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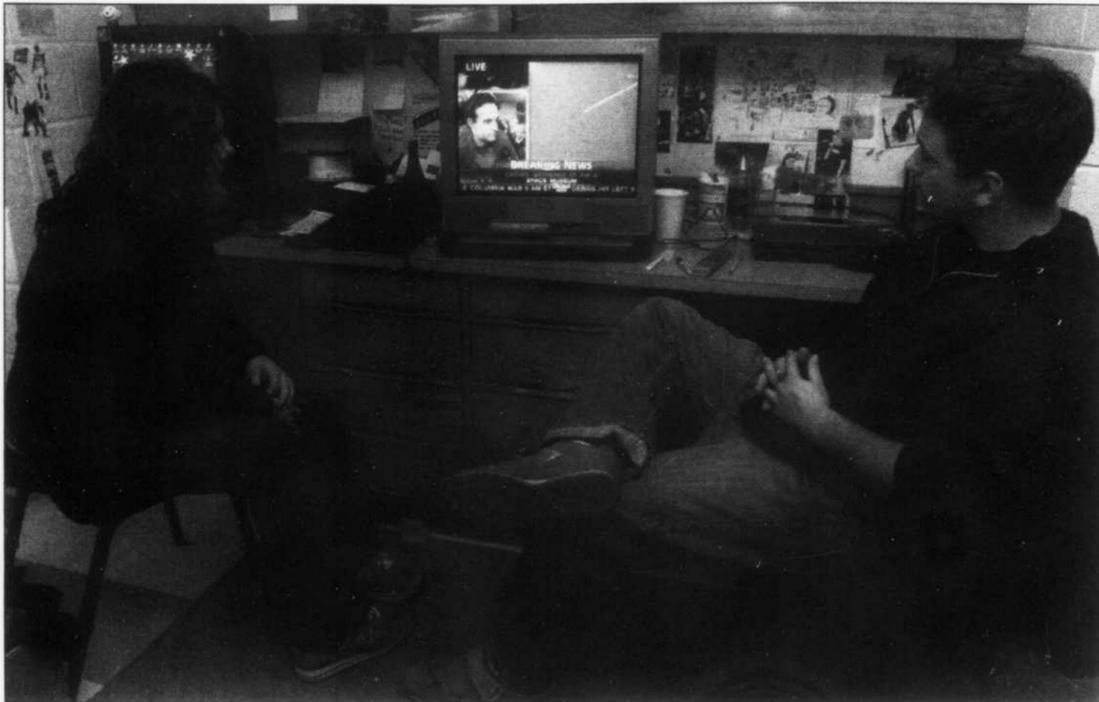
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Students watch Columbia fall



Sophomores Christina Dodd and Nick Walker watch the amateur video of the space shuttle Columbia exploding 39 miles above Earth Saturday. The shuttle exploded only 16 minutes before the seven-member crew was to land.

Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

University assists EPA on new tests

Aerospace department evaluating equipment

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

The aerospace department has assisted the Environmental Protection Agency in testing some new emission equipment.

The new equipment measures exhaust and other emissions given off by cars, planes and other vehicles. Emissions from factories can also be measured using the new equipment.

Most of the research has been done by the aerospace department's maintenance management sector.

According to assistant professor of aerospace Bill Allen, the maintenance department teamed up with Arnold Engineering Development Center, based in Tullahoma, Tenn., to test the efficiency of the new equipment.

Allen has been working on this project since it started more than six years ago.

The tests are run on differing plane engines while on the ground. The engine that is used most often in the tests is the JC-12, a Sabreliner engine typically used in business airplanes.

The project was started by Opti-Logic, a company that is also based in Tullahoma. Opti-Logic primarily makes range finders for golfers. The company developed infrared cameras that could be placed in car tail pipes and contacted MTSU for

assistance in testing the new technology.

The EPA was informed by AEDC about some of the testing MTSU had done and contacted the school about further testing. The EPA wanted to test some new equipment to see if it worked as well as, or even better than, the old equipment.

Six different tests have been done so far with promising results. MTSU is the only institution testing the new equipment.

The newest equipment, which is being tested now, is a micro-electromechanical sensor. The MEMS sensor has been tested once already, and will be tested again in March, April and May.

It is hoped that within a few years, the new equipment will be added to the onboard equipment of planes.

"[A pilot] can tap off the exhaust while flying and run the exhaust through the sensor," Allen said.

The sensor would then test the levels of emissions and immediately report the findings to the cockpit.

Allen reports that all of the testing has shown that the new equipment works faster than the old while being smaller in size. The new equipment can be anywhere from half of to a fifth of the original size of the old equipment.

It also seems to give the same results as the older technology, which is promising to the project's researchers.

"It's still in the development stages," Allen said, describing the newest equipment.

The engines that are used in

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MTSU key in smallpox campaign

By Juanita Thouin
Staff Writer

"It's my duty as a U.S. citizen to help out where I am needed," said academic adviser Lewis Gray.

Gray was one of nearly 100 MTSU employees who volunteered to man emergency health clinics in the event of a bio-terrorism attack upon the United States.

Volunteer sign-up took place Thursday at an informational meeting conducted in the Keathley University Center theater by the Rutherford County Health Department. The meeting focused on the threat of bio-terrorism and a specific terrorist-initiated spread of smallpox.

According to Rutherford County's Health Promotion Coordinator Cheryl Wolfe, the Centers for Disease Control is targeting smallpox because it has a high fatality rate and is easily transmitted.

Wolfe also pointed out that stock repositories of smallpox virus in Russia have disappeared in recent years making the threat of a smallpox outbreak all the more viable.

"Bio-terrorism is designed to shut our society down. But we are America, we are strong, and we aren't going to let them do this to us," Wolfe said.

To counteract bio-terrorism, the CDC is working with the nation's health agencies to develop a plan that would allow

the entire U.S. population to be immunized in a 10-day period.

Rutherford County's bio-terrorism contingency plan calls for the establishment of three emergency clinics to be located at area schools. The sites chosen are Oakland, Riverdale and Smyrna high schools.

Wolfe explained that to effectively man these clinics, the Health Department needs the help of 800 community volunteers.

Though every member of MTSU's support staff was required to attend the informational meeting, they were not required to volunteer.

"Most people in this room are those who answer questions on this campus. The purpose of

this meeting is to simply make you aware of what's going forward," Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, said. Glenn works closely with MTSU's support staff and assisted Wolfe in organizing the meeting.

In addition to calling for volunteers, Wolfe presented a very graphic picture of smallpox via a slide presentation. The audience gasped when shown a picture of a young boy with a full-fledged case of the disease.

Appearing similar to chicken pox, smallpox is different in that the puss-filled blisters typically cover even the palms of the hands and the bottoms of the

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Job and internship fair offers wide range of opportunities

By Esparonda Waller
Contributor

The Career and Employment Center hosted its 12th annual Summer Job and Internship Fair Wednesday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

"Hosting the fair every year makes us much more recognized on campus and allows students know that we are here working for them," said Coordinator of Career Placement Karen Austin.

Summer jobs were offered by summer camps from Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Illinois and Kentucky.

Youth Villages is a camp in Nashville offering positions for the summer, including program supervisor, lead teacher, program manager and family counselor. Their mission is to help children and families live successfully.

"We are looking for psychology, sociology, social work and education majors," Placement Coordinator Natasha Varnick said.

The Career Fair has helped Youth Villages meet students interested in jobs and internships. Camp WinShape from

"You must have miles of smiles for guests of all ages."

— Jason Crossnoe
Disney campus representative

Mount Berry, Ga., is offering summer jobs for those students who have a love for children. Their mission is to encourage young people to discover their unique strengths and to strive for success guided by faith in God.

"We offer jobs for horseback riding and positions for general counselors," girls' camp director Amanda Lepper said.

Camp WinShape helps students learn patience, life skills, teamwork and hard work ethic. No specific major is required to work at Camp WinShape, but students must have a high energy level.

One of the most popular companies, Walt Disney World, offers jobs and internships throughout the year.

Walt Disney World is a very diverse franchise offering

advanced internships ranging from marketing and hospitality to human resources and finance.

