Underfunding of higher ed may cause cuts: THEC

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON **Education Editor**

Continued underfunding of higher education will cause elimination of programs, services, activities, and even institutions, the executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission warned at a special session Friday.

The special meeting was called to consider plans for distributing a lower level of funding for higher education, as requested by the Alexander administration.

"A NEW distribution approach at a lower level means reduced services, activities, and programs," THEC Executive Director G. Wayne Brown told the commission.

Commissioner Brad Reed, Nashville, expressed his concern that such steps may be necessary.

Reed asked Brown what kind of "benchmark" would have to be reached before the commission would say there has to be a change in the budgetary process.

"IF WE STAY another two or three years with the state funding your recommendations at no greater than 85 percent and with fee recommendations that students wouldn't pay more than a certain percentage of the cost of their education, we're there," Brown replied.

Reed asked Brown if that would involve closing some institutions.

"It could, " Brown answered. "Some states have had to do that."

President Sam Ingram yesterday expressed doubt that the situation could reach that point.

"IT'S NOT likely in the next two or three years, but those years will be lean years for us all," Ingram said.

He did agree, however, that if the conditions continue as they are now, drastic measures may be necessary.

As for reduced appropriations for 1982-83, Ingram said, "Any money that reduces us below this year's level of funding means less purchasing power for us, and thereby our quality will go down."

HOWEVER, cutting programs may not be the answer, Ingram said.

"That won't necessarily save us money because the students may go into another program.

"I can visualize the situation getting so bad," he added, "that we would put a limit on enrollment considerably below what our present limit is."

AT THE meeting, THEC presented four plans

for distributing a reduced appropriation in response to the governor's request for such contingencies. This is the second year in a row such a request has been made.

However, the commission stood by its original recommendation as the amount needed to fund higher education.

THEC recommended that tuition and fees not be increased beyond the amounts specified in its original recommendation and approved a 32 percent ceiling for tuitions.

PLAN A, which allots money equal to 1981-82 funding minus non-recurring funds, would reduce MTSU appropriations to approximately \$18.5 million from the original \$20.85 million recommendation.

The plan funds the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. and Contract Education at current levels, eliminates research expansions, and holds constant all inflation units for academic formula units, maintenance, and operation of physical plants, and utilities.

Plan B, 1981-82 funding minus non-recurring funds plus \$5 million, would allocate approximately \$18.8 million to MTSU and add \$494,000 to TSAC, \$34,000 to Contract

Education, and \$150,000 for research to plan A.

PLAN C, 1981-82 funding minus nonrecurring funds plus \$10 million, would allocate \$19.1 million to MTSU and add \$100,000 to plan B for research.

Plan D, 1981-82 funding minus non-recurring funds plus \$15 million, would allocate approximately \$19.4 million to MTSU and add \$700,000 to Plan C to provide more TSAC student grants.

Another item on the agenda was response to a request from the governor's office that all state departments determine the impact of a 2 percent reduction in state-funded payroll expenditures.

SINCE Tennessee ranks last among the Southern Regional Education Board in funding for higher education, THEC recommended that higher education be exempted from the reduction and that additional money be made available so THEC could reach its goal of reaching at least the SREB average.

But if higher education is not exempted, THEC proposed that all institutions be subject to the 2 percent "salary factor," with the three governing boards making the appropriate personnel decisions.

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Deans to get more budget input

By BILL WARD Editor

Until the state provides more funding for higher education, MTSU will give its deans and department heads more budget input and attempt to make community-service projects self-sufficient, President Sam Ingram said last week.

The 1982-83 budget year marks the first time during Ingram's tenure his office passed along individual figures to the deans and department heads, rather than allocating at the very top adminstrative levels. The following year, the university may institute a system to more equitably distribute

over how much money is alloted to research projects, when all state universities except for UT-Knoxville and Memphis State place community-service projects above research as an institutional priority.

IN THE university's "Institutional Mission" statement, "providing public service to the people of its area" is listed as one of MTSU's two philosophical bases, along with "providing the best education possible for its students."

Other State Board of Regents schools place community-service projects as a higher priority than research, Ingram said, adding that MTSU will try to continue its efforts in that area.

"We really ought to be doing more community service than we are now, not less," he noted. "More and more we're trying to make community service selfsupporting."

will recommend no increases in the budget for state universities for next year. It's a virtual certainty that any recommended increases will be lower than the inflation rate.

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Ingram says he'd prefer to wait for the governor's recommendation before taking any action on his own, outside of changes already made giving more input to the four academic deans and all department heads.

For the first time this year, administration officials "gave figures to the deans and told them to go to department heads and come back with staffing plans," Ingram said. "THE DIFFERENCE is that we're giving each school more (Continued on page 2)

Photo by Greg Campbei

University police usher John W. Townsend into a squad car following a disturbance Sunday morning outside MTSU's **Dramatic Arts Building.**

Nashville man arrested after campus fight Sat.

By PHIL WILLIAMS Staff Writer

A Nashville resident was arrested early Sunday morning after a fight transpired between fraternities following a Omega Psi Phi talent show at the MTSU Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

John W. Townsend, not a student at MTSU, was arrested for "breach of peace" and resisting arrest after striking police officer Allen Hale who

Energy Council plans to reduce electric bills

By PHIL WILLIAMS. Staff Writer

The MTSU Energy Council has instituted a "building manager program" in an effort to reduce the university's \$100,000-plus monthly electricity bill, according to Mike Crain, director of the council.

