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MTSU to decide tenure for professor

By EVANS DONNELL
News Editor

Youth Education Professor Lani Ford will have to file for tenure again if information on a 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in her sex discrimination case is correct, Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Corlew said last week.

"If this (information) is true, she will have to go through the normal procedure to obtain tenure," Corlew said. "I will pick up a copy of the order and we'll see where we'll go from there."

Ford and her husband, Clark, filed a sex discrimination suit

against the university in April 1977, according to Charles Hampton White, their attorney.

The suit alleged that Lani Ford's position as an assistant professor of education was not renewed in August 1972 due to sex discrimination. She claimed less qualified men were hired for similar positions.

Both Fords hold doctorates from Michigan State University, officials said.

The 6th Circuit Court ruled last Monday that Lani Ford had been discriminated against, but that federal Judge John T. Nixon must redetermine back pay and

MTSU must decide whether or not she deserves tenure, White said.

"We have 14 days to apply for a rehearing (on Monday's decision) ... we will consider it," he said.

"The suit also alleged that the university, and most notably Dr. (M.G.) Scarlett (former MTSU President), had retaliated against Clark when he formally complained of sex discrimination on campus," the attorney said.

The lawsuit was heard by Nixon in Nashville in Jan. 1981. He rendered a decision in April 1982, finding that the university had

discriminated against the couple. Nixon ruled that both should receive back pay and tenure, according to White.

MTSU appealed to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, which in 1984 affirmed Nixon's ruling in Clark's behalf but returned Lani Ford's portion of the case for retrial because the three-man panel ruled the judge had cited the wrong statute in ordering restitution for her, White said.

Nixon reheard the case in early 1986, and ruled on Feb. 8, 1988, that Lani Ford was entitled to tenure and back pay dating to 1972,

the attorney said.

MTSU appealed the judge's most recent ruling in November, officials said.

If she has to apply for tenure, Lani Ford will have to receive recommendations from the chairman of her department, her dean, a university committee, Corlew and MTSU President Sam Ingram before the request for tenure could be approved by the State Board of Regents, Corlew said.

Lani Ford would not comment on the court's verdict pending discussion with her attorney.

Alabama fiddle stolen

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

A red fiddle belonging to a member of the country music band Alabama was stolen from the backstage area of Murphy Center prior to the group's performance Friday night.

"There is a fiddle missing, and it is considered stolen," Jack Drugmand, campus security chief, said yesterday.

"This is the first instance that an instrument belonging to a band member has been stolen from Murphy Center," Harold Smith, director of MTSU student programming, said.

Drugmand confirmed this was the first such theft, but declined further comment, saying that the incident is still under investigation.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., the fiddle, which belonged to Jeff Cook, fiddle player for "Alabama," was reported missing.

An exhaustive search of the backstage area proved futile, inside security sources said, adding the perpetrator probably hid the fiddle inside a jacket prior to leaving the scene.

There are no suspects at this time, the sources said.

Dunk king sought

From Staff Reports

Lady Raider basketball and *Sidelines* are getting together for one of the most exciting promotional events ever to hit Middle Tennessee State University — and you can be in the center of it.

Sign-ups begin today for the *Sidelines* Slam Dunk Contest. Anyone with a valid MTSU student I.D. over the age of 18 is eligible to enter.

"This should be very exciting," *Sidelines* Editor D. Brian Conley, said. "I can't wait to see if everyone on this campus who says they can dunk really can."

"Besides, the winner will get over \$450 in valuable prizes," Conley added.

The winner of the contest will receive a free half-page ad in *Sidelines*, a free case of 1988 *Midlanders* and cash. The amount of prize money will be determined by the number of entrants.

A \$1 entrance fee is required of each participant, with the winner receiving all of the fees.

Sign-ups are from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday in Room 310 of the James Union Building.

Preliminary rounds for the competition will be held Monday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. in Auxiliary Gym One in Murphy Center. All participants must attend the preliminaries.

The top 64 dunkers will then compete over the next four Lady Raider home games. The top eight contestants will then compete for the "MTSU Dunk King Title" during the halftime of the Lady Raider vs. Tennessee Tech game.

Come by the *Sidelines* office, JUB Room 310, for more information.

All participants must also sign a waiver.

Sidelines apologizes

The staff of *Sidelines* apologizes for not publishing an issue Thursday, Feb. 2. Technical difficulties with our typesetter, which we were unable to repair until Friday afternoon, made it impossible to complete the issue.

We hope this inconvenience

will not occur in the future.

Last Monday's *Sidelines* story on the Jennings Jones Chair of Excellence was inaccurate in reporting that first chairholder Joe Rodgers contributed money to help fund the endowment. *Sidelines* regrets the error.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Jeff Cook, fiddle player for the country music band Alabama, had one of his instruments stolen before Friday night's concert in Murphy Center. Campus Security officials have yet to locate the missing instrument.

Rules changes await approval from State Board of Regents

By MICHELLE MATHES
Assistant News Editor

Rule changes involving academic and classroom misconduct, house directors, and the MTSU sign policy await State Board of Regents approval, authorities said.

These rule changes were recommended by the University Rules Committee and submitted by MTSU President Sam Ingram for approval by the State Board of Regents.

In some cases, these changes are submitted to the Tennessee Secretary of State, in accordance with the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, a memo from Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance said.

Approval must be received before the changes can take effect.

If the rule change is approved, any student who appeals a case of misconduct may remain in the class until a decision is rendered providing his or her presence does not create a clear and present danger or nuisance as determined by the instructor.

Currently, such students remain excluded from the class until a decision is reached.

Another proposed rule change is intended to clarify and emphasize that registered student organizations are subject to the same rules and procedures as individual students.

dividual students.

The committee proposed to rename the position of hall director as house director. The proposed change reads: "Any organization which maintains a residence for students must have a university approved house director in residence."

This was policy in the past but was not explicitly stated by university officials.

The policy regarding signs on campus would also undergo changes under the new proposals. These changes would provide a more comprehensive policy regulating the time, place, and manner of posting signs.

The standard size requirement would be increased from eight-and-one-half by 11 inches to eight-and-one-half to 14 inches, the memo said.

"Some flexibility to allow banners and oversized signs is allowed, subject to space availability and safety/maintenance concerns," the

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Sandra Rennie•Staff

The new speaker pro tem of the Associated Student Body House of Representatives, Scotty Tucker, places his two proposed bills before the ASB last Wednesday night.

ASB Congress proposes bills

By BRICE MINNIGH
Staff Writer

Bills concerning the identification of smokers and non-smokers on University Housing applications, the expenditure of MTSU surplus operating funds, and a study of the flooding problem on campus were proposed during

last week's ASB Congress meeting.

ASB Congress passed a bill presented by Senate sponsor Shawn Burgess designed to identify students as smokers or non-smokers on University Housing applications.

"This will help cut the number of moves on Great

Move Day, most of which are related to conflicts between smokers and non-smokers," he said.

ASB Congress passed another bill proposing that surplus MTSU operating funds go toward educational purposes and facilities for handicapped students.

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Midlander future cloudy: Solomon

By EVANS DONNELL
News Editor

Lack of student participation and declining sales have clouded the future of the *Midlander*, Student Publications Coordinator Jackie Solomon told a group assembled to discuss the campus yearbook's woes Thursday.

Approximately 20 people, including students, faculty and university administrators, attended the hour-and-a-half long session.

Solomon stressed the meeting was not held to make the final decision on whether the 64-year-old publication would continue.

"There is no proposal at this time before the Student Publications Committee to get rid of the annual, but there is a proposal for a magazine," Solomon said.

The magazine proposal, which has not been acted

on by the board, calls for a periodical that would be published six times a year, she explained.

A nationwide study in 1987 showed that *Midlander* staffers are paid "well above average" when compared with other college annual staffs, Solomon said.

"The average is around \$3,500, and our payroll budget is around \$5,500," she said.

When MTSU students were polled concerning sales of the yearbook, "very few said they didn't know how" to obtain a copy, Solomon said.

"We sent a brochure out to all new students and those likely to return last fall," she said. "Included in the brochure was an application to join the staff of *Midlander* and an order form for this year's annual."

Out of about 17 staff applications received, only one has stayed with the staff

this year, *Midlander* staff member Frank Conley said. Around 20 yearbooks were sold as a result of the brochure's distribution, according to Solomon.

Some of the administration officials present expressed concern at the direction the yearbook's fortunes are headed.

"There is a need for the *Midlander*. I'd like to see the quality of it as a (recruiting) tool enhanced,"

Richard Parrent, director of admissions, said.

"At some point and time you can't justify hands-on experience for six or seven students when you're spending several thousand dollars but not making anything," Vice President for Student Affairs Robert C. LaLance, Jr., said.

This year's 232-page annual is expected to cost "under \$30,000" for printing costs alone, Solomon

said.

Only 2,000 copies have been ordered this year, as compared with some 4,500 10 years ago, according to Solomon.

Student Doug Holder said he feels participation in the yearbook is a key to attracting high school students to MTSU.

"If they (high school students) can't visit, they may pick up a yearbook, and if they pick it up and see a

lack of participation, they'll wonder if students here will participate in anything," Holder said.

The yearbook's future and the student publications budget for next year will be among the topics discussed when the Student Publications Committee meets next week. The date and time of that session has not been set, according to Solomon.

Condom petition circulates

By JEREMY ROLFS
Staff Writer

A petition requesting condom machines in male residence halls began circulation in Smith Hall this week.

Resident Tim Lee began collecting signatures after attending an AIDS lecture in Smith Hall's lobby. There are currently 75 signatures, or 53 percent of Smith's residents.