The most successful majors at Walt Disney World are business and communication. Students who choose to pursue an internship will learn business aspects from the most prestigious companies, live in a company sponsored apartment with people from all over the world and experience the wonderful world of Disney.

Usually 200 people from MTSU apply for internships every year at Walt Disney World, and between 30 and 40 are accepted per semester.

Walt Disney World internships are open to all majors and all college levels. Students must be friendly and outgoing.

"You must have miles of smiles for guests of all ages," Disney Campus Representative Jason Crossnoe said.

"I want to work for Walt Disney World because I think it is something I would enjoy doing," recording industry major John Graves said.

Disney is coming back to

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Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

Anne Shea's dance class practices Friday on the new floor they installed. A total of 120 students helped work on the \$24,000 project, which spans 36-by-46 feet.

Dance class trades leotards for toolbelts

Students get premier floor

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Speech and theatre associate professor Ann Shea's dance classes hung up their dancing shoes, tights and leotards to begin laying a new, state-of-the-art dance floor in the Belle Aire Building, just west of Greenland Drive.

The students completed the project in less than three days and now have a new, premier dance floor, which is one of the best in the state, measuring at 36-by-46 feet.

The dance department, which is part of the

speech and theatre department, found that the old sanctuary, which is ideal for letting in lots of natural light as well as being accommodating all of their needs, is an ideal dance environment.

"A total of 120 students worked on the project some putting in two hours, some 50 hours, and one student, Chris Johnson, put in four days preparing for the installation," Shea said.

The floor cost the university \$24,000 and is constructed by 3.5 foot square interlocking panels made of foam and two layers of medium density fiberboard.

It also has a sub floor, which will help cushion

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Smallpox: Meeting held in KUC to recruit vaccination volunteers

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feet. The disease runs its course in 14 to 21 days and is contagious until all of the scabs have disappeared.

Those who are immunized within four days of exposure rarely get the disease. This is why the CDC is so adamant that the community be given the vaccine within such a short time frame and why there is such a crucial need for volunteers.

"It's scary," senior community and public health major Jessica McClure said. McClure is an intern with the Rutherford County Health Department and was at the meeting to assist with volunteer sign-up. McClure was quick to point out that, though there is reason for concern, she

doesn't go to bed worrying about it every night.

If an outbreak of smallpox does occur, a national state of emergency will be declared, and all universities, colleges and schools will be immediately closed.

For this reason, Wolfe said, MTSU is a good place to look for volunteers.

"We have to have a certain number of volunteers. They're really needed," senior community and public health major Kendrick Wilkins said. Wilkins also serves as an intern for the health department.

Volunteers will attend training sessions, and their names will be added to a volunteer database. Any legal liability that might arise will be assumed by

the federal government.

These volunteers will not be directly involved in administering the vaccine. Instead, they will assist in clerical, security, traffic control, transportation and maintenance areas of the project.

Students over the age of 18 who live in Rutherford County can also volunteer. Volunteer forms must be turned in to the Health Department by Feb. 7.

"I feel like it's an important thing to do for the community," academic advisor Barbara Hensley said of her willingness to volunteer.

For more information or to obtain a volunteer form, contact the Rutherford County Health Department at 898-7785. ♦

Dancing: Floor better for body

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the shock, a much-needed necessity for a dancer's ankles, hips, back, spine and knees.

The subfloor will be covered with material that provides texture so it is not too slippery or sticky for the dancers, which could result in injury.

The floor was designed for the dancers themselves to install and not need others for the installation process.

"It was made with interlocking panels so that the floor fit together in a way that the dancers could install it without any problems," Shea said.

The investment was fully supported by John N. McDaniel, dean of the college of liberal arts along with Hilary Stallings, assistant to the dean, Terri Carlton, the project coordinator from office of Construction and Renovations.

The new floor will benefit the dance department and the dancers in many ways.

Classes will be much safer, dancers will get more in-depth training, and they will get to work on jumps for the first time in the Belle Aire Building.

"The old building had concrete flooring and therefore the students were not able to jump because of possible injury to their hips, legs, ankles, knees and spine," Shea said.

"Concrete does not give when you jump on it, resulting in pressure on your body when

you do so. With the new floor, you get injury-free dancers that function much longer."

The dancers will also get better quality dance instruction with the new flooring installed Shea added.

The dance department bought the flooring from Roscoe Theatrical Products. ♦

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the testing are cleaned and maintained by students in the different maintenance class.

This helps to ensure there is nothing wrong with the engines when they are used in the experiments.

Some of the proceeds from the project have gone into upgrading some of the technology necessary for the aerospace maintenance program, including waterproof laptops. ♦

Student competes on 'Idol'

Staff Reports

Twenty-year-old MTSU student Meosha Denton might be the next pop superstar.

Denton, who made the cut last week along with 31 other hopefuls, will appear on FOX's *American Idol* tomorrow night, during which time she will compete against several other performers-in-training.

After the show, the voting polls will be opened and viewers can call in to place votes for their favorite performers.

A different phone number for each contestant will be displayed during the show. Viewers can call the particular number of the performer they favor to

place a vote for him or her.

According to the show's Web site, Denton's favorite song is "Just the Way You Are" by Barry White, and her idol is Celine Dion.

Denton, who said she began singing when she was three, said she eventually received formal singing training under the direction of Lulan Hedgemon, vocal director of her high school. She also has taken music theory classes.

Her favorite song to sing is "How Do I Live Without You" by Leann Rhimes.

According to the other Web site, Denton's other talents include dancing, choreography and writing music.

After the show, if she doesn't become the next American Idol, Denton says she will finish school and become a trauma surgeon.

Denton describes an idol as an icon who loves to express him- or herself through his/her voice and personality.

Denton said her favorite judge is Randy Jackson because he has always given her helpful advice.

To read Denton's entire interview or to find out more about the show and its contestants, visit www.idolonfox.com.

Denton's performance will air tomorrow night at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. on FOX (channel 6). ♦

Career: Summer work abundant

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University Center, Room 322, at 6 p.m. For more information visit www.wdcollegeprogram.com.

Progeny Marketing Innovations from Franklin, Tenn., offers internships for all majors. They are looking for those students interested in accounting, communication, human resources, marketing and finance and client services.

To qualify for an internship at Progeny, students must have past work experience, drive and enthusiasm, and junior or senior classification.

Progeny has over 1,100 employees nationwide. Their

goal is to savor success and provide clients with their needs and expectations.

Progeny has hired five students from MTSU, and one has been hired as a full-time employee.

"If students choose Progeny, they will come out with a rewarding experience that they can take back to the classroom and career," human resource partner Valerie Berry said.

For more information on Progeny visit www.cendant.com

Dillard's of Nashville offers paid internships in Cool Springs this summer. It is a 10-week summer program to give students an opportunity to find out more about the store.

"Dillard's is a good place for students to pursue a career, and we have lots of locations," Cool Springs manager Charles Pierce said.

To qualify for an internship at Dillard's students must be interested in the retail industry, a junior or senior, and a business or fashion merchandise major.

Other familiar companies at the fair were United Parcel Service, Enterprise Rental Car, Walgreen's, Star 97 radio station and Dish magazine.

For more information on the jobs and internships visit www.mtsu.edu/~career or contact Karen Austin at 898-5732. ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Budgeting education requires prioritizing

When legislators at long last ended their session last year with a higher sales tax put into place, it was thought that the fiscal problems of the state would be put off for another few years.

Alas, the bug that is regressive, outdated taxation policy came and bit Tennessee in its collective bum this year, with the state remaining \$300 million short of the projected fiscal goal. Governor Phil Bredesen has directed all Tennessee department heads to slash 2.5 to 5 percent from this year's budget and 7.5 percent from next year's proposed budget.

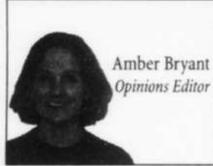
So, what does that mean for you? MTSU President Sidney McPhee told the *Daily News Journal* that the university could face losing up to \$4.3 million – a large portion of the funding increase the university received just a few months ago. In addition, another \$7.57 million could be lost during the next fiscal year, as legislators have already said that raising taxes again isn't an option. McPhee said the cuts could come from classes offered, personnel firings and not filling vacant positions.