Under the new program, one or more individuals in each building have been assigned the responsibility of enforcing the guidelines of the university energy conservation policy.

THOSE SPECIFIC guidelines include the following:

• All lights in unoccupied areas must be turned off.

· Thermostats should be set no lower than 75-F for cooling and 68-F for heating.

· All windows, outside doors, and vestibule doors should be closed.

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was attempting to calm the disturbance.

ACCORDING TO witnesses, a fight erupted between rival fraternities who were in attending the yearly event.

Hale responded to a "fight-inprogress" call at 12:52 a.m., according to the arrest report. The report states several black males appeared to be fighting in the agriculture parking lot. After the officer turned on his emergency lights, most of the crowd dispersed, the report says.

The officer then got out of his car and began to talk to some of the students who had not dispersed.

"Mr. Townsend ran up to a subject I was talking with and began to verbally threaten him," Hale stated in the report. "I attempted to stop Mr. Townsend and he struck me with his fist in the face."

AT THIS point, the officer defended himself with his nightstick.

According to Hale's report, six to eight of Townsend's associates began to intervene on his behalf. He waited on backup from the Murfreesboro Police Department to arrive before making the arrest.

University Police Chief John Bass indicated he felt the officer acted properly in awaiting the arrival of support before making the arrest.

"NO WHERE in his contract (Continued on page 3)

merit or quality money, he said. **INGRAM ALSO** expressed concern over recent reports that the state might impose personnel salary cuts and admitted the public image of higher education in Tennessee is "not what it should be.'

Unless, and untila state income tax is instituted, MTSU and other state universities must "live with inadequate services or find additional sources of revenue," he said.

Ingram said he believed a state income tax "is going to come" to Tennessee, "but more like five years away than two," largely because funds received from other revenue sources are on the decline.

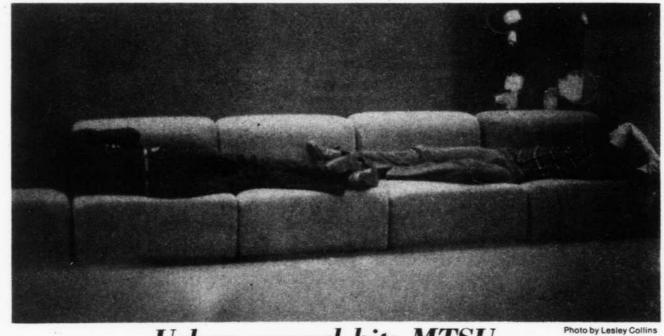
"WE'VE ABOUT exhausted the sales tax," he said, "and the cigarette and alcohol people are going out of the state to bootleg."

Ingram also expressed concern

Campus report shows

"It bothered me that in a period of decline in support to additional programs that THEC recommended \$150,000 for UT to conduct ion research at Oak Ridge," Ingram said.

A STRONG possibility exists that Governor Lamar Alexander



Urban sprawl hits MTSU

Two unidentified students display the latest form of urban sprawl at MTSU's High Rise dorm.

Nov. crime rate up, money losses down

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

The overall crime rate on the MTSU campus rose more than 19 percent for the month of November, while monetary losses dropped by almost 50 percent for the second consecutive month.

The figures, submitted monthly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, also indicated the resolution rate decreased by 44 percent.

REPORTS OF larceny and theft rose by 13 percent from 31 offenses in October, to 37 incidents in November. Thirtyfive theft-related offenses were reported during November compared to 31 incidents during the month of October.

In addition, the report indicates that two robberies oc-



Police Chief John Bass

curred during November. This marks the first time this semester that this crime has appeared on the report. The two separate incidents involve the theft of a \$23 pizza order from a delivery person, and a mugging in which a wallet containing \$25 was taken.

Overall, monetary losses dropped 48.6 percent from \$6673 in October to \$3428 in November. This decrease follows a 50.5 percent drop during the previous monthly period.

THE REPORT also shows a 44 percent decrease in the theft recovery category. Three of 35 theft-related losses were recovered in November compared to five of 31 in the previous month.

University Police Chief John Bass indicated that a large number of losses were from unlocked premises.

Bass indicated that the recovery rates were about normal for any department, but told of plans to improve the ratio.

"RECOVERY RATES are low in general," Bass noted.

"The answer to a lot of the crimes are around, but we don't get the answers," Bass said. "We could be higher in this category if the people who have the answers would tell us." .

Bass said that he is in the process of selecting an officer who would be assigned to crime investigation on a routine basis.

"IN ORDER to ever have any success, it is going to take a man working in it virtually all of the time," Bass indicated.

The task of selecting an officer for this position is being accomplished by allowing various officers to work investigation on a trial basis. In addition, Bass said that his department had recently implemented an im-

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DELTA MU DELTA will sponsor a speech by Jerry L Benefield, vice president of manufacturing at Nissan, Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at Western Sizzling Steak House on Broad Street.

All Delta Mu Delta members should arrive at 6 p.m. and all others should arrive by 6:45 p.m.

THE MTSU NOON CHOIR will present a concert tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in the Recital Hall of Wright Music Building.

Music will range from Bach to Mac Davis with groups of folk songs and spirituals included. Admission is free.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS interested in attending a workshop on rural cooperat ives Dec. 8-11 should contact the foreign student adviser as soon as possible

The workshop is sponsored by the Federation of Southern Cooperatives in Epes, Ala., and the cost, including transportation, is \$200.

