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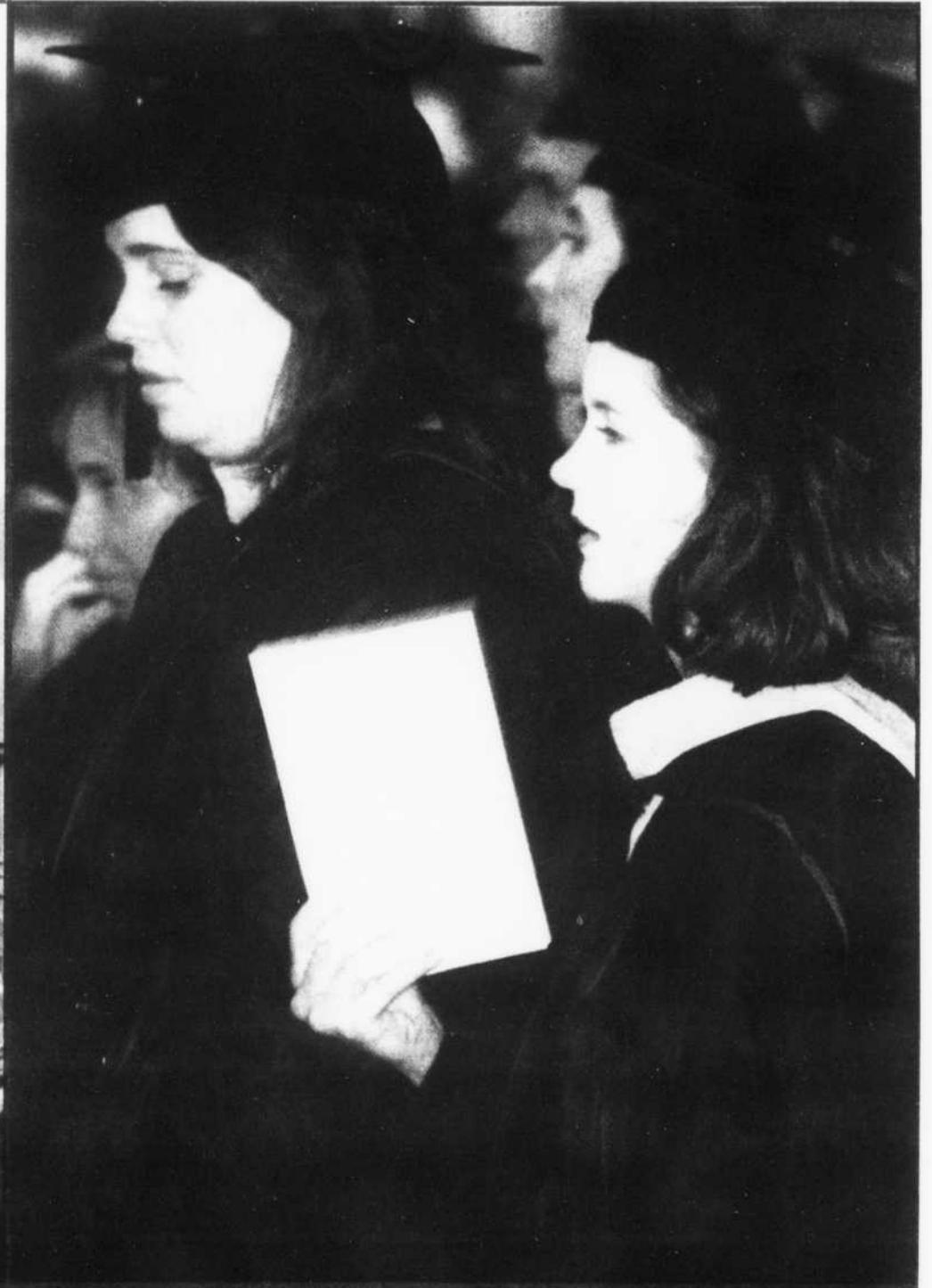
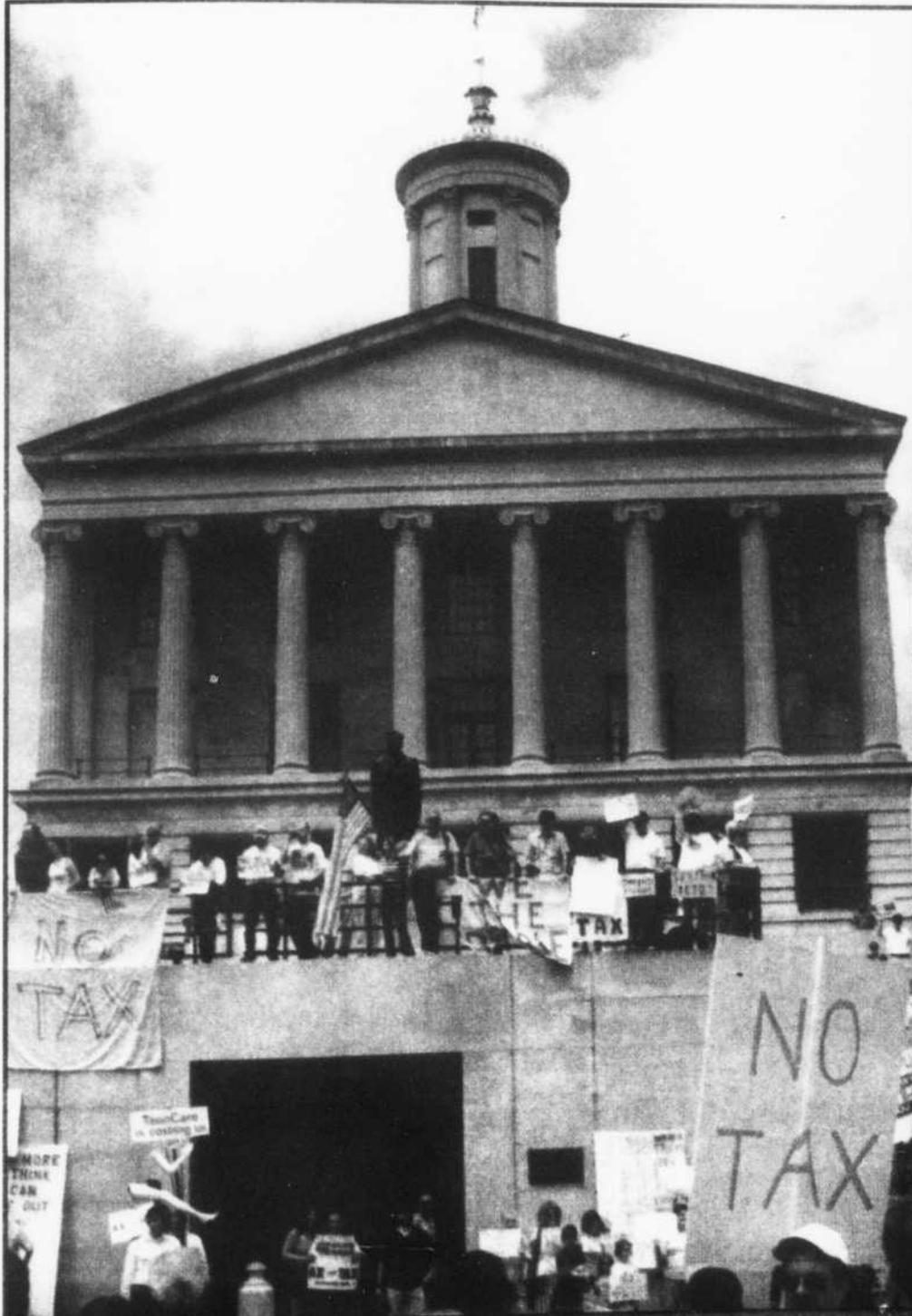
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## Welcome Back Students!

### Parking and Transportation Services Offers Parking Tips To Help Make Your Life Easier...

MTSU parking regulations are in effect all year, even during holiday breaks.

All vehicles on campus Monday through Friday must display an MTSU parking permit or be parked in a metered space. The parking permit must be displayed in the front windshield, either attached to the rearview mirror or in the lower corner of the driver's side - with the decal number facing out. Please display a current and valid permit, and park in a legal, designated space.

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Please become familiar with the campus regarding parking areas. Legal parking areas are designated by signs, painted stripes, bumper blocks, (unless the bumper block is painted yellow) and pavement marks. Park in designated legal parking areas. If it isn't marked -- do not park.

If a person receives five(5) or more traffic/parking citations (paid or unpaid) in a semester, his/her vehicle will be subject to towing or booting.

Core parking areas fill up first and fast. There is ample campus parking and a shuttle service to all major points on campus.

Immediate family members of faculty, administration, staff, and students must park at meters or register their vehicles with Parking Services by obtaining a temporary parking permit. Failure to comply may result in the vehicle being issued a "No Campus Permit" citation, and the fine will not be waived, as it is assumed the student, faculty, or staff member parked the unregistered vehicle on campus.

Your visitors are welcomed on the campus and may park in a legal parking space as designated by Parking Services. Please remind your visitors that they are subject to the regulations, ordinances and laws pertaining to motor vehicles on campus, and that violation of such may result in a citation and / or towing of the vehicle.

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## S E R V I C E S

### Great news from Parking & Transportation 211 NEW PARKING SPACES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

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### We're on the Web!

Campus Parking and Transportation information is available at our web site: [www.mtsu.edu/~parking](http://www.mtsu.edu/~parking)

Your comments are welcomed. Call 898-2850

Our office hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm

Have a great Semester!

# TBR votes to reduce hours needed to graduate

By Jason Cox  
News Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents adopted the 'Defining Our Future' plan at its Dec. 6 meeting in Nashville.

Some of the changes in the plan that will affect MTSU include the removal of remedial programs at all four-year universities and a reduction in the number of credit hours required for graduation, according to Mary Morgan, TBR director of communications. The plan serves as a recommendation to the state legislature, which will vote on the plan during its 2002 session.

Morgan said the board discussed removing the full-time flat rate for 12 hours and more per semester but did not vote on the matter. She said the board wanted more time to study and discuss the issue and that it would likely be voted upon within the next year.

The board approved a change that reduces the number of credit hours required to receive a bachelor's degree from 132 to 120. TBR will not implement the change until 2003, and Morgan said exceptions would be made for majors that required accreditation or certification, such as nursing.

The remedial programs will be removed from four-year TBR universities over the next five years, but an implementation plan has not yet been developed, MTSU President Sidney McPhee said.

"The recommendation for eliminating remedial [classes] was one I supported," McPhee said, citing TBR's definition of remedial as eighth-grade skill level or below.

Morgan said the TBR will develop some sort of assistance program for students who need remedial help, including tutorials and Web instruction. Morgan also said community colleges may begin offering remedial programs on four-year

university campuses.

In addition, the board placed a cap on the number of credit hours that can be earned from a remedial or developmental course. Morgan said students enrolled in these courses will now earn a maximum of three credit hours.

TBR began developing the Defining Our Future plan when the state legislature charged TBR and the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees with the responsibility of studying their operations and looking at ways to operate more efficiently.

She said TBR "will do well to hold [its] own" and not lose funding in the next legislative session. She said there is no realistic expectation to receive more money.

"I'm afraid that if we are able to hold steady with the amount of money we have we will eventually have to spread it more thinly," Morgan said. ♦

## Visiting artists course offers time with pros

Staff Reports

A professional artist will be on hand and available for students for three hours a day one week, thanks to a recently approved honors course.

The weeklong honors course, titled Visiting Artists Seminar (UH 3200), is limited to 15 students. Students may register until the first day of class.