The petition reads as follows: "We, the following people, agree that a condom machine is a way that we can take part in protecting our partners. By having condom machines on cam-

pus we can show our community that we recognize sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) as a problem...."

"We were told that any installation of machines would have to be campus-wide, not for just one hall," Lee said, "but we already have one freshman senator's support and hope to gain more backing."

"Condoms and other contraceptives are currently available free of charge through the Family Planning Center and Health Services," Robert

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LaLance, vice president of student affairs, said. "Hypothetically speaking, we don't see the University

getting into the vending business." Lee plans to take the petition to Harry Hosey and the ASB.

Students interested in signing a petition requesting condom machines on campus may contact Tim Lee at P.O. Box 9989.

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Developmental Studies help students' progress: officials

By LUCAS JOHNSON II
Staff Writer

Studies show students who have taken developmental courses and are now enrolled in general courses are doing as well or better than those who did not take developmental courses, officials said.

This difference was most noticeable in the areas of English and mathematics, Harley Anton, reading coordinator in developmental studies, said.

Students who were recently enrolled in the reading comprehension course raised their reading levels by an estimated one to two years in four months, Anton said.

A student reading on a seventh grade level could possibly be reading on a ninth grade level at the end of four months of hard work and dedication, he added.

A preliminary test taken at the end of the reading comprehension course showed students who enter the course are poor in reading skills. After they finish the course, their reading

skills are better than students who haven't taken the course, Anton said.

He said the course also helps to develop students' time management and work scheduling, Anton said.

Overall, developmental studies showed that 93.8 percent of the students who had taken developmental reading skills passed English 111 with a "C" or better, while 93.9 percent of the students who didn't take the developmental course made the same grade, Anton said.

An evaluative study of the Developmental Math Program conducted by Franklin Michello, a math instructor in the Developmental Studies Department, and Carol Bader, developmental studies chairperson, assessed the progress of students in college algebra who had taken the developmental studies math courses.

"We are very proud of the work that our students are doing in the developmental studies department here at MTSU," Bader said.

Michello and Bader's research showed that students who took developmental math, in some cases performed better than the students who did not take part in the developmental studies math program.

The researchers found that 74 percent of the students who took intermediate developmental algebra passed college algebra while only 66.2 percent of the students who did not take intermediate developmental algebra passed college algebra.

The researchers found a significant mean score difference in the pre- and post-test scores of the Academic Assessment Placement Program (AAPP) for those students who took the intermediate algebra pre-test.

The pre-test average for the AAPP was 45.28 while the post-test mean was 60.48. The difference in the scores was 15.2, according to the studies.

A mean average is the overall score made by students on the AAPP, officials said.

Vandals plague Smith Hall

By JEREMY ROLFS
Staff Writer

Smith Hall has had five unscheduled fire alarms this semester sounded by an unknown vandal.

Housing staff members conducted a room to room search as the building was evacuated.

The most recent false alarm occurred Sunday at 4:30 p.m. when the second floor north alarm was pulled, according to officials.

Smith Hall residents were evacuated Feb. 1 at 9:45 a.m. when the south side alarm was pulled, officials said.

The same alarm was activated the next day at 4:33 a.m., according to housing officials.

Alarms were also triggered on the third floor Jan. 26 at 5:12 a.m., and on the first floor Jan. 18 at 10:15 a.m.

Campus Security has in-

vestigated all four alarms and currently has no suspects.

Residents are advised by University Housing and Campus Security not to take matters into their own hands if the vandal is caught.

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Admissions undergoes changes

By BRICE MINNIGH
Staff Writer

Since Richard Parrent took over as Director of Admissions in August 1983, MTSU's Office of Admissions has undergone many changes.

The staff, under Parrent's supervision, did research to find out where most of MTSU's students came from and where they stood in relation to their competition.

Studies showed that most in-state MTSU students come from Rutherford and Davidson counties. As a result of this finding, the office now channels most of its recruiting energy into those areas, rather than concentrating on more remote areas, Parrent said.

Parrent, who is also the Vice-President for Admissions Services of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, said, "We have been doing a better job targeting our relations."

Parrent also enacted the Word Processing Management System, which has

helped the admissions staff keep an organized file on prospective students.

MTSU's Office of Admissions has been targeting their efforts toward more academically oriented students, and this system allows them to communicate more efficiently through the mail, Parrent said.

The staff now has a Student Representative Network, which consists of freshmen and sophomores who contact prospects from their hometowns, give them catalogs and brochures, and answer any questions that they may have, Parrent said.

These students also have "phonathons," in an effort to help identify the academically inclined student, he said.

The staff currently has a video recruitment tape, which is sent to high school guidance counselors in heavy recruitment areas. This tape has a check-out card which has to be signed by any student who uses the tape.

"This helps us find out exactly who is interested," Parrent said.

Campus tours for prospective students are available weekdays at 10 p.m. and 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. by appointment.

A Fall College Preview Day is held during the fall semester. During this time, enrolled and prospective students, along with their families, come together to talk about the opportunities MTSU affords its students.

"It has been a positive, uplifting experience," Parrent said.

An Open House Program has been started in which prospects and their families are invited to talk with faculty members about what MTSU has to offer, he said.

"The nature of the admissions game is more competitive today, so student recruitment is now, more than ever, a total university effort," Parrent said.

"We have made a good repore to let the faculty

know about admissions, and they should be commended for the hard work they are called upon to do," he said.

These changes have caused an enrollment in-

crease of 10.13 percent between spring 1988 and spring 1989, which is an increase of 1,132 applications in just one year, according to Parrent.

Parrent feels that because of the quality, location, and affordability of MTSU, it is "one of the best-kept secrets in Tennessee."



Michael Johnson/Staff

Richard Parrent, director of admissions, discusses MTSU with Manly Thweat, a freshman computer science student, and Shaunda Scruggs, a freshman mass communications student.

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memo said.

The changes are usually approved by June or July each year, according to La-

Lance's memo.

The University Rules Committee met during the Fall semester and finalized its report in November.

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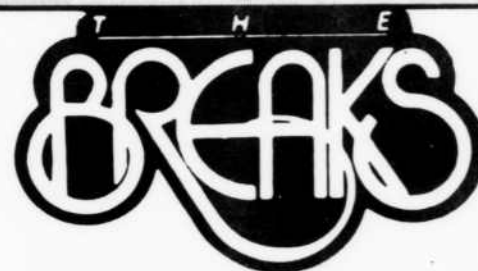
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Opinion

Does MTSU need condom machines?

With a petition circulating male residence halls and suggestions coming in from all corners of campus, it is clear that the university's administration will have to come to a decision on condom machines in the immediate future.

Condoms are currently the safest protection, save abstinence, from sexually transmitted disease. They are also an excellent form of birth control.

This university has sponsored lectures on the dangers of AIDS and the questions of unwanted pregnancy which have stressed more than any other factor the need for students to exercise responsibility. To preach these warnings and not support the installation of machines that would allow students to act responsibly would be an act of hypocrisy in the highest order.

Yet the university has recognized the need to supply students with contraceptives. They are available completely free of charge through both Health Services and the Family Planning Center.

Condom machines on campus would mean, in the words of one administrator, "the university entering the vending business." That would mean more money going to an outside source.

Vending machines on this campus could also, unfortunately, invite vandalism. Condoms would cost approximately one dollar each from a machine, and that would make an easy target for a late night robbery.

There is also the problem of litter. One would like to believe that the male population of this university would be mature enough to refrain from decorating the campus with inflated condoms. We at *Sidelines* have considerable reason to doubt.

Condom machines will not come to MTSU's male residence halls without intense debate. Nonadoption will come no easier. MTSU's administration is faced with a complex and important decision indeed. Good luck.



Hostile forces commandeer Peck Hall, perform inhumane experiments



Jeremy Rolfs
Mr. Rolfs' Neighborhood

Writer's note: To whom it may concern: Thank you very much for continually pulling Smith Hall's fire alarm in the wee hours of the morning, the middle of the day, and any other time it suites your distorted fancy. We all enjoy scrambling around our rooms looking for suitable clothing while a buzzer the size of a small Latin American country rings in our ears. Freezing outside is equally pleasurable. All the residents agree that if ever we find you, we will make it a personal point to express our gratitude. Please stop by some evening, for we at Smith would very much like to engage you in some very friendly conversation.

Have you ever seen someone walking to a class with a T-shirt under one arm and a winter jacket under the other? If you have, they were probably on their way to that tapestry of cinder blocks, cork board, and florescent lighting fixtures we affectionately call Peck Hall, "where temperatures change more often than classes."

"There is something very wrong here - my office hasn't been properly heated since summer."

— Peck Hall stationed professor who wishes to remain anonymous for reasons of "security."

Have you ever wondered why Peck's temperature behaves in this most unpredictable of manners? I have a theory, but it may

usage on polyester products? They certainly don't perform these inhumane experiments on their employees.

My guess is that they take over a central building at some fine establishment of higher education and perform their tests on its unsuspecting occupants.

I think that establishment is MTSU, the building Peck, and the occupants you and me.

It's really not so hard to believe when you think about it. It would certainly explain a lot of things, such as why the problem couldn't

And, after all, what explanation other than a hostile building takeover would be sufficient enough excuse for the conditions of Peck?

alarm some administrators a great deal. Those weak of stomach are strongly advised to read no further.

I have reason to believe that Peck Hall has been commandeered by secret agents of the Garment Industry.

A bit far-fetched? Consider: How do the makers of our clothes know exactly how warm a shirt will keep you, or at what temperature the average male Political Science major perspires, or the effects of excessive hair spray

be fixed in the space of more than one semester.

My S.G.I.S (Secret Garment Industry Seizure) theory can actually be accepted on grounds of default alone. The Powers That Be have long known about Peck's problems, and yet those problems remain.