All of this ultimately translates into paying more for less, a proud Tennessee education tradition.

The horn-honkers out there would like you to attribute all of this to the greed and incompetence of Tennessee's leadership. However, while there are always improvements to be made in our fiscal situation, and relatively painless cuts are always around, the ugly root of the problem – a taxation system that's going out of style faster than velour and stick-thin women – lies alive and exposed.

Just slicing off a chunk of the budget isn't the most thoughtful way to make necessary cuts. The state will have to decide what's important – bad news in a place where education isn't as big a priority as boll weevils. We hope the state realizes that, while smooth highways and full TennCare for the occasional Oregon resident are nice for the present, education is the key to Tennessee's successful socioeconomic future. ◆

From the Opinions Editor Greedy woman giving birth to bad lawsuits



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

Unlike the surgeon who performed her hysterectomy, Stephanie Means isn't a Kentucky Wildcats fan.

Dr. Michael Guiler, a graduate from the University of Kentucky college of medicine, is currently under fire for branding the letters of his alma mater on Means's uterus before removing it. Means is suing him for an undefined amount of money, claiming she suffered emotional distress after watching a video recording of the surgery, which took place a year ago.

Guiler claimed that making such a mark is a routine procedure used during surgery to distinguish the right and left side from the midline of the patient's uterus. According to CNN, Kim Alumbaugh, chair of the Kentucky chapter of the

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, supported her claim, stating that many surgeons depend on stitches or burn marks to assist them in safely removing an organ.

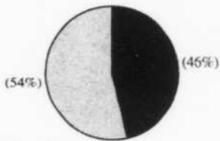
Means's allegation is a bit over the top – emotional distress? Was she planning to enter her severed uterus in a beauty contest and now fears her score will be significantly lowered because of Guiler's graffiti? Is she afraid her husband will be tempted by women with pure, unmarked wombs?

Because of people like Means, legitimate lawsuits become lost in a sea of ridiculous ones, soaking up taxpayer dollars and retarding our already disabled legal system.

Means, and thousands of con-artists just like her, shouldn't be rewarded for their gross manipulation of the right to seek financial compensation for damage. A little uterine art never hurt anyone. ◆

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Should Nashville vote to protect gays and lesbians from housing and hiring discrimination?"



- Yes – all forms of discrimination should be illegal. (46%)
- No – the government should not condone immoral behavior. (54%)

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Are you concerned about a smallpox outbreak?"

James trades future for jerseys



American Bacon
Patrick Chinnery
Staff Columnist

Say you're one of the top young athletes in the country. Your team is ranked No. 1, and you have a career lined up where you can earn millions of dollars a year for playing a game. The only thing not guaranteed is a championship.

That is why LeBron James, star of Akron, Ohio's St. Vincent-St. Mary High School basketball team, must be called out for his foolish behavior.

You may recall James' name from the news recently, when he received a \$50,000 Hummer H-2 from his mother for his 18th birthday. The Ohio High School Athletic

Association launched an extensive investigation into the gift to determine whether or not James had improperly benefited from his athletic fame. To have done so would have cost him his eligibility. He was cleared of wrongdoing to most of the public's surprise.

The pimp ride wasn't enough for ol' LeBron, though. No, sir. In a corrupt and foolish move that makes Alabama's football program look squeaky clean by comparison, James accepted two "throwback" jerseys from a local sports store, in exchange for a picture to be placed on the store wall.

The jerseys were those of former Chicago Bears star Gale Sayers and Washington Bullets center Wes Unseld. Combined value of the jerseys was \$845. This is obviously not pocket change. Accepting gifts is one thing, but to do

so in so publicly a manner is ludicrous. Did James think no one would notice?

Coming off the Hummer hearing, James' head must have swollen to the size of a watermelon for him to think he could get away with such a blatant violation of one of the most widely understood and agreed with rules in sports – high-schoolers are amateurs. They're meant to think about prom dates and final exams, not eligibility and going pro.

Collegiate sports are now also completely out of the question for James. Although he's expected to declare himself eligible for June's NBA draft for some time now, his chance of playing in college is up in smoke. Once a player accepts gifts, his time's up faster than Shaq's music career.

Let it be understood, while the blame does ulti-

mately lie on James, important figures in his life, notably his mother and coach, deserve to be flogged by a scalding tongue as well. They have served as poor role models by their roles (or lack thereof) in both the Hummer and jersey scandals.

As a skeptical member of the public, I cannot accept that there was no backdoor dealing in the Hummer matter. What sort of message did the mother send to her son – "It doesn't matter what you do, so long as you can cover it up"?

The coach deserves blame for not encouraging his young star to refuse gifts of all sizes and shapes. By not preparing James for the rough, dog-eat-dog real world, the coach may have done irreparable damage to the phenom's attitude. Not only that, but by not restraining James,

the team's entire season may now be in jeopardy. What a wonderful way to reinforce a "me first" attitude.

There are no guarantees in the NBA. Many superstars coming into the league after notable amateur careers have failed to hold any championship trophy. Do the names Patrick Ewing and Karl Malone ring any bells? A high school championship was well within James' reach. His team was ranked by *USA Today* as not only the top in Ohio, but in the nation. The end of this season could have been a moment James never would have forgotten. Instead, he may be left with a future no one will care to remember. ◆

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Testosterone-driven war should be final recourse



I'm Just a Girl
Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

Last Tuesday was the annual State of the Union Address. I must admit, I didn't fulfill my civic duty: I didn't watch it.

This doesn't mean that I'm uninformed. I did catch the highlights of the speech on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. Hydrogen cars? Neat. Never gonna happen.

At least, not soon enough to stop the "SUVs Support Terrorism" commercials poisoning our televisions. From what I've seen on the news and read in the papers, Bush began the speech with talk of the environment, which I found surprising.

The real reason I didn't watch it: I would've been too bored by empty promises preceding the war on Iraq spiel that would inevitably come later.

I'm no political genius or military mastermind. Perhaps war is inevitable.

But don't ruin an otherwise good Tuesday to break the news to the rest of the country. It should be done on Monday. Monday is never as good as Tuesday.

Do I support war? Not at the moment. Do I support sitting idly by, doing nothing? Again, not at the moment.

So what do I support? I support not dying. This doesn't only apply to me. I support the not dying of all of our soldiers. I support the not dying of all humans. Except, perhaps, for Osama bin Laden (you just don't hear his name as much these days, do you?) and Saddam Hussein, both of whom I won't lose any sleep over when they are six feet under.

Just to be safe, maybe we ought to bury them 12 feet under and upside-down – you can never be too careful.

I admit that my feelings are, in part, a bit selfish. I have friends in the armed services, and I have real issues with them going to war. They're young, like me, and the thought of them dying is sickening.

If we do go to war, and I lose people I'm close to, I'm going to be pissed no matter what the outcome

is. And what's really going to get under my skin is when, in about 10 years, historians actually compare Dubya's war to his father's. "My war's better than your war."

Get over the testosterone, will you? You're playing Russian roulette with the sons, daughters, brothers and sisters of Americans, and you know you're not going to lose because you've still got your safety on.

I can offer no real solution, as I'm not capable of doing so. I don't have the information or the time to come up with an elaborate "not dying" plan. I don't get paid enough to do that.

I can only say this: If we do go to war, there had better be no other possible way to resolve the situation. We have to exhaust every possibility, even the really stupid ones we wouldn't normally try, like dropping pamphlets, a la *South Park: Bigger, Longer, Uncut*.

Then, and only then, will I be able to at least feign a gung-ho attitude about war. ◆

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



A dangerous tension so thick you could cut it with a guillotine has settled over Williamsport, Md. – population 1,800 – over a planned high school production of *Les Miserables*.

Several parents in this town, which apparently is so perfect that the children have never used four-letter words, are making a fuss over the show because it contains the words "hell," "bitch" and "bastard."

Drama coach Ruth Ridenour warned interested young thespians that the play contained the naughty words before they auditioned. Now, after the students have rehearsed for four weeks, the whole thing is in danger of being cancelled because of a few sticks in the mud.

It may come as a shock to some parents, but even daddy's little girl and mommy's precious boy have, in all likelihood, uttered far worse things in their high school careers. A far more sensitive word appeared on the cover of this paper back in the fall, and last time we checked, the sky still hadn't fallen, nor has a Superior Being smote us with fire and brimstone.