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Bass, a former FBI agent and

assistant director of the Ten-

nessee Law Enforcement

Academy, said that he is trying

to establish an investigative

system based on his past ex-

"BUT THE man [the in-

vestigator] is only going to be as

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flexibility in how to use their

money," he added. "We don't

know for sure that money will be

better utilized that way, but we

Beginning with the budget

year 1983-84, the university

intends to "take merit or quality

money and analyze by schools

who's earned it and give that

money to that school," Ingram

me with good reasons why it

shouldn't be done, we'll do that

"Unless someone can provide

sure hope so."

said.

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aid the officers.

THE RUTHERFORD HOSPITAL AUXILIARY will present two scholarships to nursing students with an accumulative average of 2.8 or better.

Applications are available at the Nursing Office and the Financial Aid Office in the Cope Administration Building. Deadline is Dec. 28, 1981.

STUDENTSINTERESTED IN A CREATIVE WRITING course for the spring semester must submit a short story or poem to Dr. George Kerrick in Peck Hall prior to registration.

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Crime report

good as the information he proved record-keeping system to gets," Bass added.

> Bass said that he was pleased that there were no thefts during the reported Thanksgiving break, adding that he hoped the police could continue that record throughout the Christmas break.

> "Since there will be less people on campus, we can direct

our attention more to looking after facilities," Bass said.

Bass recommended that everyone take extra precautions over the upcoming holiday break. He suggested that students make sure their areas are well-secured before leaving and greatly limit the amount of valuables left.

"Remember there is a lock on that door," Bass added.

Ingram

over a two- or three-year period," he said.

"We think that might provide additional incentive to the departments to work for that merit money."

TENNESSEE Finance Commissioner Bill Sansom's recent recommendation that THEC look into reducing personnel salaries be cut by 2 percent, Ingram hopes MTSU 'can maintain complete flexibility with the dollars we get.

"It would disturb me greatly if they (the state government) impose required cuts in salary."

On this and other budgetary topics, Ingram said he prefers to adopt a wait-and-see approach.

"If it appears higher education is being treated fairly, my inclination would be to live with it," he said.

"On the other hand, if we're treated fairly and still have to take steps to make drastic cuts, it would be my duty to inform everyone concerned in advance."

Photo by Lesley Collins Couldn't afford a dorm room

Kenneth Slate, freshman music major, reclines in a locker while finishing up an English assignment.

Energy program

added.

"This will give us a little more control in making sure that the buildings are energy secure," Crain said.

CRAIN NOTED that conservation of energy could potentially mean a large savings for the university.

MTSU uses between 3.5 and 4 million kilowatt hours (kwh) of electricity per month, said Crain. These figures translate

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Attention college juniors and seniors majoring in business or a business-related field.

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Recipients of the fellowships will be chosen by an independent committee who will select them on the basis of demonstrated leadership, as well as scholarship, character, and career goals.

No applications will be accepted after Feb. 28, 1982.

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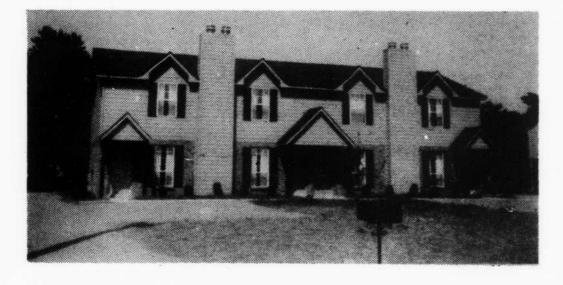
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News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Reagan yesterday Col. Moammar rejected Khadafy's denial that Libyan terrorists have been sent to the United States to kill government leaders. "I wouldn't believe a word he says," Reagan declared. "We have the evidence and he knows it."

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (AP) — One of three Venezuelan airliners hijacked in a highly coordinated operation landed last night in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa, said airport officials.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -Calling the 1982 World's Fair a good investment, Gov. Lamar Alexander said yesterday the exposition would get another \$1.2 million in state aid.

Get your schedules approved

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) - A concert and candlelight vigil are planned today, the first anniversary of John Lennon's death, in this industrial city where the Beatles began chronicling by song the changes of the 1960s that swept the world.

"They're coming in their thousands from every corner of the world," said Sam Leach, a promoter of Beatles concerts 20 years ago and organizer of tonight's free concert in memory of Lennon.

WARSAW, Poland (AP) -Poland's state-controlled news media launched a strong new assault on Solidarity vesterday and quoted union chief Lech Walesa as predicting the overthrow of the government.

Walesa, head of the 9.5 million-member independent labor union was quoted by a Polish publication as saying "The confrontation is unavoidable and the confrontation will take place ... We have to awaken people to that."

twice the \$450 million given five

WASHINGTON (AP)-Iran has more students attending American colleges and universities than any other foreign country, despite the breakdown in relations between the two nations, according to a study released Sunday.

Some 47,550 Iranian students attended U.S. colleges in 1980-81, down from 51,300 the year before, according to the Institute of International Education's annual census of foreign students. The decline came in the wake of U.S. government efforts to throw out Iranians who were violating their visas.

NEOLA, W.Va. (AP) - A Tennessee man has found that it definitely doesn't pay to kill a bear out of season in West Virginia.

Gregory Lowan of Kingsport, Tenn., not only has paid a \$200 fine, plus \$15 in court costs, but he also has been assessed \$500 for "replacement" of a bear he and two companions killed on Lt. Al. Payne, a conservation officer with the Department of

CLEVELAND, Tenn. (AP) -

RIM has big plans LP to be made with campus talent

included because of the time

invovled in such an undertaking.