Claudia Barnett, associate professor of English, has spearheaded the course effort and arranged to bring to campus Deb Margolin, playwright, performance artist and founding member of the feminist troupe, Split Britches.

The course will be held Feb. 25 through March 1, from 3 to 5:40 p.m. At 5 p.m. March 1, Margolin and her students will perform their new work as part of a show titled "Deb Margolin and Friends and Associates and Others." The performance will be free and open to the public and will be held in the

Keathley University Center, Room 322.

Barnett said a similar seminar will be offered every spring semester.

Margolin has taught performance composition at New York University and Yale University. She won the 1999-2000 Obie Award for "Sustained Excellence of Performance." Her collection of plays, *Of All the Nerve: Deb Margolin Solo*, was published in 1999 by Cassell.

Barnett, who has written reviews of Margolin's work, first read about Margolin's work in 1996, then invited her to campus to perform her solo piece, "Of Mice, Bugs, and Women."

The costs of the course are being covered by the Distinguished Lectures Committee, the Virginia Peck Trust Fund and the English Department.

For more information or seating availability, contact Barnett at 898-2887. ♦

## Parking Notice

Due to special concerns raised by residents of the campus community, Parking & Transportation Services will be extending department hours for patrolling the campus beginning with the Spring, 2002 semester.

### *Special Notice regarding Reserved Parking Spaces*

Reserved parking spaces on campus are clearly designated either with signage or pavement marking. Unless otherwise noted, most reserved parking areas are reserved 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### Some reserved areas on campus include:

- Persons with disabilities - reserved 24 hours a day
- Womack Lane Apartments parking area - reserved 24 hours a day
- Scarlett Commons - reserved 24 hours a day
- Housing Staff - reserved 24 hours a day
- Maintenance Spaces - reserved 24 hours a day
- Health Services - reserved 24 hours a day
- Library Staff - reserved 24 hours a day

Vehicles that do not have the appropriate permit or validation sticker to park in a reserved parking area will be ticketed accordingly.

All Traffic and Parking Regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please become familiar with these regulations, as outlined in the Regulations Brochure. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding the rules and regulations. You may also access our web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~parking](http://www.mtsu.edu/~parking).

**We hope you have a good semester!**

# Gore's class to feature notable guests

By Lindsey Turner  
Managing Editor

Former Vice President Al Gore is bringing several notables to campus for his third semester instructing "Family Centered Community Building."

Among the visitors will be Gene Sperling, David Maurrasse, Lily Yeh, Ray Winbush, Ralph Smith, Richard Baron, Angela Blackwell, Frank Gilliam, Neal Richman and Martin O'Malley.

## Gene Sperling

Sperling was named director of the National Economic Council by former President Bill Clinton in December 1996. Before his appointment, Sperling served as deputy assistant to the president for economic policy.

As the Director of the NEC, Sperling coordinated the development of the president's economic agenda and functioned as a broker representing the president's interests in the interagency development of economic policy.

Prior to his post at the NEC, Sperling was economic policy director of the Clinton-Gore presidential campaign in Little Rock, Ark., in 1992. Following the '92 election, he was named deputy director of economic policy for the presidential transition. From 1990 to 1992, he served as an economic advisor to New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Sperling graduated from the University of Minnesota and Yale Law School, and attended Wharton Business School. At Yale Law School he was senior editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

## David Maurrasse

Maurrasse is an assistant professor in the School of International Affairs and the Urban Planning Program at Columbia University.

His research interests are social movements, nonprofit organizations, and partnerships between major institutions and communities. He recently published a book on higher education and community partnerships titled *Beyond the*

*Campus: How Colleges and Universities Form Partnerships With Their Communities.*

Maurrasse went to Columbia from the Rockefeller Foundation, where he managed a portfolio on community building and created a small grants initiative on higher education/community partnership.

Maurrasse has been an assistant professor at Yale University. He also is an independent consultant in various areas of nonprofit management and program development and assessment.

## Lily Yeh

Philadelphia-based visual artist Yeh is the founder, executive director and lead artist of *The Village of Arts and Humanities*.

The Village is a group of volunteers and workers that turns abandoned lots in northern Philadelphia into community gardens, arts centers and parks.

The Village's primary focus has always been the North Philadelphia area, but Yeh also has taken the work to Nairobi, Kenya and has plans for Village projects in Ecuador and China. In addition to her work with The Village, Yeh is an accomplished painter and has taught art and art history at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia for 30 years.

She received her MFA in painting from the University of Pennsylvania.

## Ray Winbush

Winbush graduated with honors in psychology in 1970 from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala. During his undergraduate education there, he received scholarships to both Harvard and Yale Universities.

After graduation he was awarded a fellowship to the University of Chicago and received both his Master's degree in psychology in 1973, as well as his Ph.D. in 1976.

From 1973 to 1980, Winbush taught at Oakwood College and

Alabama A & M University in Huntsville

before signing with Vanderbilt University in the fall of 1980. At Vanderbilt he held an adjunct professorship in the department of psychology.

## Ralph Smith

Smith serves as vice president of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a private philanthropy-based organization in Baltimore that aims to improve conditions for disadvantaged children and families in the United States.

AEFC was established in 1948 by Jim Casey, one of the founders of United Parcel Service.

In the course of his personal research with experts in the field of child welfare, he concluded that many troubled adults had grown up unhappily in foster care, often being bounced from one foster family to another.

In 1983, after several side projects developed from the AEFC, the foundation's Board of Trustees began to try to expand the foundation's work on behalf of disadvantaged children.

The trustees committed the foundation to a mission: to help build better futures for millions of children who are at risk of poor educational, economic, social and health outcomes.

## Richard Baron

Urban developer Richard Baron began his education at Oberlin College, where he graduated in 1964. He went on to receive a master's degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley in 1965.

Law studies took him to the University of Michigan, where he received the J.D. degree in 1968.

In 1973 he established McCormack Baron & Associates, in partnership with Terence K. McCormack. Since then, the firm has specialized in the development of mixed income communities with an emphasis on historic properties and central city neighborhoods. Baron has developed more than 83 projects in 22 cities with a development cost of more than \$1 billion.

Baron also is the founder and board chairman of St. Louis's Center of Contemporary Arts,



Yeh



Sperling



Maurrasse



File Photo

Al Gore holds up an MTSU sweatshirt during his first campus visit during last spring semester.

which provides programs involving more than 7,000 students at 27 locations across the metropolitan area.

## Angela Blackwell

As the founder and president of PolicyLink, a national policy forum, Blackwell tries to translate community building principles into policy and practice at the local, state and federal levels.

Blackwell began her career as a public interest lawyer in Oakland, Ca. There, in 1987, she founded the Urban Strategies Council, which pioneered new ways of bringing low-income residents into the policy-making process.

Blackwell recently served as senior vice president at the Rockefeller Foundation.

## Frank Gilliam

A political science professor at University of California at Los Angeles, Gilliam is also director for the Center for Communications and Community at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The Center is a service, research and training institution that develops media relationships so that community-based organizations

can effectively interpret news stories, engage in policy advocacy, and fundamentally alter the shape and scope of public policy.

Gilliam has been heavily involved in research involving the news media and the effects on various demographics.

## Martin O'Malley

In 1999, O'Malley was elected as the youngest Mayor in Baltimore's history with an overwhelming 91 percent of the vote.



O'Malley

According to his Web site, <http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/mayor>, O'Malley's administration tries to focus on accountability, change, reform, public education, public safety and economic development.

Prior to his election as mayor, O'Malley served on the Baltimore City

Council from 1991 to 1999, and as an assistant state's attorney for the City of Baltimore from 1988 to 1990.

O'Malley is a graduate of Catholic University and the University of Maryland School of Law. He is a member of the Maryland Bar Association.

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## Guests:

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Neal Richman

Neal Richman is the associate director of the UCLA Advanced Policy Institute, the center for community development outreach, training and technical assistance within the School of Public Policy and Social Research.

Since 1991, he also has been on the faculty of the UCLA department of urban planning, which focuses on such as non-profit development, inner city retail revitalization and real estate and professional planning practice.

He received a doctoral degree for his research on housing provision from the department of development and planning at the University of Aalborg in Denmark.

Gore's class will be held on selected Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building.

*MTSU Crime Stoppers is offering cash for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in the following crimes:*

• At around 7:52 p.m. Nov. 28, a white male, approximately 5 feet

11 inches tall with a slim build, in his mid to late '30s with dark brown hair worn in a waist-length ponytail, exposed himself to a female in the faculty/staff parking lot on the east side of the James Walker Library.

• At approximately 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14, a black male, around 6 feet tall with a thin build, mustache and a thin goatee, reached across the textbook buyback table in front of Phillips Bookstore and took the cash box. Witnesses said

the suspect was wearing a blue pullover jacket, a dark baseball cap, blue jeans and tennis shoes.

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# Projector thefts continue to puzzle officials

## Midgett Business Building, Kirksey Old Main affected

By Lindsey Turner  
Managing Editor

Four more high-tech projectors stolen from campus buildings just before Christmas break have the campus community wondering who keeps stealing the projectors and how.

Three projectors were taken from Kirksey Old Main, Rooms 321, 323 and 350, and one was taken from Midgett Business Building, Room 201. All the thefts occurred sometime between 4:30 p.m. Nov. 30 and 7:50 a.m. Dec. 3. At least two of the projectors were NEC LCD MultiSync projectors, which cost more than \$6,000 each.

Two computers and some computer equipment worth \$51,500 also were taken from KOM, Room 364, during the same time frame, according to Travis Smith with

MTSU Crime Stoppers.

Lt. Darrell Collins with MTSU Public Safety said there were no signs of forcible entry into the rooms. The doors are equipped with push-button locks, with key locks that override the push buttons, he said.

Police are investigating the thefts, as well as nine others that have occurred since February of 2000, and have no suspects.

As with the nine other burglaries, Lt. Collins said access to the rooms was gained probably through a propped door or with a key.

The 13 projector thefts have left university officials with the difficult task of increasing security while keeping inconvenience to students, faculty and staff at a minimum.

"We are all frustrated by the thefts, and the security of equipment and students has been an ongoing project since the first theft," said Watson Hannah, director of Academic Technology Planning and Projects. Hannah

was reluctant to comment on new security measures being discussed by Academic Affairs because she said that information, if learned by criminals or potential thieves, could be counterproductive to security efforts. She asserts, however, that Academic Affairs has met with experts on all types of security equipment options concerning costs.

Some solutions implemented in the past "proved very unpopular due to inconvenience of students having to wait in the halls to get into locked classrooms, faculty having to carry keys, limited access to spaces after hours, et cetera," Hannah said. "We have found both classroom and building doors propped open at all hours, and we know individuals casually give their access keys and cards to others so they will not have to wait to open a door."

Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration, said his division heightened security in December.

"Over the holidays, we had per-

sons patrolling those buildings containing considerable equipment eight hours each night," he said. "We will continue such patrolling during hours when the buildings are vacant."

Hannah said security solutions involve more than simply purchasing security equipment.

"The entire campus must be committed and willing to change their behavior," she said. "We have to be willing to be inconvenienced if we want to be secure."

According to Hannah, stolen projectors usually are replaced within 24 hours of the discovered

theft.

"[The replacement equipment] is just not state of the art," she said. The replacement projectors are usually older, and lack the clarity and brightness of newer ones, she said. Projectors are purchased using technology access fees, paid by all students.

