practice and the one who makes the ultimate self-sacrifice."

With the amount of talent on this year's team, the Lady Raiders are looking to be more of a transition and up-tempo style basketball club.

The players are not the only ones who believe this could be a special year for the Lady Raiders. Coach Smith likes what she sees so far too. Even though she has held only a couple of

practices this year, Smith said she believes those are the very best she has opened up with since arriving at MTSU.

If the team keeps working as hard as it is now, look for it to be fighting its way to the top of the Sun Belt Conference in the months to come. ♦

Volleyball: Ejected player hurts USA game

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Lady Raiders the game, 30-28, and the match, 3-1. With the win the Lady Raiders improved to (14-10, 5-4) and the Jaguars fall to (5-15, 0-10).

"After we won the third game we had a lot of confidence going into the fourth game, I thought we were going to pull it out," Chidester said. "The referee came into play again. He called the game point call against us, but that's how it goes."

"We really had a slow start in game one, and that's not how we've been playing, so I knew we would come out better in

game two," said USA head coach Ginger Mayson. "We got in a tough situation with my captain and one of my better players being ejected. We gained some momentum there and took that into the third game ... I felt that once she came back in that would be a real pick-me-up for us in winning that game."

"I really felt like right this moment you wouldn't be doing this interview," Mayson said. "I thought we be in the fifth game

right now. I really felt that was going to happen."




McLean led the team with 22 kills, Karisee Baker and Deckard had 14 kills each. Kelly Cannon and Deckard tabbed double-doubles, Cannon had 39 sets and 10 digs. Deckard had 11 digs to go with her 14 kills for her 16th double of the season.

Tomorrow, the Lady Raiders travel to Nashville to face Belmont at Aquinas College. Game time is 7 p.m. ♦

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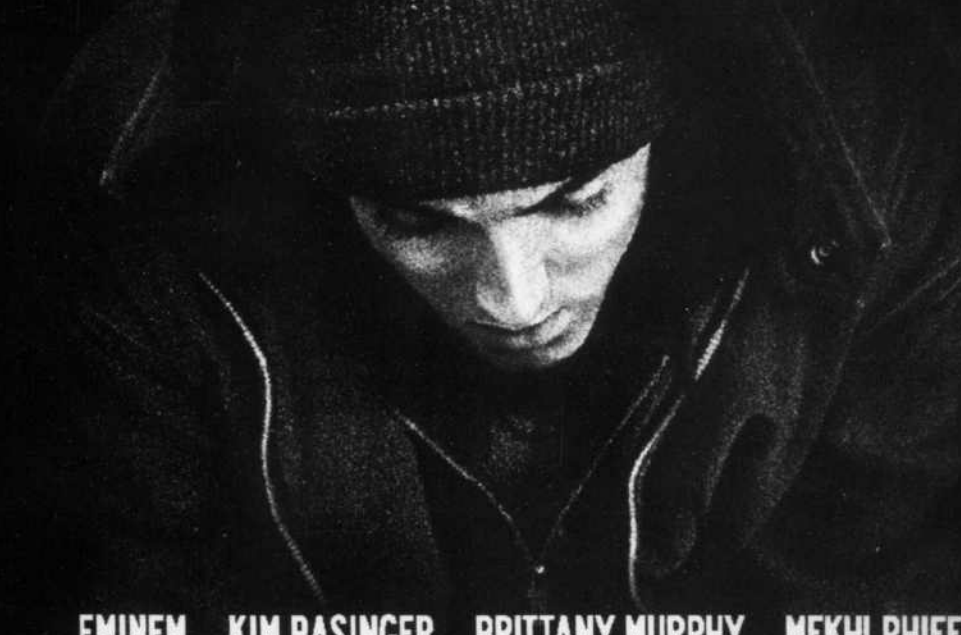
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