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Hazing policy to extend off campus?

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

A special Presidents' Council approved a revision of the State Board of Regents' organization "hazing" policy Tuesday and will place the proposal on the agenda of its March meeting.

The proposed revision specifically extends prohibiting hazing to off-campus areas, prohibits threats to conceal hazing violations and ties hazing to violation of other policies, according to a memorandum from Board of Regents Chancellor Roy Nicks

to university presidents. "AS LONG AS there is a possibility a policy can be improved, I think it should be changed," University President Sam Ingram said.

The present Board of Regents policy, included in the *Rescue*, the MTSU student handbook, states that "no student organization shall engage in or condone any form of hazing." It briefly defines hazing as "harassment of any person by exacting unnecessary, disagreeable or difficult work by banter, ridicule or criticism, or by

abusive or humiliating acts."

The memorandum also noted the death of an Omega Psi Phi pledge at Tennessee State University from alcohol poisoning last fall.

DEAN OF MEN Paul Cantrell, adviser to the Inter-Fraternity Council, said the proposal was a direct result of the TSU incident.

But MTSU Vice President of

Student Affairs Robert LaLance disagreed with Cantrell, saying the policy revision was the result of traditional board procedure.

"Periodically, all board policies come under review," LaLance said. "At this point in time, the staff has suggested changing of the hazing policy."

TSU ASSISTANT Vice President of Student Affairs Gloria Lewis said when contacted by phone that Watts' death was not a result of hazing, but that Omega Psi Phi had been suspended as a result of other incidents.

Lewis said the primary reason for the suspension was the fact that the fraternity conducted "an off-campus initiation without telling their adviser anything about it."

Despite the proposed change, Cantrell and LaLance feel that MTSU does not have any major difficulties with hazing.

"I DON'T THINK we've had a significant problem," LaLance said. "If it goes on, it's pretty well hidden."

MTSU has been "fortunate" with regard to hazing practices, Cantrell added.

Arrest off-campus

Student nabbed

Murfreesboro police arrested an MTSU student off-campus Wednesday night and charged him with possession of marijuana for resale.

John Eric Bragg, 19, of Hendersonville, was arrested at Scotland Terrace apartments with approximately four ounces of marijuana in his possession, a Murfreesboro vice officer said yesterday.

"INITIALLY, THE BUY was supposed to go down on campus, but we took it off-campus," the officer said. "He brought it to us."

Bragg, a Gore Hall resident,

agreed to let police search his third-floor dormitory room after his arrest. No additional drugs were found during the search, the officer said.

Two vice officers and three uniformed Murfreesboro police officers were involved in the arrest, as well as one member of the campus safety and security force.

Bragg's court date is set for March 20.



Busyness

Photo by "Flash" Kimbrell

Southeastern Telecom employee Tom Young may look as though he's operating on spaghetti, but he's actually working behind the Learning Resource and University centers installing new telephone lines.

Flu season hits hard: MTSU health official

By JOE ESTES
Sidelines Staff Writer

This year's flu season has been the worst one in the last five years, campus health officials said this week.

Since the present semester has begun, the campus infirmary has been "bogged down" with students complaining about flu-related ailments, Director of Student Health Barbara L. Martin said. In the last few weeks, an average number of 600 students have been treated each week, she added.

"I THINK WE were adequately staffed to handle it. That comes from proper administering, which allows us to be prepared for our peak seasons," Martin said.

Those "peak seasons" are early spring and early fall, Martin said. The most common accident treated last fall was wrist and ankle sprains. During the spring, sprained and jammed ankles and sunburn are the usual problems.

"We do not gear up for any period of the year; we only anticipate what has happened in the past. This means that during our peak seasons we will be adequately staffed like we are the rest of the time," she said.

THE STAFFING at the campus clinic includes Dr. Robert Hackman, university physician, who works from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. every weekday except Wednesday, and Don Young, who works from 8 p.m. until 4 p.m. every weekday. Young is a physician's assistant, and sees more students than Hackman because he is at the clinic longer.

MTSU observes Women's History Week

By BARBARA BROWN
Sidelines Staff Writer

National Women's History Week will be celebrated at MTSU March 4-11 through a series of events including various seminars, lectures and a one-act play written, directed and cast by MTSU students.

This is the second year the week will be observed here.

Events free and open to the public are being co-sponsored by Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women, the Women's Information Service for Education office, as well as other groups at MTSU.

"WE WOULD LIKE to make it a community as well as an on-campus activity," said English professor Ayne Durham, president of CFAW. "We let the schools in the

community participate by having people go out and talk to children about the contributions of women to history."

The programs should prove to be of interest to men as well as women, Durham said.

National Women's History Week is proclaimed each year by Congress as a special time for schools and communities to recognize the many con-

tributions of women. March 8, which was designated as International Women's Day at the turn of the century, always falls within the proclaimed week.

THE IDEA FOR the week-long celebration originated in Santa Rosa, Calif., where the first celebration took place in 1978.

Activities planned in celebration of National

Women's History Week include:

- **March 4**—"Women and Feminism," a lecture by Janet Burroway, author of six novels and professor of English at Florida State University, at 8 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Theater;
- **March 5**—a 3:30 p.m. seminar concerning women in business will be conducted by

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Debate team ranks in top 10 nationally

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines News Editor

MTSU's varsity debate team cleared third seed to advance to the quarterfinal round in last weekend's tournament at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Team members Greg Simerly and Tom Bickers, both seniors, were defeated by Weber State College, of Ogden, Utah.

"THEY COULD HAVE won," Debate Coach Jim Brooks said. "When you get down to the last four or five teams, they are all so good and anyone could win. It just didn't go their way."

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Ouch!

Photo by "Flash" Kimbrell

He "won't do drunks" or weird requests, but Bill the tattoo man will put some pretty strange designs on some pretty strange places. See page 8.

Three-year textbook resolution passes

By JOHN-PAUL ABNER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Legislation requesting a standardized textbook policy passed both houses of the ASB Tuesday afternoon during a joint session.

If the policy the ASB proposes is accepted by MTSU administration and faculty, all required texts for lower-division courses will be used for a minimum of three years, with the exceptions of computer science courses, judicial processes 240, information system classes and nursing programs.

THE PROPOSED policy also suggests that further exemptions may be made with

the approval of the department chairman, the ASB and the vice president of academic affairs.

Textbooks already in use or selected for use in the fall of 1984 would not be affected.

The bill states three reasons why a textbook policy should be adopted:

- **GENERAL REQUIREMENT** and introductory level classes should not require a new text within a period of three years;
- A university professor should possess the ability to supplement by lecture any pertinent information not found in the text;
- The escalating costs of higher

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Campus Capsule

SATURDAY
THE MTSU KARATE team presents the Southern American Championships with host David Deaton in the Alumni Gym. Entrance fee is \$20. Spectator fee is \$3. The event begins at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY
THE FOURTH ANNUAL Rutherford County Cablethon will be broadcast on Feb. 26 on local Cable 12 from 2-7 p.m. Benefits from the televised auction will aid the American Heart Association.

MONDAY
PHI BETA LAMBDA will have its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Business Building.

TUESDAY
THE PSI CHI HONOR Society and the Psychology Club will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the University Center. Dr. Morris will be the speaker.

WEDNESDAY
TODAY IS THE deadline to turn in petitions for candidacy for the ASB offices of president, speaker of the house and speaker of the senate, as well as senior, junior and sophomore senate positions. Petitions are available in the ASB office (third floor, University Center).

NOTICE
THE KAYPRO CREATORS will meet on Monday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Baptist Student Center. Rosalind Akin of the Internal Revenue Service will speak on "Deduc Your Personal Computer."

THE SOCIAL WORK Program is sponsoring a forum on "Blacks as Providers of Child Welfare Services" in Room 321 from 1-3 p.m. on Feb. 29. Speakers for the event, which celebrates Black History Week, are Dr. Lou Beasley, Nashville Branch UT School of Social Work; Bobby Halliburton, Supervisor, Juvenile Services, Tennessee Department of Corrections; and Barbara Brannon, Supervisor, Franklin County Department of Human Services.

THE CALIFORNIA Achievement Test for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on March 8 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Students taking the test must present a valid ID. There is no charge for the test and pre-registration is not required.

AN INFORMATION GUIDE to MTSU's mainframe computer is now available in the University Bookstore. The "MTSU Computer Center User's Guide" gives information on the use of MTSU's computer, a Honeywell DPS 8/44D. Included in the guide are sections on the Time Sharing System, the Convert Subsystem, Jout subsystem, Text Editor Subsystem, Library Software and Batch Computing.

MTSU

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Joan Herring, vice president of personnel at Commerce Union Bank of Rutherford County in Room 307 at Peck Hall;
• March 6—"Women and Health," a seminar led by Murfreesboro physician Susan Andrews at 3 p.m. in Room 301 at Peck Hall;
• March 7—an honors lecture on "Women of Genius and the 19th Century" by English professor Virginia Derryberry at noon in Room 215 at Peck Hall;
• "Women and Aging," a seminar addressing the special problems women often encounter entering the job

market after age 40, at 3:30 p.m. by psychology professor Jeannette Heritage in Room 307 at Peck Hall;
• "Testament of Guilt," a one-act play written by MTSU student Maggi Vaughn, performed by MTSU's Women's Experimental

Theater Group at 3 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Arena Theater;
• March 8—"Persona," an Ingmar Bergman film about two women, in the Learning Resources Center Simlab at 7:30 p.m.

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Debate

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In individual competition, Simerly placed seventh and Bickers placed ninth in a field of 50 speakers.

ASB

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education are burden enough without adding the unnecessary cost incurred from losing money on a discontinued text.