MTSU Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the thefts. To report any information about the burglaries, call Crime Stoppers at 895-7867. ♦



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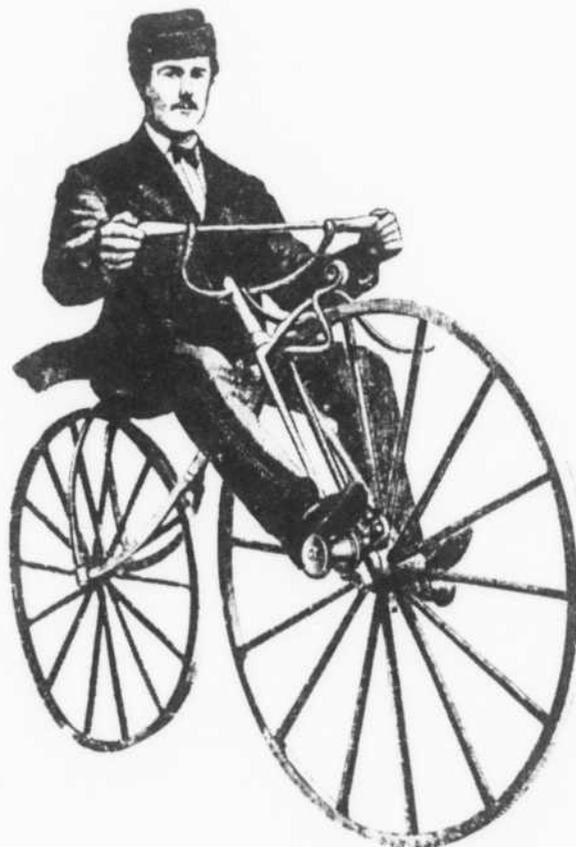
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**Please be aware of the following procedure regarding bikes that are attached to disability ramps:**

- **An identification tag and a lock will be placed on the bike by Public Safety.**
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- **If a tagged bike is not claimed within a 24-hour period, the bike will be impounded by Public Safety.**

**We encourage individuals to ride bikes on campus.**

**Please use bike racks in order to make our campus a safer environment for everyone.**

**If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Public Safety at 898-2424.**

# Construction nearing a close

File photos

(Left) The nearly completed courtyard lacks only finishing touches.  
(Below left) The finished courtyard is part of a model that illustrates the master plan for the campus.  
(Below) A construction crew works to clear the area in January 2001 for the future courtyard.  
(Bottom left) The end of summer brings further developments with more trees and a seal base.  
(Bottom right) A grassy area near the front entrance to the Bragg Mass Communications Building.



# Courtyard to be completed next month

By Jason Cox  
News Editor

Work is nearly complete on the new courtyard between the James Walker Library and the Business and Aerospace Building, according to Patti Miller, director of Campus Planning.

The courtyard, which was scheduled for completion at the end of 2001, was slightly delayed but continues to follow a revised construction schedule that has completion slated for February 2002, Miller said. President Sidney McPhee said the revised schedule is the one that has been in place since he came to the university in July.

Miller said construction, which was contracted to Dow Smith Contracting Company of Murfreesboro, is going well and has encountered no problems that are not out of the ordinary on such a project.

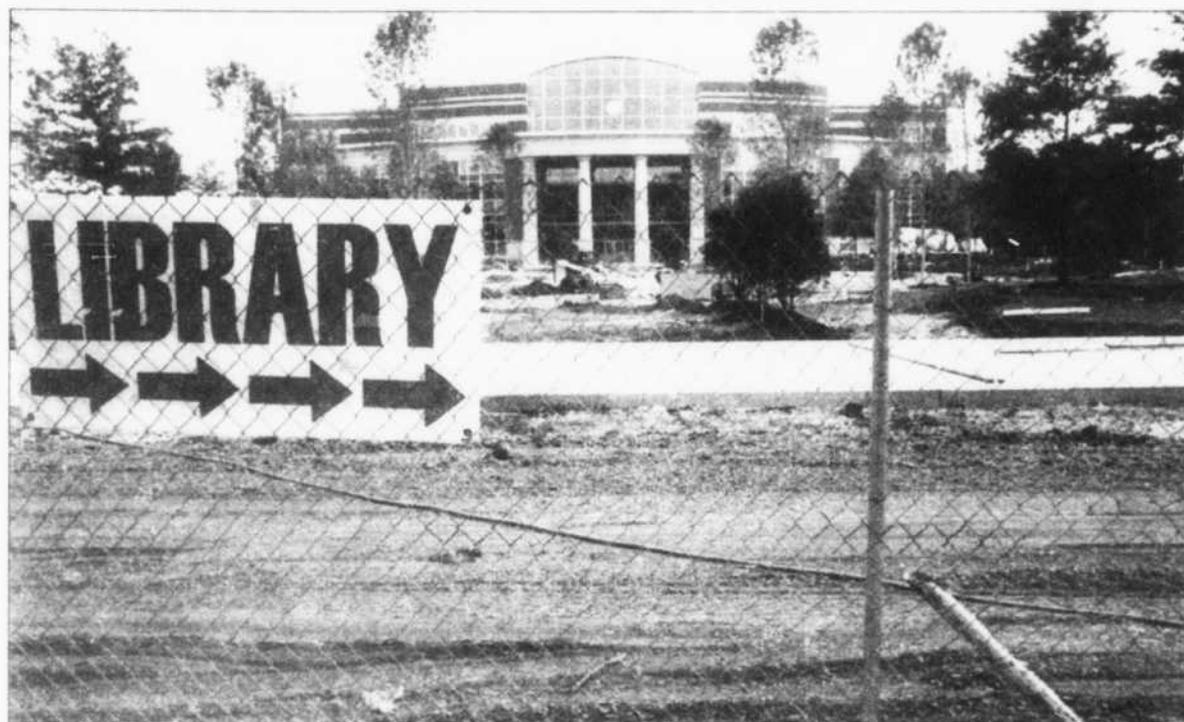
She said the courtyard is "envisioned as a tree-lined lawn" and hopes that it "becomes a part of the pedestrian core of campus." She said the Office of Information Technology is currently exploring the possibility of wireless Internet service in the courtyard.

The \$1.4 million project will feature many different types of trees, including sugar maples and magnolias, which will be centered around the university seal.

According to one construction worker at the site, all that remains to be done is completing the four light fixtures that will surround the seal, finishing the landscaping and cleaning up.

Part of the eventual plan is to remove the modular buildings that sit between Wood and Felder Halls and the Learning Resources Center, Miller said.

Funding for the project came from leftover money from the new library, Miller said. ♦



File photo

The courtyard developed throughout last spring semester with planted trees and a sidewalk.

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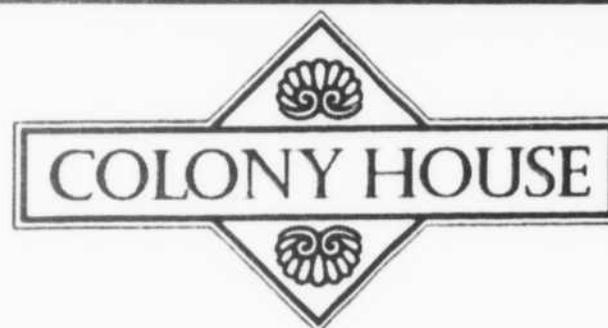
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# Lectures to focus on survival

By Pam Hudgens and Amber Bryant  
Editor in Chief and Staff Writer

The Honors Lecture Series for spring 2002 will focus on multiple aspects of survival - from advice from a home inspector on how to survive the housing market to concerns facing higher education in this time of funding crisis.

The series is a combination of abstract issues and very practical, down-to-earth information on how to get along in everyday life, said John Paul Montgomery, dean of the College of University Honors, which sponsors the series.

Topics include health, finance, education, public safety and other human concerns, and the scheduled speakers have a variety of different careers, from Andy Womack, gubernatorial candidate and former Tennessee state senator, to Maria Smith, a registered nurse.

"I thought it would be neat to not just mix it up between the colleges and disciplines on campus, but

to also go out into the community," Montgomery said.

The series will kick off Jan. 14 with Womack's lecture, titled "State Funding in Higher Education."

Montgomery said Womack will address the budget crisis, possible solutions and sources for new money.

"I think survival fits this topic very well," Montgomery said. "Higher education is in a crisis mode in a lot of states.

"The burden seems to be falling back on the students."

While the survival topic was chosen a year ago and therefore is not inspired by recent national events, the lectures are expected to be a rewarding experience for those



WOMACK

who attend.

Each topic will focus on a different aspect of survival, such as safety measures necessary during a robbery, what people can do to keep their immune systems healthy and what survival means to people in different countries.

Although the program is an honors course taken for credit, it is free and open to the public. Montgomery encourages students, faculty and community members to participate.

Students with at least a 3.0 GPA can enroll in the Spring Honors Lecture Series for one credit hour. The course is held every Monday from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A.

Orientation for the course takes place today, but Montgomery said anyone interested in signing up can still do so before the first lecture, Jan. 14.

The course's call number is 04630, and students can enroll via TRAM or WebMT. For more information, call the University Honors College at 898-2152. ♦

## Honors lecture schedule

### January

14 State Funding in Higher Education; Andy Womack  
28 Hope: Viktor Frankl, B.B. King, and Elisabeth Kubler Ross Revisited; Robert Rucker

### February

4 Economic Predators; Richard Hannah  
11 Surviving Islandization; Padgett Kelly  
18 Short-changing the Public Education System; Gloria Bonner  
25 Survival in Its World-System Context; Edward Kick

### March

4 Edifice Complex or How Much House Can I Stand?; Gary Scudder  
11 Gutenberg revisited: Reading in the Era of RAM; Larry Burriss and Kathleen Burriss  
18 Israel and Palestine: Survival Means Different Things to Different People; Ron Messier

### April

1 Once Upon a Mass Extinction; Bob McGhee  
8 Surviving Robbery; Jim Gage  
15 Surviving the First Communal Year; Maria Smith  
22 A Return to Life: Survival After the Holocaust; Sonja Hedgepeth  
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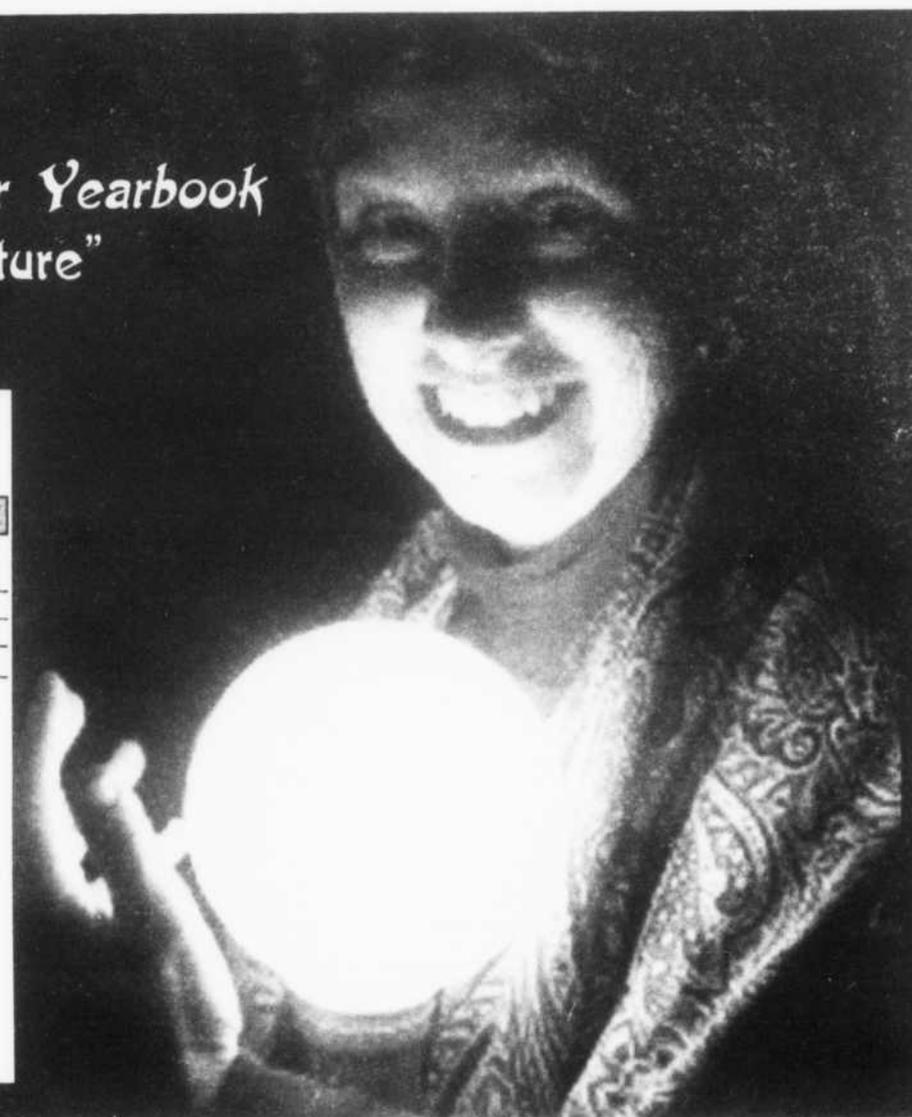
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# SGA to discuss, vote on impeachment bill