The recording and mixing

will be done in the RIM

department's Haynes House

recording studio, and will in-

volve as many as 30 engineers,

producers and songwriters.

By ELIZABETH PORTER **Production Manager**

Recording Industry Management majors will produce an album here this spring which will include selections from almost every musical genre and use MTSU student musicians and songwriters.

The project is funded by an \$1100 grant to the RIM departmentfrom the university's institutional developmentcommittee, and also entails documentation of the recording process for instructional purposes.

RIM INSTRUCTOR Chris Haseleu is coordinating the student producers and engineers for the record, and Professor Tom Hutchinson of the music department will audition songwriters, instrumentalists, and vocalists to be featured in the effort.

"This is a first-time thing for the university," Haseleu said yesterday.

for spring break 1982

The price of the tour, \$320,

untitled as of yet, will be pressed and distributed without charge sometime this summer. Haseleu says the project should be completed by the end of the spring term.

Auditions for students interested in performing or submittingoriginal songs for the project will be at 5 p.m.tomorrow and Thursday in the Saunders Fine Arts building.

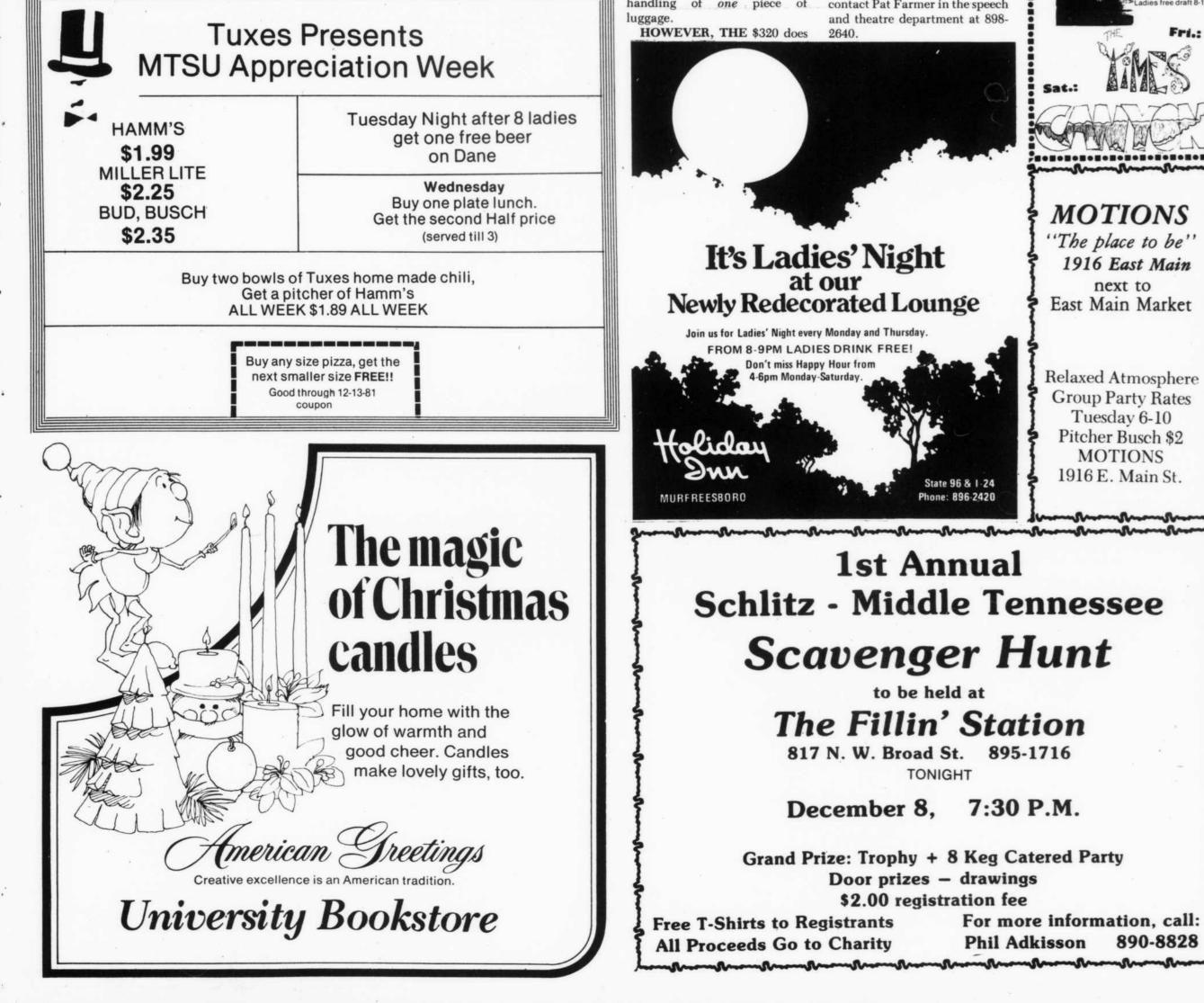


(Continued from page 1) does it say that he has to stay there and get beat up," Bass said.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said yesterday that he had received no police report on the incident although the parties involved will be appearing before him this morning.

Townsend could not be reached for comment.







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On this date

On this date in 1894, writer - artist James Thurber was born in Columbus, Ohio. "My theories and views of literature vary with the lateness of the hour, the quality of my companions, and the quantity of liquor," he once quipped. To politicians and the press he advised: "You might as well fall flat on your face as lean over too far backward."