A 15-year-old actress in the play, Emily Conrad, appears to be one of the more logical town residents.

"I feel that if we're mature enough to handle this, then the audi-

ence should be mature enough to handle it," she said in an interview with Philadelphia's WPVI Channel 6.

It's not as if the curse words are being thrown around willy-nilly. *Les Mis* is a powerful musical, about one of the most horrific and frightening periods in French history (and, let's face it, there have been a lot of those).

War isn't peaches and sunshine. When the going gets tough, the tough are bound to let a few vulgarities slip through.

Indeed, another able-minded actor, Bryant Sigler, noted that it wasn't the language that made the play, it was the emotion behind the words.

"I'm just acting, and I'm not in the production just to say the language. I'm in it because of the story that the words tell," he said.

Hopefully, the parents of Williamsport will come to their senses and let the story be told. Otherwise, we may be witness to another student revolution. ◆

Original story posted at abclocal.go.com/wpvi/news/13103_bbpa_rents.html.

Letter to the Editor Jackson can't fly past ignorance

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to Wesley Jackson's column ("Superman needs priorities," Jan. 23). I've been waiting patiently to read what Jackson will offer MTSU students this semester in his amusing columns.

It's interesting to note that, for once, Jackson has gotten past his prejudices and beliefs against others in our society and is actually speaking about his very fascinating semester. I'm sure that his columns are all results of hours of scholarly thinking, otherwise how could he have come up with the idea that people have priorities in life which need to be taken seriously?

In the past, Jackson has attacked, mocked, demeaned and ridiculed everyone from gays and lesbians to atheists and elderly people. He may think of himself as Superman, but his writing only reveals a close-minded, ignorant, superficial, intolerant and biased person. I urge Jackson to contemplate the consequences of his literature and spend some time meditating about social issues. When he has achieved those goals, he may proceed as the nation's Superman if he so desires. Until then, I request that he not associate himself with superheroes!

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Footloose and fancy free

MTSU's swing kids learn how to jump, jive, wail

By Audie Sheridan
Staff Writer

When swing music plays, anyone who can sit still must be dead.

Swing is just so celebratory and energetic that your muscles can't help but dance. Skirts start twirling, women start flying through the air and life just gets more fun for everyone. Before you know it, dawn breaks and you're drenched in sweat. Hey

crazy cats, here's your chance to 'work that skirt,' because now MTSU has a swing dance club.

The club's founders brought their passion with them from Riverdale High School. Riverdale has had a Swing Dance club for the past six years, and Tim Duncan and Jessi Muse couldn't give up the interest when they came to MTSU. So they kicked off a weekly swing dance party here every Monday night in Murphy

Center's dance hall B.

Calling their club 'Guys & Dolls,' they dance the East Coast Swing, and don't worry if you don't know how to swing yet, because they are happy to teach.

When you swing dance, "you learn things you didn't know you could do," Duncan explains.

"Swing builds up your confidence, and it's relaxing in a weird way," Muse says. "You can't worry about looking silly." It only takes a little while to get the hang of the basic steps, and it won't be long before you are practicing more difficult patterns like the "cable car" or the "gin and tonic."

Watching Duncan and Muse dance makes the trip to Murphy Center worth it. Doing the cable car, they look like they're a part of each other. Duncan just picks Muse up and swings her from side to side. Then, to top that off, he lifts her over his head until she's completely upside down and happily kicking her feet while smiling down at him. It's a classic swing pattern they make look easy.

Anyone can learn these kinds of dance patterns, but Muse insists club sessions won't be classes.

"Everybody helps everybody," Muse says. "Everybody's going to be intermingling."

The nature of swing makes it easy to teach dance patterns on the move, and it makes people eager to learn how to do it better.

"If you're just coming into it, be confident about it," Muse says.

Duncan and Muse hope to have the club perform during a football halftime show, perhaps even take the club to competi-

tions. But getting to know everyone comes first.

"It's a great way to meet people. For the guys, it's a great way to meet girls," Duncan says.

And let's face it, a man who can dance does impress.

Francisco Ramos and his dance partner, Angela Armstrong, both MTSU physical education instructors who teach social dance classes, are glad to see a swing dance club on campus. To say Ramos loves to swing dance is to not say enough.

"He's like a dog with rabies," Armstrong says. "He just goes crazy on the dance floor."

"[The swing era] is the time I'd like to live in," Ramos says, although he couldn't decide if it would be the 1920s, '30s or '40s, since he likes them all.

Nearly 80 years ago, and it isn't going away anytime soon.

"In 50 years, people won't be doing today's club dances," Ramos says, "but swing is forever."

"Motivating people to dance is challenging," Armstrong says. "You have to show it first, and that's when it gets contagious."

Both instructors urge people to go and watch swing dancers in action, since that's the way people get hooked.

Swing dancing is not only an enjoyable way to spend an evening, it's a healthy way. Swing has all kinds of benefits. You get exercise, flexibility and agility, according to Ramos.

"It's mental, too, with all the patterns you have to memorize. You have to think ahead to the next move," Ramos says.

Swing dance takes practice, just like anything else, but it's



Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

Tim Duncan dips his swing dance partner, Jessi Muse.



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Duncan and Muse do the cable car, a classic swing move.

nothing like work. You just listen to music like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies' "Zoot Suit Riot," or Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing," and dance. Now that MTSU has Guys & Dolls, we can all get that great swing dance high that makes

you feel alive.

Guys & Dolls meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Murphy Center's Dance Hall B. The dues for students are \$5. It's \$8 for all others. For more information, visit them on the Web at devoted.to/guysndolls. ♦

Look what's cookin' on the square

Marina's serves up Italian food for the folks in the 'Boro

By Laura Lindsay
Staff Writer

Atmosphere is what attracts patrons and employees alike to Marina's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria. Marina's, an 11-year-old business primarily located on Murfreesboro's town square at 125 N. Maple St., is a popular establishment frequented by business people, students and local residents because of its location and good service.

"Other than the location and atmosphere, what attracts people is that Marina's is comfortable," explains Jessica Gentry, who has been with the restaurant more than three years and manages service.

"When you come here, it's like family. It is comfortable here, and the restaurant has character rather than being corporate."

The restaurant is owned by Doug and Suzanne Duross, who acquired the business in 1998. Prior to that, they were regular customers at Marina's, which opened in January of 1991.

The couple brought to Marina's the family atmosphere that contributed to the restaurant's success. The Duross family came to Murfreesboro from Texas. They decided to move to the area because they thought it would be a good place to raise their children.

"They are both easy to work with and easy to get along with," Gentry says. "And they have a big family with four young children. It is all about family for them. Their children are in here all the time; it's their second

home."

Gentry says that at night a lot of the restaurant's customers are families and couples, while they attract most of their lunch business from around the square.

"People who come in can dress up or wear their work clothes. It doesn't matter," she explains. "Around the square, our customers include lawyers, judges, clerks and bankers. I particularly like the atmosphere at night because it seems more comfortable, more romantic."

Marina's is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. It is closed on Sunday and Monday. A special lunch menu is offered until 4 p.m. with items including pasta, salads, pizzas, calzones and subs, beginning at \$4. In the evening, dinner for two can cost up to \$30. The portions are generous, so, as claimed, nobody leaves hungry.

To improve quality, the Duross family adapted the restaurant from buffet-style to fresh-to-order.

"Before we purchased the restaurant, we had eaten here quite often but noticed that it was starting to go downhill," Doug explains.

"The previous owners had been working in the restaurant business for years and were beginning to get burnt out."

"We knew them personally, and when they told us the restaurant was up for sale, I didn't have a second thought," Doug says.

The new owners kept many of the original menu items. They have made slight changes to the recipes of most of the entrees and appetizers, and have added several items, such as the Cajun Chicken Pasta. Marina's specialty is its lasagna, while the calzones and pizzas are ordered frequently as well. Among other popular dishes are the chicken parmesean, shrimp pasta, and tortellini. Gentry says the pizzas and calzones are probably their best.

