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## Impeachment charges stem from alleged budget omissions

By Lindsey Turner and Pam Hudgens  
News Editor and Editor in Chief

Three Student Government Association executive officers will again attempt impeachment charges against SGA President John Marshall in a special session Wednesday afternoon.

Speaker of the Senate and Executive Vice President Susan Wilson, Election Commissioner Daryn Thornbury and Vice President for Administration and Public Affairs Jamie Burns authored SGA Bill No. 5-01-F, calling for an investigation of the charges, which they presented at the most recent SGA meeting Nov. 7. An objection to the reading of the bill was met by a strike, but ultimately the bill was not read at the meeting.

The bill asserts that Marshall should be impeached on three

grounds: failure to submit a budget to the Senate in accordance with SGA constitutional guidelines, failure to follow specific financial guidelines set forth by university and SGA policy and failing to uphold his oath of office by being dishonest to the administration and his peers.

Wilson, Burns and Thornbury said Marshall violated Article VIII, Section 1 of the SGA Constitution by neglecting to submit an accurate budget of proposed expenditures and anticipated income for the coming year to the Senate.

Marshall denies the seriousness of their claim.

"I think I've presented a better budget than previous presidents," he said. "In the constitution it clearly states that I'm to create a budget on anticipated income."

Marshall budgeted for \$40,000 for the fall semester — an extremely low expectation, according to the three officers. Because SGA's money comes from student activity fees at \$3 per student, the \$40,000 allocation indicates Marshall only anticipated a 13,333 fall enrollment, Thornbury said. Fall enrollment exceeded 20,000 students.

Marshall also grossly underestimated spring enrollment, Thornbury said. He budgeted for \$35,000, which would indicate an expected enrollment of 11,666.

Thornbury said Marshall included no anticipated income in the budget and didn't list rollover funds of around \$34,000 from the previous academic year, resulting in unaccounted-for income.

"Our resources are over twice what John listed in the

budget," Thornbury said.

However, Marshall said the rollover is not on the budget because he is only supposed to budget for income of this fiscal year, and the rollover is from the last fiscal year. The rollover is used as emergency funds to compensate for going over budget, he said.

"It allows the Senate to create initiatives and projects and have the available dollars to do these kinds of things," Marshall said.

Wilson, Burns and Thornbury allege Marshall's negligence toward the budget has resulted in more than \$99,000 in the SGA's general operating funds that remain unaccounted for.

According to Wilson, Thornbury and Burns, Marshall also violated Article VIII,

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## Senators unclear on allegations

By Lindsey Turner and Pam Hudgens  
News Editor and Editor in Chief

Talk of presidential impeachment in the Student Government Association has left many senators grasping for an explanation in a time wrought with controversy.

Several senators want to proceed with an investigation of President John Marshall simply to find out what the actual charges are, not to convict him of the charges that have been brought against him.

Patrick Kinard, a senator for the College of Business, said he is unclear as to what the charges against Marshall are.

"I'd like to figure out what exactly is going on," he said.

Several other senators had the same sentiment over the weekend.

Senator Cuyler Lanier, from

the College of Mass Communication, said he is unaware of the actual charges.

Amanda Newman, a senator for undeclared majors, said she is unclear on the charges but trusts the judgment of the three executive officers who authored the impeachment bill — Executive Vice President Susan Wilson, Election Commissioner Daryn Thornbury and Vice President for Administration and Public Affairs Jamie Burns.

"If they have a reason, it must be good," she said.

James Tardy, a senator from the College of Education, also wants to hear the evidence and gives the benefit of the doubt to Burns, Thornbury and Wilson.

Senator Jason Stoneback, from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, said he thinks there should be a hearing to

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## Classroom upgrades approved by McPhee

By Amanda Maynard  
Staff Writer

Classrooms around campus will be getting a new look next semester.

After a proposal from Faculty Senate President Dennis O'Neal last spring, MTSU will begin upgrading old classroom furniture throughout the campus.

O'Neal, an electronic media communication professor, asked the Faculty Senate in a meeting last spring for funds to upgrade chairs and equipment, specifically the wooden armchairs in Peck Hall.

President Sidney McPhee allocated \$525,000 in an effort to improve the furniture in classrooms in buildings such as Peck Hall and Kirksey Old Main. The wooden armchair desks in these buildings will be replaced with padded desks.

"The idea is to improve the learning environment in some of the older classrooms," O'Neal said.

The money allocated for these upgrades has come from the recent tuition increase for students, originally set aside for hiring new faculty. Faculty increases were put on the back burner and classroom upgrades have become the new focus.

"Students have a ... tuition increase," O'Neal said, "and this is a tangible example of where

their money is going."

A committee also has been created to decide which buildings need the upgraded furniture as soon as possible and which can wait until next year.

The committee is composed of one chairperson from each department. Chair of the English department, Bill Connelly, is heading the committee and was unavailable for comment before press time.

"The committee is working to decide which building has the greatest need," McPhee said, "but the need for improvement has always been there."

Tentatively, Peck Hall will be the first building targeted in the upgrading process. There are approximately 3,900 wooden armchair desks on campus, and the bulk of them are located in Peck Hall.

"We want to bring some of the old classrooms up to par with the newer ones like the Business and Aerospace and the Mass Communication buildings," O'Neal said.

Students and faculty can see some of the proposed new furniture in the Faculty Senate chambers of the James Union Building Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information on classroom upgrades, contact O'Neal at 898-2105 or Connelly at 898-5644. ♦



More than 3,900 of the old, wooden desks, like these in Peck Hall, are in classrooms across campus. The older furniture will be replaced soon as a result of a \$525,000 allocation made possible by the 20,000-plus fall enrollment.

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## A night of food, fun



Photo by Jennifer Cornett  
Staff

The Pinnacle/Older Wiser Learners' annual potluck dinner Thursday night in the Keathley University Center brought together both traditional and non-traditional students for a night of home-cooked food.