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State income tax 'inevitable'

Higher tuition. Lower salaries. Cutbacks in financial aid. Lower funding for higher education. Elimination of programs and activities. All the news about state universities seems to be more than a bit on the gloomy side these days, and not getting any better.

Just last Friday, word came out of Nashville that even some institutions themselves may face elimination if current trends continue.

HERE AT MTSU, BELTS have been drawn up about as tightly as possible; there's just not enough money around for very much of it to be wasted. Sister institutions have, one would hope, done likewise.

Faculty and administration salary levels here are below those in most states, and many departments have not only seen their budgets reduced, but have also encountered trouble hiring people at current salary levels, especially with mortgage rates in the stratosphere. Any consideration of cutting those wages is ludicrous.

With no end to the myriad higher-ed problems in sight under the current system, the answer seems obvious: change the system. Not the system of sharing and spending the revenues, either, but the manner in which the state obtains funds.

The pie must be made bigger.

The most obvious and logical method, one which is utilized by a majority of the members of our "more perfect union," is a state income tax.

Once again, the looming election year makes approval of such an enactment doubtful in the Democrat-controlled Legislature and well nigh impossible with a Republican governor. Neither Alexander nor many of the state senators and representatives can afford to campaign without contributions from the kind of well-heeled souls who stand to lose the most from such a measure.

OPPOSITION TO A state income tax comes primarily from those who would most certainly have to pay the highest taxes-i.e., those whose incomes are in the top rungs. Strangely, however, those who would benefit most from such a tax-i.e., most of you-have not exactly rallied behind the cause.

It's a part of human nature that we don't get really involved in a cause until our own lot is threatened. For students and educators in Tennessee, now is such a time.

Almost everyone on Nashville's Capitol Hill realizes, as Ingram also notes elsewhere in these pages, that a state income tax is inevitable; avoiding controversial issues especially when the moneyed folk would be adversely affected. But no one, least of all the governor, wants to be a part of the government that institutes such a levy. It wouldn't hurt to let those folks know that the idea is not such an unpopular one at that.



Punchline

by Danny Tyree

By DANNY TYREE Staff Writer

For a casebook study in demagoguery, it's hard to beat the state Democrats' Jackson Day fundraiser held last Saturday in Nashville.

"We (the Democrats) think government should benefit all the people," Sen. Jim Sasser told the audience. Who doesn't? Really, how many people are receiving not one single benefit under the Reagan administration?

BUT I'M BEING facetious. Sasser really meant that the Republicans are cruel and heartless because they don't realize that government must do everything for its citizens.

How can government do anything for anybody if it goes broke? Someone like Reagan must exercise a little fiscal responsibility before we kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

If we keep postponing a solution, we'll really face a crisis someday. That's when the scrambling and emergency measures will really start. Reaganomics will seem mild in comparison. IN CONTRAST, the Democrats show no willingness to postpone judgement on Reagan. Carter had four years to try straightening out the economy. Reagan has been declared a failure after less than a vear. (And Reagan's budget has only been in effect less than three months.) I'll not argue with Sasser's statement that programs promoted by Democratic administrations over the past 20 years have increased per capita income and reduced the number of people living in poverty. But I

feel obligated to point out that the Democrats have expected us to accept too much bad with the good.

Per capita increases in income are hard pressed to keep up with the stagflation bequeathed to us by Lyndon Johnson. And why didn't Sasser mention all the worthless printing press money we've been cranking out to pay for grandiose social programs?

WE MAY BE pulling more people out of poverty, but it may be a short-lived rescue. Government benefits are being snatched out of recipients' hands by inflation. Our trillion dollar national debt keeps interest rates high so the "formerly povertystricken" can't afford a mortgage.

Some government regulations have really done a good job of cleaning up business and the environment. But many are a monumental, costly burden and serve no useful purpose.

Millions of people are now

on a case-by-case basis?

AND WHAT IS inherently bad about corporate mergers? Why is Big Government inherently more honorable than Big Business? (The "windfall profits tax" on the oil industry always amused me. Congress said it was taxing "unearned profits." But what did Congress ever do to earn that money?)

Obviously, Clement is one of those people who sees anything that benefits the rich as an example of "robbing the poor." (But how can you "take away" something if a person only holds it by the grace of Uncle Sam and the taxpayers?) So maybe the class wouldn't help Clement after all.

Clement did the old "Ah hal" routine about David Stockman's calling supply-side economics a "Trojan horse." But let us not forget our mythology, Bob. Even though the Greeks did pull a dirty trick by using a Trojan horse, they were still the heroes. And, as I mentioned in a previous column, supply-side (or trickle-down if you prefer) has worked wonders in many countries. THE DEMOCRATS hold no copyright on demagoguery. Soon the Republicans will be getting even. It's a vicious cycle. But I wish both parties would quit whitewashing their own shortcomings. And quit pouring strong negative connotations into neutral words like "wealthy." And quit making snap criticisms of the opposition even though they have no answers of their own.

"WE'RE EITHER GOING to have to live with inadequate services," MTSU President Sam Ingram notes elsewhere in these pages, "or find other sources of revenue."

In other words, there is only one viable option; "inadequate services" is an intolerable possibility, an abomination to even consider.

It's painfully obvious to all by now that more money is not likely to be eminating from the nation's capital over the next few years. Neither can we expect Governor Alexander to increase the already considerable slice of the pie that education gets from existing state monies.