IN OTHER ACTION during the meeting, the ASB passed a

The pair has had a "rather phenomenal record" during the past two years, Brooks said. "ON THE AFFIRMATIVE, they have only a half a dozen

or so losses. They've gone something like 80-6, and the times they have lost have been extremely unusual circumstances," Brooks said.

bill establishing an activity card for access to New Student Week activities. The profits will go toward the ASB emergency student loan fund.

Previously, the money raised by the sale of these cards went to Student Programming,

Speaker of the House Geoffrey Herring said.

The ASB also passed a resolution requesting that additional washers and dryers be placed in Schardt, Reynolds and Monohan halls. Students in these dorms now share four washers and four dryers.

Sunday concert to honor faculty

MTSU's Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will honor the 412-member university faculty Feb. 26 in the fifth annual Presidential Concert.

A reception will follow the 3 p.m. concert in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

"THIS IS A year when much emphasis has been put on teachers and teacher education, which is part of what we're about at Middle

Tennessee State University," University President Sam Ingram said in a release.

"Our faculty are dedicated teachers, competent and concerned advisers, thoughtful researchers and writers, and energetic participants in the life of the university and the community which surrounds it," he added.

Although the University Symphonic Band had

presented other performances, the first Presidential Concert and reception in 1980 was a celebration of Ingram's inauguration. Since then the concert has annually honored certain members of the university community.

The concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided at the 4:30 reception in the Instrumental Rehearsal Hall.

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Students with the following majors must take a test on the day(s) and at the place and time indicated:

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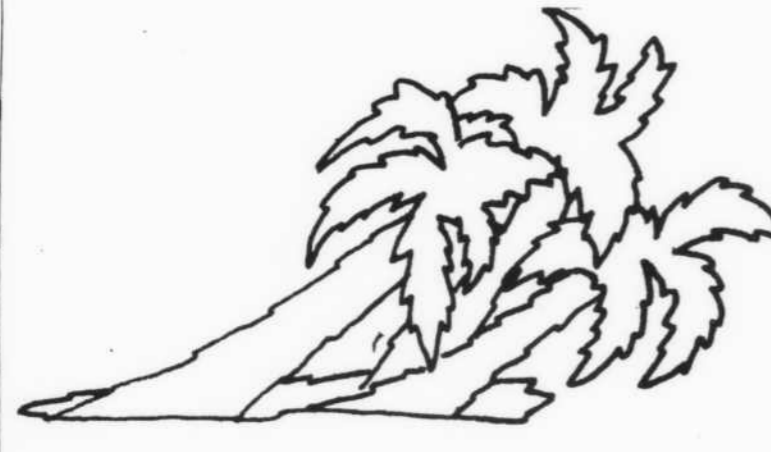
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Sidelines Special

1984 Blue Raider Baseball Preview

There's no Civil War on Raider Baseball Team

The Yankee Army Invades South; Cathcart, Selitto Find New Home

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

Like major league general managers, one might say that Gary Cathcart and John Selitto made trades in order to pursue a career in baseball.

Cathcart, a centerfielder for MTSU's Blue Raider baseball squad, and Selitto, a utility infielder, dealt living close to home for the privilege of playing baseball on an almost year-round basis in the South.

HOME FOR these youngsters, a.k.a. the Northern Knuckleheads, is quite a ways north—New Bedford, Mass., for Cathcart and Morristown, N.J., for Selitto.

Besides being away from the places where they grew up and started their baseball careers, both miss the hustle and bustle of the big cities which they were so close to: Cathcart was a mere 40 minutes from Boston, while 25 minutes was all it took for Selitto to reach New York City.

Selitto will relate stories of a maniacal Madison Square Garden when the Knicks are taking an important game, while Cathcart drools as he tells of a rocking Boston Garden when the Celtics or

Bruins are on a roll.

"I MISS covering pro sports," Selitto lamented. "There's no pro sports down here. But up home I'm very involved with the Knicks, the Rangers and the Jets. I miss that a lot. I never get to see the Knicks or the Rangers down here.

"Plus we miss our families a lot. Down here, there's a lot of kids that just get to go home on the weekends. We never get to

"There's not the hustle and bustle which I like."

... Gary Cathcart

go home. There are a lot of long weekends sitting around this damn place, believe me," he added.

"Back home, cable television covers the Celts and the Red Sox," Cathcart said. "We're both loyal fans; I like all the Boston teams. You know, we're both sports fans and it's rough not being able to follow your team. All you've got is the *Tennessean* and an occasional (ESPN) Sportscenter."

AND WHILE it's tough for most guys to motivate them-

selves to make friends in a new environment, Cathcart, a journalism major, and Selitto, a physical education major, have had few problems finding pals.

"Basically the people are nice down here," Cathcart said. "It's a pretty good atmosphere. It's pretty kicked back, like they say. There's not the hustle and bustle which I like. But middle of the semester, I'd like to go home for a couple of weeks or something.

"Of course, you get your basic 'damn Yankee' every now and then, which I don't agree with because we had nothing to do with that. I have nothing against the South," Cathcart added.

"I GOT THAT about a half-hour ago," Selitto chuckled in reference to the 'damn Yankee' barb. "We get that a lot. But I'm sure it's the same for people that go to school in the North from down here."

Selitto came to MTSU from Hiwassee Junior College in Madisonville, Tenn., after attending Morristown High School in Morristown, N.J.

"I heard about the reputation of this being a good baseball school," said Selitto,



Photo by Mike Poley

How 'bout them Celtics?

Gary Cathcart (left) and John Selitto (right) stare each other down during a recent photo session. The two seniors are best of friends and roommates in K-Apartments. Both will be key players this season for the Blue Raiders.

who hopes to go into coaching after graduating. "I wanted to go to Tennessee, but they cancelled out on a scholarship they offered me and MTSU was the best offer I had."

CATHCART'S ROAD was a bit more twisted. After playing for Holy Family High School in New Bedford, he left for Georgia Southwestern to be

with his baseball-playing cousin, who was transferring after his freshman year at then Cumberland Junior College.

"I didn't like it at all down there," Cathcart recalled. "The program wasn't that good. We played a good schedule, but it just wasn't a good situation."

So it was on to Cumberland for his sophomore year before

joining the Blue Raiders and Coach John Stanford last year.

"This team's got a good reputation. Middle's really got a good reputation," Selitto said.

"I found that out this summer in the Cape Cod League," Cathcart added. "A lot of people knew where Middle Tennessee was since

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Smith, Triplett, Hovater—Good Ol' Country Boys Just Playing Baseball

By MAT WILLIAMS
Sidelines Sports Editor

Marty Smith, Bill Triplett and Stan Hovater might be described as country boys by some people.

Surely if they went to college in Ohio or New York, their speech and easygoing attitudes might stand out.

Simply put, they are good ole country boys—young men who are well-mannered, listen to country music and like to hunt and fish.

THE TRIO are senior standouts for the MTSU Blue Raider baseball team, and their contributions will be important if the 1984 team is to improve on its somewhat disappointing 23-17 record of last year.

"Last year was a letdown," Hovater admitted.

But that was last year. A

Sunday game against North Alabama marks the beginning of a new season, a new chance for the team to redeem itself.

"I just want the team to win the OVC and host the tournament here," drawled Triplett in his familiar heavy

"Pitching is going to be the key to this team."

... Marty Smith

East Tennessee accent.

"Pitching is going to be the key to this team," added Smith, who compiled a 7-1 record last year as the Raiders' top moundman.

WHATEVER THE key to the season may be, it might be found in the play of the three seniors and their colorful personalities.

This is Smith's fourth year to wear the Raider blue. The

rangy, 6-foot-3-inch pitching ace prepped at McCallie High School in Chattanooga before coming here. The marketing major has his sights set on a career in business, but would like a shot at pro ball.

"If there's ever some day a chance at pro ball, I'd like to do it," he revealed with his characteristic grin. "I don't plan on that coming around."

Hovater is Smith's roommate in K-Apartments on campus. The Muscle Shoals, Ala., native played two years at Martin Junior College before coming to MTSU the fall of 1982. He hit .309 last season.

DRESSED IN his standard Blue Raider baseball cap and jacket, the quick leftfielder said he hopes for a career in physical therapy.

"I want to go into physical therapy in the sense of sports

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Photo by Mike Poley

Get your arm off me buddy

Stan Hovater (left), Bill Triplett (middle), and Marty Smith (right), ham it up for the camera. The senior trio plan to go out this season with an OVC championship under their belts.

Coach John Stanford—Family Man, Baseball Coach, Winner

By CINDY JOHNSON
Special to Sidelines

Since 1973, MTSU head baseball coach John Stanford has compiled an amazing amount of winning seasons.

Three Ohio Valley Conference titles and three NCAA tournament appearances (1976, '81, '82) plus eight OVC divisional titles have made the 47-year-old coach a winner in the baseball world. His career record stands at 246-163-3.

Before Stanford came to MTSU, the baseball program had won only two OVC championships and was marked by instability.

"THE PROGRAM wasn't sound year after year," Stanford recalled. "Baseball has become much more specialized and we had to set goals to grow in order to compete."

Stanford's first goal when he arrived here in 1973 was to get the program competitive. Second, he felt he must build better facilities. 'Lefty' Solomon, the first full-time MTSU baseball coach, moved the field to its present location in 1971 and established the dugouts. From that point, restructuring began.

"The field has become one of the best in the state," Stanford claimed of Reese Smith Field, the only lighted college facility in Tennessee.

FACILITIES ASIDE, Stanford believes the most important and toughest job is for a coach to get the most out of his players' ability, which must also be developed in the classroom as well as the field.

"If they do their schoolwork, it will reflect on their ball playing," he noted sincerely. "It relieves the pressure from coaches and peers."

Stanford was named OVC Coach of the Year in 1976, '81 and '83. In 1982, he not only was named OVC Coach of the Year but also voted by fellow coaches as the NCAA South Region Coach of the Year.

BEFORE COMING to MTSU, Stanford coached at Shelbyville High School, his first coaching job, and Motlow State Community College (from 1971 to 1973), where his teams won divisional title and he was named TJCAA Coach of the Year.