Maura Satchel  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association will meet for the first time in 2002 on Wednesday at 5 p.m. to discuss, among other topics, the possible impeachment of SGA President John Marshall.

The issue began in November with the passage of SGA Bill No. 7-01-F, which established a committee of five senators to investigate the alleged wrongdoings of Marshall.

Marshall is under investigation for neglecting to submit an accurate budget, failure to follow specific university and SGA established guidelines and failing to uphold his oath of office by acting in a dishonest manner toward peers and the administration of the university.

Marshall offered his own explanation regarding the allegations against him and his possible impeachment.

"It's just a process that student governments go through from time to time," Marshall said. "There are so many gray areas in our constitution."

Marshall said he is confident that the current upheaval will ultimately benefit the SGA and the university through what he feels is a growing process, a way of establishing clearer boundaries and turning gray into black and white.

"Perception and credibility is such an important position to have," Marshall said, expressing his belief that whatever ensues will strengthen the credibility of the SGA.

On a personal level, Marshall is also supportive of the investigation and believes the findings will not result in a conviction.

"Anyone should be allowed to question his or her elected officials," he said. "I feel comfortable that I've done what I have in a constitutional manner."

Marshall, a senior majoring in

agricultural business and education, recalls a similar drama that unfolded five years ago.

"It usually starts from within," Marshall said, explaining his take on that administration's turmoil. Marshall said he watched it play out from the outside, at the time, and questioned why anyone would want to be involved in student government.

Now, five years later, Marshall, the first two-term SGA president in school history, finds himself in a similar situation.

Jenny Rowan, a member of the committee investigating Marshall's alleged wrongdoings, could not comment on the findings of the investigation.

"[The investigation] has been sent to committee, and it will be presented through information at the meeting on Wednesday," Rowan said.

For the location of the meeting, contact the SGA office at 898-2464. ♦

## FedEx donates Boeing 727

### Staff Reports

An 80,000-pound classroom will land on campus later this month for MTSU's aerospace students.

Federal Express is donating a Boeing 727 so that students can have hands-on experience during their aviation education at MTSU.

Though it likely will not be used for actual flying, the plane will be

mounted on concrete pedestals to allow aerospace students to practice raising and lowering landing gear, simulate cockpit situations and perform de-icing experimentation, said Paul Craig, chair of the aerospace department.

The largest plane ever to land at Murfreesboro Municipal Airport, it will be flown in from Greenwood, Miss. After it lands in Murfreesboro, the engines will be turned off and it will be towed to a location north of the airport ramp.

Craig said Murfreesboro Municipal Airport's runway, at 3,890 feet, will be able to accommodate the Boeing's takeoff and landing.

He said a specific arrival date can't be set until a final agreement is reached and Murfreesboro attorneys are satisfied that the city is protected from lawsuits if an accident were to occur. FedEx has a \$300 million insurance policy to cover injuries and property damage.

In December, the Murfreesboro City Council approved the landing of the plane, as well as a lease with MTSU for the space. ♦

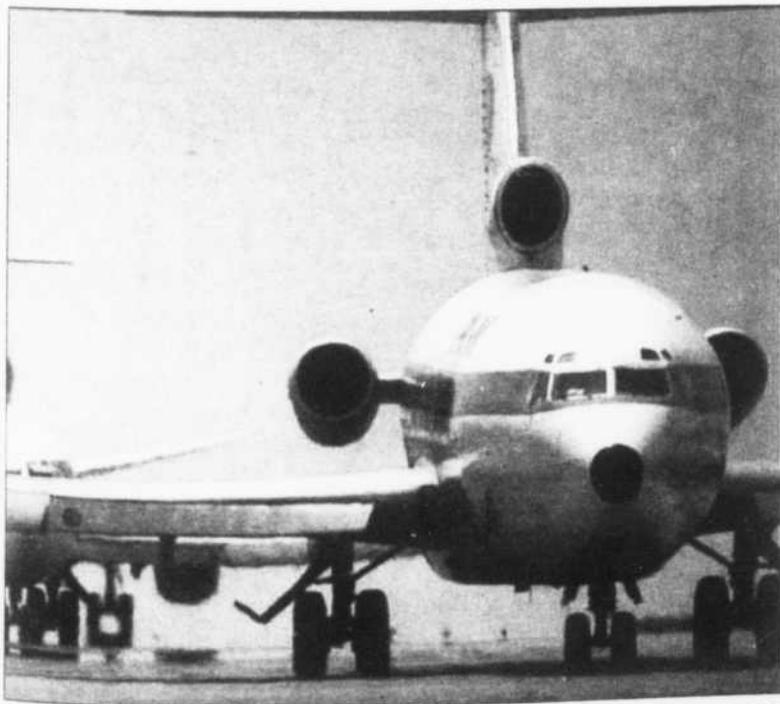


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A Boeing 727, like the one above, has been donated to MTSU.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Lindsey Turner – Managing Editor

### Japan program celebration to ring in new year

The Japan Program of MTSU is planning a New Year Celebration Party Jan. 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the MTSU Foundation Reception House.

The celebration will include a potluck dinner, entertainment and door prizes. The celebration is free and open to the public. Members of the Japanese Community are encouraged to bring Japanese food. For more information, contact Kiyoshi Kawahito at 898-2229 or e-mail him at kawahito@mtsu.edu.

### Freedom Run raises money for NYC families

MTSU Public Safety's Enduring Freedom Run held Nov. 29 brought in \$901.25 in donations. The money will be divided between the New York City Police Heroes Fund and the Port Authority Police World Trade Disaster Survivors' Fund.

At least 10 officers and department personnel ran a total of 257 laps around the Murphy Center track. The run was the brainchild of Officer Tony Taylor, who ran 38 laps.

"It was a little hard," Taylor told *Sidelines* in early December, "but I just figured, if those officers can go out and give the ultimate sacrifice, then I can endure a little bit of pain."

### Drumline makes history, wins honors

MTSU's drumline snagged first-place honors in the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Nashville Nov. 16.

They also won the contest's High Tenor Award and High Snare Award.

According to Lalo Davila, associate professor of music and coordinator of percussion studies, MTSU is the first university from Tennessee to receive the prestigious award from PASIC.

Since its launch in Dallas in 1980, PASIC has awarded only three other universities the first-place award: the University of North Texas, the University of Southern Louisiana and Morehead State University.

### Future nurses to receive scholarships

A \$150,000 donation recently was made to the School of Nursing by the Christy-Houston Foundation to supply scholarships to two incoming freshmen next fall.

The donation was made for legendary Rutherford County health-care figure James Arnhart, who was hospital administrator at Rutherford Hospital from 1953 to 1986.

Next fall, two incoming freshmen from Rutherford County will receive the scholarships. To be eligible, Rutherford county graduates must have a 21 minimum cumulative ACT score and a high school GPA of 3.0. To retain the scholarship, the student must be enrolled full time and major in nursing.

### Sneak a peek at 'Orange County'

Paramount Pictures will present a free sneak preview of the comedy *Orange County*, starring Colin Hanks and Jack Black, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Carmike Wynnsong 16 on Cason Lane.

Orange County features Hanks as an ambitious high school student surrounded by a dysfunctional family and what he considers to be the horrors of his hometown.

Free tickets will be available outside Room 306 of the James Union Building after Tuesday. ♦

## Campus Club Spotlight – Model United Nations

## Model U.N. teaches international relations

By Tracy Woosley  
Contributor

The Model United Nations is a student-run organization that strives to encourage knowledge in the areas of international relations and culture.

Recently, the organization became a course in the political science department, meeting once a week for one credit hour. The class can be repeated up to four times. In the class, students are assigned a country and are expected to act as that country would during a crisis simulation. The classes follow full parliamentary procedure and are overseen by a secretary general.

The Model United Nations attends a competitive conference each semester, which allows them to travel around the country.

Following the events of Sept. 11, they traveled to Georgetown in Washington, D.C., for the conference. Even though it was located directly across the street from the Pentagon, the conference did not focus on the disaster.

"Nobody wanted to focus on what was going on across the street, but what was going on at the conference," former Secretary General Sara Rainwater said.

While last semester's conference was not largely affected by the terrorist attacks, the members of the Model United Nations said they believe terrorism will become an issue during future crisis simulations.

"I think terrorism is definitely going to play a large role in the topics discussed at conference," spring semester's Secretary General DeAnna Jones said, "for the simple fact that we've never had to deal with terrorism."

The conferences not only help students understand the issues that are important today, but they also bring students together from across the country. Chapters of the Model United Nations from Washington, South Carolina, Tennessee and several other states all were represented at the fall conference.

The spring conference will be held March 21-23 at the University of Virginia. MTSU plans to take at least eight delegates to the conference. For those who can't attend the conference in Virginia, a Saturday conference is held on campus near the end of the semester.

The Model United Nations is open to all students.

For more information, visit their Web page at [www.mtsu.edu/~sia](http://www.mtsu.edu/~sia). To join the mailing list, e-mail [mtsumodelun@yahoo.com](mailto:mtsumodelun@yahoo.com). ♦

## How to join

The Model United Nations class will meet Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 212.

The registration code is 06061.

For more information, contact Anne Sloan at 898-5091.

## Free scuba class offered

## Staff Reports

The underwater world of scuba diving awaits adventurous students, faculty and staff this semester.

A free night of scuba diving is being offered by campus recreation during their Discover Scuba night Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center indoor pool. Certified instructors will be on hand to teach the basics of scuba diving.

For students who want to learn more about diving, scuba classes will be held Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m. beginning Jan. 17 through March 7.

Students can enroll for \$110, MTSU faculty and staff for \$140 and guests for \$150. Register in the rec center or call 898-2104 for more information. ♦



## Students back from Christmas

Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Junior recording industry major Rachel Smith unpacks her clothes last night in Lyon Hall as she attempts to move back into her room.