DOONESBURY

"WE'RE LETTING BANKERS tell us that an income tax is not good, when it's the only fair thing to do," one top adminstrator here said recently-in private. It's time for such a voice to be heard in public.

Sidelines heartily endorses enactment of a state income tax, which is as inevitable as it is logical.

enjoying the benefits of Medicare and Medicaid. But government paperwork is making a hospital stay prohibitively expensive for millions of others.

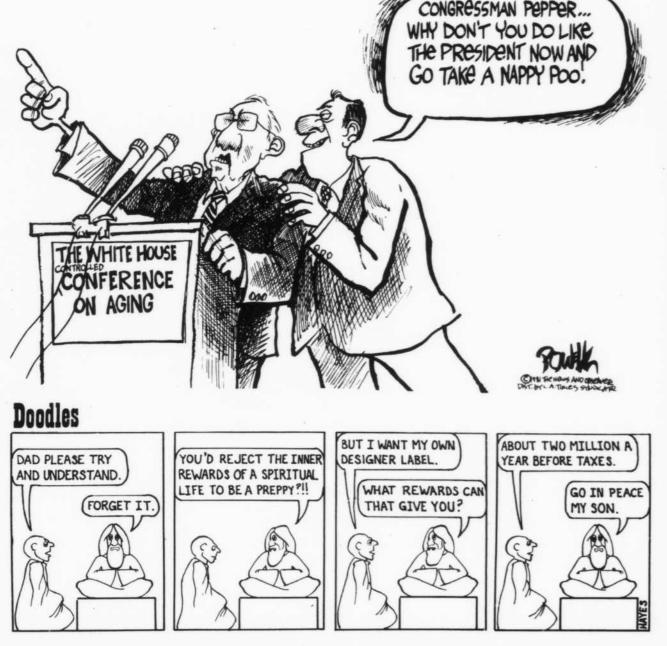
BOB CLEMENT, chairman of the fund-raiser, ranted and raved about "tax loopholes for the well-to-do" and the merger of giant companies.

Clement (and most other politicians) would do well to take the Argumentation course offered at MTSU. He might learn a little about a concept called "inherency."

What is inherently wrong with tax loopholes? Mightn't some of them have desirable economic effects? Shouldn't the justice of tax laws be determined

As the saying goes, "If you can't be big, don't belittle."

by Garry Trudeau MISS LATOUR WE WANT TO DON'T WORRY, GIRLS, GREAT! JEANIE AND I WOULD LIKE TO WELL, DEAR, THEN WE DON IT'S WHAT OH. COULD WE DISCUSS THE REE SPEECH IS WHAT'S IT'S OKAY? I THINK WANT TO ALREADY GUAR-ANTEED BY THE YOU'RE TRYING AMENDMENT GET A COPY THE CONSTI THAT'S A HOLD AN ERA GET IN TO AMEND, OF THAT? WITH THE OTH TUTION? FINE IDEA TROUBLE WORKSHOP IN ER KIDS. CONSTITUTION DEAR CLASS THIS WEEK NEVER MIND HIM ERA? HA! YOU HEY, WHAT'S OH, YEAH? HOWARD, IT'S A WE'RE HAVING AN HOWARD, SOME JUST DON'T KNOW ELLIE. HE'S JUST GOING ON YEAH. WHO SAYS PROVEN FACT ERA WORKSHOP, PEOPLE THINK A BOY. HE CAN' WHEN TO QUIT, IDIOTS! OKAY, YOU'RE LESS I CAN'T HOWARD. YOU'RE JUSTICE IS SOME BE EXPECTED TO DO YOU? MATURE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN THING YOU NEVER GRASP WHAT WE ARE AT QUIT FIGHTING WE GIRLS ARE NOW, WAIT A MIN-UTE, JEAN. HOWARD PERHAPS THERE HAS BEEN TOO MUCH RHETORIC. COULD ERA POSSIBLY BE IN FELLOW KIDS! THE QUESTION JEANIE, AND AN BEFORE US TODAY IS AN THEN MAYBE THIS IS UNCOMMONE) MIGHT JUST HAVE A WE SHOULD TROUBLE BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE SICK OF IMPORTANT ONE: WHY A STUDY BORING ONE VALID POINT THERE HEARING ABOUT IT? I DON'T THINK AN FORM A HASN'T THE ERA BEEN GROUP I MIGHT OF US REALL) STUDI BECAUSE KNOW GROUN IT'S BORING



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Parking at MTSU: opinions, criticisms & suggestions **Build** parking lot **Plenty of parking**, problem is laziness on campus perimeter

By MICHAEL TOMPKINS Editorial Editor

There have been complaints from students about the parking situation at MTSU. Although many complaints come from people too lazy to walk a short distance to class, some are valid. And, while the parking situation may be tolerable at present, the administration should begin planning for the future when additional spaces may be necessary.

The formation of an ASB joint congressional commission to study the parking problem at MTSU and offer solutions is a welcome development. The commission will reportedly look at other campuses for ideas. However, given the limited space and the current setup at MTSU, there are not a great many options available without drastically changing the MTSU environment.

LAST OCTOBER, MTSU President Sam Ingram said the problem with parking is not that there aren't enough spaces, but rather that the spaces are in inconvenient locations. He verified this statement with a survey conducted by Charles Pigg, director of campus planning, which indicated that all parking spaces were filled only once this fall. Another survey conducted on two days in September found at least 343 spaces available for parking, most in "inconvenient" areas.