And, after all, what explanation other than a hostile building takeover would be sufficient enough excuse for the conditions of Peck?

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Bundy execution circus prompts review

By EVANS DONNELL
News Editor

As long as men draw breath on this earth, there will be issues that will never be settled. I say this to preface my own opinion on the death penalty so that readers will understand I don't feel I'm giving the definitive answer to this troubling question.

Having covered several capital punishment cases for two professional newspapers, I feel that there are certain instances where society's ultimate punishment can be meted out without being unjustly cruel to the perpetrator of a crime.

I think that adults who abuse and kill children should be considered for the death penalty. I think cases of premeditated murder, or murder in the first

degree, should be studied closely by juries for the possibility that the person who committed the homicidal act showed utter contempt for his or her victim in carrying it out.

Contempt for a victim can't always be proved in a court of law. Premeditation can also occur just before the act of murder, so it's not always a good idea to point to that factor as a good reason for execution.

To sum up my feelings on the death penalty, serious consideration must be given to whether its use serves any purpose related to justice or restitution to the friends and family of a victim. If it doesn't, don't use it. If it does, do.

Having said this, I want to depart from my opinion on the validity of the death

penalty and go on record as denouncing the sick individuals who made a mockery of the State of Florida's execution of convicted serial killer Ted Bundy.

Death penalty doesn't serve justice

They declared me unfit to live, said into that great void my soul'd be hurled. They wanted to know why I did what I did. Well sir, I guess there's just a meanness in this world. From "Nebraska" by Bruce Springsteen.

Ted Bundy got his last week and then trotted off happily to hell. With a simple flick of a switch, he was fried to the wanton cheers of Americans outside the Florida State Penitentiary and across the nation. Yes, Ted Bundy, convicted for

I feel Bundy should have been put to death and I feel a sense of relief for all the families of his many victims now that his 10-year stay on death row is over. But it lit-

erally turned my stomach to see all the people cheering when prison officials gave the signal that Bundy was dead. The signs ("Burn,

Bundy, Burn." "Thank It's Fryday"), the call like atmosphere of Bundy's demise make me wonder I shouldn't reconsider views.

the murders of two young women and a twelve-year-old girl and suspected of the murders of scores of other young women, was executed. Here the idiocy of the death penalty is revealed. (At this point I would like to state that I am

insanity" belief, another in the long list of "revolving door" policies of the American legal system.) The arithmetic is simple, but not workable. One life executed for many lives murdered. Death was a too easy and lenient punishment for

staunch supporter of punishment, said in the second presidential debate. I believe it is a deterrent. Sorry George, it is. Those characters inclined to do violence continue. Over the past year a faded loner and an ex-hospital patient shot in schoolyards in Stockton, California and Winnetka, Illinois, respectively, they were in a surreal size shooting gallery. Children counted as highest score. After incredible displays of rage and destruction, did the perpetrators. They took their damned, feeble. Families were devastated leaving parents with no children, no faith, and no hope.

Please see PEDIGO p.

By DONALD PEDIGO
Guest Columnist

not a supporter of lenient sentences or a subscriber to the "innocent by reasons of

Bundy. What kind of punishment is this? It's impossible to punish a dead man.

What the death penalty lacks in justice, it also lacks in deterrence. The threat of death does not scare away psychotic killers who are predisposed to do evil anyway. George Bush, a

Faith pulls us through tragedies

By LUCAS JOHNSON II
Columnist

The closing of 1988 was deeply scarred by the unpredictable occurrence of several harsh tragedies. Their unexpectedness caused many people to ponder over the sacredness of life, and its swift demise into the realm of deathly disaster.

They seemed to follow in climactic descension. Yet, each was as tragic as the last. First, there was the Armenian earthquake that killed approximately 50,000 people, leaving once vivacious cities crushed like grapes under angry wrath. A few weeks later, a Pan Am 747 crashed and killed 258 people. Not too long after that disaster, the explosion of a tanker truck in Memphis, Tennessee claimed the lives of several people, and left many witnesses shocked by a nightmarish

sight they wished they had never seen. Then, just when the destructive chain seemed to have been broken, an ominous tornado reeked havoc upon the city of Franklin, Tennessee, destroying everything in its relentless path.

Still, as we begin this new year, we are faced with even more catastrophes, such as the earthquake that recently struck the Soviet Union again and wiped out an entire mountain village. In the midst of tragedies such as these, the individual or family who has lost a loved one might sadly ask, why? But, the answer to this question lies far beyond human comprehension. It is not a person's place to ask why tragedies occur. Yet, people are able to counter the fear and occurrences of tragedies through two major reliances. One, they rely on the consolation of

friends and loved ones. And secondly, they believe that their spiritual God controls all occurrences, whether bad or good, and that it is their rightful duty to have faith and believe in his uncontested will. The father of a little girl killed in the tank explosion in Memphis followed this concept well when he said that his little girl had just been reborn as a Christian, and that her passing was the will of God.

Of course, the loss of a loved one is going to have a different effect on each individual. Some will be more remorseful than others. Nevertheless, people's concept of faith, and their belief in their spiritual God probably remains as the most remedial process of soothing the heartache and emptiness that results from the loss of a loved one or friend.

Indeed, through these

tragedies, people have come to realize the sacredness that encompasses life. Different organizations, along with many other caring people, have come together in order to help those who have suffered some tragedy. They see that each day of their lives should be lived as if it were their last, because disaster is so often unexpected.

True enough, 1989 cannot be predictable as to its fulfillment of tragedies. But, one thing is for sure. People will continue to do what they have always done. They will face each day, pray for security, and overcome each and every tragedy in the patient realm of time.

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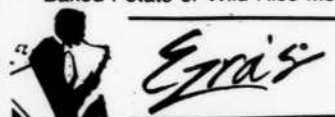
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Justice not apparent in death penalty

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e on death row are
our garden variety
ers; they represent
st insane and hide-
ers in the land. For
ath penalty to be a
eterrent, it would
o be the standard

punishment for all murder-
ers. (This could bankrupt
some states by the size of
their electric bill alone.)
Then we would see the
murder rate decline — the
outside murder rate, that is!
This could never happen

because there would be too
many questions to answer
first. For instance, if abor-
tion is declared illegal,
would those women having
them be condemned to die?
If the death penalty isn't
much of a deterrent and

doesn't satisfy our quest for
justice, where does the an-
swer lie? We need to con-
centrate on preventing
murders. The system now
makes us wait for tragedies
to occur. They could be
prevented through tougher

gun laws, more caution
exercised by citizens and a
critical reevaluation of our
mental health care system.
One question remains. If
the death penalty is not to
be implemented, then how
are vicious murderers such
as Bundy to be punished?

Life imprisonment with ab-
solutely no chance of
parole, for starters. Solitary
confinement, too. And for
extraordinary cases such as
Bundy, let's just say that he
should be the debutante of
the prisoner's ball, if you
know what I mean.

Letters to the Editor

ans have social sibility

e Editor,
moved. I just came
erone Bennett Jr.'s
When he spoke
Martin Luther King
as disappointed in
because I realized I
ot grasp any tangible
out the man and his
I know so little. I
er had to know him.
ite. But as this man
realized that my
is no excuse for my
re, nor was it an ex-
my negligence in
standing up for the
nd principles that I
important.

e lived a more than
existence. Though
been colored with
of tragedy, poverty,
lessness, they were,
only shades of gray
black.

e strived, clawed,
aped my way to-
goals fully self-
Rarely have I
a stand, unless
it was a popular
I'm against apar-
s, I believe in feed-
world's hungry; yes
st racism, but how
ve I taken a stand
LY to further even
f these causes?
f perhaps never. I
wever, preached,
and even boasted
art wrenching con-

victions, but they were
words in the wind, spoken
with a firey tongue, and
quickly doused with the
nearest beer.

I have always had a sense
that my talent (and I use
that term modestly) for
music carries with it my
greatest responsibility to
myself, my brothers, and
my previously non-assertive
convictions. I must con-
tinue to search for, and
learn about, truth in order
to express it in the area of
my life that stands to carry
the greatest weight: my
music.

We, as musicians, have a
responsibility to our gifts to
use them in ways that can
move men towards en-
lightenment and truth, and
away from the popular self-
centered apathy so preva-
lent on the airways today.

We must also continue to
search for truth and express
it in our actions and words,
and in every aspect of our
lives. For it is this daily
struggle, on an individual

level, as he stated "from
brother to brother," that we
all have the responsibility
and capacity to carry
enough weight to move
mountains or ignorance and
injustice.

J.L. Glaser
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MTSU accused of dis- crimination

To the Editor,
Prejudice? Yes it exists at
MTSU, and is encouraged
by the university. I suffer
from this discrimination: I
am left-handed. The vast
majority of desks at MTSU
are right-handed, and some
classrooms contain no left-
handed desks at all. Being
left-handed in a right-
handed desk can be a seri-
ous handicap, especially at
exam time.

I am currently taking a
language translation
course. The first day of class
I searched adjoining class-
rooms in vain for a left-
handed desk. I asked if I
could have a left-handed

desk brought to the room
and was told that that would
be impossible. In this class
I will be graded on how
much I can translate in a
given period of time. All the
right-handers in their right-
handed desks will be work-
ing along with no environ-
mental handicap. As for
myself, I will be trying to
balance my work on my
knee and worrying that I'm
not keeping up.

MTSU is the fourth uni-
versity I have attended (I'm
working on an M.A.) and it
is the only one that has seen
fit to handicap left-handers.
Why are we not allowed the
same rights and comforts as
right-handers? Perhaps it is
because the right-handers
in charge know we lefties
are far superior and are try-
ing to keep us from outpac-
ing them.