Students were able to return to their dorm rooms Friday. Students must pay an extra fee to stay in the dormitories during Christmas break, so many students choose to take their valuables and clothes with them on their trips home.

# Events calendar

Want to shake off the holiday laziness and get pumped up for school?  
Check out what's going on in the 'Boro during the first week of school, Jan. 8-13 .

Venue	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b><u>Bongo Johnny's</u></b> 527 Main St. 867-1003		Penny Beer night (ladies free before 11 p.m.) \$7 admission	College Night \$3 with college ID \$2 pitchers of beer			Phat Sundays Little John – rap artist
<b><u>The Boro Bar and Grill</u></b> 1211 Greenland Road 895-4800 Shows start at 9:30 p.m.		Basementality	The Features	The Orange Juice Kids	The Short Mountain Boys (live music matinee at 4 p.m.) Ejecta and Hemingway	Every Sunday at The Boro: Roland Gresham Jazz at 8 p.m.
<b><u>Faces Restaurant and Lounge</u></b> 2111 E. Main St. 867-7555 All shows start at 9:30 p.m.	Ocelots and Rides on Trains		Big Vessel		Rickets Madcore	
<b><u>Red Rose Café</u></b> 528 West College St. 893-1405	Don Aliquo(Jazz saxophonist) \$4 admission	Pine Hill Haints (Bluegrass band)			Party of Helicopters (Rock band)	
<b><u>Sebastian's</u></b> 109 N. Maple St. 895-8922 All shows start at 10 p.m.				Spooky Johnson (Jazz band) \$3 cover charge	The Harveys (Jazz band) \$3 cover charge	

# OPINIONS

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Monday, January 7, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Editorial

### Defining our future problems

† The Tennessee Board of Regents sent a report titled "Defining our Future" to the Tennessee State Legislature Dec. 10. *Sidelines* wholeheartedly approves most of the changes suggested in the report, especially the ideas that high school graduation requirements should be in line with university entrance standards, that remedial classes should be removed from four-year institutions and hour requirements for most degrees be reduced by six to 12 hours.

If successfully implemented, this report will certainly help MTSU and the other board schools advance academically. However, the plan does not move fast enough. While it cannot be denied that some changes take time, it should not take until July 2003 for a universal calendar to be adopted (although once again, it is a capital idea).

Most of the recommendations, in fact, carry an "M" designation, which means that they too have a target date of 2003. The only short-term goal mentioned in the plan is the continuance and expansion of outsourcing of utility contracts, something we would think universities should take their time on, to shop around and get the lowest bid possible.

The report makes it clear that the charts provided offer only a "what to do" statement, not a "how to do it" explanation. To counter this, the report includes a short list of possible "hows." One of the most disturbing of these is the suggestion "maximizing institutions' flexibility in developing a general education core by pressing for a change in the law requiring American history classes." No further explanation is given.

This is folly. General education requirements are there to make sure students graduate as well-rounded individuals. Why single out one subject for elimination? If the university is truly concerned with cutting requirements to save money, then why not allow students to decide individually what general education class they do not want to take. Personally, we would pass up on the physical education requirements. Or maybe algebra. Neither subject is more important than history, and both are irrelevant to our majors.

In summation, the ideas put forth are feasible but too much time is allotted for enacting them. As the ideas are implemented, however, it is imperative for the university to get student feedback as to what will work and what will not. As was stated in appendix VI of the report (albeit in reference to something else), "CAUTION: The only way we will get any efficiency out of this exercise is to be sure we include both the ... professionals and the users when proposing and undertaking actions." ♦

## Put down that Prozac – you're financing terrorists

### Out of Leftist Field



Lindsey Turner  
Staff Columnist

I hope you weren't getting too comfortable with your new post-Sept. 11 anti-depressant prescription because President Bush thinks you're financing terrorists.

"If you quit drugs, you join the fight against terror in America," he said in a speech before signing the Drug-free Communities Act reauthorization bill Dec. 14.

Oh, how silly of me. I'm always too literal. Perhaps Bush was referring to the unspeakable – illegal drugs –

not the drugs our self-medicated society ingests daily such as caffeine, alcohol, anti-histamines, anti-depressants and the like. Bush wants you to put down your syringes, toss out your bong, throw away your coke vials and join the War on Drugs – now a major reason to fight the War on Terrorism.

I can only surmise that Bush is talking specifically to heroin addicts, who, by chance, might get their supply from Afghanistan. But he carelessly said "drugs." How absurd of him (or at least his speech writers) to make a statement that implies that all illegal drugs are one and the same.

It is just as ridiculous that he thinks addicts are going to be even slightly influenced by his argument. If "drugs" are that easy to quit, addicts wouldn't exist because they'd easily be able to weigh health

and social risks so they wouldn't get addicted to begin with. But how would Mr. President know that? He's never done drugs ... right?

Bush made some other whimsical comments in his speech worthy of reprinting. Here are a few of my favorites:

"It's a hard job being a senator, but it's easy to forget the community responsibilities when you get elected to such a high office as senator." (I'm sure Bush would know, thanks to his extensive time spent in the Senate.)

"In this struggle, we know what works. We must aggressively enforce the laws against drugs at our borders and in our communities." (Yes, jailing addicts has worked splendidly. In 1973, there were 328,670 arrests for drug law violations. In 2000, that number rose to

1,579,566 arrests. The majority of people jailed were arrested for marijuana-related offenses. Marijuana usage has increased since 1965, when there were half a million new marijuana users. In 1996, there were approximately 2.6 million new users. And jailing discourages usage how?)

"Behind these numbers are countless personal tragedies. And my administration will not be indifferent to them. We must return the fight against drugs to the center of our national agenda." (Too bad Bush doesn't realize personal tragedies are caused and aggravated by drug prohibition.)

While his speech was comical at best, it was nothing but cheap propaganda to further the obviously futile War on Drugs. Predictably,

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## Imaginary conversations with Mr. Bush



### Bathroom Stall Graffiti

Nick Fowler  
Staff Columnist

A new year and a new semester and I have to be honest with you, not much has gotten better. I had hopes the world would become a better place last year. I even thought it might, because I am an optimist. After careful examination and consideration of the past year, I have decided that everything does indeed suck.

I am sure I have all the answers to all the world's problems. Why else would *Sidelines* give me all this space to fill every week? Alas, I have as of yet been unable to solve any of the world's

many troubles.

I am most disappointed that the president did not call me. I bought a new phone, painted it red and sat it in the middle of the room on a marble pedestal.

I waited all semester for the call. I've had a thousand imaginary conversations with the president. Usually he just wants to talk business. Sometimes though, he just wants someone to talk to who will listen.

"Hello?"

"Yeah, Nick, it's George here. Got a minute?"

"Sure thing, guy. I got all the time you need." My professors don't mind if I skip class because I'm talking to the president.

"Nick, I'm lonely. Everyone here is so busy running the country. I read a hundred memos a day, and everyone is always asking me what to do, but ..."

"But they never ask how you feel, do they George?"

"I just need a little 'me' time, you know?"

"Yes, George, I do know."

Then we had a good cry together, right there on the phone.

Of course, I know some would have me use my time with the president to push my agenda, but that's just not what he was looking for. If I had done that, I would be no better than the rest of the president's staff.

Then again, it was just all in my head. It makes no difference to me. My fantasies about conversations with the president are all my own. Some are business, and some are personal.

I had a whole plan for the Afghanistan conflict. He never called to ask me about it. I've got an entire economic stimulus package worked up to fix the economy, too. If

he'd only called.

I may take a trip to Washington this semester. I'm sure that were I too explain my peculiar situation to the guards they would let me into the White House.

A little face time with the president would make me feel good. Just talking to him even on the phone would make me feel better. I'll even make this my New Year's resolution. This year I will talk to the president.

I'm sure we can figure out some way to make this happen. Surely someone knows somebody. You should all work to help me make this happen. Who else should be MTSU's ambassador to the president?

I'll start writing letters to the White House. Surely my *Sidelines* press credentials will get me in the door. My charm will get me the rest of the way. ♦

## Terrorists:

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the propaganda campaign doesn't stop there. It already has seeped into the minds of our unsuspecting youth. The Partnership for a Drug-Free America conducted a poll in November that found that 46 percent of children age 12-17 think international terrorism is financed partly by the drug trade.

Curiously, Bush is keeping it tight-lipped that his administration helped fund terrorism last year when he awarded a generous \$43 million to the Taliban so they could help fight their own little drug war.

Robert Scheer couldn't have been more right in May 2001 when he wrote, "Our long sad history of signing up dictators in the war on drugs demonstrates the futility of building a foreign policy on a domestic obsession."

To view Bush's speech in its entirety, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/12/20011214-2.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/12/20011214-2.html). ♦

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# Yes – CNN and FOX are biased

## Canadian Bacon



Patrick Chinnery  
Opinions Editor

The media is biased. Most politically themed television shows are sensationalistic. The only truly honest section of a newspaper is the op-ed section.

Whether we like it or not, our perception is always skewed to see what we'd like to see. It's just human nature. The good journalists, the honest journalists, try to be as objective as possible. I think a great job of that is done at *Sidelines*, but there's that pesky bias again.

The op-ed section, however, is always honest because it is a statement of what people think. Sure, there are times when columnists write things they don't mean, but the odds are in favor that they're representing someone's opinion somewhere.

I digress.

For years now, there have been cries of protest from the right end of the political spectrum that the media was leftist. With the establishment of FOX News a couple of years ago, the right was for the most part silenced and the left was outraged.

I never bought into the arguments, however. In my naivete, I believed that if a person were to make it on a reputable news network, they would have to be objective. However, being bored out of my gourd over the past break, I had many opportunities to watch CNN and FOX News. I was extremely disappointed with both.

On CNN's *Crossfire*, Bill Press, an outrageous liberal, dominated every discussion, leaving conservative Tucker Carlson to fumble around trying to find a pause so he could make a point. When guests appeared, the show picked the two extreme sides of every issue.

A segment I watched pitted Francis Kippling, an excommunicated Catholic sponsoring inflammatory

billboards targeting the Catholic Church, and Bill Donahue, a member of the Catholic League, in a debate over whether the Catholic Church should promote condom use.

The two had the most distinctive points possible, leaving an empty gulch of centrist opinions between them.

On the Jan. 3 edition of FOX News' *O'Reilly Factor*, Bill O'Reilly had conservative Monica Crowley face off against the network's senior liberal, Ellis Henican, briefly debating seemingly every topic from assassination to conservation to taxation.

There was much yelling involved, but at least the host stayed out of much of the conversation, interjecting only when it was time to change the topic. Again, however, the only points presented were the two extremes.

Neither show presented opinions that the majority of Americans hold. Apparently, their idea of "fair and balanced" news is balancing like a seesaw, as

opposed to balancing your diet.

Balancing with the seesaw method prescribes taking the two most outlandish points of view and presenting them to the audience, thereby forcing the audience to pick one side or the other. This is sloppy work. The largest possible audience cannot identify with the guests.

The other major flaw with this method of journalism is that it is limited to presenting every story as if it has only two sides. That may work in some cases, but our world is too large and complex to break it down to two opposing viewpoints every time.

Take the current war in Afghanistan. There's the angry, revenge-demanding Americans, the terrorist-supporting Taliban, the oppressed Afghan people who just want their freedoms back, the not-quite-as-offensive northern alliance, the cautious Brits, the skittish European Commission ... the list goes on and on. Yet, the media tries to present only two sides.