Andrea Parsons, who works as a server and cook at Marina's, says she makes a lot of them. As with the other choices, the pizzas and calzones are made-to-order, so expect to wait about 20 minutes for your order.

Take your time, though. You can get a sense of the past when you walk into Marina's. The building, which is about 200 years old, has always been a place to stop for lunch. It has been a drugstore, complete with a soda fountain, a sandwich shop, and more recently, Sullivan's and Don's Kitchen.

"We have a menu from one of the restaurants that used to be here," Gentry says as she describes the décor. "It's an old menu, possibly from the '50s. You could get a sandwich for 30 cents."

Otherwise, Marina's doesn't follow a particular style, Gentry says. She explains that many of the items on the walls are antiques Suzanne has acquired over time. They also display work from local artists, including that of college students and local residents.

The owner's and employee's efforts ensure that guests frequent Marina's regularly.

"If there is any place that has regulars, it is here," Gentry says. "We recognize a lot of people's faces. As soon as they sit down, we know what they would like."

The customers recognize the employees as well, most of whom have been at Marina's for several years. Duross says he feels blessed to have been able to

come into the business.

"It can be stressful to balance work and family," says Doug, who has added two children to his family since taking over Marina's.

"We are closed on Sundays, so the employees can spend time with their families and go to church if they would like to. Three years ago, we began closing on Mondays as well, so everybody else would enjoy

what we do and not get worn out."

"The restaurant business is what you make it. I generally work 35 to 40 hours a week, rather than the 70 to 80 many in the business keep. I work with good people. Most have been here for years," he says.

If it's up to the community, Marina's might just be one restaurant that will be here for years to come. ♦



Photo by Chris Nicols | Photo Editor

Marina's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria has served the Murfreesboro community for more than 10 years. Both students and residents are frequent customers of Marina's.



Photo by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor

Chad Curtis installs some art pieces Saturday for the Art Barn's walk-through tour at noon today.

Campus Events

Feb. 3

There will be a free and open reception today at 11:30 a.m. to honor artists Donna Stack of Murfreesboro, Barry Jones of Cochran, Ga., and Chad Curtis of Claremont, Calif. From noon to 1 p.m., the three artists will take guests on a walk-through tour at MTSU's Art Barn Gallery to discuss their works. Contact the art department's office at 898-2455 for location information.

The Keathley University Center Theater will be showing *Red Dragon* from today until Saturday. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$2. For more information, call 898-2551.

The Spring 2003 Honors College Lecture Series "The Commercialization of Culture" by Richard Hannah. Hannah is an MTSU economics and finance professor. The lecture will be held today in Peck Hall, Room 109A from 3 to 3:50 p.m. It is free and open to faculty, staff and students. For more information, call 898-2152.

Feb. 4

The Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra Winter Concert will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Contact the MYO office at 896-3510 for more information.

Feb. 6

Delta Zeta will be hosting its third annual Rock-a-Thon to raise money for the Speech and Hearing Clinic and Up 'til Dawn. The Rock-a-Thon will take place on the KUC Knoll on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., where they will be accepting donations. Contact Erin Wilson at 424-4213 or Abby Maxwell at 566-6509 for more information. ♦

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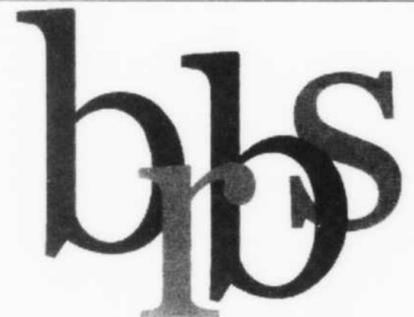
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Lady Raiders lose during final seconds against FIU, 65-63

By Osby Martin
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team lost a hard fought battle with Sun Belt Conference foe Florida International, 65-63, in Golden Panther Arena Saturday.

After leading 41-29, Middle Tennessee (11-10, 4-4 SBC) went six minutes without scoring, which allowed FIU to go on a 19-0 run and erase the Lady Raiders' lead. Florida International (15-6, 6-2 SBC) led by as much as seven before MT answered and tied the score at 48 on an Eboni Kirby layup. Kirby gave the lead back to MT, 49-48, on a free throw with 8:32 left to play.

"I think we were shell shocked after the 19-0 run by FIU," said head coach Stephany Smith. "We were aggressive and had a lot of balls fall our way in the first half, and they were really aggressive in the second half and got the shots."

After a couple of lead changes, MT was down by one with 1:11 left to play and junior Keisha McClinic at the charity stripe. After McClinic missed the front end of a 1-and-1, FIU got a three-point play from Ivelina Vrancheva to put FIU up 63-59.

Sophomore Patrice Holmes answered the FIU points to pull

MT within two at 63-61.

It appeared the Lady Raiders would get a chance to tie, after FIU missed a field goal attempt, but the Lady Panthers picked up the offensive rebound, which forced the Lady Raiders to foul.

Florida International went back up by three on a Vrancheva free throw, and the Lady Raiders again pulled within one on a pair of McClinic free throws with 6.7 seconds left to play.

After Vrancheva hit one of two free throws, Holmes raced down the court but missed the layup. MT had one last chance on a jumped ball call, but couldn't convert.

Freshman Cartia Bailey picked up the first start of her career and ended the game with eight points and five rebounds. Smith gave her the starting nod because of her attacking nature.

Holmes picked up the third double-double of her career as she recorded 13 points and matched a career best with 12 rebounds to lead the Lady Raiders.

Kirby ended the game with 11 points, and Jennifer Justice added 10.

Lady Raiders continue their road swing as the team travels to Denton, Texas, to take on North Texas Wednesday. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.◆

MT edges win over Panthers



Photos by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor

Blue Raider guard Napoleon Rhodes jumps over many Golden Panther defenders during Saturday's game. Rhodes made 10 points over the night, eight of them on the free-throw line.

By Josh Beasley
Staff Writer

What looked like another Blue Raider rout at the Murphy Center Saturday night turned into a barn-burner as Middle Tennessee edged the Golden Panthers of Florida International University, 60-58.

The Blue Raiders (10-13, 5-3 SBC) built an early 15-point lead, but FIU rallied to cut the deficit to 30-25 with 1:42 remaining in the first half. Due to early foul trouble, Davis was forced to sit the Blue Raiders' veteran inside threat, William Pippen, for the majority of the first half.

"All night I didn't feel like I was helping my team; I came out flat," Pippen said. "I was all hyped up before the game started, and those two fouls just took me off my game. In the second half, I just wanted to come out and help my team any way I could."

Coming off a loss to Western Kentucky, FIU (6-13, 0-6 SBC) threatened to get their first SBC win in 10 tries. Against Western, FIU displayed a tough defense by holding the East Division leaders to just 20 first-half points. The defense was once again tough Saturday night, limiting the Blue Raiders to a paltry 38 percent shooting performance.

"It didn't surprise me. They played too hard on the film that we watched," Blue Raider head coach Kermit Davis said. "What really concerned me was they went to Western Kentucky and held them to 20 at the half. I thought their team came out and played physical. We got up big and couldn't hold on."

FIU found themselves in foul trouble as well when 6-foot-9-inch big man Belco Bamba fouled out in the second half.

The Blue Raiders were able to capitalize on the loss, getting the ball in the paint to Napoleon Rhodes, who was able to draw fouls and connect on 8 of 12 attempts from the charity stripe.

"We took the big man out of the game so we could attack the middle," Pippen said. "That's what we did. Napoleon did a great job in the paint to score some valuable points for us."

The Golden Panthers continued to chisel away at the Blue Raider lead in the second half. They evened the score at 32 after a Junior Matias fifteen-footer that was countered by a Marcus Robinson three with 16:29 remaining in the game. Robinson's three pointer sparked a 13-3 run. FIU chipped away once again to even the score at 55 after Carlos Morban drove the baseline for a lay-in with 3:01 remaining.

"I just think they were tough. They played us hard," senior guard Eric Parham said. "They never gave up and they rebounded. Any team that plays defense and rebounds, they are always going to be good."

Tommy Gunn led the Blue Raiders with a 16-point performance. Gunn was 5 of 8 from the field and was perfect from the line with four freebies. Napoleon Rhodes chipped in with 10 points, eight of which came from the charity stripe.