One out of every twenty
Americans is left-handed,
and one out of every ten
presidents (including Bush)
was left-handed.

Maybe we lefties should

feel sorry for that conform-
ing right-handed majority
of humanity. I'll try to keep
that in mind as my transla-
tion final keeps falling off
my knee, but I don't think
it will make me feel any bet-
ter.

Calvin Fisher Orwig
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*Editor's Note: Mr. Orwig
would like to thank Presi-
dent Sam Ingram for his as-
sistance in obtaining a left-
handed desk for his lan-
guage class. Best of luck to
student and desk alike.*

Editorial Editor incor- rect

To the editor,
I realize it's a little much
to ask of the Editor of the
Opinion page to get some-
thing as ambiguous as the
lead correct, but could you
please tell Mike Reed that
D-I-V-O-R-C-E was re-
corded by Tammy Wynette,
not Loretta Lynn.

Mike Kilbane
Box 9987

Rolfs' opinion not ap- preciated

To the Editor,
This is to Jeremy Rolfs'
column [on attendance].
Hey Dude, what's your
problem? I really don't ap-
preciate the S--- you had
written about people who
skip Friday classes. YOU
SHOULD TALK! Let me
ask you this: Have you
missed a class on Friday?
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that can come back to you.
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classes on Fridays and will
miss more. My feeling to
your column is IF YOU
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Letters to the Editor

ELSE. I drunk driver with more realistic descriptions such as, "Two members of a Murfreesboro family were killed Saturday night by a young mother driving home from an anniversary celebration with her husband. The investigating officers indicated she chose to drive because her husband had had more to drink than she had," or, "A nineteen year old student was seriously injured in an auto accident while driving home for the weekend after only a few drinks with friends."

These descriptions could help us see ourselves as vulnerable and equally susceptible to creating unexpected tragedy. It's easy to become outraged at anonymous "drunk drivers" who cause serious accidents. The anonymity conceals that those people are no different from us, because those people are us.

The label drunk driver also carries a very negative connotation that no one wants to apply to themselves. I witnessed this during a New Year's Eve newscast when the anchor warned, "Don't let a drunk driver ruin your night." Although subtle, this statement exempted everyone watching that newscast from being the drunk driver by implying it couldn't happen to fine upstanding citizens who watch the evening news.

Drinking and driving leads to DUI arrest and often fatal accidents. We are deceiving ourselves if we think it only happens to mothers, college students, and college faculty members.

Don't drink and drive!

Janet Hudson
Box 1814

Conley's column flawed To the Editor:

I was pleased to see in the Monday edition of *Sidelines* that pertinent issues are being addressed by the paper. I was, however, somewhat dismayed by the obvious lack of objectivity and factual content on the part of Mr. Conley. Both of the articles on abortion brought out some very good points, but I feel that some of the strongest issues were left out.

Mr. Conley, adoption is a wonderful alternative to many people. It is a truly great gift to be able to give a child to a couple who would otherwise be without. However, to force a woman to carry an unwanted child to term is a violation of personal rights guaranteed by the Constitution. No court in the land has the right to force a woman to do anything she does not want with her own body.

As far as rape is concerned, Mr. Conley, where are you going to draw the line? Are you willing to take a woman's word for it, or do you want an arrest report on file, or perchance would you like the rapist himself to accompany the young woman into the clinic to confirm that she has been impregnated against her will? Mr. Conley, well over half the rapes which occur go unreported, and in our society it is the responsibility

of the woman to prove that she has indeed been raped, that she didn't "really want it." As far as incest goes, I'll let you inform the 11-year-old girl who has been repeatedly molested by her father or brothers that she has to carry the fetus to term because some people feel that adoption is the solution at the top of the list.

Regarding the penalties for illegal abortion, forcible sterilization for repeat offenders? Mr. Conley, please. Perhaps education and understanding might be a better answer to these ignorant, lower socioeconomic level of women who constitute the majority of women having frequent abortions. "Handling" oneself has nothing to do with it. Would you set up special abortion police to prowl the back streets and alleys in search of those with "coat hangers and card tables" (as Mr. Reed so aptly put it) to arrest and punish after some poor woman has been mutilated after having been forced to turn to this method? Abortion was legalized partly to ensure the safety of the women involved. Do you honestly think that the illicit practices have changed since the early 1970s? Mr. Conley, lives would not be saved, they would be endangered by the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*.

Elizabeth Bahn
Box 1794

Conley's column correct To the editor:

I was very glad to see Brian Conley's column entitled, "Adoption better solution than 'ugly' abortion," in the Monday, January 23rd *Sidelines*. His statement, "a woman has a right to decide what to do with her body, but a baby's right to live transcends that right," is the bone-picked truth. It's good to hear someone refer to a "baby" and not simply "a pregnancy" when speaking of abortions.

In my Bio 100 Lab today, I was reminded that during meiotic cell division two gametes: 1 egg and 1 sperm fuse to form a zygote: the baby. Therefore this joining of the parents' chromosomes during two cellular splits creates a person, not a problem, no matter how "ugly" the surroundings.

Conley is wise to point out that adoption is a better alternative to abortion, but we limit the possibilities! Why should adoption not be the answer for victims of rape or incest? The child

one rape victim would be traumatized to look at is gladly accepted and loved by another woman. Even in cases of a full-term pregnancy endangering a woman's life, the baby could often be saved with little danger to the mother by surgical removal — it is possible (with dedical attention) for a 20 week old baby, who has been surgically removed, to live outside the womb and develop normally. Many abortions are performed much later than this.

Incest, rape, danger to a woman's life, and the sake of convenience are not acceptable excuses for an abortion. Adoption is a solution for every unwanted baby! In 1981 Melissa Darling became the youngest baby ever to survive outside the womb. Her mother was 20 weeks pregnant when she was delivered.

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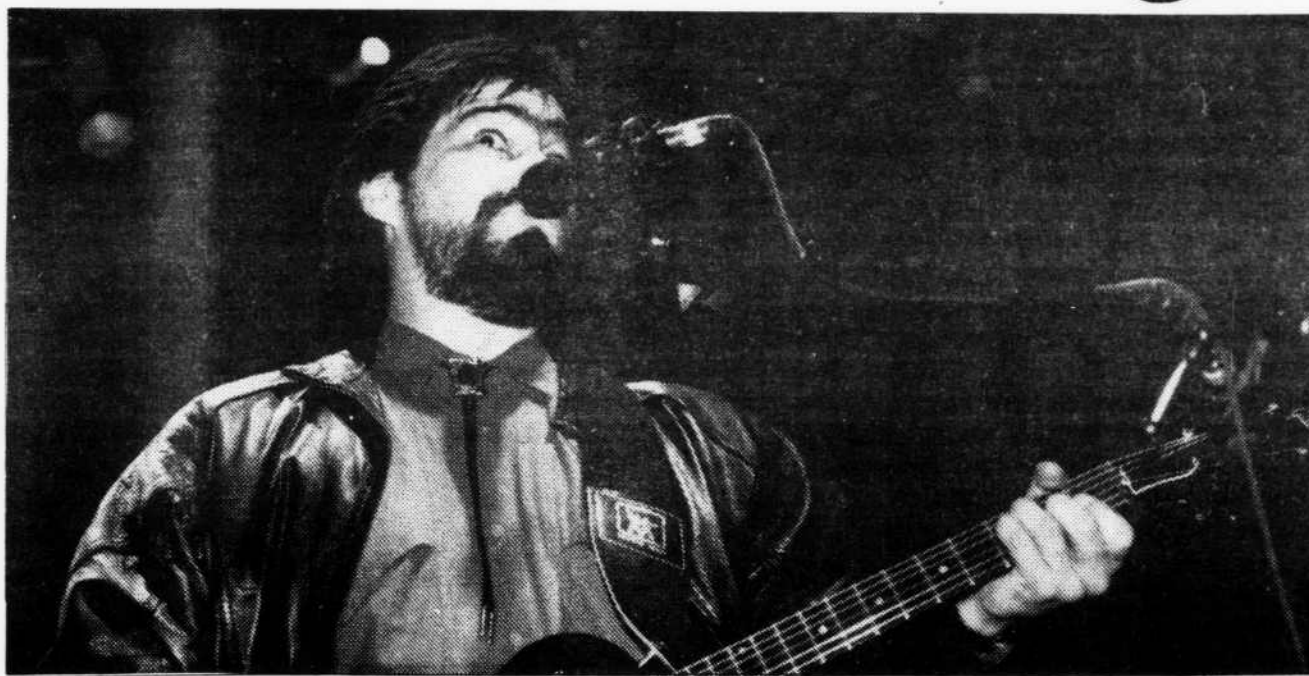
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Lifestyles

Country trio begins season



Alabama's Randy Owen sings to an enthused Murphy Center crowd Friday night.

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By KEVIN SPAIN
Acting Co-Sports Editor
and
BOB PRIDDY
Staff Writer

Alabama kicked off their *Southern Star* tour with the Charlie Daniels Band here Friday night in Murphy Center.

Jo'El Sommier opened the show with his brand of Cajun spice boogie, featuring a rowdy version of "Jambalaya" and his radio hit "Tear Stained Letter".

Audience reaction to the newcomer Sommier was extremely positive.

As the "Tennessee Waltz" blared through the speakers The Charlie Daniels Band hit the stage sawing out "Redneck Fiddlin' Man" and a string of tunes from his new *Homesick Heroes* album.

The set featured an 80's version of "Uneasy Rider."

Charlie stepped out of the spotlight and featured his band members Tommy Crain, guitarist, and Taz DiGregorio, keyboardist, on material from the new album.

The crowd rose to its feet as the band pulled some old favorites out of the hat including "Legend of Wooley Swamp" and "In America" from the *Full*

Moon album.