## Students encouraged to study abroad now more than ever

By Amber Bryant  
Staff Writer

Despite recent global events, the MTSU International Study Abroad program is planning to conduct business as usual.

"Basically all study abroad programs, except those in the Middle East, are going ahead," said Richard Pace, associate professor of sociology and anthropology.

The official number of participants can't be compared to prior years until the application deadlines in February, but the

number of interested students implies the change will be minimal, he said.

While many national programs have experienced a drop in students interested in traveling to foreign countries, International Programs and Services technical clerk Jan Walker said the flow of inquiries has been normal.

"The interest level has been the same," she said.

Only a few programs have been canceled so far, such as the trip to Egypt, due to its compromising location, and the

Australia program, due to a low number of participants.

Most of the programs will continue as planned with little change in the traditional safety procedures, which already include handling terrorist activities.

Precautions always are taken and simply will be emphasized more, said Tech Wubneh, director of International Programs and Services.

Wubneh considers this an ideal time to study abroad, because the experience teaches students to be more accepting

of people in foreign countries.

"I think part of the reason [nations fight] is cultural misunderstandings," he said.

The benefits of studying abroad outweigh the risks, which aren't as high as people think, Pace said.

"There's always a risk when you do study abroad because you're going to a different culture," he said. "I try to tell students you're far more likely to get killed by a drunk driver in Murfreesboro than ever meet a terrorist." ♦



## Senators: Many want to hear evidence to decide guilt or innocence

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present the evidence so all senators can become educated on what the charges are.

"There has been a grievance established, and there is evidence to support that," he said. "There is no reason why they should not be investigated. They can only prove innocence or guilt."

Jennifer Kuchta, a senator at large, said she voted Wednesday night to hear the impeachment bill because she was interested in learning what the charges were, not because she felt Marshall was guilty.

Josh Graham, a College of Liberal Arts senator, said he fully supports impeachment based on Marshall's alleged failure to submit an accurate budget and follow SGA financial guidelines.

Senator Emmy Hickman, with the College of Education, said the case should be investigated because of its importance to the campus.

"We need to be aware of what's going on," she said. "It concerns the entire student body." ♦



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Thursday night's Pinnacle/Older Wiser Learners' annual holiday potluck dinner was sponsored by the Adult Services Center. Pinnacle – an honorarium for non-traditional students – also held their initiation ceremony Thursday.

## SGA: Impeachment bill to be presented at special session Wednesday

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Section 2 of the Constitution, which states, "No money shall be expended from the treasury except in accordance with the procedures established by Middle Tennessee State University."

The three officers claim Marshall has been ignoring university policy when ordering goods using SGA money.

Any orders exceeding \$1,499.99 must be bid on and contracted. Marshall has, on seven occasions, placed orders that well exceeded the limit

without notifying the proper university officials and putting the orders up for bidding, they said.

"There are two or three potential purchasing violations we are looking into," said David Hays, vice president for Student Support Services and an SGA adviser.

Marshall said he has purchased goods over the limit only once this semester.

"It's not a problem," he said. "It happens all across the university. This time it was a misunderstanding of policy."

But Wilson, Thornbury and

Burns said there were similar problems with budgeting and contracting policy last year.

"What we're really afraid of is that we may lose control of our budget," Thornbury said.

The three officers also claim Marshall violated Article IV, Section 10 – the Oath of Office – by being dishonest with his peers and administrators.

"We don't feel like he was honest with the budget because not all of the money was accounted for," Thornbury said.

Marshall said he doesn't know what evidence the three officers have against him.

"Anyone has the right to question their elected officials and to ask for accountability," he said. "I'll respect any decision the Senate makes."

Thornbury said the bill will likely be sponsored by other senators and have a new number. If the bill receives a simple majority approval Wednesday, Wilson, as Speaker of the Senate, will appoint a committee of five senators to investigate the charges against Marshall.

The session will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 314, and will be open to the public. ♦

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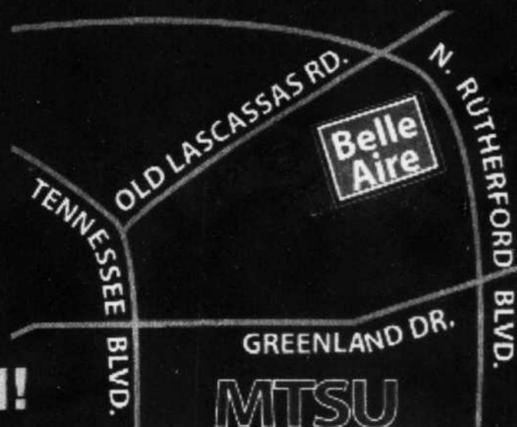
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# OPINIONS

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Monday, November 12, 2001

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Editorial

### Upgrades in Peck Hall overdue

The top brass at MTSU like to brag about the new buildings and technology, and so they should. The new buildings on campus feature comfortable classrooms and advanced technology that any university would want to talk about.

However, MTSU looks a lot different if you are a history, English or political science major. All of these departments call Peck Hall their home.

For more than 30 years, Peck Hall has been the home of more poor posture and pinched nerves than any building on campus. Peck Hall is notorious for having some of the most uncomfortable desks on campus. That's not to mention how easy it is to get lost in the building.

The university has, at long last, decided to put some money into buildings such as Peck Hall to replace classroom furniture. The plan is to replace the old wooden armchair desks with padded desks so students will be more comfortable and, in turn, attentive.

This is a task that has needed addressing for a long time. Over the years, many desks have been worn down and broken, some of which still lurk in the classrooms, waiting for their unfortunate victim.

In addition, the desks have enough graffiti of pop stars, Greek acronyms and cartoon characters to cover the eastern side of the Great Wall of China.