The United States Air Force opened up Stanford's baseball career. After graduating from Sunset High School, in Opelousas, La., he dedicated four years (1955-1959) to the service and the Air Force baseball team before enrolling at MTSU.

The first year Stanford played for the Blue Raiders, they won their first OVC

championship (1959). He posted a 7-1 mark and was an ace pitcher for the staff.

"THE COLLEGE was smaller then," he recalled. "We were pretty good in baseball. We had good teams."

Those "good teams" won the OVC in 1960, '61 and '62 and Stanford finished his MTSU career with a 20-12 overall pitching record.

After graduation, he played briefly with the Washington Senators (now the Texas Rangers).

His playing days have long since ended, however, and coaching has taken a spot in his life. "Coaching is easy," he said jokingly, in comparison to the days he spent on the family farm in Opelousas. He worked hard then, picking and planting in the cotton and sweet potato fields.

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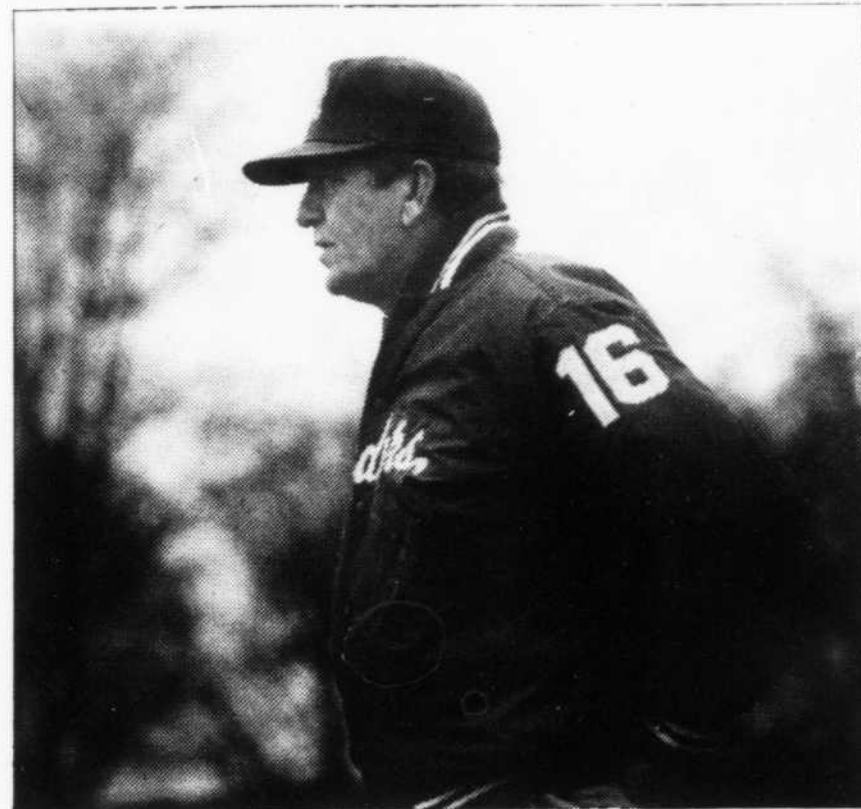


Photo by Mike Poley

MTSU head baseball coach John Stanford surveys the action during a recent scrimmage game at Reese Smith Field.

OVC Championship Eludes Blue Raiders in '83

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

1983 was an up-and-down year for the MTSU Blue Raider baseball team.

The team split its first 18 games, then won 14 of its next 18 outings and it looked as though it might attain high preseason expectations heading into the conference tournament.

"The players were getting a little serious," head baseball coach John Stanford said. "I just think some of the older players decided it was time to play ball."

THE RAIDERS ran into a powerful Tennessee team to end the year, but Stanford remained unconcerned.

After a four-day layoff, the Raiders gave the ball to their two most productive pitchers throughout the year for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Mark Novak lost to Eastern Kentucky 6-3 and, two days later, standout pitcher Marty Smith lost his only decision of the year to Murray State 7-6.

"We did nothing but sit in the motel room for four days up in Morehead," Stanford recalled. "Eastern and Murray

sat in their motel rooms, too, so that's not an excuse."

Pressed to explain the situation, Stanford said that he did not believe the failure to win the OVC tournament was due to not being in shape. He was, however, quick to accept the blame for last year's failure.

"I DON'T THINK a lack of conditioning had anything to do with it," Stanford said. "You really can't point to any one thing—it might have been two or three things. I know this—I did a poor job of coaching. I might have been a little lackadaisical last year

because we had good material. I tell you one thing, I'm not going to make the same mistake again this year."

Stanford also said that he overused Smith last year, but added that he has more pitchers this year who can come in and fill Smith's role of the stopper in the bullpen. Stanford has said this year that the senior Smith will be a part of the starting rotation, but Smith said that he will do whatever will help the team.

"I thought I was going to be a starter last season, but we got into tight situations and Coach Stanford came to me because I

had experience relieving before," the ace reliever said. "It was getting to be that I was physically and mentally drained (by the end of the season).

"IT WAS SAD for me because we won both years I was here and that (last year's team) was the best team we'd ever had. We had the best team at the tournament."

Smith's goals this year are for his team to win the Southern Division, the OVC Tournament and reach the NCAA regionals. If Smith and his mates win the Southern

Division, the tournament will be hosted by MTSU at Reese Smith Field.

Stanford pointed out that the 1984 edition of the Blue Raiders has a chance to be competitive with a combination of young players, utility players and returning veterans.

"If they want to, they can win some games," the coach said. "If they keep up the same attitude, they'll be all right. They lack the same kind of ability that last year's team had, but they're working harder."

Alan 'Jughead' Colburn Accepts Role as DH; Enters New Season as Raider Players' Favorite

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

When Coach John Stanford wants the big hit or the big home run, the man he'll want at the plate will probably be Alan Colburn.

Colburn, a sophomore from Panama City, Fla., will fill the power hitter role in the designated hitter spot for the Blue Raider baseball squad this spring.

The 5-foot-11, 205-pounder, who is called "Jughead" and/or "The Jugbeast" by his teammates, saw limited action last season. He batted .308 with no home runs and eight RBI in 16 games for a team that went 23-17 and won the Ohio Valley Conference Southern Division.

BUT, SINCE becoming a regular during the fall schedule and in recent scrimmages, he has been red-hot. Stanford expects more of the same when the regular season rolls around.

"I expect him to be big in the RBI department," said Stanford. "He definitely adds power."

The veteran baseball coach indicated that Colburn has yet to reach his full potential.

"He's still young and inexperienced," Stanford noted. "He has a tendency to be overanxious and swing at bad pitches. Once he learns the strike zone, he'll be a better hitter."

COLBURN INDICATED that he's accepted his role as the team's designated hitter.

"I'd like to play in the field,

but, if DH is where the team needs me, that's where I'll play," he said.

Stanford indicated that Colburn will play in the field some.

"He's not a bad catcher at all," the coach said. "He can play first base and he's gonna play some outfield. He'll be in the lineup somewhere."

COLBURN, DESCRIBED as one of the most popular guys on the team, expressed desire to do his best on the field as his goal for the 1984 season.

"Teamwise, I want to, first-of-all, win the Southern Division and go to the OVC tournament," he said.

"Hopefully, we'll go further than we did last year (when the Raiders were eliminated in the conference tourney).

"Individually, I hope I can just do what I can in the DH spot."

Stanford also indicated that Colburn, who played football and baseball in high school for current Blue Raider assistant David Garner, really loves to play the game.

"I JUST LOOK forward to it (playing). I'm cooped up in here (dorm room). I just love to get out and play," Colburn said.

The elementary education major expressed a desire to help young people and hopes to make it a career after his playing days are over.

"Mainly, I want to teach fourth-graders. I'd like to get up a little league team," he said.



Photo by Mike Poley

Alan "Jughead" Colburn watches his teammates from the dugout in a recent scrimmage game.

Smith, Triplett, Hovater—Good Ol' Country Boys

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medicine," Hovater said while enjoying his favorite tobacco, Skoal. "I enjoy working with people."

Triplett hails from the hill country of Ocoee, Tn., where his family lives on a 20-acre farm. He went to Roane State Community College before coming here the same year Hovater did. He compiled a 3-2 pitching record last season.

The physical education major is as friendly a person you'd want to meet, with a firm handshake and glistening eyes that disguise another side of him.

"I like a lot of times just getting away and being myself," he said matter-of-factly. "I consider myself a loner sometimes."

ALL THREE players share many similarities such as their love of sports and the outdoors. Each was born and raised in the South and plans to stay here after graduation.

But their love for the South won't interfere with their love for the Blue Raider baseball team—a team with a number of players from the North. They admire and respect the talents of their northern teammates.

"John Selitto (a utility infielder from Morristown, N.J.) is going to be a vital part of the team this year just by being out there," Triplett noted. "He's just like another coach to me."

Hovater echoed Triplett's remarks.

"They're (the Northern players) real nice guys," he said. "I enjoy playing with them."

SMITH AGREED with his two teammates.

"Gary (Cathcart, a senior from New Bedford, Mass.) and John are like every Tom, Dick and Harry down here," he said. "They just want to come here and play ball."

The threesome did, however, mention some differences between the Northern players and their Southern comrades.

"Northern players don't like country music," Triplett said laughing.

"I think they're highly competitive," he added in a more serious tone. "Gary Cathcart and John Selitto would just hurt you to win."

Smith said he also sees the competitive nature of Northern people.

"People up North that I've been associated with seem to get on themselves more," he observed. "If John or Gary miss a pitch they think they should've hit, they're on themselves (about it), whereas most of the people down here are a little more laid back."

THE THREE seniors said

they love to play at Reese Smith Field, a facility they believe is one of the nicest they've seen.