The Blue Raider victory came in front of a crowd of 5,135, who seemed to rally the troops toward victory. MT has now won four out of their last five match-ups, but still remain a half game shy of the top spot in the SBC East.

"What happens in college basketball, all over the place, and in all leagues, fans can will young guys to win the game," Davis said.

"It didn't go great for us. We didn't shoot the ball like Tommy Gunn has normally shot. William Pippen didn't get in a great rhythm offensively. I really thought the student body, and the fans were the big key to us winning tonight."

The Blue Raiders will play host to the Mean Green of North Texas Thursday night at 7 p.m.◆

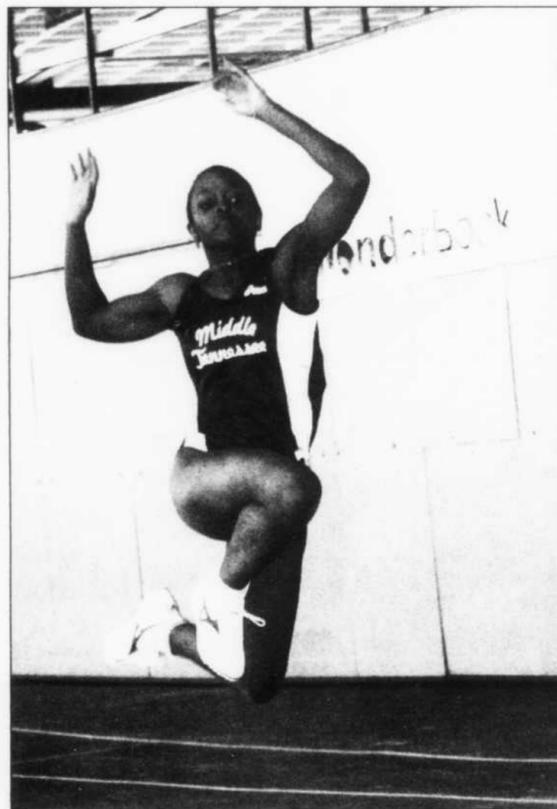


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KeKe Deckard finished second in the long jump at the Blue Raider Classic Saturday.

Middle Tennessee dominates Blue Raider Classic event

By Kasimu L. Harris
Staff Reporter

Middle Tennessee's track teams hosted Saturday's Blue Raider Classic in the Murphy Center, where both men and women squads performed well against top, local competition.

Southeastern Conference schools Vanderbilt University and Auburn University participated in the meet, along with teams from University of Chattanooga and Western Kentucky.

Middle Tennessee dominated the day as a number of athletes claimed the top three spots in various events. The Lady Raiders had 26 top three finishes as the Blue Raiders grabbed 10.

In the men's 400-meter finals, the Blue Raiders claimed the first four places as freshman Sean Waller finished first with a run of 47.40 seconds. Finishing out behind Waller, giving MT a sweep of the event, was sophomore Wesley Dupar-Scott in second and seniors DJ Spann in

third and Omar Ali fourth.

Waller continued his fantastic freshman campaign by finishing as the top collegian in the long jump with a personal best of 24-6 feet. He also ran the anchor leg in the mile relay, with the winning time of 3:14.06.

Freshman Lennie Yarbrough won the 55 hurdles (7.47) for the second time this season, and senior Mardy Scales finished first in the 55 (6.26), continuing his All-American caliber season. Scales captured a NCAA provisional bid in the 55 to compliment the automatic bid in the 60 he received two weeks ago at the Louisville hosted Kentucky Invitational.

In the 200 dash, four Blue Raiders finished in the top eight. Scales finished second (21.16), Brad Orr finished fourth (21.77), Ali sixth (21.84) and Tim Hicks took eighth (22.24).

Blue Raider top finishes were not limited to the sprints, as

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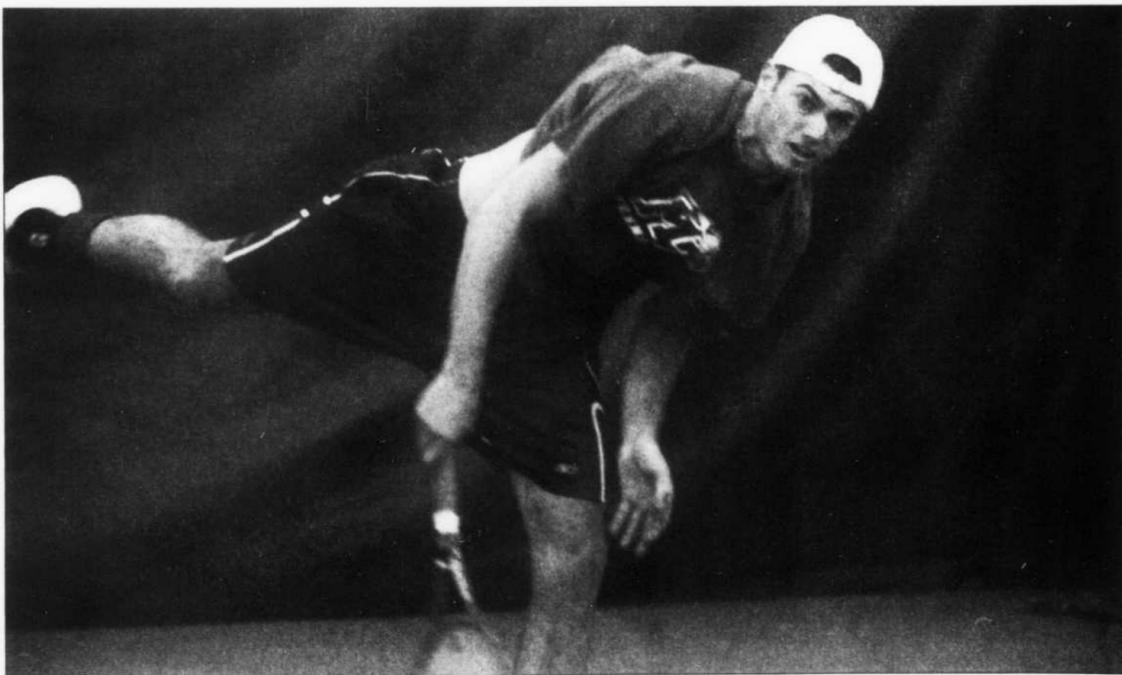


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Blue Raider Kirk Jackson won over Oliver Zimmerman during singles matches on Friday.

Tennis teams compete against UK, Charleston Southern

Staff Reports

The men's and women's tennis teams had mixed results over the weekend with the Lady Raiders losing against the University of Kentucky 5-2, and the Blue Raiders nailing a 5-2 win over Charleston Southern University.

The Blue Raiders played the Buccaneers, who only had four players in the match, on Friday. Two Buccaneers did not return after Christmas, while one recently underwent wrist surgery. The match also marked the return of Blue Raider senior Daniel Klemetz, who missed the opening two matches of the season after having knee surgery in November.

Middle Tennessee won both doubles matches played, as the 10th-ranked tandem of Klemetz and Kirk Jackson defeated CSU's Rodrigo Villarroel and Santiago Falla, 8-4, while Brandon Allan and Greg Pollack won 8-3 over Oliver Zimmerman and Nathan Forster.

In singles, the two squads split the four matches, with 92nd-ranked Jackson winning 7-6 (5), 6-2 over 90th-rated Zimmerman at No. 1, and Short defeating Forster, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 4. Jackson and Zimmerman each had a difficult time holding serve, as six straight games saw a break of serve before Jackson held for a 6-5 lead. The junior from Melbourne, Australia, then held on to win enough points and take the

tiebreaker, 7-5.

The Buccaneers picked up a pair of three-set victories, both in tiebreakers, as Fallo took care of Allan at No. 3, 3-6, 6-2, 10-8, and Villarroel won 6-4, 5-7, 10-8, over Anant Sitaram at No. 2.

In the Lady Raider's match on Saturday, the Wildcats won all three doubles matches and took wins in four of six singles pairings.