Peck Hall, with its "doughnut" design, uncomfortable lowest-bidder desks and long-standing signs of past concerts and homecoming queen campaigns, currently stands as a reminder of that horrible, filthy, terrible place we called high school.

Students have long complained that older buildings on campus have suffered because of the money being spent on new projects, such as the library and Business and Aerospace Building.

Because everyone at MTSU has or at least has had a class in Peck Hall, this is a move that will benefit the entire student body.

Kudos to the university for an investment that benefits MTSU as a whole. ♦

## Surprise – racism still exists



On the Real

Shawn Whitsell  
Flash! Editor

For those of you who haven't heard, there were two recent cases where white fraternity members took racist photos at Halloween parties and posted them on party Web sites.

The first case that came to national attention was that of Delta Sigma Phi at Auburn University. One member of the fraternity dressed up as a klansman while one of his frat brothers wore blackface with a noose around his neck. Both members will be expelled from the fraterni-

ty. Members of Beta Theta Pi also were involved, but I'm not quite sure to what degree. As of Nov. 8, Beta Theta Pi hadn't taken any action against its members.

Later it was discovered that two members of Alpha Tau Omega at the University of Mississippi had done something similar, except this time the image was a cop holding a gun to a blackfaced cotton picker in a straw hat.

Now, I've seen some scary Halloween costumes in my day, but when those photos flashed across my television screen, I was horrified.

Though I'm not totally shocked, it's still amazing to me that something like this would occur in the year 2001. Even more disturbing is the fact that

these acts occurred in a college setting.

I expect a lot more from college students because, for the most part, many of us have been exposed to a wide variety of cultures and ideas. College students are supposedly educated, yet some people refuse to give up their ignorance.

If a person has their heart set on believing something, no amount of education can change that. The person has to open themselves up for enlightenment.

These events just reaffirm that bigotry still exists on many levels. It's extremely disappointing because with all America has been through lately, you would think people would at least pretend to be a little more sensitive to racial issues.

Although the photos

were tasteless and inappropriate, in a weird way, I'm glad they were posted on the Net. At least this way, we're aware that these things are going on. And let me tell you, these things are nothing new, we just don't hear about everything.

For the record, I hope the entire fraternities aren't blamed for the acts individuals. However, I think these fraternities should attend a seminar on cultural diversity, tolerance or something else of a similar nature. A little awareness never hurt anyone.

The truth of the matter is, we need to get beyond this skin color thing. It's really getting old.

Hating me because I'm black is not going to stop me from being successful, but it will stop Mr. Racist from having peace if he

allows himself to remain ignorant.

My skin tone and cultural background aren't a problem for me so no one should allow it to be a problem for them.

We all have to live here together so we may as well respect each other. If we put away petty differences, we could actually learn a great deal from each other. I'm not saying we should all hold hands and skip through a meadow, but let's face it, no one is going anywhere.

Whatever negative feelings you may have toward a specific racial group can be overcome if you just change your mindset. If you change your mind, you can change your ways.

Practice tolerance. Practice respect. Practice love. ♦

## Teachers are not terrorists: Defending academic freedom

By Andy Smith  
Guest Columnist

In times of war, college campuses have traditionally been safe havens for protest.

In 1965, faculty members at the University of Michigan seriously considered going on strike for peace. Instead, they found consensus in devoting an entire day of class to discuss the culture, politics and people of Vietnam. This kind of open debate and dissent within the classroom is part of an honorable tradition known as the "teach-in."

Well, the times they are a changin'. More than three decades since peace protests preoccupied students and teachers all across America, professors who wish to argue foreign policy on their campuses will likely face harsh criticism from the public and possible discipline from the university.

In a city still reeling from an attack, the chancellor and trustees of the City University of New York have publicly con-

demned professors who participated in a teach-in to discuss terrorism, and in some cases, criticize U.S. policy in this current war. This incident is one of many like it since the fateful September day when everything changed.

In Texas, writer and journalism professor Bob Jensen has spoken out against the intensifying war in Afghanistan. Beyond receiving hate mail, Jensen's job has been threatened due to angry citizens calling the president of the University of Texas demanding Jensen's termination.

Jensen explains, "If I had supported the president's decisions and endorsed a military strike, would anyone have suggested I should be fired? Whatever the merits of either the pro-war or anti-war position, one thing is inescapable: Both are political."

"So, my correspondents' real objections cannot be that I am political, but instead that my political ideas are unacceptable to them. That means their

actual argument is that in times of crisis, certain analysis and ideas are not acceptable and certain views should be purged from public universities, which sounds pretty anti-American."

While some administrators and students wish to persecute the peace professors by calling them traitors and terrorists, many academics wish to support their outspoken colleagues, regardless of their views. Mary Burgan of the American Association of University Professors knows the rank-and-file of the union rarely share a political consensus on any issue, and diverging views about this war are no exception. But, according to Burgan, some things remain clear: Professors should be allowed "to think and express their views in freedom."

Echoing Burgan, University of Alabama philosophy professor Norvin Richards reminds us, "It is not unpatriotic for a citizen of our nation to speak his or her piece at times like these, especially if he

or she believes the nation is following the wrong course."

In the Faculty Handbook for MTSU, our administration clearly defends this kind of freedom. About dissent, the policy charges, "A university campus is considered an appropriate place for spontaneous and impromptu gatherings, where speeches are made, where controversial topics are presented and discussed and where acceptable forms of active dissent in support of issues may take place." Likewise, our university upholds the ideal of academic freedom as "essential to fulfill the ultimate objectives of an educational institution – the free search for an exposition of truth." What is the truth about the current war against the Taliban and bin Laden?

Certainly, strong opposition to this campaign that includes cluster bombs and special forces is growing as the threat to Afghan civilians becomes clearer. Still, most Americans say they sup-

port the war. But another war is being waged at home. Call it "Operation: Erasing Freedom." Attorney General John Ashcroft, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge and the White House have already eroded our constitution by aggressively pursuing and passing new laws vigorously opposed by civil libertarians on the right and left.