Charlie surprised the crowd with a now controversial rendition of "Long Haired Country Boy," changing the lyrics a bit by removing the drug and alcohol theme.

Daniels brought the house down with his classics "The

South's Gonna Do It Again" and "The Devil Went Down To Georgia," leaving Alabama a tough act to follow.

Alabama brought fewer gimmicks and a less elaborate stage show than in the past, but made up for it with a back to basics soulful sound.

Gone were the "VH-1" ballads and the elevator sounds of *The Touch* album.

On the new *Southern Star* album, Alabama returns to its rural backroads roots.

The band opened with "Gonna Have a Party," going into "She Can" from their new album.

They followed medley of their early hits including "Love in the Country" and "Mountain Man." Lead singer/guitarist Randy Owen then dedicated song "The Fans" to the followers of the band for their support over the years.

The band introduced new Alabama song the spirited "Highway 101," the western flavored "The Ballad of the Green Berets" featuring a guest appearance by Charlie Daniels.

The encore featured old standards "Barefootin'" and "Dances," while the show with the band "Sweet Home Alabama" with an added cello solo by Home's in Alabama.

But when the house lights came on the audience knew it was a home away from home at MTSU.

Country music great Charlie Daniels and his band proved that good ole Southern rock 'n' roll is still a favorite with MTSU students.

Wayne Cartwright/Staff



K.U.C. films celebrate Black History Month

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Black History Month begins its second week with the African film series now showing at the KUC theater.

The film series theme is "Out of Our Past-African Heritage Week," in observance of Black History Month.

According to Director of Minority Affairs Ted White, the

presentation consists of nine one-hour programs.

Here's a partial review:

Anatomy of a Continent-This program examines Africa as the birthplace of humankind and discusses the impact of geography on African history, including the role of the Nile in the origin of civilization.

The Triple Heritage of Lifestyles-This program explores how

African contemporary lifestyles are influenced by indigenous, Western, and Islamic factors.

New Gods-This program examines the factors that influence religion in Africa.

Exploitation-This contrasts the impact of the West on Africa and the impact of Africa on the development of the West.

New Conflicts-This program explores the tensions inherent in

the juxtaposition of the three heritages.

In Search of Stability-This program studies several means of governing.

A Garden of Eden in Decay-This program identifies the struggle between Africa's economic dependency and decay.

A Conflict of Cultures-This program shows the coexistence of many African traditions and mod-

ern activities.

Africa in the World-This series examines the evolution of African contemporary culture.

The film series begins Sunday at the KUC theater and continues Tuesday, Feb. 7 and 8.

The hosts will be Student Information Affairs, Ted White, and Forrest Toms.

'Alice' is no dying swan

By MARLA

CARTWRIGHT
Lifestyles Editor

"My Name is Alice",
directed by MTSU's
Human Players, has hit
road and is now in Au-
bama.

"Alice" is competing in
this week's American Col-
lege Theater Festival's reg-
ional contest, a first for

five actresses in
which have been selected
to compete for the presti-
gious Ryan Acting
Award, which is also held
annually.

It's almost unheard
of and Deborah Ander-
son, director of the play,
says only one or two
from one play are

In addition to the five ac-
tresses from "Alice", three
others from "Anti-
John Lennon, Tim
Lorrs, Gina Brandon

and two from "Crimes of
the Heart": Rachel
Mayberry and Wendy
Bundy are also competing
for the award.

"Ten entrants is the most
we've ever had in this com-
petition," Anderson said.
"We're excited, real ex-
cited!" she exclaimed.

In "Alice" only five ac-
tresses (Jenny Alexander,
Dwana Gudger, Daphne
Hiers, Shannon Parnell and
Shauna Parnell) portray ap-
proximately 11 roles each in
the 23 scenes of the play.

"They have to be ver-
satile, shifting from one
character to another, and by
the end of the show, they're
just drained," she said.

Winning the competition
held at Auburn University
will take more than strong
performances. Total com-
mitment is needed from
everyone involved. En-

thusiasm runs high in this
production, however.

"The production will also
be judged on set design, di-
recting, set-up time, etc., in
addition to the acting per-
formances," Anderson
explained.

Hopefully you saw
"Alice" last week. If not,
(and you know who you are)
here's some quick info.

"It's a feminist play," An-
derson said. "It's a musical
revue with 23 total scenes
from women's lives."

Before you groan in dis-
may at the sound of the
word "feminist", hang on.
"It's not ball-busting
feminism," Anderson said.
"The attitude of the play is
not militant."

In other words, "Alice" is
alright.

Good luck "Alice" and
break a leg.

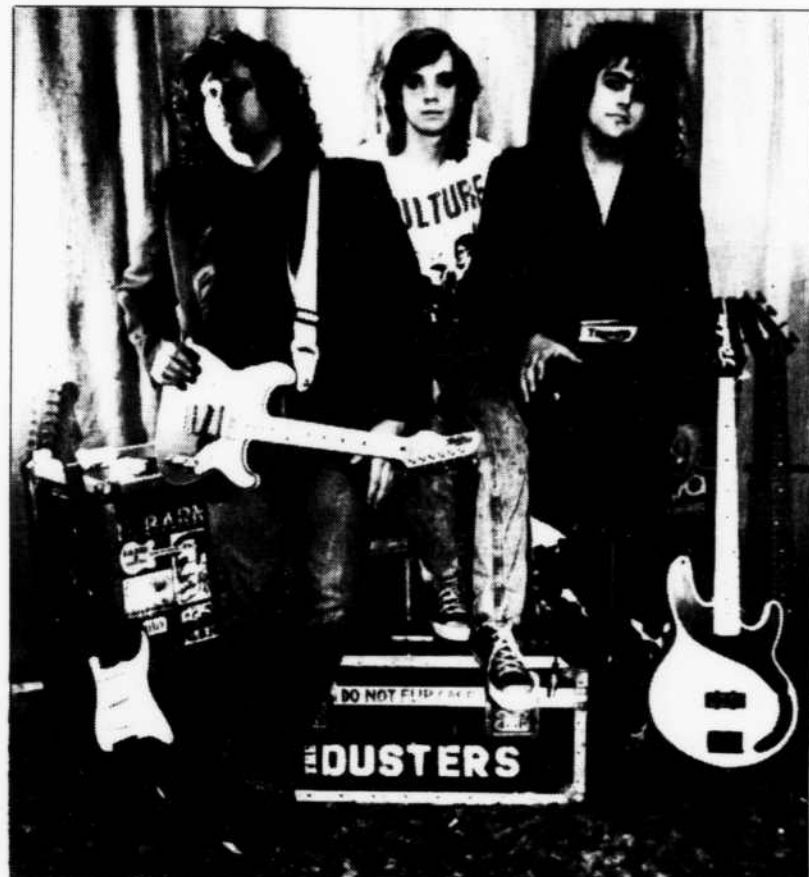


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Jenny Alexander (left) and Dawana Gudger (left) have an animated conversation in "Alice."

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Shannon Parnell (left) and Shauna Parnell (right) perform a scene from the MTSU production of "A . . . My Name is Alice."

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Sports

Tiger huntin' time

Henry leads Raiders past Tigers; TSU winless against Stewart

By M.A. BROWN
Acting Editor

NASHVILLE — During his four and a half season tenure as head coach of the MTSU Blue Raiders, Bruce Stewart has never tasted defeat at the hands of the Tennessee State Tigers.

And Saturday night proved to be no different as the OVC leading Raiders easily pounded the Tigers 104-71.

"We've had some good players and assistant coaches, and each has been a total team effort," Stewart said of his 10-0 record against TSU. "Although the last two have not been as close as the

previous games, they've still been team victories."

Led by senior Randy Henry's 16 first half points, the Blue Raiders virtually ended the contest before the break by jumping out to a 46-26 lead.

"The game was basically over by halftime," Henry said. "We didn't want to play bad early on and give them any confidence or hope."

Following a poor performance at the free throw line against Murray State Monday night, the Raiders bounced back to finish 24-31 at the charity stripe against the Tigers.