"The University could divert funds, bulldoze trees out, and make the campus look quite different to get limited extra space," Ingram said. He added that administration officials have considered building a parking garage, but that the costs "would be prohibitive."

To build additional parking spaces in a central location of

the campus in the long run.

THUS, WHILE there will probably be a need for additional parking in the future, the answer is not to pave the greenery of the central campus area. If administration officials determine the need for additional parking, they should consider paving one of the fields bordering remote areas of campus and using shuttle-buses to ferry students to the center of campus (around the library or Peck Hall).

One such field is between married student housing and Greenland Drive. Or, additional space could be added on to the Greenland Drive parking lot already existing. Certainly, a student could walk from either of these locations within 10 minutes, but if student criticism of parking continues and the adminstration wishes to make it easier on their weary feet, shuttle buses could be provided.

The rationale for locating a parking lot along a remote border of campus is simple. The fields are basically flat, so paving could be done cheaply and quickly. Secondly, the beautiful trees and open spaces in the middle of campus would not fall prey to spreading asphalt. Thirdly, students would know where parking spaces are available, thus avoiding endless drives round campus in search of one.

CERTAINLY, PARKING complaints are a sign of these convenient times as much as anything. Many students have heard tales from their parents of walking miles through snow to go to school. Today's students complain about a 10 minute walk to get to class.

But, if the administration decides there is a need for additional parking, the solution is paving a remote field and possibly utilizing shuttle buses, rather than to pave over our campus' beauty for the con-



Reline parking lots for smaller compact cars

By PHYLLIS HAMM

Staff Writer The formation of a new ASB parking committee is a commendable effort. However, if this committee does not search for realistic solutions it will fail just as other such efforts have failed.

This committee should work closely with administration officials who have recently expressed that there is no parking problem. Charles Pigg, director of campus planning, says that the problem is one of "closeness and convenience,"while Sgt. James Burkhalter, director of university traffic and parking, says the problem is that "people don't want to walk."

THESE COMMENTS are valid to a certain extent. People are indeed lazy, but students living on campus should have the right to park relatively close to their home, for the sake of safety at night if nothing else.

Solutions to the campus

Approval of such a measure seems highly unlikely in these tight economic times.

SOME REALISTIC measures the ASB parking committee should consider are:

 The formation of compact car parking places which would utilize space more efficiently. This has been used in several Nashville hospital parking facilities and the only cost would be for paint and labor.

 The formation of a university motorpool to shuttlestudents from outlying lots to the hub of campus at peak times. This could resolve the problemof laziness. Enough interest would have to be expressed, mainly by commuters.

 Raise the parking ticket fine. If students were threatened with a truly large fine, rather than the present \$4 fine for parking in an unassigned spot, wouldn't they be more likely to take the time topark in an all-purpose lot thatisn't conveniently located? This would undoubtedly be extremely unpopular.

By SCOTT A. ARNOLD

Staff Writer

The only parking problem at MTSU is simply that of student inconvenience. People would rather park in an illegal parking space than have to be bothered by walking any distance to class.

"The problem is not parking," said Sgt. James Burkhalter, director of university traffic and parking. "The problem is that people don't want to walk."

According to MTSU Traffic Court Judge David Barnes, the students cannot help the traffic situation. Bunk! If the students would go to a little extra trouble and get to school in time to find a parking place and walk to class, there would be very little problem at all.

"Sometimes the students need to be given a break," said Barnes. If he knows anything about the situation at all, he should know that the ticket can be easily voided at the police station if the student has a legitimate excuse. Indeed, if their reason is truly valid, they are most definitly given "a break."

However, the majority of the students' only excuse for parking illegally is that they do not want to be inconvenienced. People will pull into an unassigned parking space, knowing full well that they are not allowed to park there, and then complain when they find their car has been ticketed or towed.

The complaints take many forms. Although some are legitimate, most are totally weak arguments. Often the ticket writer hears the innocent plea, "But I didn't know. Nobody told me."

The fact is that they have been told. Numerous ariticles in Sidelines have appeared about the issue. Also, the MTSU police

department made sure that

they could and could not park. However, students still continue to park illegally and never cease grumbling when they have been caught and ticketed.

Some students even attempt to trick the officers by placing a different color tape over their parking permits.

Students are going to have to start parking in their assigned areas and get out and walk a ways to class. Only in this way is the parking problem ever going to be solved.



campus is not the answer. MTSU has a beautiful campus and to ruin its aesthetic value for the sake of lazy students would hurt venience of a few.

Second monkey trial begins in Arkansas **By BILL STETAR**

Feature Editor

It's heralded as the "Scopes II" trial, and it began vesterday in a federal court in Little Rock.

At issue is the Arkansas law requiring schools to teach both the creationist theory-the belief that the universe was created 6,000 years ago in six days as described in the Bible-and the theory of evolution, which teaches that life developed over a period of millions of years as a result of natural selection (better known as "Darwinism").

IN LITTLE Rock, I attended the press conference of Sal F. Righteous, an Arkansas state senator, fundamentalist, and spokesman for the creationists.

"We believe that the universe was created just like it says in the Good Book," Righteous told the assemblage of reporters.

"But there's incontrovertible evidence that the earth is at least four billion years old, Mr. Righteous," one reporter injected. "Why should we teach our children something we know to be inaccurate?"

"THAT'S WHAT those heathen scientists would like us to believe," Righteous retorted, "but they probably haven't read the Bible."