"It's, in my opinion, the best facility in the state as far as lights and the whole complex," Triplett said. "I get pumped up for the home games because it's in our back yard and they've (the opposition) got to come take it from us."

Hovater added: "Other teams get pumped up coming to play here."

This season is the last chance for these three young men—the swan song, the grand finale. They want to go out in style.

Perhaps Hovater summed it up best.

"I feel like we can have a real good year," he said. "I think we're closer and have got a little more leadership than last year."

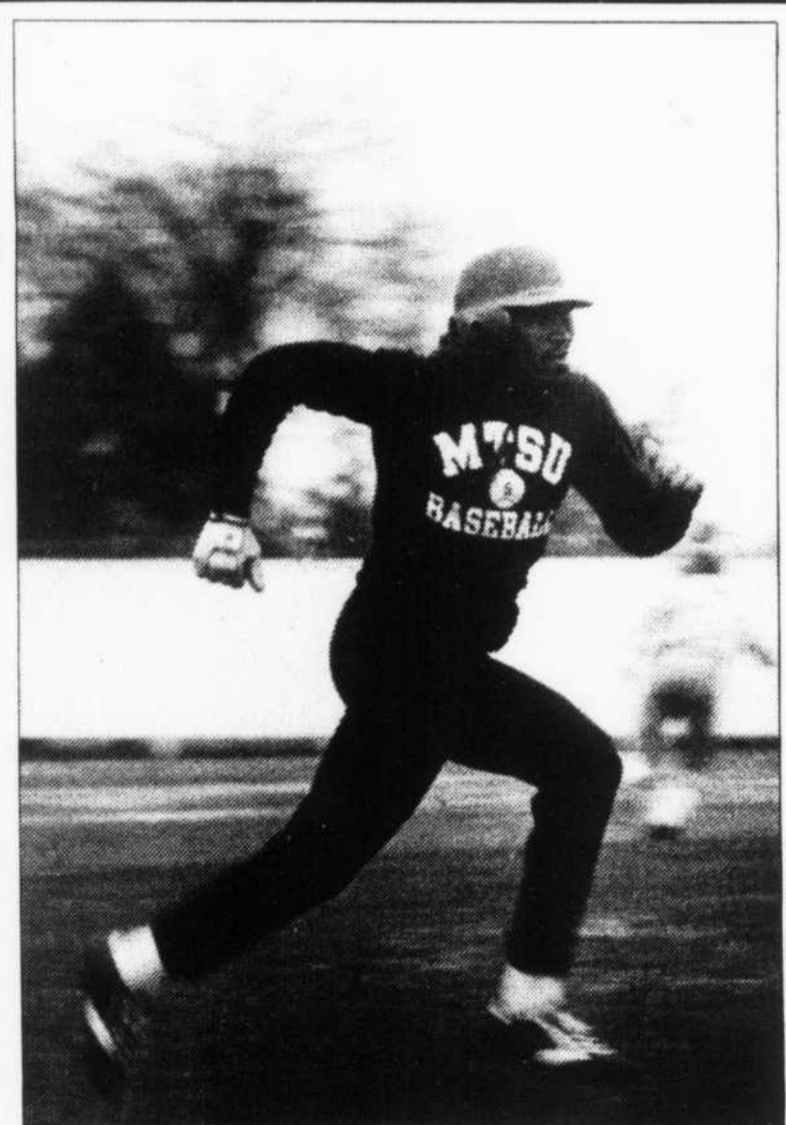


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Hot rockin'

MTSU senior Ralph David heads around the bases against Cumberland College.

David Hopes to Have Best Year of Career During 1984 Season

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU senior Ralph David is going into his tenth year of baseball playing. The Blue Raider third baseman from Hamlet, N.C., started playing at the age of 11.

David spent three years of his 10-year career playing at Richmond High School. After graduating, David signed a letter of intent with Elon College.

"A scout from here (MTSU), who was also an assistant coach, came by and gave me a tryout," David said of how he received a scholarship from MTSU.

THE PHYSICAL Education major said that he is looking forward to his best season ever this spring.

"If I improve on hitting the curve ball, this should be the best year since I've been here," David said.

David described MTSU head coach John Stanford as being a "hardnosed coach" who "stresses the basic fundamentals a lot."

Upon graduating in December of this year, David said that he wants to play professional baseball, but if he doesn't make it in the pros, he would like to get a job in teaching and coaching.

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STANFORD'S PARENTS, Alton and Evangelan (named after Longfellow's poem), were the two most influential people in his life. From his mother, he learned to have the strength to overcome almost any situation, while from his father, he inherited patience, one of his strongest qualities. As the oldest of 14 children, it is surely understood why John Stanford is considered a "family man."

After a game, Stanford looks forward to seeing Nancy, his wife of 20 years, and their 13-year-old daughter, Maureen.

The two are just as excited about seeing the coach.

"After the game, win or lose, John leaves baseball in the locker room. He never comes home angry," smiled Nancy, his wife and most loyal fan.

HE IS DEDICATED to both baseball and his family. But John Stanford puts them in perspective—his family comes first. Next comes baseball.

"He is very encouraging," Nancy said. "When Maureen and I succeed at something, he considers it a personal accomplishment."

Stanford remains loyal to his

home and work. Despite receiving several coaching offers from major universities, including Louisiana State University near his original home, he remains here.

"I like the country," he said with a chuckle. "I guess I am just a homebody. My program is set up here. But who knows? If the right opportunity came along at the right time..."

FORTUNATELY FOR MTSU, that opportunity has yet to arrive, and the coach continues on in his methodical fashion.

The Yankee Army Invades South; Cathcart, Selitto Find

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they'd been to the regionals a couple of years."

BUT THE MAIN consideration for coming south to play baseball is the warmer climate. Most players in the North, both agreed, realistically have to come south where they can play more during the year if they want to have a serious shot at a baseball career.

"You get down here and you get guys who are playing year-

round where we get to play maybe about two months," Cathcart said. "They also get to practice in the fall where we don't start until about March 1."

Being seniors, both want to see this year's team win the Southern Division of the Ohio Valley Conference and go on to a berth in the NCAA tournament. MTSU and Murray State are preseason favorites to

take the division. Both seniors will be counted on heavily this season to better 1983's 23-17 overall record. The season opens Sunday at North Alabama.

"We probably don't have as much overall talent as last year," Cathcart noted. "You can do a lot more things sometimes when you've got a team that gets along well."

Selitto said he has enjoyed his stay at MTSU, but wishes

things could have worked out better for last year's team.

"I've had a good time playing here, but I was disappointed last year because we didn't live up to our expectations," Selitto said. "Everybody on the team, especially the seniors get along really well. I think that's one of the pluses we've got on the team this year. Everybody on this team respects everybody and that's important."

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Sports

OVC indoor finals Sat.; men shooting for title

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU men's track team will be going for its fourth consecutive Ohio Valley Conference indoor championship title in the eighth annual OVC Indoor Track Championship this weekend.

The preliminary events will begin tonight at 6 p.m. at Murphy Center. The finals are tomorrow with the field events at 11:30 a.m., and the running events at 1 p.m.

FOUR OF LAST year's 14 individual champions will return this year to defend their titles, including MTSU's 440-yard specialist Tim Johnson and triple jumper Eddie Loyd.

Although OVC records can only be set at the Conference meet, several athletes have already bettered some record times this season, while others are steadily approaching record marks.

If the Raiders win the championship crown, they

would be only one step from becoming the first OVC team to ever win three track titles in one year. To accomplish this feat, they would first have to win the indoor title Saturday and then the outdoor title later this year. They captured the cross country championship title last semester.

MTSU'S LINWOOD Harris should give Doug Taylor of Austin Peay and Akron's Dan Martin a close battle for first place in the high jump. Harris has the best jump in the OVC this season with a leap of 6 feet, 11 inches, which was also a school indoor record. Martin's best this year is 6-10, and Taylor's best is 6-9 for the season.

In the long jump, Blue Raider Dwight Johnson is favored to capture first place. Johnson has already leaped 25-3½ inches this season, and will be challenged by Eastern Kentucky's Larry White who has jumped the second best time in the OVC with a 24-0 jump. Johnson's 25-3½ leap

qualified him for the NCAA championships.

Raider Eddie Loyd will get a chance to defend his triple jump title. He has the best jump of the season in the OVC with a 52-11, followed by freshman teammate Harris with 50-3. Loyd, like Dwight Johnson will have to watch out for ECU's Larry White. Loyd's jump also qualified him for the NCAA championships.

THE 60-YARD high hurdles will be another exciting event to watch. MTSU's Ron Davis and Kenny Nesbitt have both met the NCAA's qualification this season. Both runners have run 7.29 this season, another OVC best.

Freshman Deric Haynes will also be competing in his first college championship meet. He will be running with Davis and Nesbitt in the hurdles. They will be going against ECU's Sam Bailey.