With palpable fear defining the pulse of America, good-spirited patriotism can quickly turn into a frightening nationalism. If law enforcement agencies, politicians and public opinion continue to curb personal liberty, we will destroy more of our own freedom than a terrorist ever could. As teachers and students, we have an immediate responsibility to speak out against such horrors. ♦

Andy "Sunfrog" Smith is an adjunct professor. He will speak today at a teach-in called "What is Terrorism?" at 3:30 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 202.

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## Income tax violates fundamental rights



Canadian Bacon  
Patrick W. Chinnery  
Opinions Editor

As recently as July 13, I cried out for the need of tax reform in this state. I demanded a state income tax to help solve the current budget crisis.

According to the Tennesseans for Fair Taxation, the plan I supported, the Rochelle-Elsea-Head Tax Plan, loudly proclaimed that it could, and would, do the following: It would eliminate the state and local food tax. In addition, it would eliminate the state and local tax on clothing and non-prescription drugs. It would replace the current local and state sales tax with a lower total combined state sales tax of 7 percent. Furthermore, it would eliminate the Hall Tax.

It would also establish a graduated personal income tax.

It sounded great, the solution to all of our worries. We would never have to worry about tuition hikes again. The possibilities seemed endless. What could this enlightened piece of legislation not do for our state?

After reading about this bill, I was tempted to ask it if it would take me and my

friends out for ice cream, if our moms said it was OK. After all, it had money to spare. And who wouldn't support free distribution of ice cream?

This summer, when I heard that Governor Don Sundquist vetoed the stop-gap budget that the legislature had passed, my heart leapt for joy. Surely, the legislature would pass the Rochelle tax plan now.

A week later, I was there to witness what I thought at the time was a calamity – the legislature overriding the governor's veto.

I'll admit it. My support for an income tax grew out of purely selfish motives. According to the tax calculator at www.yourtax.org, a Web site dedicated to the passing of an income tax, I would save roughly \$32 a month if the Rochelle plan was enacted.

For a new pair of pants or a new shirt each month, I wanted to force fellow Tennesseans to give up their right to keep what they earn.

I blame it on brainwashing. Some of the ideals that the tax-friendly liberals were espousing sounded so nice and fluffy. Like a white cloud passing overhead on a warm, sunny, spring afternoon.

The working class would come out ahead. It would make life fairer for everyone. An income tax is the price for being successful.

What a load of crap.

Those who support an income tax, and I was one myself until a few months ago, are nothing but looters. They want to reach into a magical money pot and take out enough cash to live the high life. It doesn't matter to them where the dough comes from, just as long as they get their "fair" share of the pie.

I now ask these people, what right do you have to take the money that is not yours? You did nothing to earn it. You will never repay it. It is never an honest or noble venture to take what is not yours.

As I earlier stated, the movement behind the state income tax is selfish. My proposed solution is also selfish, but these solutions are fundamentally different. The first is evil, the second is just.

While the initial benefits of an income tax may benefit some who live in this state, it would infringe on man's right to distribute his wealth as he sees fit. Nothing that infringes upon the rights of an individual can be morally justified by stating that it would help the well-being of all humankind. After all, does not that individual constitute part of part of humankind?

No matter what side of the taxation coin you're on, it cannot be denied that there is a fiscal crisis in the state of Tennessee. Where the two sides differ, however, is in where the

problem lies.

The aforementioned taxing-looters would have the public believe that Tennessee has a taxation problem and, therefore, must initiate a new tax to support the public-welfare state.

The practical opinion, however, is this: There is a spending problem in this state.

An article in the July 23 *Los Angeles Times* reported that "Tennessee is spending more money than ever, undertaking ambitious social programs like TennCare, a subsidized health care plan, and building more prisons and schools. That has pushed the state budget up 87 percent in the last 10 years, an increase far exceeding population growth and inflation."

The key, then, is to eliminate excessive social spending. I would never advocate for the reduction of educational spending because education is the key to financial success. Financial success is logically followed by stability, the ultimate goal of any rational society.

Therefore, the socialist program that is the most irrelevant, and therefore needs to be cut, is TennCare.

According to the governor's budget report for fiscal year 2001-2002, Tennessee faces a deficit of \$706.5 million if no new taxes are passed. The same

report states that \$2.5 billion of the state's tax revenue is to be used for health and social services. This includes an increase of \$106 million in TennCare.

That's \$106 million more of our state tax dollars to a program that already has a budget of \$6,643,257,900. Tennessee is responsible for \$1.85 billion of that budget; the rest comes from the federal government or "other" (term used in the official budget) sources.

A massive reduction of the TennCare program would free up literally more than \$1 billion and would eliminate the need for any new taxes. Enough of TennCare's budget should be left to provide full health coverage for state employees, including educators. The remaining money culled from the ashes of this program could be put to better use, i.e. increasing per-pupil expenditures in our public schools and lowering tuition costs for all state college students.

Life is unfair. Some people win and some people lose. Nevertheless, the protection of individual rights should always be the motive behind action.

An income tax violates the inherent right of man to do with his property (in this case, money) as he pleases, as long as he does not infringe upon the rights of others. ♦

# FEATURES

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Monday, November 12, 2001

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## Grammy nominated saxophonist jazzes up MTSU

By Terri Hutzler  
Staff Writer

Trumpets squealed and saxophones wailed Thursday night as the MTSU Jazz Artist Series kicked off.

Dana Landry, assistant professor of music and coordinator of jazz studies, said the Jazz Artist Series was started three years ago as an extra source of entertainment and learning for the students.

The night's guest performer was renowned saxophonist David Liebman.

The concert began at 7:30 p.m. and lasted more than two hours.

The show began with a performance by the Middle Tennessee Jazz Orchestra. The orchestra is a group of volunteers that includes professors from MTSU's School of Music.