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# Getting to know the 'Boro

## For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox  
News Editor

Did you know that the city of Murfreesboro has the busiest intersection in the state?

If you've lived and commuted in Murfreesboro for more than a couple of days, you've probably already discovered that traveling through the intersection of Old Fort Parkway and Broad Street is sort of like navigating the mighty Mississippi in an inner tube.

Driving through Murfreesboro during rush hour often makes students grow ulcers on top of the ones they already had. Luckily for the adventurous type, there are numerous back roads that can be taken. It's

too bad that everyone else knows them too.

But certainly there's more to this sordid little 'Boro than a busy intersection.

To the delight of the geology department, my high school band director and a few other assorted characters, the geographical center of Tennessee is located less than a mile from campus on Old Lascassas Pike.

I'm not sure this holds much significance to the campus as a whole, but in any case there is a big stone pillar nearby for students to perform drunken rituals while listening to druid music bumping from their car stereo system.

Take it from me, you've never lived until you've sacrificed a goat to your god(s) at the geographical center of Tennessee. By the way, if you get caught, you never read this.

Murfreesboro also offers a plethora of part-time jobs

thanks to the number of restaurants in the city. It holds the distinction of having the highest number of restaurants per capita in the United States. Now you have the opportunity to eat Taco Bell three times a day at three different locations (stomach pumps are optional).

I've also heard that the Murfreesboro Super Wal-Mart is the largest in the state and second-largest in the country. I haven't found out for sure, but as long as I can buy a betta fish at 4 a.m. I'll be happy.

Some might wonder why anyone would be entertained by a Wal-Mart. I say be grateful for what we have. If you attended Mississippi State, for instance, all there is to do in the non-campus part of Starkville is hang out at Wal-Mart.

Thronges of Rutherford County history buffs worldwide already know that Murfreesboro was the capitol

of Tennessee for eight years. It was named so in 1818 because of its central location (see how this all ties together). However, Nashville wrested the title back in 1826.

Finally, a visiting religious reporter called Murfreesboro "the Athens of Tennessee" long before Nashville was decreed "the Athens of the South." This statement was made in 1853, when Murfreesboro was home to three universities and several academies. Nearly 150 years later, Murfreesboro is still not exactly the birthplace of free thought, but I'm sure it's on the university's agenda right under demolishing Ezell and Abernathy.

If you have read this far, you have absorbed approximately 475 words of the most useful text you'll read this semester. Sure, classes are important, but why go to class when you can dance around the center of Tennessee? ♦

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Moreover, who's to say that the two sides are equal? Just because a handful of people believe life on earth has alien origins doesn't mean that theory should be presented on par with a scientifically credible theory like evolution.

If the media were to use the smorgasbord approach, news would indeed be balanced. The largest amount of time should go to the centrist opinions, the pastas and breads (6-11 servings recommended daily). Then you should branch out to the right and the left, the fruits and vegetables (3-4 servings of each daily). The extremists, the fats and oils, should be digested only in moderation (no more than twice daily).

Who knew the food pyramid was not only a blueprint for healthy bodies, but for healthy minds as well? ♦

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Breaking with what will be this segment's tradition, we go back to find a statement from the past, and will take it from a foolish group, rather than a foolish person.

We look back to the 2002 Appropriations Bill from the State of Tennessee that said, "the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and the Tennessee Board of Regents should study their operations to determine how they can operate more efficiently and with less resources."

Thanks, chums. First, you passed this resolution to politically spin your legislative impotence like an amphetamine-laced grandma in a Hoveround. Then your illogical refusal to fund education caused a tuition hike of 15 percent, more than twice the national average.

To our peers: Remember kids, this time the government is the enemy. The administration has its hands tied. Cut them a little slack.

To the space-fillers in the capitol: This year provides a final chance to set things right, or you can be sure no one will get a gold star at the end of the session. ♦



# SPORTS



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SIDELINES ♦ 17

## Six finalists to interview for AD position

By Rebecca Pickering  
Assistant Sports Editor

The search for Middle Tennessee's fifth full-time athletics director may come to a close by the end of this month.

President Sidney McPhee and his advisory committee approved the final list of six proposed candidates selected by Baker-Parker and Associates, Inc., an Atlanta-based search firm hired by MT. The candidates include Lawrence R. Cunningham, James E. "Boots" Donnelly, Michael E. Hamilton, Kelly L. Landry, Christopher V. May and William J. Weidner.

"This is an exceptional list of professionals, and I am very



Cunningham



Donnelly



Hamilton



Landry



May



Weidner

pleased with the candidates who are finalists to be interviewed," McPhee said. "We are looking for continued growth and development of our program, and these individuals, I believe, can make that happen."

With a new full-time athletics director, McPhee hopes to produce greater financial stability for the

department, increase fan support and morale and continue to build a program of great integrity.

The six finalists were narrowed from 59 total applicants. Baker-Parker recruited 28 of those.

"Dr. McPhee asked the search firm to identify candidates who are coming from a program of success and integrity," said Daniel Parker,

partner at Baker-Parker. "The six final candidates we believe represent very outstanding professionals for Middle Tennessee's consideration."

Cunningham currently serves as the associate director of athletics for external affairs at Notre Dame. Working for his alma mater, Cunningham oversees the depart-

ments of sports information, marketing, promotions, ticketing, summer camps and corporate relationships. He recently renegotiated a \$22 million footwear contract for the Fighting Irish.

Donnelly has served as interim athletics director at MT since

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## MT falls to Florida International

By Justin Ward  
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider basketball team lost 82-72 to Florida International Saturday afternoon at the Murphy Center to make its record 1-1 in the Sun Belt Conference.

The game was close in the first half, and the Lady Raiders pulled ahead 41-37 at halftime. FIU came out in the second half and showed why they are the No. 1 team in the conference.

They stepped up the defense and only allowed MT a 36 shooting percentage in the second half, compared to 54 percent in the first half.

Senior forward Jamie Thomatis led the way for the Lady Raiders with 20 points and 5 rebounds. This was her 16th performance in 25 games to score 20 or more points.

"We were running a play to get the ball in to Jamie Thomatis and see what she could make happen," coach Stephany Smith said. "She scored six quick points, but they started sagging in and making it look a little more difficult."

FIU head coach Cindy Russo said, "coming into the game, we

knew [Thomatis] would score some points. She's a great player, and she got her points, but then again, we won."

Freshman Patrice Holmes

added 13 points to Thomatis' 20 to help the Lady Raiders.

After an early slump in December, Holmes has scored in double figures the past six games,

averaging 16.7 points and 5.7 rebounds.

Joanne Aluka and Jennifer Justice got into foul trouble early in the first half, which made way for

freshmen Renee Hall and Jessica Schlueter to step up. Hall added 8 points and 3 rebounds to the Lady Raider effort.

"We had a pretty young lineup in there with Fisher, Holmes and Hall in at the end of the game," Thomatis said. "It was a great learning experience for them, and hopefully, that will come into play come March."

With 3:38 left in the game, freshman Tiffany Fisher put in 2 free throws to bring the Lady Raiders within 1 point, making the score 69-68 in FIU's favor.

After going back and forth all game, FIU pulled away with a 13-4 run to seal the game.

Senior Gergana Slavtcheva led FIU with 24 points and was 10-14 from the free-throw line.

Of the seven FIU players who got playing time, five of them scored in double figures.

The Lady Raiders go on the road this week to try to increase their record in the Sun Belt by playing two conference games in a row. They will face New Mexico State (6-7) Thursday and then head to Louisiana-Lafayette (4-8) Saturday.



MT's Renee Hall and Florida's Gergana Slavtcheva tumble to the floor during Saturday's game.

Photo by Wesley Bush | Staff

# MT hopes to continue success on road

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team entered 2002 in a three-way tie for first place in the Sun Belt Conference east division.

The Lady Raiders finished 2001 on a winning note, beating Xavier on the road and New Orleans at home in their first Sun Belt game

this season.

MT used a 15-4 second-half run to take the lead against Xavier. The Lady Raiders held on despite a pair of Xavier runs for the 68-60 win Dec. 23.

Patrice Holmes scored 23 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and dished out 5 assists to lead the Lady Raider attack. Jamie Thomatis added 20 points and 8

rebounds, including an 8-for-8 performance at the free-throw line.

Prior to the two victories at the end of the year, MT had dropped three of its last four games. Two of those losses were by a combined margin of five points.

The first loss came at home Dec. 9 against former Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee Tech.

The Eaglettes needed an extra quarter to put away the Lady Raiders but pulled out the 68-64 victory. Keisha McClinic hit a runner with 0.8 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

TTU used two five-point runs to take a 64-59 lead in the extra period.

Holmes hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to two. The Eaglettes responded with a three of their own with :17 left to secure the win.

Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

MT responded to the loss against TTU with a 75-63 win over Lipscomb Dec. 14.

The Lady Raiders shot 61.2 percent from the field against Lipscomb and equaled a school record with 10 blocks in the win. Jennifer Justice took advantage of her second career start shooting 6-for-10 from the floor and scoring a career-high 15 points to go along with 7 rebounds. McClinic scored 13 points on 6-for-9 shooting. Thomatis led the Lady Raiders in scoring with 19 points.

"We shot well from the field tonight, and I hope that it is a sign of things to come," Smith said after the Lipscomb game. "It's the first time we have shot better than 50 percent all year. I was mostly looking for an intense team effort tonight, and I think we got that for the first time this season."

The good shooting didn't continue Dec. 17 as MT shot 29 percent from the field in a 54-53 loss to Kansas State in Murphy Center.

Laurie Koehn hit a

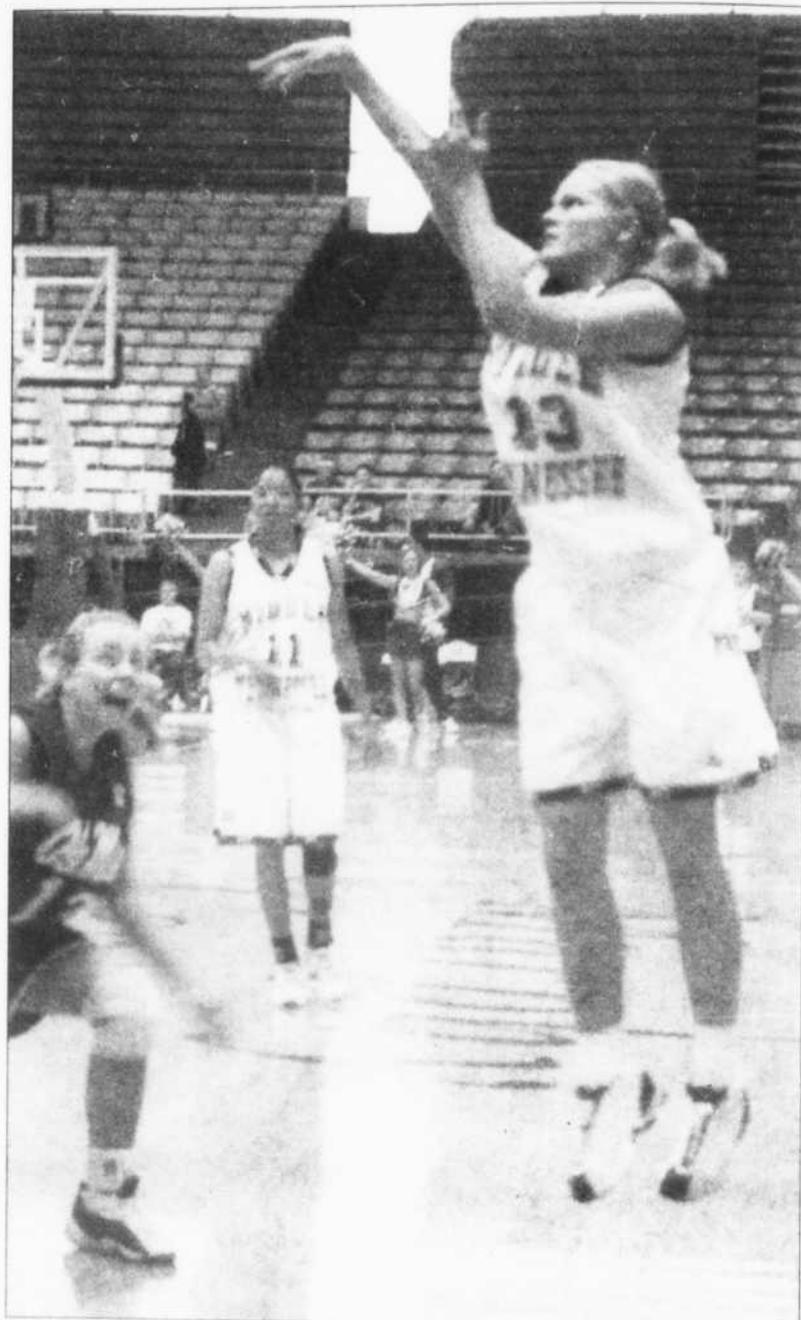


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Mia Parvianinen attempts a three-point shot against Ole Miss.

three-pointer to give KSU a 54-53 lead with 36 seconds left. The Lady Raiders got the ball back with 15 seconds left and a chance to win. Paula Penttila got off a three, but it fell short.

Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"I am really proud of the team's effort tonight," Smith said. "I know it is frustrating for the team, coaches and fans wondering when we are going to finish a game. We could have played a perfect game tonight and lost by 20 because Kansas State is a great basketball team who will be ranked in the top 25 before the season is over."

The Lady Raiders suffered their second loss in a row against Houston.

MT cut the Houston lead to seven on a Holmes three-pointer with 3:12 left, but that was the closest the Lady Raiders would get.

Holmes and Thomatis each had 14 points to lead the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raiders look to continue their winning ways in 2002. MT will try to maintain first place in the Sun Belt eastern division when it plays New Mexico State Jan. 10.

NMSU finished 2001 in second place in the western division. Sun Belt play is just beginning, and teams will move positions regularly.

The Lady Raiders are 4-1 on the road this season. They'll look to continue this streak against NMSU Thursday night. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Joanne Aluka takes a shot during a recent game against Ole Miss.

# Blue Raiders end semester on high note

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team finished 2001 on a positive note, winning 69-64 against the University of New Orleans in New Orleans Dec. 30.

The win was just the second in MT's last five games. Still, things look good for the Blue Raiders, who finished 2001 in second place in the Sun Belt Conference eastern division.

MT won its fifth game of the season Dec. 8 with an 88-79 victory over Tennessee State University.

The Blue Raiders won despite a season-high 25 turnovers. Part of the reason for the win was MT's 39-26 advantage in rebounding. Another reason was the 88 points, the second highest total for the Blue Raiders this season.

William Pippen scored a game-high 21 points, including 4 three-point shots for the Blue Raiders. Tommy Gunn added a season-high 18 points.

Lee Nosse recorded his third career double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Eric Parham scored 14 points on 5-for-7 shooting against the Tigers and added 7 assists.

The five wins match the total



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

**Eric Parham guards a Rice player in a game at Murphy Center.**

number of wins last season. MT fell on tough times in its next three contests, losing all three.

The Blue Raiders lost their first

of the three games 66-64 to the University of Texas-Pan American Dec. 15. With the game tied at 56 with 3:54 remaining, MT failed to

score. UTPA's Jon Nubine missed a three, but the Broncos grabbed the rebound and reset the offense. Nubine nailed his second chance at the three, giving UTPA a 59-56 lead. The three began a 7-0 Broncos run that the Blue Raiders could not come back from, despite threes from Gunn and John Humphrey in the final minute of the game.

"The big play in the game came when Nubine missed the three and [UTPA] got the rebound and then Nubine hit the three," MT head coach Randy Wiel said after the game. "That play and the steal just after it were big plays that put them in control down the stretch."

Gunn finished with 17 points, including 3 three-pointers. Nosse led MT with a season-high 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting. Pippen scored a season-low 7 points but had a season-high 8 rebounds.

Chatman scored a game-high 23 points for the Broncos and added 7 rebounds.

East Carolina handed MT its second loss in the three-game stretch Dec. 20. The Blue Raiders fell short on the boards and on the scoreboard. The game marked only the third time MT got beat in rebounding.

Gunn led the Blue Raiders with a career-high 22 points. Humphrey scored a career-high 16 points in his return to his native state. Nosse scored 14 points despite playing with flu-like symptoms.

MT lost its 16th straight road game and its 16th straight against Sun Belt Conference opponents with a 59-51 loss to South Alabama Dec. 28.

The Blue Raiders featured a different starting lineup in the game. Gunn and Derek Glasper were unable to return to campus after the Christmas holiday due to a snowstorm in the northeast.

Dee Wilkes stepped back into the starting lineup after missing four starts with an injured wrist. Also getting the start was freshman Charles Anderson. He scored a career-high 11 points on 3-for-3 shooting from the floor and 5-for-5 shooting at the free-throw line.

Nosse scored 13 points to give him five straight games scoring in double digits.

The Blue Raiders enter the New Year with an even record. This is the time when Sun Belt competition heats up.

MT plays New Mexico State at Murphy Center Jan. 10. ♦

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# Games, players stand out

## Sports commentary



David Hunter  
Staff Writer

This year's bowl season had a little bit of everything - high scoring games, records being destroyed, players making a name for themselves and some defense.

First, I'll start with some players who made themselves known and some who proved why they are so good.

**Joey Harrington, quarterback, Oregon, Fiesta Bowl:** A Heisman finalist, he proved why he is one of the best in the country by passing for 350 yards and 4 touchdowns in a 38-16 win over Colorado.

**Casey Clausen, quarterback, Tennessee, Florida Citrus Bowl:** Casey put in one of his best performances of the year passing for 393 yards and 3 touchdowns and running for 2 more scores as the Vols beat Michigan 45-17.

**The Oklahoma defense, Cotton Bowl:** The defense played like a

brick wall. They held Arkansas to 50 total yards and 6 first downs. The D only let the Razorbacks get past midfield one time in the game. The Sooner defense equaled a Cotton Bowl record with 9 sacks in the 10-3 victory.

**Chester Taylor, running back, Toledo, Motor City Bowl:** Taylor broke a bowl record with 190 yards rushing in the 23-16 victory over Cincinnati.

**Taylor Stubblefield, wide receiver, Purdue, Sun Bowl:** In the 33-27 loss against Washington State, Taylor set a bowl record with 196 yards receiving on 9 catches and scored 2 touchdowns.

Now here is a look at some of the bowl games we will not forget.

**No Defense Bowl:** In this year's GMAC Bowl, East Carolina took a 38-8 halftime lead over Marshall. Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich led the comeback passing for 576 yards and 4 touchdowns on 41-for-70 passing and sent the game into overtime tied at 51. In the second overtime, Leftwich threw a touchdown to give the Thundering Herd a 64-61 victory in the highest scoring bowl game ever.

**Tradition Rules Bowl:** The Holiday Bowl has been known for its high scoring and down-to-the-wire type of playing. This year's went along with the tradition. Texas quarterback Major Applewhite threw 3 interceptions early as Washington took a big lead in the first half. In the end, Applewhite led Texas to a 47-43 victory over the Huskies finishing with 473 yards passing and 4 touchdowns.

**Best Comeback Bowl:** The South Carolina Gamecocks jumped out to an early 28-0 lead thanks to the passing of Phil Petty and the running of Andrew Pincock. However, Ohio State quarterback Steve Bellisari led the Buckeyes back to tie the score at 28-28. In the end, Daniel Weaver kicked a 42-yard field goal to win the game for the Gamecocks. It was South Carolina's second consecutive win over Ohio State in the Outback Bowl.

There are so many things that took place during this year's bowl season. I just don't have enough time to talk about it all. That's why this year's bowl season will be one to remember. ♦

## Raider standout dismissed after violating team rules

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee men's basketball player Iiro Tennngren was suspended indefinitely Dec. 10 for violation of team rules and personal reasons, according to head coach Randy Wiel.

Tennngren started all eight games at forward for the Blue Raiders before his suspension.

It is unlikely that Tennngren will return to the team this season, Wiel said.

The suspension came after a 76-71 loss to the University of Tennessee-Martin Dec. 8. After the game, a situation occurred causing Wiel to suspend Tennngren.

"I will elaborate on the situation at the appropriate time," Wiel said in *The Daily News Journal*. "At this point, he is suspended indefinitely for violation of team rules and personal reasons. When there are internal things on a team, and it happens in all sports, players usually solve those problems themselves, but I had to come in and make a decision this time.

"I talked to Iiro, and everything looks like it's going to be all right, but we have our rules. Iiro was good in our conversation (Friday morning)."

Tennngren led MT in rebounding, averaging 7.1 a game. He also averaged 9 points a game. ♦

## AD search: Winding down

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October of 2000. Former MT head football coach and Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Donnelly has secured a \$1 million pledge for future construction of a Blue Raider Hall of Fame building. He also has contracted Southeastern Conference games against Alabama and Tennessee for the 2002 football season, which will produce \$1 million in revenue for MT athletics.

Hamilton is an associate athletics director for development and marketing at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. At UT, Hamilton is in charge of all development and marketing activities associated with the men's athletics department, including the annual giving program, endowments, major gifts, capital campaigns, sponsorships and promotions.

Landry currently serves as an associate director of athletics and senior women's administrator at the University of Illinois. Landry oversees all operations of men's basketball, volleyball, women's swimming and softball, men's and women's track and field, gymnastics and golf. Landry is a member of the NCAA Men's Track and Field Committee and is co-chair of

the Big Ten Conference Administrator's Council.

May is the associate athletics director of marketing and revenue development at the University of Colorado. He is the co-chair for Athletics 2010, a 10-year plan that focuses on education, winning, facilities and culture.

Wiedner currently serves as director of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Texas-Pan American. He is a former assistant football coach under Frank Beamer at Murray State. Wiedner received his undergraduate at Springfield College in Massachusetts and earned his Masters at Stanford University.

The advisory committee is being chaired by Blue Raider Athletic Association President Charlie Myatt. Consisting of 19 members, the committee will interview the candidates and make a recommendation to McPhee, who has the final decision.

"I am tremendously impressed with the pool of candidates," Myatt said. "They have all achieved a great amount of success in their careers and will all make excellent choices."

The candidates begin interviews on campus today. ♦

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# SPORTS BRIEFS

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## Tennis teams to hold clinic for community

Clinics will be held in January by the men and women's tennis teams of Middle Tennessee at the Racquet Club in Murfreesboro before the opening of the spring season.

The Blue Raiders' clinic will be held Saturday from noon-1:30 p.m.

The Blue Raiders, under coach Dale Short, will open their season Jan. 18 at the University of Hawaii.

The Lady Raiders will hold their clinic Sunday from 5-6:30 p.m.

Coach Randy Holden and the Lady Raiders open their spring season Saturday at Vanderbilt.

The clinics are open to the public, and the cost is \$10. This includes the clinic, pizza and sandwiches for everyone.