Kenny Shannon and Dwight Johnson will represent MTSU in the 60-yard dash. SHANNON

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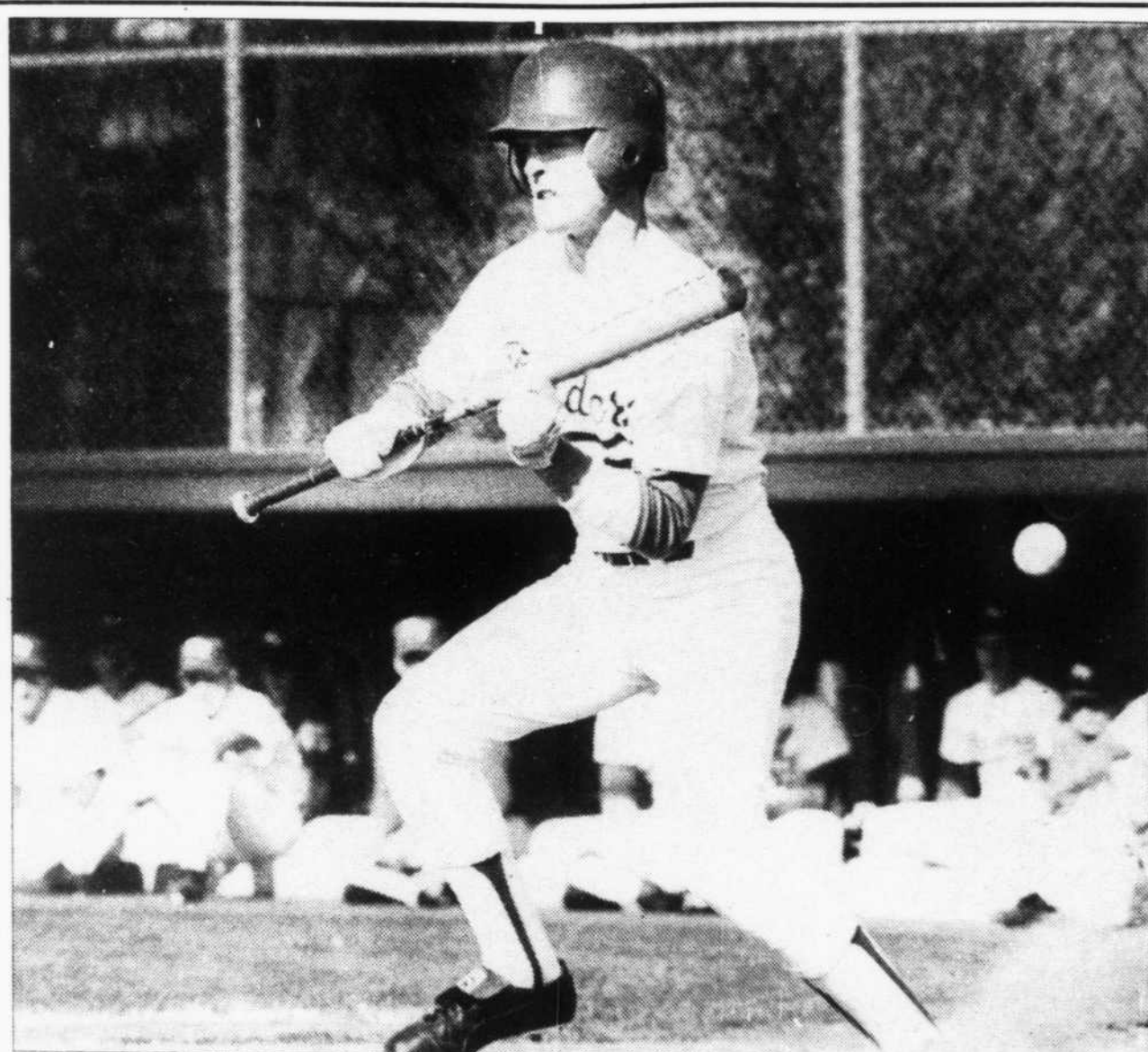


Photo by Keith Tippitt

Blue Raider senior centerfielder Gary Cathcart fouls a bunt during action last year at Reese Smith Field. Cathcart will be one of the main players Coach John Stanford is counting on for this season. The Raiders open their season Sunday when they visit North Alabama.

Sigmas, Omegas kill in intramural action

By DAVID FUQUA
Sidelines Sports Writer

In Greek intramural basketball this week, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi Phi dominated the opposition in convincing style in preparation for next week's playoffs.

Phi Beta Sigma rolled over previously undefeated Alpha Phi Omega 84-50 behind the shooting of Stan "Snake" Hawkins and Carlos "Romeo" Drake, who combined for 49 points.

IN THE FIRST HALF, the Alpha's could never get into any kind of offense, with numerous turnovers forced by a tough Sigma defense. Drake took a pass early in the game and rocked the backboard with a thunderous slam which brought cheers from the crowd and set the tone for the game.

Before the end of the half, the Alpha's started to settle down behind the shooting of Ronald Roberts, but still trailed by 12 at the intermission.

In the second half, the Alpha's started to make a comeback and got within 10 points until Hawkins bombed one from the outside and then stole the inbounds pass and dished to Ray Johnson for an easy basket.

THAT WAS THE turning point in the game.

In the next 10 minutes, the Sigma's put on a basketball clinic for the crowd.

Hawkins used a soft touch from the outside and down low, while Drake used the power of the slam to dominate. Another factor for the Sigmas was the play of Johnson, who scored 18 points despite missing most of the first half after he was ejected for hanging on the rim. Cedric Ray led the Alpha's with 23 points in a losing effort.

IN THE OTHER game, Omega Psi Phi had a tough, physical competition with the Pikes. In the first half the Pikes showed some strong moves down low as the lead changed hands several times.

Then the Omegas started to press and forced the Pikes into their type of run and gun game. Mike Reid of the Omegas played like a man possessed, diving like a man for the steal. This seemed to ignite the Omegas who took the lead and never looked back. Gique Whelan hit three straight for the Omegas prior to the half for a 40-26 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Pikes never could get on track and the game began to get rough. The Pikes fans were angered by the officiating and began to abuse the officials, which added to the intensity of the game. The Omega's took advantage of their speed and quickness and rolled to a 79-55 win.

Bobby McGlocklin led the Pikes with 16 points and Reid led all scorers with 28 points.

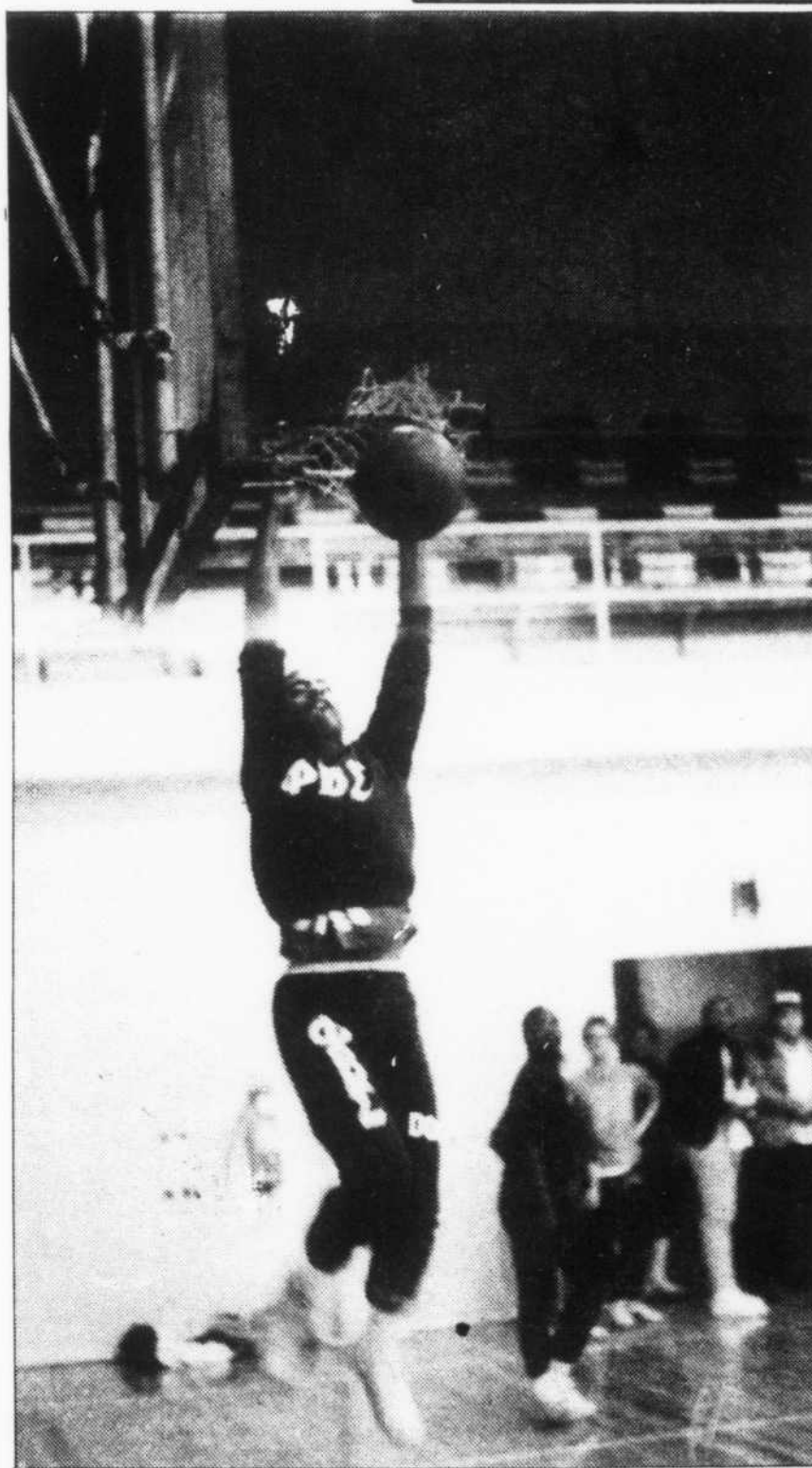


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Shoot to thrill, play to kill

Phi Beta Sigma slam dunk artist Carlos "Romeo" Drake takes it down with this jawbreaking stuff. Drake thrilled the crowd with numerous slams during his team's 84-50 romping of Alpha Phi Omega.

Ladies down YSU; Men tumble 75-64

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MTSU's Lady Raiders increased their Ohio Valley Conference record to 10-2 with a 75-69 victory at Youngstown State last night, while the Penguins men fell 75-64 to the Penguins.

The Lady Raiders stayed atop the OVC with the win. Both MTSU teams travel Saturday to Akron before closing out the regular season next Saturday here against Tennessee Tech.