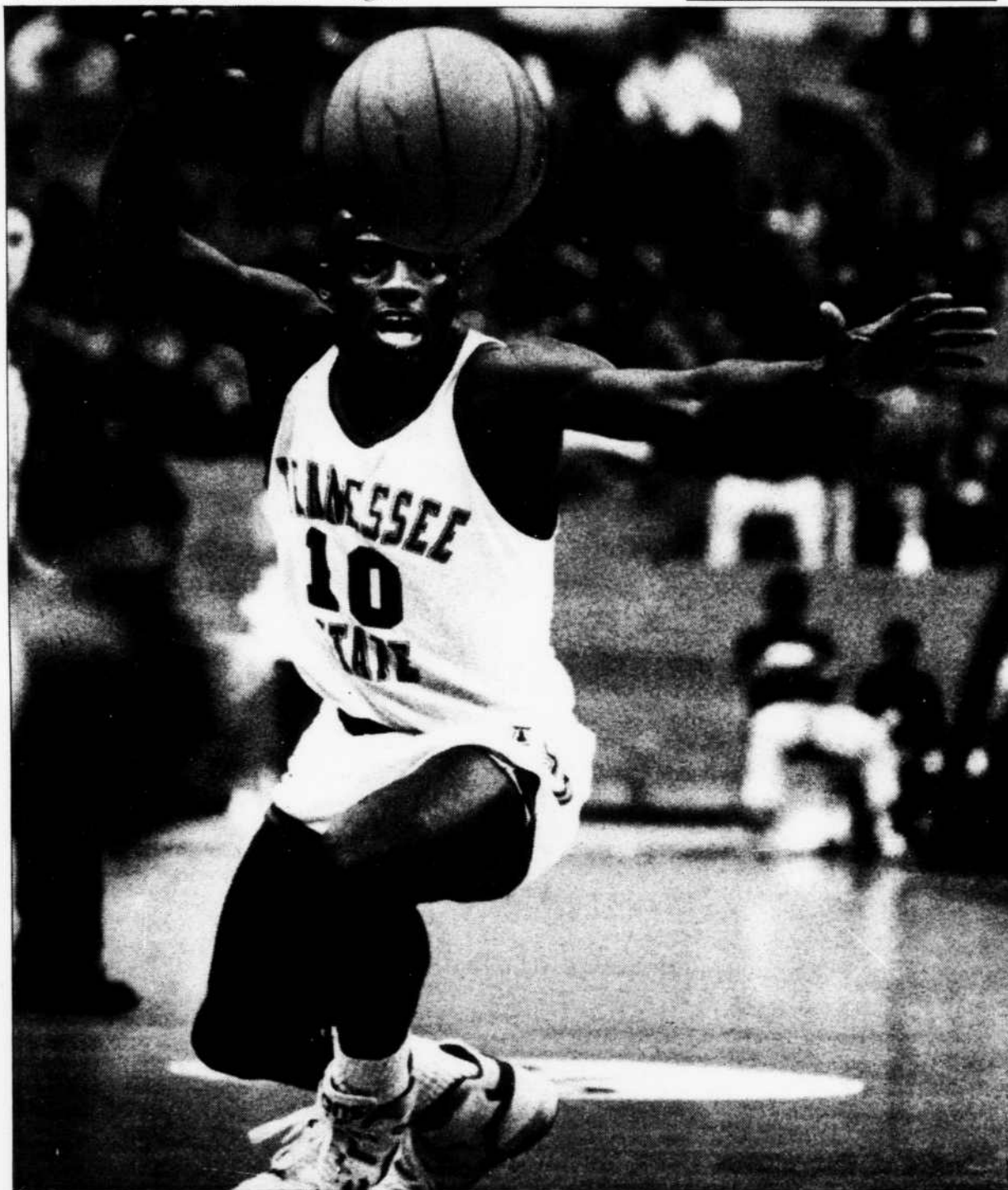
"Our concentration was better tonight," center Kerry Hammonds said. "We're a good free throw shooting team, and tonight we just stepped in like a man, and the shots went in."

Henry concurred with Hammonds opinion.

"We shot about 100 free throws in practice and it helped us a lot," he said.

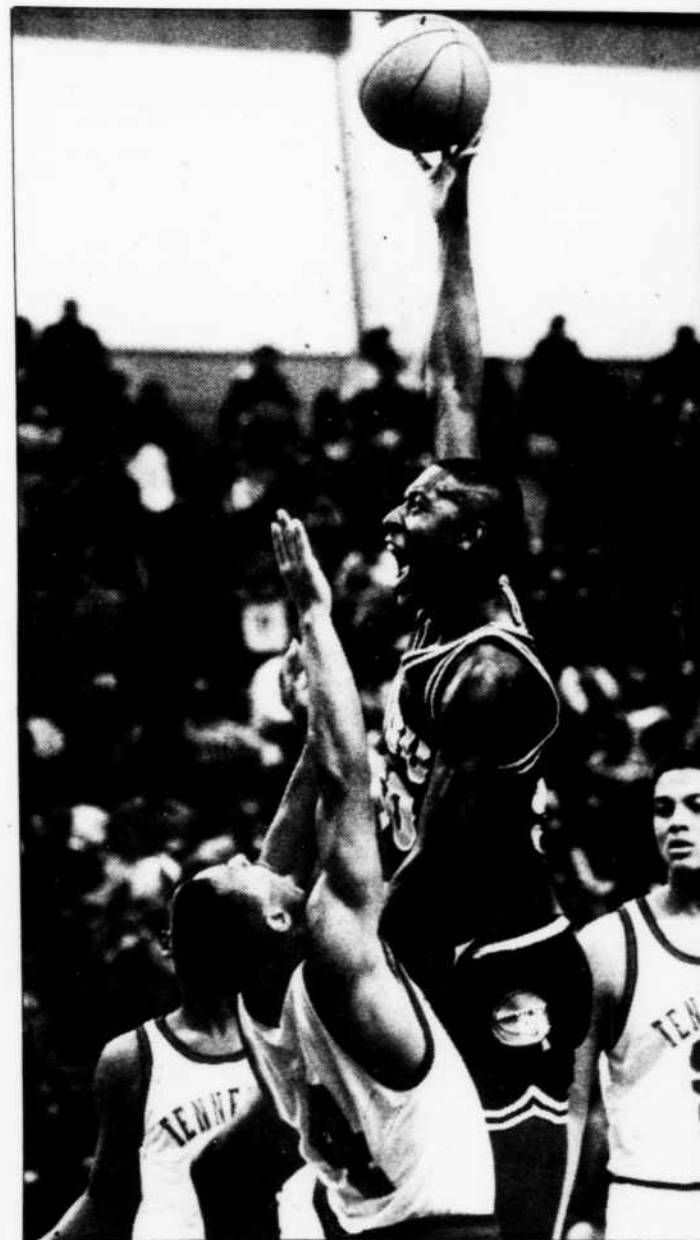
"We relaxed at the line and converted our free throws tonight," Stewart added. "It was our normal night. We shot about 77 percent tonight, and we've been shooting about 75 percent for the

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Tennessee State guard Terry Tillmon does what the Tigers did best Saturday night — lose the ball. TSU lost its tenth consecutive game to the Bruce Stewart led Blue Raiders, 104-71.



Sandra Renni

Senior forward Randy Henry shows a look of extreme determination as he skies above TSU's Tremaine Smith (l) and Travis (r) during MTSU's 104-71 victory Saturday night.

Lady Raiders dominate Tiger Gems once again

By KEVIN SPAIN
Acting Co-Sports Editor

NASHVILLE — MTSU's Lady Raiders continued their dominance of Tennessee State's Tiger Gems with an 81-61 win at Gentry Center Complex Saturday night.

It was MTSU's 14th win over TSU in as many meetings, including two this season, since the series began during the 1979-80 season.

The Lady Raiders won the first meeting this season 81-53 in Murfreesboro early in January.

"We shot well early," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "This was a hard game to play well, but it was a game we had to win."

MTSU charged out of the gate very fast, building a 27-6 lead over the first 10 minutes, led by Lianne Beck's 6-of-6 shooting from the floor.

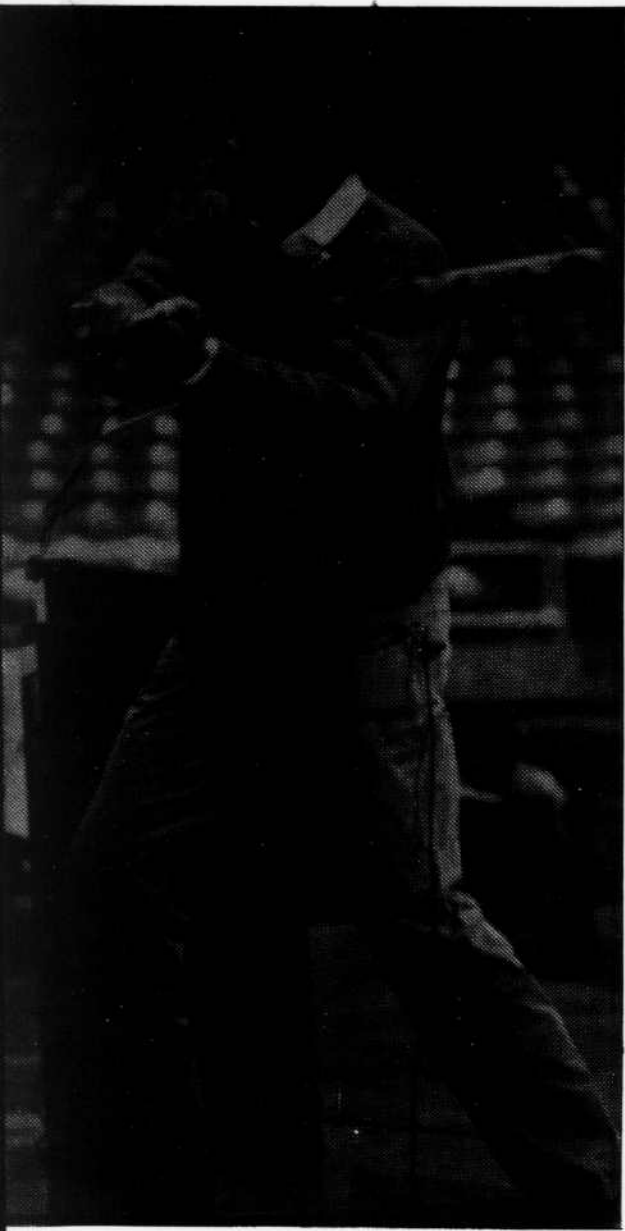
The Tiger Gems finished with some shots to fall and trailed 26 at halftime.

The second half was no different as the Lady Raiders, led by Christy Scruggs' 10 points in the first four minutes, built a 10-point lead and never looked back.

Tawanya Mucker led the Raiders with 21 points and six rebounds. Beck shot 9-12 on the night, the season high 20 points. Christy Scruggs chipped in 12 points, nine assists, and Stephanie Mucker had 12 points and five rebounds.

Gaining the early lead made it difficult for the Raiders to keep their composure, but not so according to Tawanya Mucker.

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Frank Conley ● Staff

Former major leaguer Rod Carew was a major attraction at the annual Card and Clinic Show held Saturday at the Murphy Center.