The band performed the four movements of "Celebration Suite," written and arranged by Bob Brookmeyer.

As the performance began, the audience was slapped in the face by the power of the five-man trumpet section. Moving through the four sections of the piece, the audience was teased as the suspense built up to the climactic point and then entered directly into several minutes of slow romantic jazz.

This four-movement tune lasted almost an hour and contained several solos and duets. Soloists included Jim Williamson on the flugelhorn, Barry Green on the trombone and Don Aliquo Jr. on the saxophone.

The song came to a close with a duet featuring Aliquo and Green. The two men exchanged runs and trills almost as if they were in a face-

off. The final notes of the piece were full of energy and anxious that left the audience anxious for more.

Liebman opened with "Picadilly Lilly." This song has great meaning to him because he wrote it during his first big tour in the 1970s. At the time, he was playing at Ronny Scotts in London, England.

The song began with tons of power and moved into a slower beat. As Liebman, accompanied by the orchestra, moved through the piece, the fortes, crescendos and decrescendos had a spine-tingling, hair-raising effect.

"For Lydia" added a change of pace to the show as Liebman exchanged his alto saxophone for his soprano saxophone.

The song, written by Caris Visentin for Liebman's daughter, began with maracas, piano and the light strumming of the guitar. It had a humming, upbeat sound that might remind one of a faithful child.

"Doin' It Again," also a Liebman original, filled the hall with a big band sound as the orchestra members grooved to the music. Liebman wrote this song in the late 1970s when he was on the west coast and "realized it was not the place for [him]."

Liebman explained that he writes his own music but has it arranged by someone else.

One of the highlights of the show was the performance of "In a Sentimental Mood," composed by Duke Ellington. Liebman referred to the piece as "one of the greatest jazz ballads of all times."

The song was full of energy. As Liebman played, the audience could see his face turn bright red as the vein in the side

of his neck popped out.

Liebman worked with renowned artists such as Miles Davis, Richie Beirach, Joachim Kuhn, Daniel Humair, Paolo Fresu, Jon Christensen, Bob Stenson, Wolfgang Reisenger and Jean-Paul Celea.

He has written a variety of books, published chamber music, contributed to various periodicals on a regular basis, recorded more than 200 original songs and worked clinics with music students around the world. During his time at MTSU, Liebman worked a clinic with students in the music department.

In 1998, Liebman was nominated for a Grammy in the category of Best Jazz Solo for the recording of "My Favorite Things." In 2000, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of The International Association of Jazz Educators for his contributions to jazz pedagogy.

The final two songs of the performance were "Loft Dance" and a premiere of Liebman's latest song "As Always."

"Loft Dance" was inspired by the time Liebman spent in New York lofts, playing jazz well into the early morning hours with other musicians. The song is light and quick with a Latin feel.

Notes trickled from the keyboard as Landry's fingers glided over the keys. Liebman's body shook and jerked so violently as he played, that it appeared he was about to lose control.

He never did. Instead, he stayed right on the edge of total control and complete chaos.

The crowd was thrilled and quickly jumped to their feet to cheer for an encore. Their request was answered.

For the entertainment of his



Photo by Matthew Starling | Photo Editor

Renowned saxophonist David Liebman entertains the audience at the Jazz Series Thursday night at MTSU in the Wright Music Hall.

listeners, Liebman invited the orchestra to join in on one last song, the premiere of his new song "As Always." The tune began "slow but quickly gained speed and power, keeping everyone on the edge of their seat in anticipation of the next note.

The crowd included a variety of listeners who all raved about the performance.

MTSU student Jennifer Harris could only say "Wow," as she stood in awe after the performance.

Tony Villanueva, a local community member, said he was very impressed with the show.

"It was cool that all the sponsors were able to bring someone of this caliber to MTSU," he said.

For those who missed the performance but would like to attend future jazz concerts, the series will host two more concerts.

The series will feature Grammy nominee Ernestine Anderson, a jazz and blues vocalist, Feb. 14, 2002, and jazz drummer and Grammy winner Peter Eeskine April 20, 2002. ♦



By Phoenix Taylor  
Staff Writer

Buckle up! Not just for safety but for fashion.

MTSU students are cinching their waistslines for the must-have fall accessory - the belt.

Sling them low and around the hip, double 'em up or choose them extra wide for added appeal.

An effective hip-enhancing way to spice up a dull look is matching this accessory with jewelry by its color. That's how student Shawante George bought her extra-wide gold belt to match her gold earrings.

"It's all about the '80s," a decade of rock and glamour, says Rebecca Morris, sales manager at Express in Hickory Hollow Mall.

Junior Heather Bird purchased a Grammet Bird holed-out belt (a buckle that contains silver or gold rings) for its "rock-star qualities."

Morris says their popular sellers in accessories include "the low hip-hugger belt in a variety of styles and textures and the Western big belt buckles." Junior Stephanie Sloan added a big belt buckle to update an old silver and ivory belt she purchased two years ago in Wyoming.

For a trendier twist, look for belts adorned with rhinestones and studs.

Misty Racheco and Morgan Marlin, managers of Claire's Boutique in Stone's River Mall, agreed that these styles are hot this year. Their prices range from \$8 to \$20. In addition, Claire's woven design belts are

## Belt trend returns



Photos by Matthew Starling | Photo Editor

Josh Thomas (center) wears a holed-out belt with rhinestones, while Yolanda Lee (far left) sports the western style belt with rhinestones, and Tali Chaiyadong (right) wears the hip-hugger extra wide leather belt. These three styles are popular on college campuses.

popular if you're wearing a relaxed style with accessories this season.

Other new designs in outerwear accessories include the glittery textured belt, inspired by Gothic styles with adornments such as crosses or links. Skinny silver and gold chain belts, which was a major style from last season, are making slow comebacks this year.