YOUNGSTOWN SOPHOMORE guard Garry Robbins came off the bench to score 11 second-half points (for a game-high total of 17) in leading the Penguins, who probably assured themselves of a post-season OVC tournament berth with the win. YSU is now 16-9 overall, 8-5 in the OVC.

Junior forward Ray Robinson added 16 points, while guard Bruce Timko added 14 for the winners. MTSU was led by senior forward Doug Lipscomb with 16 points, while reserve guard Leon Isaac added 12 and forward Russell "Slim" Smith added 10.

The Blue Raiders self-destructed at the foul line, where they have traditionally been strong at so far in the season. MTSU hit only 18 of 28 free throws for the game.

"ONE THING WE showed marked improvement on this year had been free throw shooting," MTSU Head Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said.

"I thought the big two keys were that we failed to turn the free throws and we had six or seven opportunities on the fast break, along with a couple of turnovers and rebounds that we didn't capitalize on. Overall, I thought that was the ball game.

"I thought defensively, we played well enough to win, and I thought offensively we moved the basketball. I saw some good things from our club tonight. It's just a shame that missed free throws and failure to turn the free throw bucket pulled us out of it."

After trailing by four at halftime, Youngstown jumped out to a seven-point lead with just over seven minutes remaining in the game. MTSU cut the margin to 60-58 with 4:15 remaining, but the Blue Raiders sputtered after that as Smith fouled Robinson, who converted on a pair of free throws. Lipscomb then traveled, giving the Penguins the ball. They converted to make it 66-58 on the way to handing MTSU their 15th loss against 10 wins overall, now 3-9 in the OVC.

YOUNGSTOWN SHOT 58.5 percent from the field for the game, while MTSU shot 41 percent.

"I thought our guys gave a good effort tonight," Simpson added. "It was proven by the fact that we outrebounded a ball club that's much bigger physically and moves better than we do."

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Record number turns out to participate on 1984 team

MTSU rugby club opens year with victories; Dunnivant happy

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU Rugby Club goes into its 1984 spring schedule in the best position it's ever been in, MRC President Barry Dunnivant said.

The club opened its season over the weekend with 16-6 and 16-4 wins over Sewanee.

ONE REASON FOR the optimism is the number of players who came out for the team this year. MTSU boasts

30 rugby players for this season, enough to field two teams.

Dunnivant described it as the "biggest and best turnout we've ever had. In the past, we had trouble filling out a side [15 players]."

At Sewanee, all 30 players played, Dunnivant said.

"OUR FIRST GAME, we played the best 15 and in the second, we put in all the new guys, let them learn to play, and we won that one too," he said.

The club will play about 15 games and Dunnivant expects them to get off to a good start.

"Our first five games, we're playing to go 5-0 because we're playing five teams we've played before and beaten," he said. "We're hoping for our best season, ever."

ANOTHER REASON for optimism is the addition of a new coach, Mike "Snake" Ussery.

"He's a guy you can look up to," Dunnivant said. "He's

helped us a lot with organization."

Dunnivant said that MTSU had more fan support at Sewanee than the home team did and that fan turnout here has doubled. He attributed the attendance to the increased popularity the sport is getting.

EVEN WITH THE increased popularity, rugby players have had an image problem, Dunnivant noted.

"Our image is like we're crazy to play because we have no padding," Dunnivant said,

blocking that there is no blocking and only the man with the ball can be tackled.

"It's a gentlemen's game in which there are a low number of injuries," the rugby club president said. He cited figures indicating 10 percent of all football players suffer injuries serious enough to keep them out of games while for rugby, the figure is only 1 percent.

"IT'S NOT THE object of the game to hurt anybody," Dunnivant said. "After every game, the home team provides

the entertainment [parties with the visiting players]."

Dunnivant said many of MTSU's players are former football players who can't play the sport in college and have decided to give rugby a try.

"It's just a bunch of guys who want to get involved in some kind of activity," he said.

The club will open its home schedule tomorrow at 1 p.m. against the Knoxville Possum at the rugby field on Greenland Drive.

Baseball team travels to North Alabama Sunday

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

With MTSU's baseball team set to square off Sunday against North Alabama, seniors Marty Smith and Gary Cathcart agree the game will be crucial if the Blue Raiders hope to better last season's 23-17 record.

MTSU travels to Florence, Ala., Sunday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader with the Lions, before returning to Nashville Tuesday to face Vanderbilt.

Next Friday, the Blue Raiders open their home schedule against Trevecca at Reese L. Smith Field in a 2 p.m. battle. The Trevecca game marks the first of a 30-game home slate out of 53 total games.

EITHER RIGHT-HANDERS Bryan Dial or John Barbato will start on the mound for Coach John Stanford against North Alabama, while Smith and Bill Triplett, also right-handers, will see relief action. Smith is scheduled to start at Van-

derbilt.

"You always want to win the first one," said Smith, who led last year's pitching staff with a 7-1 slate. "Coach Stanford wants to get off on the right foot. If we can get Vandy, that would help a lot, too."

Senior centerfielder Gary Cathcart, who batted .335 last season, stressed the importance of improving on basic fundamentals, which the team has had some trouble with in pre-season scrimmages.

"I THINK ONCE we start the regular season, if we can play fundamentally sound baseball for most of the season, we should be successful," Cathcart said. "This will be really important when we start our conference play in April."

The Blue Raiders won the Southern Division of the Ohio Valley Conference last season, but lost in the conference tournament in Morehead, Ky., to Murray State and Eastern Kentucky.

Karate club to host Southern American tourney

By KATY KOSHAKJI
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU Karate club is presenting the sixth annual Southern American Championships hosted by team director David Deaton on Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

Deaton, who also has a karate studio in Hendersonville, said there will be different styles and associations from all over the states to participate in this tournament event.

THE TURNOUT FOR the event is always big, Club President Troy Hendricks.

"Last year, we had about 500 to 600 people who came to participate in the tournament."

The tournament is in region eight and is a "B" rated tournament in Karate Illustrated and "AA" in the southern circuit, a high

ranking, Deaton said.

The tournament begins at 11 a.m. with black belt forms and will continue with the color belt forms and fighting throughout the rest of the day.

Admission for the tournament is \$3 for spectators and \$20 for entrants.

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has the best time of the season in the OVC with 6.26 and has already bettered EKU's Ricky White's standing record of 6.28. MTSU sprinters will be fighting off Robert Johnson of Akron in this event.

THE MILE RELAY is another race that could easily go to either MTSU, EKU or Murray State. The Raiders ran the fastest time in the relay this season with a time of 3:14.20. The entire relay team returns that competed in the NCAA championship last year. This

team could easily break the 3:11.86 OVC record they set last season.

In the 440-yard run Tim Johnson of MTSU will be looked at to defend his title in the event.

MTSU's Nesbitt has a :30.29 mark in the 300-yard dash for the season, already passing EKU's Kevin Johnson's OVC record of :30.44.

1984 Blue Raider Baseball Schedule

Feb. 26	North Alabama (2)	Away
Feb. 28	Vanderbilt	Away
Mar. 3	Trevecca 2:00	Home
Mar. 4	Tennessee Wesleyan 2:30	Home
Mar. 5	Belmont	Away
Mar. 7	Lincoln (2) 1:00	Home
Mar. 9	Lambuth	Away
Mar. 10	Cumberland (2)	Away
Mar. 14	Western Kentucky	Away
Mar. 15	Morehead State (2) 1:00	Home
Mar. 16-17	William Jewell (2) 1:00	Home
Mar. 18	Memphis State 2:00	Home
Mar. 23	Tennessee State	Away
Mar. 24-25	Indiana State	Away
Mar. 26	Tennessee Wesleyan	Away
Mar. 27	Cumberland (2)	Home
Mar. 29	North Alabama (2)	Home
Mar. 31	Tennessee Temple	Away
Apr. 3	Tennessee	Away
Apr. 4	Lambuth 7:00	Home
Apr. 5	Cumberland 7:00	Home
Apr. 7	Kentucky (2)	Away
Apr. 12	Tennessee Tech (2) 1:00	Home
Apr. 14	Austin Peay (2) 1:00	Home
Apr. 16	Belmont 7:00	Home
Apr. 17	Tennessee State 7:00	Home
Apr. 19	Tennessee Tech (2)	Away
Apr. 21	Murray State (2)	Away
Apr. 23	Austin Peay (2)	Away
Apr. 26	Murray State (2) 1:00	Home
Apr. 28	Tennessee Temple 7:00	Home
May 1	Vanderbilt 7:00	Home
May 3	Cumberland 7:00	Home
May 5	Western Kentucky 7:00	Home
May 14-15	OVC Tournament	

Ladies

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The coach again pointed to the overall inconsistency of his team as part of their downfall at Youngstown.

"THAT'S WHAT WE'RE building for—that hopefully some of these younger guys can see what we're going through and see what the team needs and develop into the consistent player," Simpson said.

"You just can't win with players that come out and get 25 one night and 20 the next

night and then drop off all the way to five or six the next. It's part of growing process. We've been growing a pretty good while and I just hope we can add a little something to this bunch that will make them pay for us."

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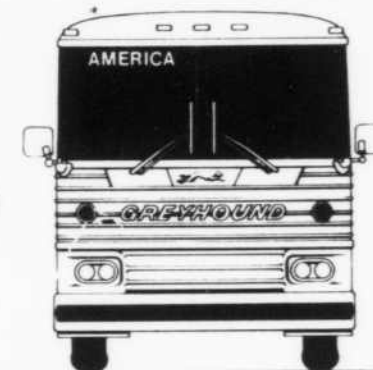
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New station deserves support

Just about the time Vanderbilt's campus radio station WRVU boosted its power enough to be heard in Murfreesboro, I began to hear about plans for a student-run radio station here at MTSU. Here then are some thoughts inspired by these two occurrences.