Kentucky won all three doubles matches by the identical 8-4 score, but each was a decidedly different match. At No. 1, Sarah Witten and Amy Trefethen controlled their matchup against the 29th-ranked duo of Manon Kruse and Stacy Varnell from

See Tennis, 7



By David Lawrence
Staff Columnist

This edition of Total Nonstop Action kicks off with Raven, who, if you'll recall stole the NWA Heavyweight Championship belt from Jeff Jarrett last week and announced his intention to turn the TNA Asylum in his own "Clockwork Orange House O' Fun" and urinate in Jarrett's bone marrow. This threat brought Jarrett out, and the two had a wild brawl, which was broken up by Vince Russo. Russo and Raven ran away, with Raven still possessing the belt.

After that, the first official match started, with Jorge Estrada facing the Amazing Red. The Elvis impersonator tried his best, but in the end, he fell victim to Red.

Maybe if he grew his afro back he'd regain his strength.

But it's a moot point since assembled forces of Sports Entertainment Xtreme came out and offered Estrada the chance to actually win a match for once, by joining them. Estrada refused and for his efforts, he got beaten up by none other than Deuce Inferno. Doesn't Russo know that disco can never defeat rock 'n' roll? But since this is Estrada I'm talking about ...

NWA:TNA Wrestling Insider

Next came Jerry Lynn verses David Flair. To make this sad, sad story shorter, Ron 'The Truth' Killings ran out and hit Lynn with Flair's sack, which sounds rather dirty now that I think about it.

It's up in the air as to whether or not this was done on purpose or by accident. And when a burlap sack does more in a match than David Flair, then it's time to rethink Mr. Flair's contract.

But that is a question that will have to wait until later. America's Most Wanted came out to talk about how they got robbed of their Tag Team titles last week when they got attacked by S.E.X. Things were looking grim for the two, but the Rock 'N' Roll Express ran out from the back to make the save! And then folks, then the impossible happened.

The Rock 'N' Roll Express then turned on America's Most Wanted. They ran off before they could answer why.

AJ Styles announced that his only goal was to get the World Heavyweight title. He doesn't care about the wrestling or the sports entertainment, anyone was going to get the belt, they had to go through him. A potential fight was broken up, and during the confusion,

Jarrett snuck in and got his belt back. Larry Zbyszko ran out and stated if Styles could pin him twice in less than 10 minutes, then Zbyszko would mentor Styles. I fail to see how exactly Styles would win in that scenario, but I guess Larry was still soft in the head after getting superkicked out of the ring last week. The match was on, and despite help from Mortimer Plumtree and his 'loaded tennis racket of mild discomfort,' Styles only managed to get one pin fall over the 'Living Legend.' There was no mention over what would happen if Larry won, so I suppose he's going to mentor himself now.

Goldyllocks had an interview with a now recovered Percy Pringle. The interview was going along smoothly, but a man dressed in a KISS t-shirt under a loud Hawaiian shirt walked out and started to talk trash. It took me a while to recognize the man, but when I did, I was speechless.

Who was this man of mystery you ask? It was none other than former WCW announcer Tony Schavione! Schavione just dropped by to announce that he was joining S.E.X. I couldn't believe it, but I swear if they get his old NWA announcing

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Track: Ingram hits 6-6 in high jump event

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Levi Sybert finished second in the mile run (4:19.39) while Geoffrey Lagat (4:26.46) and Anthony McGary (4:24.74) placed fourth and fifth respectively. McGary also finished fourth in the 800.

Freshman two-sport athlete Pierre Ingram won the high jump, clearing 6-6 for the second time this season. In the long jump, JJ Sturm jumped 22-5.5 to finish second among collegians and fifth overall behind

MT's Waller.

Also in the field events, Willie Parker finished fourth in the shot put, and Jesse Newsome took fifth.

On the women's side, the Lady Raiders also finished first through fourth in the 400 with sophomore Kishara George taking the top spot with a winning time of 56.42.

Lanora Gray finished second (58.21), Nicolette Jarrett followed in third (58.76), and Kerry Barrow finished in fourth (58.76).

In the 55 hurdles, Jerkita McClarin finished first with a run of 8.23. Candice Howard placed third, and Rolanda Howard and Toya Brown finished in fifth and sixth for MT.

Barrow jumped up a spot in the 200 claiming third place, (25.16) and MT's best finish in the event, as teammates Gray finished fifth (25.53) and Kim Freeman eighth (25.93).

Middle Tennessee travels to Bloomington, Ind., this week for the Indiana Invitational on Friday and Saturday. ♦

Tennis: Lady Raiders to play Marshall U.

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Middle Tennessee and never let the Lady Raider tandem get on track.

At No. 2, Nathalie Roels and Jill Buckley won the first six games against Carien Venter and Jennifer Klaschka. But the Lady Raider duo won the next four games before Roels and Buckley recovered to take the final two games for the victory.

The Wildcat's Shannon Stafford and Leigh Broadwell battled Emily Vest and Laura McNamara at No. 3, with the match on serve until the Wildcat pairing won the final four games to take the win.

In singles, the 56th-ranked Kruse overcame a badly hurting ankle and a slow start in the first set to take a 6-7 (1), 6-1, 6-2 victory over No. 37 Witten. The other Lady Raider win came at

No. 3, where Venter defeated Stafford, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Klaschka, Varnell, McNamara and Vest all dropped straight-set decisions for the Lady Raiders, who fell to 1-4 on the season, with all four defeats coming to ranked opponents.

"This was just another match where we played hard and came up a little short," Lady Raider head coach Randy Holden said. "Later in year, these matches

will pay off, and that's why we play the top competition - so we can improve as a team and individually. Hopefully, when we get to the conference tournament, we'll be at a whole different level."

The Lady Raiders travel next to take the Marshall and Virginia Tech next weekend before returning home on February 14 to face Mississippi State at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. ♦

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Applications due Monday, February 17, 2003 by 4:00 p.m. ** NO Exceptions

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100 Sales

Pontiac Grand Prix, 1994. Great Condition, \$5,000. Call 896-9395. 1994 Geo Tracker. White, great gas mileage, runs great. \$2,100. Call Ryan at 485-0701. Canon ES8200r 8mm Camcorder w/LCD-Flip-out screen, image stabilizer, 22X optical zoom, remote control, photo mode, 2.5" color LCD Screen-rotates 180 deg., built in video light, flexi-zone auto exposure, programmed auto exposure, sports, portrait, spotlight, and sand and snow modes, preset timer function, built-in mic. Includes battery, compact power adapter, AV cable, shoulder strap, remote control. \$300 call 907-1338 or 631-5366 ask for LaToya. 1995 Chevy Beretta with heat and air. 45K on engine, gray in good condition. \$3,500. call Forrest at 220-2469 or 506-6446. Steel Buildings - year end clearance, factory

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\$150. Full range kick-er subwoofer system, hardily used will sell for \$225 OBO. 540-849-0192. 1995 Mercury Tracer. 73,000 Miles. \$2,800. Call 501-8785. Keyboard case: Anvil ATA Flight Case. Fits KORG T-1, 01/W, Triton Pro-X or similar 88-Key keyboard. \$325. obo. Call 898-2635 or see Dr. Piekarski in Mass Comm. Room 207. Keep the holiday weight off with Total Control! Burn fat, block cravings and boost energy! All natural, ephedra free, 6-week supply \$38.00 with a 30-day MBG. We do accept Visa, MC and Discover. Place your order today. 615-874-8232. '88 Volvo 740. Turbo. Black, lots of options, newer engine and turbo. Less than 70K miles. Must see! Sharp, sport ride cheap! \$2,900, obo. Call 615-217-8599. STEEL BUILDINGS Fall Clearance. Huge Savings, 25X34, 35X54. Repo's, Cancellations, Lowest Prices, America's Largest. Make Offers. Financing. 1-800-222-6335. Cap + Barbell Professional Weight & Bench. Includes Curls & Leg Lift. Includes 300lbs. of weight. \$210.00 Call 907-1957. Downhill skis, ski poles bindings and ski boots (men's). good for teen/adult beginners \$275/OBO call 615-904-3947.

Firewood, split, seasoned, red oak and cherry. \$40 rick, 70 cord U-Haul it. Barfield area. 867-5077.