Clueless on where to shop? Check out local retailers such as Express, Wet Seal, BeBe's, Charlotte Russe, The Gap and Hot Topic for the contemporary belts. Express prices start as low as \$28 and range up to \$68.

Tight on cash? Check your local thrift and vintage stores, such as the Outreach Thrift Store located on North West Street. The prices start as low as 25 cents and go as high as \$2.50. Phase II, also located on North West Broad Street in the

K-Mart center, carries some Express belts priced from \$5 to \$12. Also, Nashville's Western Thrift on Gallatin Pike has a variety of belts ranging from 59 cents to \$12. These places are known for having fashionable items from the past that are cheap. If they don't have the trendy styles you're looking for, go to Hobby Lobby to design your own creation.

Thrift stores aren't the only place to find bargains, though.

MTSU student Vanessa Hayes got a great deal with her groomed belt. It came free on a pair of JCPenny's Arizona jeans for \$14.99.

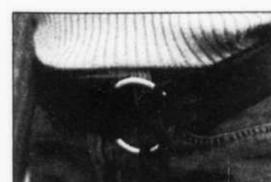
Redefine menswear by wearing belts in unique textures. Marketing major Chad Delancy found a braided DKNY belt at T.J. Maxx. "This belt is great because it's adjustable," Delancy says.

"Holed out," western buckles

and woven styles are great ways to enhance your jeans or khakis. It can certainly create eye-catching attention and pull up those falling waistlines.

"Be careful," warns Kenneth Mount, recording industry major, when purchasing your new belts. He bought a "pleather" belt and it broke. "The 'pleather' styles are not as durable as leather," he says.

Whatever your preference may be, find an alternative from the traditional leather brown and black belts from yesterday and buckle up in a new belt for the fall season. ♦



## Dear Annie: Seeking revenge

Dear Annie,

My father divorced my mother because he was having a grand midlife crisis. I am very angry with him. I wanted to hurt him the way he hurt my mother and me. So, I tried to take away something that he loved very much - his money. I would make him think he could buy my forgiveness. My father and I still play this game. But I am starting to realize that I don't just act this way toward my father anymore.

I am starting to do it to people around me. For instance, my boyfriend and I had a fight last week and it was his fault, but I didn't just want to forget it and move on after he apologized. I wanted to make him feel really sorry that he made me mad. I wanted to act all distant and cold to make him work for my forgiveness. And when my friends let secrets slip, I want to tell secrets that I know about them so they can see how it feels.

How do I stop this vengeful behavior? I know it's wrong, but every time someone hurts me I can't help but have those kind of revenge feelings? Any ideas or advice?

- Revenge Seeker

Dear Revenge Seeker,

If you don't like my answer to your question, are you going to stop reading my column? I hope not.

I must congratulate you for recognizing that you do have a problem. Now what? Let's take this a step further. Realize that this behavior is destructive. Realize seeking revenge hurts you more than the people you're trying to hurt.

Why not focus on turning a negative into a positive. Instead of having vengeful thoughts, think about what you've learned from these difficult situations.

What did you learn from your parents' divorce? Maybe, you learned things aren't always as they seem ... Marriage isn't a fairy tale. Did your attempts at revenge toward your father take the heartache away?

What did you learn from your friends divulging your secrets? Don't trust them with life-altering secrets. Be careful what you share. Some things are better left unsaid. Punishing them won't bring the lost trust back.

I assume the fight with your boyfriend was just a petty fight. Don't let it turn into a relationship breaker. If he apologized, then kiss and make up. It can be fun. Consider these learning experiences as positive growth moments. You're learning valuable lessons that will make you a better person.

MTSU has a wonderful counseling center. Don't be afraid to seek professional advice.

We can't control what other people do. We can only control our response to the situation. Break the cycle. Do something about your behavior. It won't be easy, but I know you can do it.

Don't let the anger you feel toward your father affect the rest of your life.

Please e-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com ♦

## MT loses SBC game to FIU

By Erich Heinlein  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team lost Friday to Florida International, giving up the first seven points of the first match.

However, the Lady Raiders made a run getting to as close as two while trailing by as much as seven. FIU won the first set by scoring nine out of the last 12 points of the first match, which concluded with an MT attack error. The second game was very closely fought with neither team leading by more than two. The Lady Raiders won the second set 30-28 on another FIU attack error.

The third game started off as a repeat of the first with FIU scoring five out of the game's first six points. The Lady Raiders did recover this time and won the game 30-24.

The fourth game started off

with the Lady Raiders scoring the first four points. However, FIU came back to tie it at 4. Then after leading 15-12, FIU went on a 15-7 run to take the game and match. They won the game 30-22 and the match 3-1.

Shakeitha Deckard led the Lady Raiders with 14 kills and 15 digs. Erin Hillstrom also recorded a double-double with 13 kills and 12 digs. Katie Thiesen also contributed eight kills and 37 attacks. The eight kills by Thiesen moved her into fifth place in kills in the history of MT.

FIU had three different players with double-doubles. Nirvana Koss had 20 kills and 15 digs. Adriana Fundora had 19 kills and 15 digs while Vanessa Gonzalez-Vinas had 10 kills and 25 digs.

MT will enter the Sun Belt Conference championship Wednesday in Denver, Colo., against New Orleans. ♦



Karisse Baker hits the ball into the blocking defenders.  
Photo by Matthew H. Stirling | Photo Editor

## North Texas still in control of SBC race to Big Easy

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

North Texas kept a secure hold on a New Orleans Bowl berth with a 42-17 win over Louisiana-Lafayette Saturday in Denton, Texas.

Mean Green quarterback Scott Hall tossed two touchdown passes and rushed for two more in the win.

The Ragin' Cajuns took the lead on an 18-play, 80-yard drive. Nick Dugas caught a 6-yard touchdown pass for the touchdown.