Peterson deems card show a success; Carew, O'Steen, Puleo, Kries headline

By M.A. BROWN
Acting Editor
and

KEVIN SPAIN
Acting Co-Sports Editor

Although it's February, and collegiate and professional basketball are in full swing, many aficionados of America's pastime are looking forward to warmer weather and the return of the "Boys of Summer."

About 2,000 of these local baseball fans gathered in Murphy Center to see the likes of former major leaguers Rod Carew and Claude O'Steen and current Atlanta Brave's pitcher Charlie Puleo during the annual MTSU Card Show and Clinic.

"I thought the entire day was excellent," Steve Peterson, head coach of MTSU's baseball team and organizer of the event, said. "We had a very good showing, and the speakers performed really well."

The main attraction during the day was Carew, a seven-time American League batting champion

during his 19-year big league career with the Minnesota Twins and California Angels.

"Carew is like a scientist. It's obvious he has studied hitting," Peterson said. "It's a rare treat to see a man of his caliber. We're talking about one of the greatest hitters to play baseball since the days of Babe Ruth."

Carew held a hitting clinic in the Murphy Center gymnasium for interested coaches and players.

During his days in the majors, Carew, who began playing with Minnesota in 1967, amassed 3,053 hits and finished with a career batting average of .328.

Carew is perhaps most remembered for his 1977 season, when he almost became the first player to hit .400 since Boston Red Sox hall of famer Ted Williams.

Although he maintained an average above .400 for most of the '77 season, Carew eventually fell off in August and finished with a .388 average — which is still the second highest batting

average attained by a major leaguer in 47 years.

O'Steen, a former pitcher for the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers and current pitching coach of the Philadelphia Phillies, and Puleo also put on pitching clinics.

"Puleo was interesting because he gave an inside view of what goes through a pitcher's mind when he is on the mound," Peterson said.

However, Peterson went on to say, MTSU strength coach E.J. "Doc" Kries generated a lot of crowd response.

"It was funny. Charlie [Puleo] said he had never wanted to work with weights much. Then the next thing I knew, Doc had him in the weight room running him through some exercises," the coach said with a laugh.

A large collection of baseball cards and other memorabilia was also on display at the show, attracting a number of collectors.

"Collecting is a great

hobby," Frank Shoemake, a card dealer from Shelbyville, said. "It's hard to sell them sometimes though, because you get attached to a particular card, and you don't want to sell it."

David Harvey, a resident of Old Hickory, used the show to add Carew's and O'Steen's autograph to his collection which appeared on a six-foot tall bat he bought in Philadelphia.

"Everyone on my bat is either a hall of famer or future hall of famer," he said. "The hardest one to get was [Joe] DiMaggio, and the only one I tried to get and couldn't was [Mickey] Mantle."

Harvey's bat featured the autographs of players such as Eddie Mathews, Ernie Banks, Johnny Mize and Stan Musial among others.

"Because of the quality of speakers and dealers and being able to use Murphy Center, our show is becoming one of the best one-day card shows in the southeast," he said.

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Mucker takes second slot on all-time scoring list, guns for 2,000 point mark

By KEN SALTER
Acting Co-Sports Editor

The Lady Raider scoring record got a new name in the number two spot Saturday night.

Senior center Tawanya Mucker passed Jennifer McFall's mark of 1,834 points on a layup with 13:18 left in the first half to become the second leading scorer in Lady Raider history. Her 21 points for the game left her with 1,850 points, which is topped only by Kim Webb's all-time record of 2,148.

"I think it's a really good thing," Mucker said. "That says something, because it

is an accomplishment to be in the same class as Kim Webb. She was a great player."

"She really plays hard," Coach Lewis Bivens said, "it's a great honor for her. She has been consistent for four years."

Though it appears that Mucker has little chance of breaking Webb's record (she would have to average 42.5 points per game for the rest of the season), she has an excellent chance of breaking 2,000 points and possibly leading the Lady Raiders to a second straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

"I would love to get back to the NAAs," Mucker said, "but we have to play 100 percent every night to have a chance."

Mucker has found that teams are playing her tougher because of her scoring potential.

"Everybody is paying more attention to me," Mucker said. "When they do that, we just go to someone else. It takes everyone playing well for us to win."

"With Tawanya in the game, it lets our outside shooters shoot," Bivens said. "They have to worry about her inside."

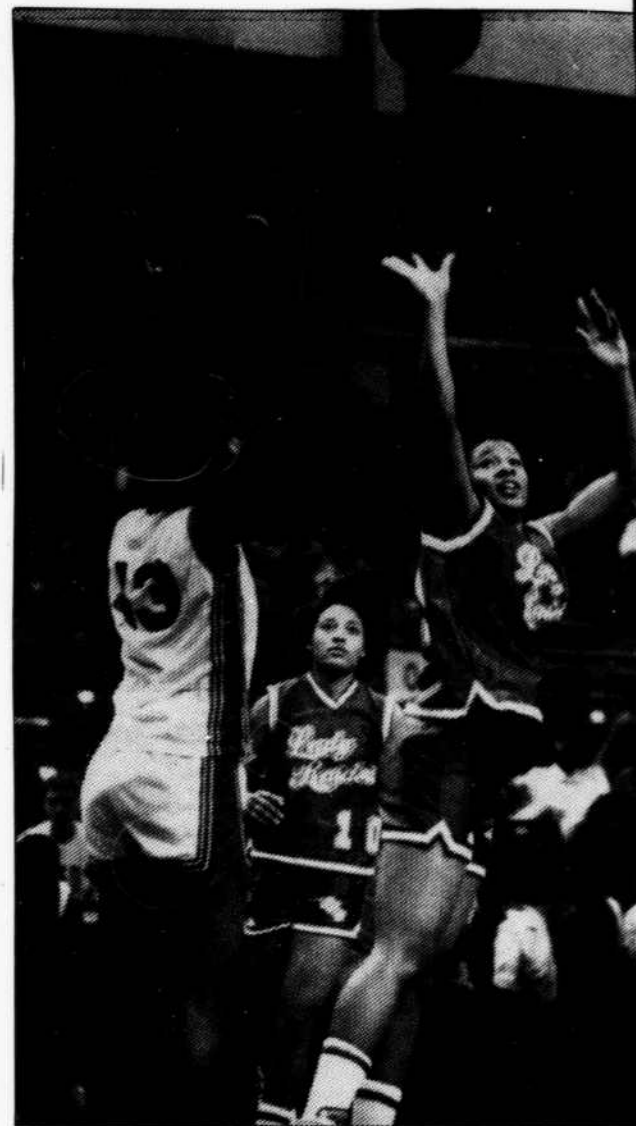
The 6-0 Macon, Ga. na-

tive currently ranks 20th in the nation in scoring and holds three other Lady Raider records (most points in a season, highest point average in a season and most field goals made in a season) in addition to being second in career scoring.

Bivens attributes Mucker's success to the rare ability she possesses.

"Tawanya has great upper body strength and unbelievable balance," Bivens said. "That's a rare combination for a player."

"Since I've been here, it's been hard to win without her."



Frank Conley/St

Lady Raider senior Tawanya Mucker continued her assault on the MTSU record books Saturday as she became the second leading scorer in the team's history.

Revenge could be sweet for Raiders in Wright State rematch Wednesday

By M.A. BROWN
Acting Editor

When the Raiders of Wright State come to MTSU for a 7:30 p.m. contest with the Blue Raiders Tuesday night, one thing will be on the minds of Bruce Stewart and his players.

Revenge.

Immediately on the heels of the Blue Raiders stunning 101-95 upset of the Soviet National team on

Nov. 29, Stewart took his squad to Dayton, Ohio to face Wright State in what looked like a mismatch.

The Blue Raiders left Dayton with an 88-71 defeat.

"We stunk," Stewart said after the game. "We got whipped in every single phase of the game."

That is a fact which has stayed in the minds of the Blue Raiders.

"I want a pay back. I want

it bad," senior forward Randy Henry said. "I want it, number one because they never should have beaten us as badly as they did, and number two because it was the worst game of my career."

Henry failed to score in Dayton, on a meager three field goal attempts.

Stewart also acknowledged the fact that his team has added incentive to beat the Raiders.

"We take pride in the way we play, and we definitely owe them a pay back," he said. "The way we played stuck our craw."

Even with extra motive,

Stewart said the Blue Raiders will be hard pressed to defeat Wright State.

"It going to be a tough game against a team that is not well known," he said. "They are a Division I team that has a good record against Division I schools."

"They are on the verge of being an NIT [National Invitational Tournament] team. If they win the rest of their games, they should make it."

Wednesday's game will mark the last time this season the Blue Raiders will face a non-Ohio Valley Conference opponent.



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"We had to keep playing hard the whole game," she said. "We know we'll have to play 100 percent every night if we want to win the OVC."

Senior Sandy Brown kept her NCAA record three-point shooting string alive at 49 games, but had a tough night only hitting 1-6 three-pointers.

"I don't know if it (the record) enters her head", Coach Bivens said. "We try and not worry about those things, all we worry about is our effort. Her shots will fall."

The win raised the team record to 15-4 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

The loss dropped TSU 3-16 overall and 0-7 in the OVC.

The Lady Raiders will play at home Tuesday night against non-conference foe Western Kentucky, a team nationally ranked for most of the season with a record of 17-4. They beat MTSU 83-51 last year.

"This should be a good game", Sandy Brown said. "We will have to play on game to stay in it."

The next conference game will be Saturday night here against Murray State.

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Racers run by Raiders

By M.A. BROWN
Acting Editor

MURRAY, Ky. — MTSU's Blue Raiders earned a hard lesson in Racer Arena Monday night — sometimes when you live by the free throw, you die by the free throw.