I've heard more students complain about WMOT than I can count, but this is the first time I've seen anyone doing anything more than just complain'g. I happen to like WMOT, and while I can understand why a lot of students don't, I cannot believe their failure to understand exactly what WMOT is and, more importantly, what WMOT is not.

WMOT does not exist for this campus or MTSU, period. Qualified students can work at WMOT, but the station serves Middle Tennessee—not Middle Tennessee State. It is true that mass communications majors in the radio sequence need the kind of experience that can only be provided by involvement with a "real" station, but because of its position WMOT must be very selective regarding student participation. That is why—whether you like their programming or not—WMOT is a thoroughly professional outfit, and they're one whose listeners appreciate that and have come to expect that.

That said, I'd like to wholeheartedly endorse the campus radio project. I happen to have been involved with a similar project myself. My first year of college was spent at a small private university that had two things: a barely adequate radio station and a healthy number of mass comm students who wanted to make something out of it.

When I arrived there the radio station was being used, but the extent of our "broadcasting" was to run the station's signal through an amplifier and speakers in the school cafeteria. I thought the whole idea was rather comical, but I became involved with the "station" anyway, because it was all we had.

Eventually a few individuals decided to take matters into their own hands. They convinced our only mass comm faculty member that there was enough student interest in the station (both from our potential audience and potential staff) to warrant serious consideration of a "closed circuit" system to the dorms—the same type of system suggested for MTSU.

Despite a bit of opposition, we fought it out with all the student government committees and subcommittees and faculty and what-have-you, and finally secured the administration's approval. We raised the money to hire an engineer capable of figuring out exactly what we needed and how much it would cost to implement the system, and thanks to a lot of hard work from a few dedicated individuals we finally got a "real" radio station.

A lot of obstacles came up along the way, but in overcoming them we learned radio from the ground up. That's my point: if students really want to learn about radio from the inside out, I don't know of any better way to go about doing it. There is a legitimate need for such a facility and students willing to put out the effort and get it deserve our support.

—Tim Selby



Problems at Y-12 frightening

Y12 is the name of a nuclear weapons factory in Oak Ridge that produces the warheads for virtually every weapon the United States possesses. The Union Carbide Corp. operates the plant for the government; when serious security problems came up a couple of weeks ago, they were expected to answer to the investigations subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee.

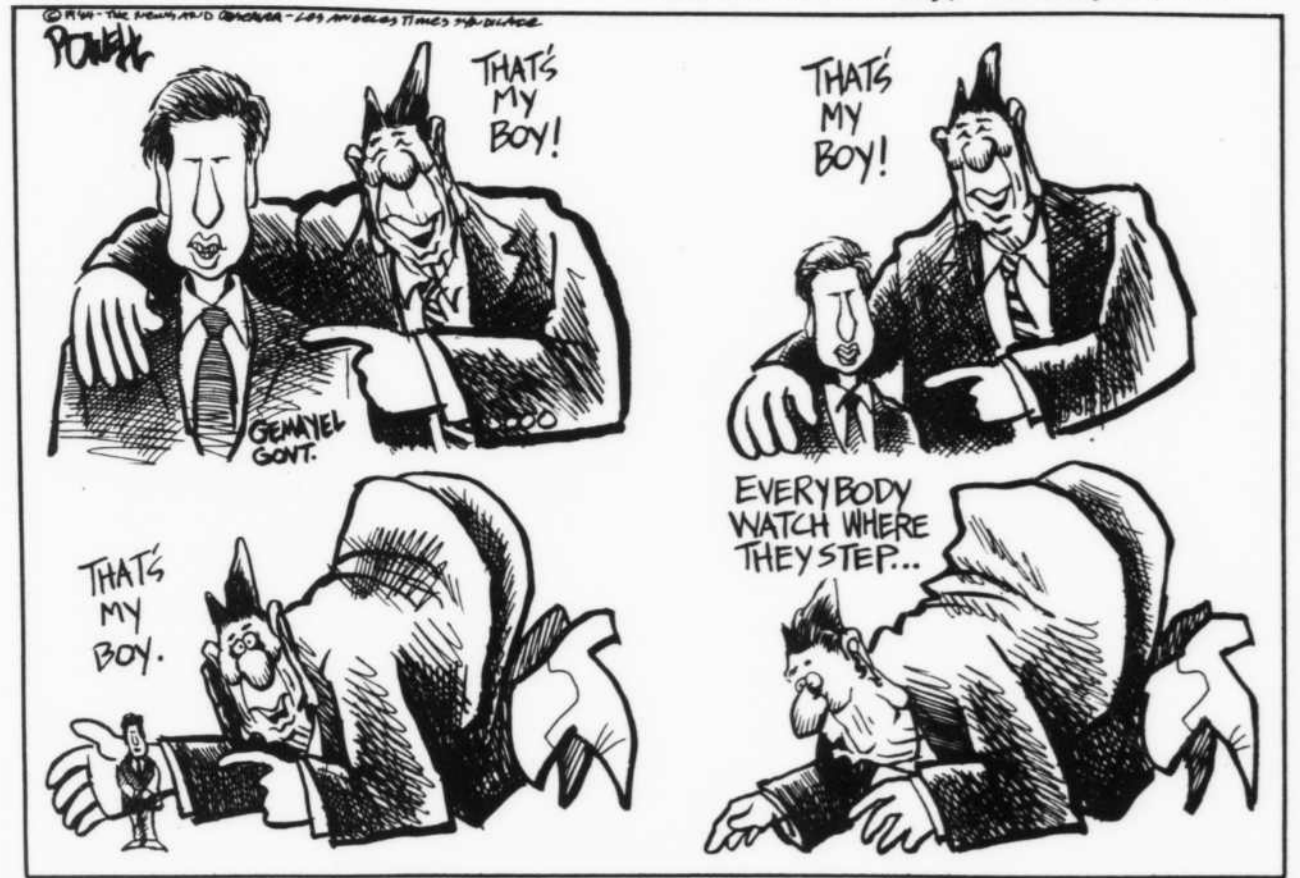
The problem in question concerns 1,700 pounds of bomb grade uranium for which Union Carbide cannot account—well, actually they can sort of account for it.

The whole situation took another twist

when Union Carbide told the Energy Department that employees at the plant had erased top secret computer tapes documenting the uranium losses. Apart from the fact that the tapes had been erased, it turned out that the company had known about the erased tapes since last June. They told the DOE about them last Tuesday.

What bothers me is not so much that no one can account for the uranium. What does bother me is that no one really seems all that concerned about the problem, and the obvious implications that necessarily follow.

—Tim Selby



Wright Wing

By D. CLIFTON WRIGHT
Sidelines Columnist

Unlike Fritz Mondale, I trust the Soviet Union about as far as I could throw an ICBM. The innumerable do-gooders who populate our country would have us believe the Soviet leaders are people like ourselves, who really desire peace and the opportunity to go their own way while allowing us to go ours. This is nonsense, and dangerous nonsense at that.

Let's go ahead with a moratorium on arms testing. We could also cut the defense budget by 50 percent. Next, we should disband the Army, and, for a finale, we can get rid of all our damn nukes—really, by God show the Russkies that our heart is in the right place! And then sit back till the Red Army gets here, which would be in about 15 minutes.

I'm being absurd, but no more absurd than thousands of well-meaning folks who are spewing their misguided opinions even as we speak. Nuclear freezes, moratoriums and defense reductions are all predicated on the belief that the leadership of the Soviet Union can be trusted. Such a belief is dead wrong.

In the Soviet Union things are done only to serve the interests of the State, and in the main, there are two: existence and expansion. Existence is due to the world class struggle, communism against capitalism; in the final analysis, there can be no accommodation with the West because of the second interest of the State: expansion.

Expansion is a Russian tradition which dates back for about the last thousand years: a hallmark of Russian history is

the czardom's insatiable appetite for more and more land. Nor did this end with the rise of the Bolsheviks; it intensified. The goal of world conquest is the bottom line, and in light of that, all talk of detente and peaceful coexistence is a joke.

Any other reading of the Soviet mentality is wishful thinking—and it is dangerous. You cannot deal with the moral descendants of Genghis Khan by turning the other cheek, by preaching non-violence or by preaching your head in the sand. Such actions accomplish only one thing: they convince the Soviets that we have suffered a failure of will, that the time is right to strike and add another scalp to their belts.

For this reason, well-meaning folks such as the Nuclear Freezers and Ground Zero are doing nothing except giving aid and comfort to the enemy—for, make no mistake about it, the Soviet Union is the implacable enemy of the United States. The Soviets respect neither meekness nor reason; like the barbarians and thugs they are, they respect only naked force. To eschew the use of force is to invite the Soviets to move in and take over.

Despite what you may have read elsewhere, the rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union is a little bit more important than a quarrel between two small boys over a girl. At stake here are the lives and continued freedom of hundreds of millions of people in the West—indeed, worldwide.

A Mondale perspective, which historical seems to lack, would indicate several things.

The Soviets do not bargain in good faith. They do not make meaningful concessions. They do not abide by the concessions they do make. If faced by those they perceive as weaker, they send in the tanks (remember Hungary? Czechoslovakia? They shoot down airliners).

A moratorium on weapons testing would only benefit the Soviets. They have been testing anti-satellite weapons since about 1970, and the fact that we refrain from testing said weapons for six months is not going to persuade the Soviets to cease. It is naive to think so. Likewise, a freeze on nuclear weapons would benefit the Soviets, not us.

When the Soviets began to build their very own nukes, well-meaning people in government were of the opinion that, once the Soviets attained parity, they would cease their arms build up. The Soviets reached parity long ago. They presently have nuclear superiority, and their goal is outright supremacy. To freeze is to allow the Soviets to move toward this goal more rapidly.