NT answered with two touchdowns of its own and took the lead 14-7. ULL cut the lead to 14-10 at the half on a Jonathan Knott 30-yard field goal.

The Ragin' Cajuns opened up the second half with a 4 play, 80-yard drive highlighted by an Ivan Taylor 65-yard run. The Mean Green responded with four touchdowns to take the Sun Belt Conference victory.

Hall finished the day 7 for 10 for 139 yards and rushed 11 times for 86 yards.

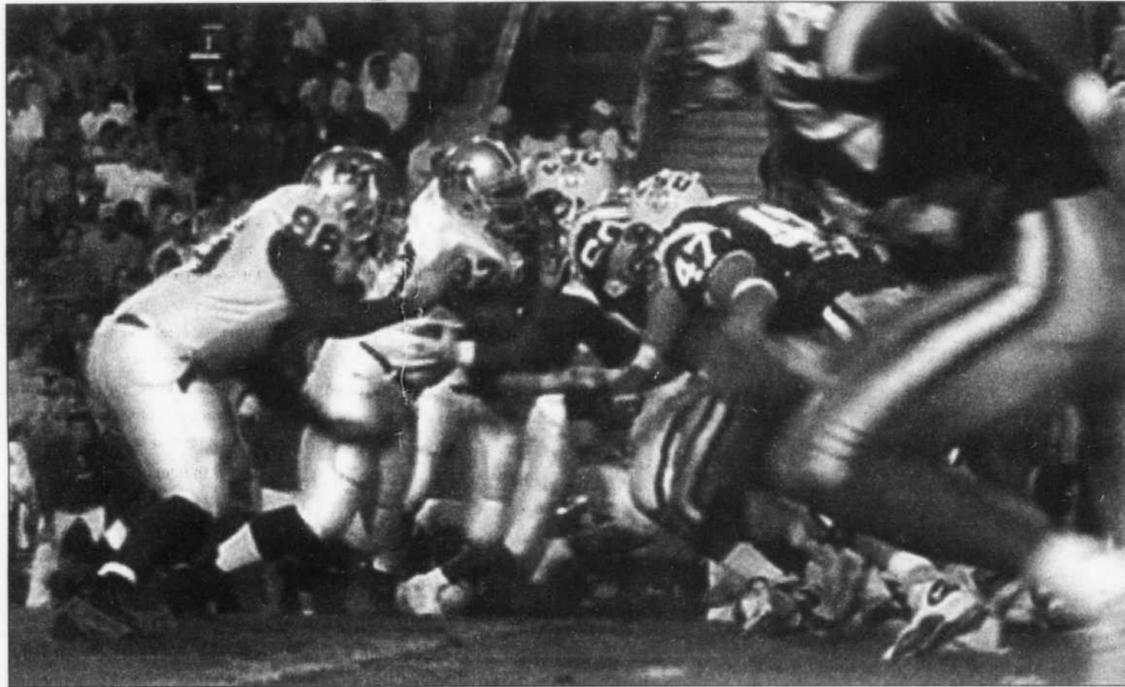
The win puts NT in the drivers seat for the SBC title. A win next week against Idaho secures the Mean Green a spot in the New Orleans Bowl. NT

hasn't been to a bowl since the 1959 Sun Bowl and has not won a conference title since 1994, also the last time they won four straight games.

A loss to Idaho would put Middle Tennessee in the New Orleans Bowl. ♦



## MT drops game to SEC opponent



The MT defensive line tries to push through the LSU offensive line during Saturday's 30-14 loss in Baton Rouge, La.  
Photo provided

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

The Louisiana State University offense scored on its first four possessions, and the defense held the Middle Tennessee offense to just two scores in taking a 30-14 victory in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday night.

Brian Kelly put the opening kickoff in the end zone to start LSU's offense at its own 20-yard line. After the offense picked up a first down, MT linebacker Scotty Brown sacked quarterback Rohan Davey for a 9-yard loss. On a third-and-11 from its own 33, LSU converted on a 12-yard pass to Jerel Myers.

The MT defense couldn't

stop the LSU offense the remainder of the drive and the Tigers took the ball 80 yards and scored a touchdown on a LaBrandon Toefield 6-yard run.

MT picked up a couple first downs of its own on the first possession. However, Avery Hatten fumbled and LSU recovered at the MT 48-yard line.

The Tigers again put the ball

in the end zone. This time it was on a 7-yard Davey pass to Michael Clayton.

The MT offense responded with its own drive. Starting at their own 18, the offense used the legs of running back Dwone Hicks and quarterback Wes Counts along with a few short passes to pick up three first downs and 49 yards. On a third-

and-11 from the LSU 38, Counts completed a 15-yard pass to Tyrone Calico for the first down. After an 18-yard run by Reshard Lee, Counts hit Calico in the end zone for MT's first score.

MT didn't score again until the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, LSU scored on its next two drives and again on a field goal in the third quarter to secure the victory.

MT's second score came with 5:22 remaining in the game. Hicks caught a 6-yard pass from Counts for the final score of the game.

The MT offense racked up 373 yards of total offense, but couldn't put the ball in the end zone against the LSU defense.

"That has basically been our story against these teams [SEC teams]," Counts said.

"We can move the ball up and down the field, then we have one bad play. We can't overcome second and long and third and longs. If we would have gotten four or five yards on first down then things might have been different."

Counts finished the evening 21-29 for 171 yards and 2 touchdowns. Hicks carried the ball 16 times for 117 yards and caught three passes for 23 yards and a touchdown.

"What we did was get a hat on a hat," Hicks said. "I was able to find holes and break tackles. There were a lot of times we went out there and dropped

passes and fumbled the ball. We missed reads and failed to execute but if we can correct that I think we will be okay. I was just trying to go out there and run as hard as I can. I wanted to show what we can do and what I can do personally."

The MT defense recovered from giving up four touchdowns on the first four LSU possessions to hold the Tigers to only 3 second-half points.