Those interested can sign up by calling the Racquet Club at 896-9102.

## MT coaches to speak at national convention

The Middle Tennessee football staff led by head coach Andy

McCollum was chosen by the American Football Coaches Association to speak at the 2002 AFCA National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. The conven-

tion will be held Jan. 6-9.

The Blue Raider staff is going to speak on special team's play. They will be going over staff organization and breaking down practice routines and fundamentals. McCollum and his staff will speak at 10:20 a.m. Jan. 9 at the San Antonio Convention Center.

Along with the Blue Raider staff, five other staffs have been chosen to speak at the convention. They are Washington State (offense), Fresno State (offense), Tennessee-Knoxville (defense), Texas (defense) and East Carolina (special teams).

## Reynolds named MT assistant softball coach

Ernie Reynolds has been announced as an assistant coach to head softball coach Cindy Connelley.

Reynolds has been interim assistant coach since October. The athletic department decided to hire Reynolds after a two-month

search. He is now on board full time with the Lady Raider softball team.

Reynolds volunteered himself as an assistant coach while Connelley was at Tennessee State. He has also served as an assistant softball coach at Brentwood High School.

## Lady Raiders win first Sun Belt game

The Lady Raiders scored a 77-54 victory Dec. 31 against New Orleans. The team was led by Patrice Holmes with her career-high 26 points and 8 rebounds.

This win against UNO marks the first Sun Belt Conference win of the season for the Lady Raiders under head coach Stephany Smith.

Jamie Thomatis added 19 points to help lead the Lady Raiders to victory. Freshman Tiffany Fisher also added a career-high 10 points off the bench for the Lady Raiders. ♦



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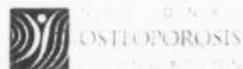
Jamie Thomatis goes up for a shot against UNO.

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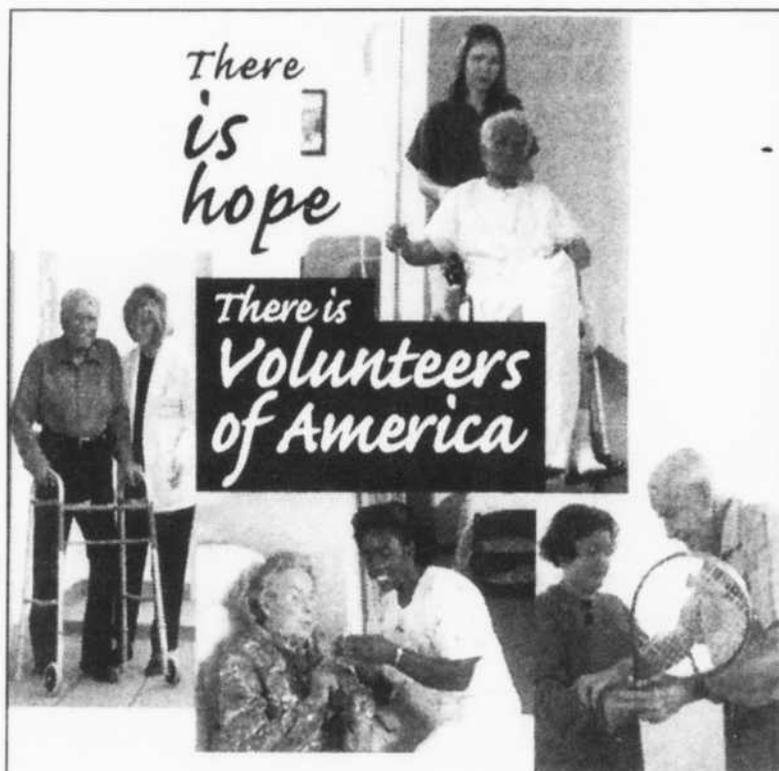
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# The Big Easy

## Bourbon never a bad idea

### From the Outside Looking In



Rebecca Pickering  
Assistant Sports  
Editor

Buying my non-refundable plane tickets and making hotel accommodations to attend the New Orleans Bowl prematurely was one of the best mistakes I've ever made.

On Dec. 17, myself and my overconfident Blue-Raider-supporting friends climbed aboard a Boeing 737 bound for New Orleans. Because the Saints and Rams were playing in a Monday Night Football game at the Superdome, we decided to roam over that way and see if we could get cheap tickets.

Yeah, right. Finding tickets to

the sold-out game was impossible. Even though we didn't get inside, witnessing the atmosphere there on Canal Street was amazing.

The next logical step was to head to Bourbon Street. Here we began encountering small clans of North Texas fans. When we walked past those sporting their "North Texas ... Champions of the Sun Belt Conference" shirts, I would simply cough very loudly in a tone which resembled the phrase "co-champions."

As the night wore on, we found ourselves adjusting the words to our school's fight song to say, "MTSU, MTSU, we got screwed," as we moved up and down the drunken alley, terrorizing as many Mean Greens as we could.

Amazingly, we quickly realized we were not the only Blue Raiders in the French Quarter. It was easier to make friends with people from my own hometown when I was

hundreds of miles away than when I was at home in the 'Boro. We were everywhere! One would think that Middle Tennessee was playing in the New Orleans Bowl. We should have been.

Because we had such a great time quarreling with the NT fans on the streets, we decided we should make an appearance at the bowl game. We decked ourselves out in MT blue and white and made signs showing our support of the Blue Raiders. As we approached the arena, we were amazed at the number of people in the area. It wasn't nearly as crowded as it was for the Saints game, but it was still impressive.

When asking a crossing guard where we could buy tickets, he asked us which event we were there for. Apparently about 20,000 of the 38,000 that impressed us were there

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# Sun Belt disappoints in bowl

### Sports Analysis



Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

The inaugural New Orleans Bowl game, played Dec. 18 in the Superdome, was over before the end of the first quarter.

Mountain West Conference representative Colorado State scored on its first three possessions to amass a 17-0 lead over Sun Belt Conference representative North Texas with 7:08 remaining in the first quarter.

The first play of the game was a 56-yard pass from CSU quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt to wide receiver Pete Rebstock. The play was the longest of the season for the Rams. This play only got things started for CSU.

With CSU leading 17-0, four Middle Tennessee students made an entrance at the corner of the end zone with four signs. These signs displayed the feelings of an entire campus and perhaps an

entire conference after seeing the score of the game.

The MT signs caught the attention of almost all of the 18,898 fans in attendance and enraged the NT fans. The only problem was the fans were more worried about the signs than their team's performance on the field.

On the field, the team came alive when backup running back Patrick Cobbs took over for Kevin Galbreath. The Mean Green put together their first touchdown drive as the first quarter came to a close.

Scott Hall drove NT 80 yards on 12 plays for its first score of the game. On a third-and-5 play at the CSU 5-yard line, Hall threw into the end zone. Defender Aaron Sprague tipped the ball, and NT receiver Dustin Dean made the catch for the touchdown.

NT scored another touchdown to cut the CSU lead to 24-14 at halftime.

At halftime, a group of NT students equipped with camera and microphone made their way to the group of MT students. The NT students interviewed the MT students about their signs and reasons for believing MT belonged in the

bowl game instead of NT. After the interview, the MT students made their exit to the delight of the NT fans.

The key play of the game came with 4:55 remaining in the third quarter. The Mean Green set up to punt on a fourth-and-10 from their own 16. Justin Gallimore shot through the line and blocked the NT punt and recovered it for a touchdown, giving CSU a 31-14 lead.

The blocked punt and score shifted the momentum of the game and essentially killed any hope NT had of winning the New Orleans Bowl.

"That was a huge play," CSU head coach Sonny Lubick said in *The Times-Picayune*. "At that time it was a 10-point game. I think we're taking a little control, but to get a play like that was a big boost."

CSU ran up a 31-point fourth quarter lead at 45-14. NT added a late touchdown for the final score of 45-20.

Gallimore received the Most Valuable Player award for the inaugural bowl game.

CSU ends the season at 7-5. NT finishes at 5-7. ♦



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Superdome prime seats sit empty at the New Orleans Bowl.

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# Lady Raiders get new golf coach

## Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee women's golf team has its second new golf coach in its second semester of existence.

Rachael Moore was chosen to replace Kim St. John, who resigned after the fall season. Moore has no previous coaching experience. She competed in golf at the University of Alabama and throughout high school.

Her father, Keith Short, coached golf at White County High School and Riverdale High School. While in high school, Moore won the AAA State Championship in 1994 for Riverdale and finished runner-up in 1993. Moore was named the

Nashville Banner's 1994 Player of the Year. She was a two-time all state performer for Riverdale and set the Old Fort Golf Course record with a 66.

Moore was invited to play with U.S. Open champion Tom Kite at the Legend Golf Club on National Golf Day while she was in high school.

At Alabama, Moore played all four years. She was co-captain of her team from 1998-99. She appeared with two teams in the NCAA Regionals. The Crimson Tide often were ranked within the top 25. In 1998, Moore finished seventh at the Southeastern Conference Championship.

Moore is currently working on her master's degree at MTSU. ♦

# New Orleans: More than a football game

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for the WWF Smackdown across the street, not the bowl game.

After being handed free tickets for the game, we entered the arena and made our way to front row seats in the end zone. The stadium was so empty that we could have sat pretty much anywhere our hearts desired.

The position we chose was ideal though: right next to the NT cheering section.

Clad in MT gear and sporting flashy blue and white boas, we weren't easily overlooked. All of the NT fans quickly turned their heads away from their team (who desperately needed their support, might I add) and toward our highly informative posters.

One poster simply showed MT's season record (8-3) with NT's record (5-6) below it and then asked, "Do you see something wrong here?" Another asked, "What the hell is a Mean Green?" According to one NT fan, the answer was a marijuana leaf.

One NT student television reporter tore a sign out of our grasps and stomped on it on the field. We got into quite a battle with their mascot, too.

However, after turning a back flip in size 20 Dumbo shoes, we became envious and decided we'd make peace with the funny looking critter. By halftime, most of the stadium, the majority of the NT coaching staff and team, most of the camera persons and photographers and even a few officials had gotten a laugh out of our display.

Feeling we had made our point, and because the game wasn't worth the money we paid for it, we decided Smackdown would be a lot more entertaining. We are lucky we got out without having beer bottles thrown at us.

As we left the arena, I realized there were probably just as many Blue Raider fans roaming the streets of New Orleans as there were NT fans in those stands. Had MT gone to the bowl, we would have filled that arena up. We also would have provided a game worth watching.

After getting stampeded by the Colorado State Rams 45-20, most NT fans weren't so quick to run their mouths at the sight of our MT gear.

We were lucky enough to catch the Airport Shuttle with a middle-age woman from Denton, Texas. After realizing her weak arguments were no match for our well-

thought-out reasons of why MT should have been in the bowl game, the obnoxious lady blurts out, "And where was your team playing last night?"

One of my friends gave the woman the reply she deserved saying, "Well, where was your team playing, cause it sure wasn't in the Superdome."

The trip was an all-around educational experience. I had a great time experiencing the magic of New Orleans, terrorizing the NT fans and making new friends from Middle Tennessee. You might think that these are the reasons I'm saying that my trip was the greatest mistake I ever made. Sure, all of the above experiences were great, but here is the truth.

My hotel kicked, Anne Rice wished me happy holidays, I got to peer over Trent Reznor's hedges and, best of all, I got to stand in Peyton Manning's driveway.

When we returned to the Nashville airport, some MTSU students we met on Bourbon Street called out, "We'll see you guys back again next year. We are already buying our tickets."

No offense to them, but next year I think I'll wait until the team has booked their hotel. ♦

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