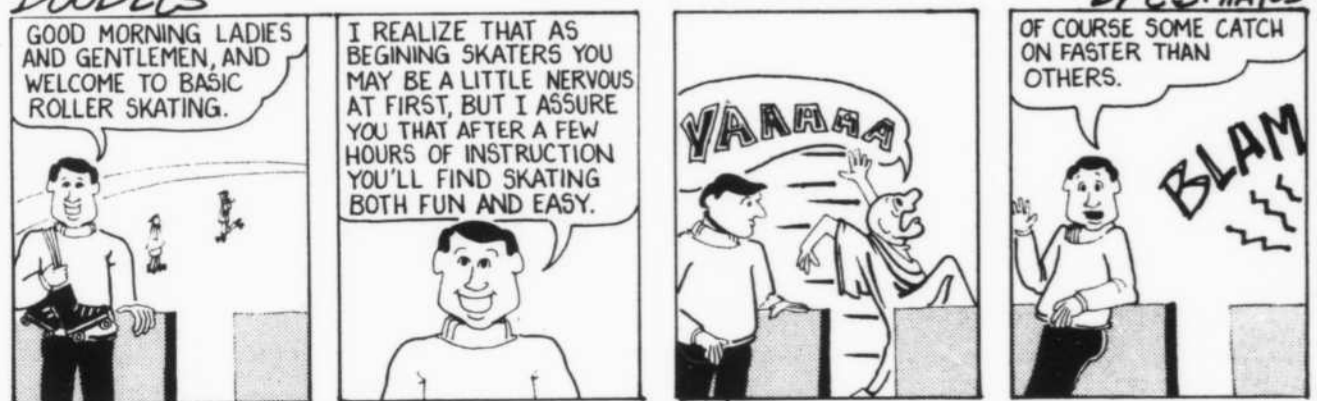
Sure, steps must be taken to insure world peace. It is indeed time for reason to prevail. However, it is not reasonable to fear yourself as the mercy of people who have no mercy. The Soviets cannot be dealt with except from a position of strength: to do otherwise is to invite them to dictate terms, victor to vanquished.

This we cannot allow. Over 2,000 years ago, the Romans knew that "if you would have peace, prepare for war." When she forgot that maxim, Rome fell. God willing, we will profit from her example.

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Murfreesboro's tattoo artist takes away 'taboo'

By LYNDA TEWELL
Sidelines Features Editor

Entertainers, nuns, music lovers—different people with different lifestyles are getting tattooed for different reasons.

Some want permanent makeup. Some want to cover up scars. Some want medical information tattooed on for emergencies, and some just want tattoos for the beauty of 'em.

THE MOST UNUSUAL tattooing Bill has done is permanent makeup.

"A lot of entertainers like having permanent makeup tattooed on," Bill said.

"Blush and eyeliner are the typical requests. I charge more for that because it's real tedious. The person has to go for a week with scabs on her face, but when the scabs come off, it looks real nice.

"IT'S REAL SUBTLE, though, natural looking. Women also get regular tattoos. I do more women than men.

"I tattooed 'allergic to penicillin' on a nun once..."

"Just about any tattoo a man would get, a woman gets."

Some customers want permanent autographs from their favorite recording artists tattooed on their bodies. Bill does that, too.

"I once did a guy who was crazy about Dolly Parton," Bill said.

"HE WENT TO one of her concerts, got backstage and wouldn't leave until she agreed to sign his back.

"After she did, he came straight to me and I tattooed it on."

Another customer Bill tattooed was a fan of the rock group Kiss. He wanted a rose on his arm in the same place as one of the group's members.

Bill duplicated the rose on the same place.

SOME WANT MEDICAL information tattooed on in case of an emergency.

"I tattooed 'allergic to penicillin' on a nun once," Bill said.

"Also, a lot of people who have scars come in to have a tattoo put over them or to touch them up.

"WHEN A BLACK person or one of Spanish descent scars, he scars light. He'll come in, and I'll put a little of his natural coloring over it to touch it up."

Bill has been interested in the tattoo business since childhood.

"Tattoos really intrigued me as a child," Bill said.

"THE ARTISTS KNEW something I didn't, and it drove me up the wall."

Bill's real training came from a California artist who "taught me everything." He and his wife, Misty, set up shop in Florida for a while, then moved to Murfreesboro eight months ago.

"In Florida, the officials were real strict on us," Bill said.

"WE HAD TO have a doctor present sometimes to satisfy the health officials."

Needing a better location, Bill recently moved his Murfreesboro studio from the Square to Broad Street. He does almost all the tattoo work, with a little help from Nashville friend Wayne Grubbs, whom Bill says enjoys

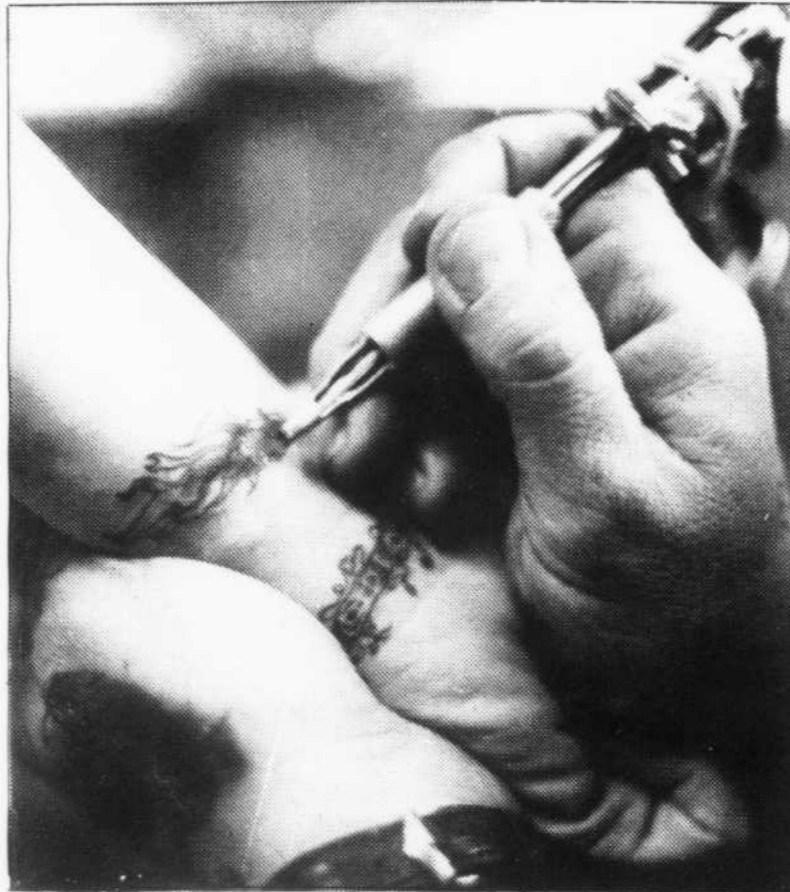


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Murfreesboro's only tattoo artist, Bill, practices his trade on wife, Misty.

the tattoo business as much as he does.

Bill has been in the tattoo business for 20 years, and is very serious about what he does.

"YOU HAVE TO really know what you're doing—if you don't, you could really hurt somebody," Bill said.

"Once a tattoo's on, it's on forever.

"I won't do anybody who wants something really strange, like their eyeball tattooed or under their fingernail, or acts like he

wouldn't be comfortable with what he's gettin'. I won't tattoo a minor (anyone under 18) or a drunk."

BILL DOES NOT drink or take drugs, and wants his studio as clean and comfortable as possible.

"I don't drink or take drugs—you can't in this business," Bill said.

"You have to decide, 'Am I going to be a tattoo artist or an alcoholic?'"

Bill says tattooing is not the taboo it used to be—no more seedy parlors or "rusty

needles."

"I WANT TO make my place look as good as possible," Bill said.

"It is not going to be a hangout for motorcycle gangs or anything like that—it's an art studio. If someone wants to come in and talk, that's fine. They don't have to get a tattoo."

'It is a shock to your system if you're not used to it...'

Tattoo prices range from \$20 to \$5,000. The more work involved, the more the expense. \$20 is Bill's minimum price. First he does an outline, then he has the person come back to do the fill-in coloring.

"IT IS A shock to your system if you're not used to it—too much abrasion," Bill said.

Bill uses hospital sterilization

for giving tattoos. He uses Betadine surgical scrub, green soap and 70 percent isopropyl alcohol to clean the area being tattooed.

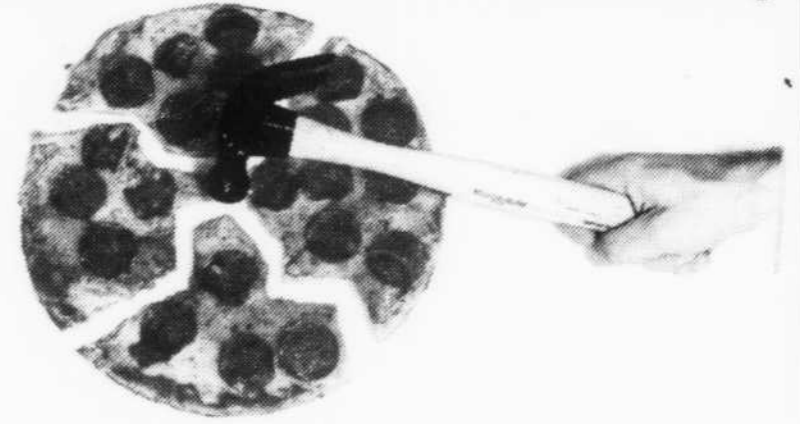
An electric gun holds either a single needle or several needles at a time for the work, depending on the tattoo the customer wants.

"I USE A single needle for outlining, and a combination of six needles or more for coloring," Bill said.

Dye is injected underneath the skin. The skin develops a scab that goes away within one week. When the scab comes off, the tattoo is there. To care for the tattooed area, he advises *not* to pick at the scab, swim or get it sunburned, and *do* wash it with mild soap.

"Today you can have much cleaner lines that won't fade or run—if you take care of it while it is healing," Bill said.

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