"A big part of the game was the missed opportunities we had in the first half," free safety Michael Woods said.

"The missed tackles really hurt us. They were killing us with the in-outs and the out routes. We had to get our people dropping out of the zone and they picked us apart with those kind of routes."

Davey finished the evening 26 for 37 for 318 yards and 2 touchdowns. Wide receiver Josh Reed caught 9 of those passes for 120 yards. Toefield carried the ball 22 times for 83 yards.

"I'm proud of our kids," head coach Andy McCollum said. "They came here against one of the top teams in the country, one of the better-coached teams in the country and they battled. They came out and played hard and we just got beat by a very good football team."

MT finishes its regular season Nov. 17 against Connecticut at Floyd Stadium. Kickoff is 2 p.m. ♦

## Tennis team wins doubles backdraw at National Intercollegiate Indoors

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee men's tennis double's team of Oliver Foreman and Robert Gustafsson won the backdraw Saturday at the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Farmers Branch, Texas.

Gustafsson and Foreman, ranked seventh in the nation, dropped their first match 8-6 to Marcus Hornung and Reiner

Neurohr of Baylor Thursday afternoon. The duo rebounded to stay alive and beat Mike Kosta and Nathan Zeder of Illinois 8-6 Thursday evening.

"Robert and Oliver played well in the first match but had one bad game," head coach Dale Short said. "The Illinois team was even better in the second match, and I was really proud of Robert and Oliver for hanging in there and winning a great match."

Gustafsson and Foreman defeated Louisville's Cody Conley and Joachim Lien 8-6 Friday night. The double's team then beat Florian Marquardt and Pedro Nieto 8-4 Saturday to take the backdraw title.

In singles play, Daniel Klemetz beat Indiana State's Vedron Vidovic 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in his first match at the Indoors. He beat Guillaume Bouvier of Boise State 6-2, 6-2. Klemetz fell to Minnesota's Harsh Mankad

3-6, 4-6 in the quarterfinals Friday.

Gustafsson defeated Indiana State's Loure Brajkovic 6-3, 6-4 Thursday. He then lost his second-round match to David Loewenthal of Wake Forest 4-6, 6-7 (4).

The National Indoors conclude the fall season for MT. The Blue Raiders start the spring season Jan. 18 at the University of Hawaii. ♦

## Runner comes up short

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee runner Geoffrey Lagat finished just short of an automatic bid to the NCAA Nationals Saturday at the NCAA Cross Country Regional in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

He finished just two-tenths of a second short of the automatic bid.

Lagat ran the 8K race in 31:23.46 but was nudged out for the eighth and final qualifying spot in the last 10 yards of the race.

Lagat still has a chance of receiving one of the two at-

large spots remaining for the Championships. Those spots have yet to be decided, and it will be a waiting game for Lagat.

"Geoffrey ran a great race but a last-second surge by Rolando Ortiz (of Florida) caught up to him at the end," head coach Dean Hayes said.

"The bad part is having to wait on the other results. I hate that Geoffrey could have gotten in today without a question. He still has a chance, though."

The NCAA National meet is set for Nov. 24 in Greenville, S.C. ♦

## Vanderbilt coach resigns position after season of speculation

By Brad Golder & Jenny O'Neill  
Vanderbilt Hustler (Vanderbilt U.)

(U-WIRE) NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It's official.

After a season of rumors and speculation — not to mention poor play on the gridiron — Vanderbilt head coach Woody Widenhofer announced Thursday that he was resigning from his position.

He will, however, continue coaching until the Commodores' final game of the season, a rescheduled game at Ole Miss Dec. 1.

"I've come to the conclusion that significant changes are

needed — and expected — for this program to reach the level of excellence we all want," Widenhofer said. "I believe that the best thing I can do at this time is to resign effective the end of the season. I will continue to coach the team through the Ole Miss game."

Widenhofer, in his fifth year as head coach at Vanderbilt, compiled a record of 15-37. Vanderbilt currently stands at 2-6 this season after its 71-13 loss at No. 3 Florida last weekend.

"It has been a joyful five years, but with a lot of broken hearts," Widenhofer said.

Widenhofer met with Chancellor E. Gordon Gee and

Athletics Director Todd Turner earlier this week to tell them his decision.

"This is a sad day for me personally and for our athletics program," Turner said.

Turner did add, however, that "in many ways, (Widenhofer)'s been extraordinarily successful," referring to Vanderbilt's success in the classroom.

But Widenhofer said he believed it was "in everyone's best interest" for him to resign.

He said he began contemplating this move after the season-opening loss to Middle Tennessee, but could not put the emotions aside until this week

to actually step down. The news, however, came as a surprise to the players and the coaching staff.

"It was a big shock," said senior linebacker Antuan Bradford. "We came in expecting our regular Thursday meeting and then he came in and told us he was resigning before he told anyone else. We really respect him."

Despite the numerous disappointing losses in Widenhofer's tenure, Gee said he feels Widenhofer has helped the program.

"Woody has moved this program forward," Gee said. "He has done it with integrity and

with pride, and he has recruited some of the finest student-athletes in the country — and made sure they graduated."

Widenhofer was equally complimentary about the university's current administration and was optimistic about the future of Vanderbilt athletics.

"If I have one regret — other than not winning enough games — I wish the current administration had been in place when I started five years ago," he said. "Chancellor Gee, the Board of Trust and Todd Turner have a clear vision that will definitely help the next coach."

Widenhofer made no men-

tion of his intentions after this season, although there is some speculation he will take a position as an assistant coach or defensive coordinator.

Overall, Widenhofer compiled a 27-68-1 record as a college head coach. He previously served as a college head coach for his alma mater Missouri from 1985-88. His record as a college and professional assistant coach, however, is over .500.

"There will always be a place for the Commodores in my heart," Widenhofer said.

"I wish (all the fans) the very best." ♦

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