The Raiders failed to connect on the front end of six one-and-one opportunities as they lost their first Ohio Valley Conference game of the season to Murray State, 71-67.

The most crucial misfire came from senior Kerry Hammonds after he had been fouled by Don Man- with five seconds remaining and the Racers ahead

69-67.

"It was a tough miss for me," the 6-7 center said. "I knew I was going to make that shot."

"I like to think of myself as a good free throw shooter and I like pressure situations. But the last couple of games, I've struggled at the foul line."

Hammonds was not alone in his foul shooting futility on the night, however. The Raiders as a team shot 11-19 (57.9%) for the game from the charity stripe.

Monday's outing came on the heels of a 30 of 38 performance as a team against Austin Peay on

Lady Raiders down Murray State, 71-68

By KEVIN SPAIN
Acting Co-Sports Editor

MURRAY, Ky. — MTSU's Lady Raiders flirted with disaster before making a second half comeback to take a 71-68 win from Murray State's Lady Racers Monday night.

With the win, the Lady Raiders stayed in the hunt for a seventh straight Ohio Valley Conference title.

The Lady Raiders used aggressive defense and clutch foul shooting to initiate the comeback.

"This was the most important game of the season for us," sophomore forward Stephanie Capley said. "By winning this game, we're in good shape to win the conference."

MTSU built a 10 point lead with 12 minutes to go in the first half only to see Murray out score them 12-4 over the next 4:30 to pull within two.

The Lady Raiders then argued to a seven point lead with 3:40 left, but MSU closed the gap to one at alltime.

The start of the second half was all Murray State.

The Lady Racers built an eight point lead midway through the half and led by even with 4:30 to go, but MTSU never gave up.

"We kept encouraging each other, we knew we had to get to the boards better and start hitting our shots better," senior guard Sandy Brown said. "We knew we had to have confidence in each other."

Led by Lianne Beck, who had nine of her 16 points

down the final stretch, the Lady Raiders went on a 20-8 run to end the game, giving Murray its first home loss of the season.

"We worked hard all week, and I'm real happy for the girls," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "The team got real aggressive at the end."

"We knew this would be a hard battle, they have good athletes, and we had to play hard to win."

Tawanya Mucker led the Lady Raiders in scoring with 21 points, but was forced to sit out most of the second half after picking up her fourth foul with 15:15 left to play.

MTSU had three other players in double figures: Beck had 16, Christy Scruggs scored 11 points for the second game in a row, and Stephanie Capley came off the bench and contributed with 12.

Murray State was led by Karen Johnson with 23 points, Michelle Wenning chipped in 13 and Rona Poe had 12.

But probably most importantly for the Lady Raider defense, Sheila Smith, who came into the game averaging 21 points a game, was held to only 12 points.

"Basically, this was the biggest game of the year," senior forward Lianne Beck said. "We never thought we would lose, we knew in our hearts we wanted to win more than they did."

MTSU only hit 10 of 34 shots in the second half, but six of those came in the final stretch when they needed them the most.

Saturday, Jan. 28. As a team, the Raiders were hitting on 75.9% of their free throws coming into the Murray game.

"It's hard to point out the problem. Maybe our level of concentration wasn't as high as it was at Austin Peay," senior forward Randy Henry said.

"Free throw shooting cost us the game," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "If we hit on our normal percentage, we win the game."

"We're human, and tonight we didn't concentrate as much at the free throw line as we normally do."

Murray Coach Steve RAIDERS from page 12

season. So that's about par for the course.

"If we had to have a bad night, maybe we got it out of our system."

For the most part, the game was not much from a fan's perspective, Stewart said, but he felt the team played well.

"It was a blue collar game," he said. "It was a big win for our program, and a

Newton said he was surprised at the Raiders' poor free throw shooting performance.

"Looking at the stats, we had noted they were hitting three out of every four free throws. We were fortunate to get this one," he said.

Although MTSU and Murray entered the game as the top two offenses in the league, Monday's contest was a defensive struggle from start to finish.

The Raiders' shot a horrid 38 percent from the field on the game, and the Racers weren't much better, hitting on 39 percent of their shots.

"Defense was the order very convincing win."

Henry led the Raiders with 26 points and 11 rebounds, both game highs, while Chris Rainey chipped in 24 points, and Hammonds 18.

TSU was led by Nico Childs with 23 points.

With the victory, the Raiders remained tied with Murray State for the OVC with a 6-1 league mark.

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of the night," Newton said. "We knew coming in that we had to play a career game on the defensive end of the floor to win."

The Raiders were led offensively by Henry with a game high 23 points.

With the loss, MTSU is now tied with Murray for the OVC lead with a 5-1 record. The Raiders are 14-6

overall, while the Racers are 13-6.

"We're not in bad shape. They still have to come to our place, and so does Austin Peay," Stewart said.

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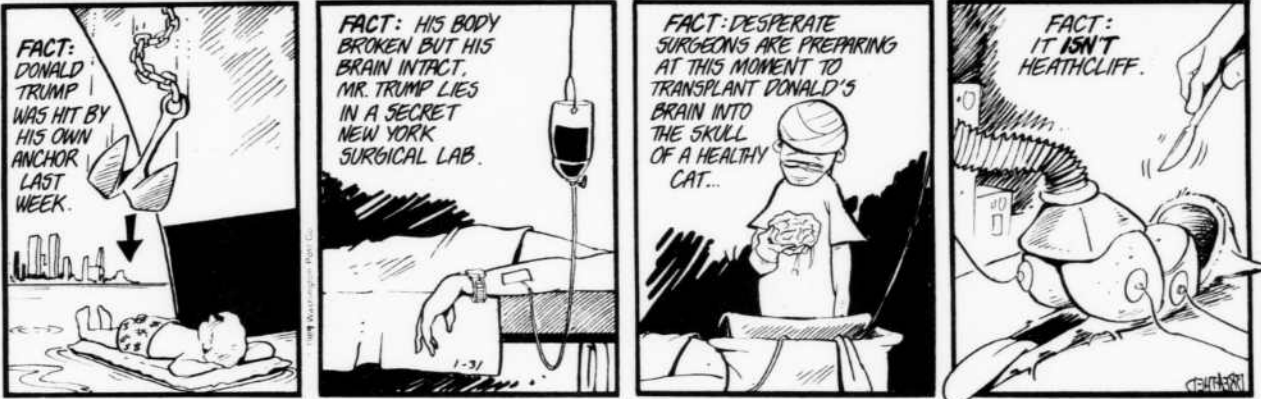
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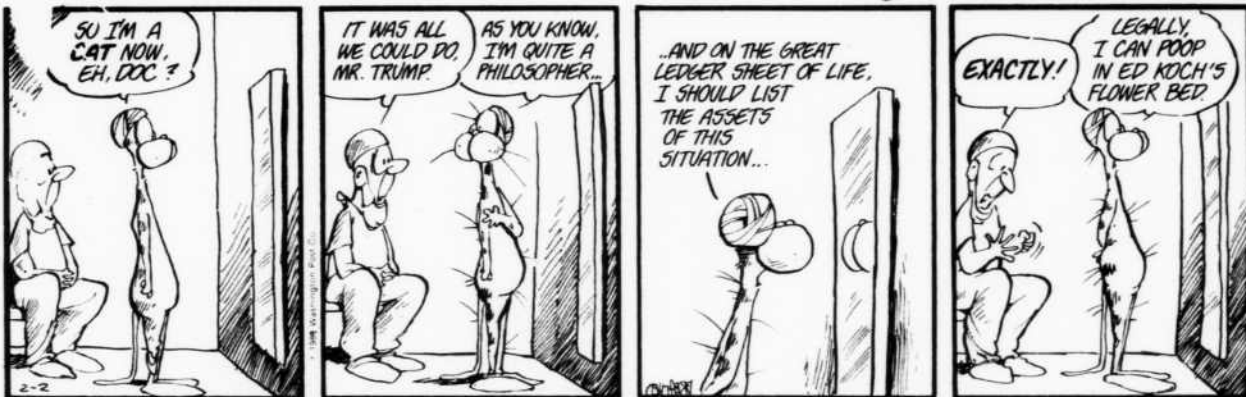
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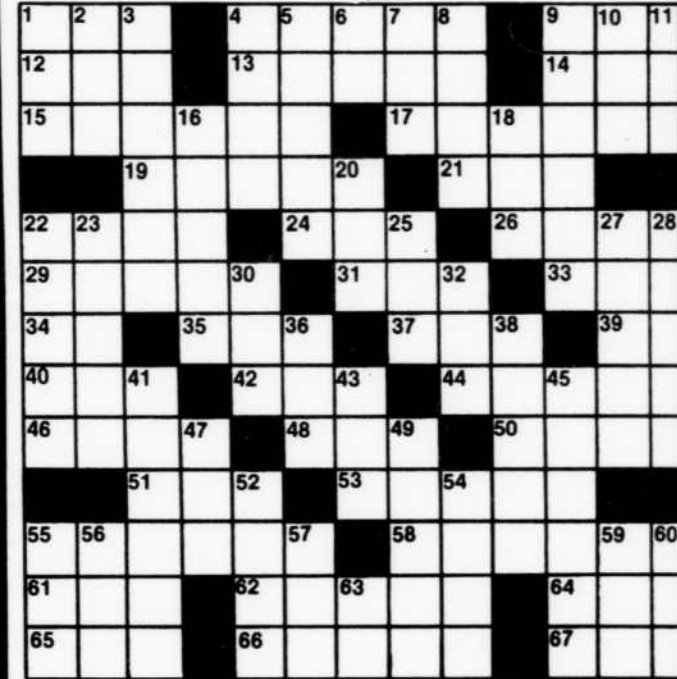


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