110 Help Wanted

WRITERS WANTED
Get experience and material for your portfolio by writing for a university publication. Apply in JUB 306. Needed: career experience, reliable car, water for Church Nursery, rear campus, Husae every Sunday morning and some evenings, your schedule, perm. Good by New Faces. (Aval. during summer plus but not in). See by the St. Mark's Church Office for application at 1267 North Rutherford Blvd. **Barndale Trainers Needed** \$250 a day potential Local Positions 1-800-293-3985 ext. 305 Gear Up Institute. Objective: To work with at risk adolescent youth in a four week college preparatory program. Qualifications to include: Bachelors degree preferred or senior status with a university with a minimum of 95 undergraduate hours earned in Child Development and Family Studies, Psychology, Secondary Education, or Sociology/Social Work. Pay commensurate to education and experience, additional compensation for travelling is available for persons willing to ride with students to and from Nashville daily. send resume to Box 86

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150 Apt. for rent

One bedroom and private bath for female available at University Courtyard \$354/m. Avail. March 1. Call 867-7497. Apt. for rent @ Univ. Courtyard. Rent \$385. Dep. \$300 but I will pay half. Move in immediately. Lease ends July 31, 2003. Call 907-2261 or call-forbrett@comcast.net. Room for rent. Male preferred. 1 bedroom with private bathroom in a 2 bedroom apartment. Move in anytime after exams. \$425 includes, furniture, appliances, shuttle service to school. Ground floor at Sterling Apartments. Call Nick at 423-503-6187 with any questions. HURRY! HURRY! One bedroom apt. Rent before Dec. and pay only \$385, includes everything - water, phone, cable, and bedroom items. Lease ends July 31st. Call 308-9700.

155 House for rent
Condo 3 bed/ 2 1/2

bath near I-24. 1,400 sq. ft. All appliances. Large master and kitchen, laundry, vaulted ceilings, pantry, garage, lawn care, pets, \$880. 615-423-6272. Large 2-story house 3 miles from campus. 5 spacious rooms for students. Female students preferred. \$250 a month + utilities. Discounts available. \$50 off 1st month rent for the first lease. \$300 security deposit. Fully furnished, washer & dryer, dish washer, microwave, central H/A and Culligan drinking water. Call 898-2005.

165 Roommates

Spacious room with private bath. Laundry and kitchen privileges. Grad student preferred. \$350. 867-6994. Looking for 2 female roommates for a nice 3 bed/2 bath house near campus. \$360 a month per person, all util., cable and internet included. Call Ashley at 474-0002. Female housemate. \$300/month. Includes utilities. Credit Check & Ref. required. Call 890-9484 for interview. Roommate needed for 3 bedroom apt. at SUH. Available at the end of fall semester. \$420/month includes washer/dryer, all bills (including cable.) I will pay you \$100 on move-in. Call 898-3588 or email jwh2q@mts.edu. Roommate wanted: \$100 deposit. \$385 includes all utilities, washer & dryer, fully

furnished. Call 615-907-3962 or 931-278-0043. Roommate Needed. Female or Gay wanted to share 2 bedroom 11/2 bath apartment 5 mins from campus. Liberal Arts major preferred. Smokers preferred. Must be clean, courteous, open-minded and like cats. Rent \$225/month and half utilities. Please call 217-9470 for an interview & more details!! Ask for Jenny or leave a message. One bedroom avail. in 3BR apartment at Raider's Crossings. Furnished w/WD, ethernet hook-up, premium cable. Walking distance to MTSU. Rent is \$420/m. Call Jesse at 615-268-4114.

170 Subleasing

One male and one female needed to sublease 2 bedrooms in a 4 bdrm/4bath apartment @ Univ. Courtyards. Will pay 1/2 of 1st months rent and security dep. Call 347-3956 or 347-3954 ask for David or Sarah. Apt. for sublease at University Courtyard for summer. Last 2 weeks of May are discounted. June & July are \$339 a month. Includes all utilities, furnishings, private bedroom, share bath. Call Kelly @ 893-6354. Female needed to take over lease @ Univ. Courtyard. Private bed/bath. \$365 a month, reg. \$385.5 minutes from campus. Call Leigh (615) 482-3090. Looking for a sublesser. \$280 per month plus utilities. Available

now through May 1. No Deposit. Call 481-6005 for more information. Female wanted to sublease 1 bedroom in 4 bed/2 bath apt. one mile from campus. Fully furnished. \$325 a month/utilities included. call Amber at 615-758-3333 or 615-430-7333. Male sublesser needed at Sterling University Gables starting in January. Rent is \$330 a month and I will pay you \$100 to move in! Apartment is fully furnished with W/D and has a view of the pool. Call 893-3118. Apt. for sublease at Sterling Univ. Gables on S. Rutherford Blvd. 1 bedroom available out of 4. W/D included, \$300 month. Move in after finals. Call Jacob at 931-286-0207. I need a sublesser! \$485 per month includes everything, phone cable - full-size W/D, smoking is fine. Large 2b/2b apt. Male or female is fine. Call 218-7447. Free 2 months rent, Free refrigerator and freezer w/lease agreement. \$370/month all utilities included. Sterling Gables (male) call 604-7400 or 289-0720 or go by Sterling and ask for 933C. Sublease apartment. Nottingham Apt. Across from campus 2 bedroom 2 bath. email chrispytaul@yahoo.com.

185 Pets

Chihuahua for sale. Male. Black & White. 4 mos. old. House-

trained. comes with large cage, food, spiked collar and other necessities. \$250. call 589-5113, leave message. Have a pet that you just can't stand? Sell it here! They won't find out till they get home!

190 Services!

Student needs a tutor for college algebra. Reply at RNButler2@aol.com or call 615-273-2314 or on cell 542-4231.

195 Travel

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NWA TNA: Main event features America's Most Wanted and the Rock 'N' Roll Express

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partner David Crockett to come in and feud with him, I'll stop making jokes about David Flair. Sonny Siaki and Desire came out to fight Kid Kash and Trinity. Trinity is getting better and better with each passing week as she proved herself capa-

ble of doing more than just two moves in this match. Kash and Trinity won after Desire was distracted by Athena. Schavione came out to interview Siaki when the X-title champ was blindsided by Konnan.

I should mention that I was wrong last week. Konnan, despite what I reported last

time, is not signing with the WWE.

In the main event, which I never thought I would see in my lifetime, was America's Most Wanted versus the Rock 'N' Roll Express. Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson handled themselves decently, given their ages, but AMW carried the match.

The fans were denied a proper ending because Elix Skipper rushed out and helped the Express win. Skipper helped the Express attack Harris and Storm after the match, but AMW was saved when Brian Lee and Slash – yes the Disciples of the New Church themselves – ran out and chased off the

forces of S.E.X. James Mitchell, sadly, didn't comment on the irony of the situation.

With what little time was left, Raven challenged Jarrett to a title match. The match was quick paced naturally, but Jarrett was again denied victory when A.J. Styles rushed out and performed Jarrett's own finish-

ing move on him. Styles celebrated by grabbing the NWA title and running away as the show ended.

To see this week's show, come to the TNA Asylum, which is at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. General admission is \$10, while ringside seats are \$15. ♦

Hey, do you want to work with youth?



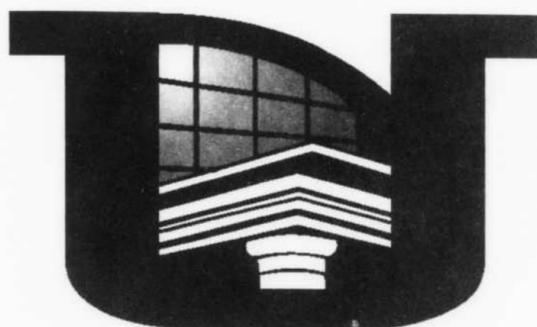
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NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning February 2, the library will be open until midnight from Sunday through Thursday, on a trial basis. This trial will run through the spring semester and is being supported by funding from President McPhee.

Hours for spring semester 2003, beginning February 2, will be:

Sunday	1:00 p.m. - midnight
Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Wed., February 5, 12:25-1:25 p.m.
OR

Thurs., February 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Wed., February 12
12:25-1:25 p.m. OR
Thurs., February 13
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Call 898-5989 to reserve a place at a session of your choice. The workshops will be held in KUC.



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

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