"Mr. Righteous, the ACLU is challenging the law on the basis that it is vague, and that it encroaches upon the doctrine of church and state separation. How much time was spent by the legislature deliberating the bill?

"Um...er, about 15 minutes."

"Is that usual for a major piece of legislation?"

"In Arkansas it is."

"MR. RIGHTEOUS, many of the people who voted for the law claim that the 'creationist theory' is as scientific as the theory of evolution. Do you agree?'

"Sir, what we believe is that there are enough people who believe that the earth was created as it says in the Bible. All we ask is for equal time to present our side of the story."

"But, Mr. Righteous, if that's the case, we'd be teaching our students everything that a few special interest groups believe to be true. For example sir, did you know that there is a group of people who still believe that the world is flat?"

"WELL I'LL be a monkey's uncle! I didn't know that. That's something I'll have to look into. I'll see what Jerry has to say.

"In the meantime gentlemen, if there are no more questions...

"Just one last one, senator. The Little Rock Gazette says that you are being investigated for misuse of campaign funds. Is there any truth to that story?"

"Son, do you believe everything you read?"

parking problem needn't be as extreme as building a parking garage, a suggestion often heard among complaining students.

The new committee should consider these suggestions and attack the problem with vigor.

Letters From Our Reader

Lennon's genius caressed world



To the editor:

It has been a year now and the pain is still present.

We frail humans lost a truly great man that cold December day. John Lennon gave us something to cling to.

His genius caressed the world. He told us the things we could only attempt to communicate.

When he died a part of humanity died also.

Mark Samples, Box 6603 Tice Feldman, Box 683

Lennon's murder brutal, senseless

To the editor:

It is with anticipated misunderstanding that I begin this letter-but this is fitting for the topic of this letter, about one misunderstood and often unaccepted.

I faced ridicule when I expressed similar sentiments a little over a year ago, but at that time I was numbed beyond concern. I am speaking about the brutal and senseless murder of John Lennon on Dec. 8, 1980. I feel compelled to express my sentiments of extreme sorrow

over the tragic loss of such a monumental artist, a true individual who can never be replaced ...

There are many individuals who laugh about John Lennon and the overwhelming sorrow that was expressed at his death: "he was just a musician," or "it's silly to get so wrapped up over one violent act."

I hold no grudge or hatred for any of these individuals, because they never did and never really will know why it was such a tragedy.

Nonetheless, John Lennon will live on forever in the hearts of those who remember, and never forget...

John Lennon 1940-1980 David L. Kessler

Box 8318 ASB makes error with campus directory

To the editor: The Associated Student Body

of MTSU has made a serious error in printing the full name, address, and phone numbers of those individuals who desire privacy.

This letter pertains especially to the women students whose safety could be jeopardized.

When I moved off campus, I made the mistake of not contacting the phone company to delete my full name from the local directory. I soon realized that my safey could be endangered by printing this information. I have since been plagued by obscene phone calls.

In order to correct this problem, I notified the phone company to change my listing in the next directory by printing the first initial and last name next to the address and phone number.

Company requires a fee of each person who wants to maintain this privacy. Because of their absent-minded decision, the ASB has managed to destroy any attempt of regaining this privacy privledge.

My question: If MTSU wanted to print all this information in the directory, why didn't they disregard the Privacy Act of 1974 and print our social security numbers too? Or tatoo numbers on our foreheads?

The age of Big Brother creeps ever closer.

Name withheld due to possible harassment

Himebaugh wrong about broccoli To the editor:

It is with deep regret that I must respond to the thoughtless and callous swipe that one Dr. Glenn Himebaugh took at that noble vegetable, broccoli.

Dr. Himebaugh's insensitivity and prejudice are everywhere obvious, and I would be remiss if I did not expose such jaundiced illiberality and biased insularity and condemn it.

I might suggest, indeed, that Dr. Himebaugh is not only a bit of a cold fish, but a cabbagehead as well.

> Seabury Sims **Broccoli Institute of America**

More suggestions

for schedule cover To the editor:

Professor Himebaugh's toothsome epistle printed in Friday's edition of your benighted newspaper ("Broccoli on spring schedule wrong dish") furnished food for thought, though I do not swallow his argument in toto.

Must we, I ask myself, settle

for a piscatorial portrait on the cover of our summer class schedule?

Surely not. Personally, Herr Professor, I prefer the university administration's less fetid (if somewhat half-baked) bill of fare. For future class schedules, I endorse the following: kumquats, collards, chick peas, prunes, and persimmons. (Can nuts be far behind?)

Thank you, professor, for rendering such a ripe report on this refreshing rhubarb.

> **Hildy Johnson** Box 298

No empty spaces near Sims or Judd Halls

To the editor:

In regard to your article on no parking problem on campus, I agree that there may not be a problem in some areas.

However, the survey did not reveal any empty spaces in either the lot by Sims and Judd Halls or the 1st Street lot. During peak hours here, the 1st Street lot has cars parked on the edge of the pavement and some blocking the circular path of the lot on the east end.

I do my errands between 11 a.m. and noon at times and upon returning find it nearly impossible to find a green parking space even as far away as the lots across the street from the east side of Felder Hall (which was also not listed as having any empty spaces).

I brought my bicycle to campus for local errands and oncampus convenience at the first of the semester, but it got stolen within the first three weeks of class.

> Scott Rambo Box 7441

The South Cental Bell

every single individual on campus received an instruction booklet describing just where 6 Sidelines Tuesday, December 8, 1981



Benefit for Planned Parenthood <u>for Planned Parenthood</u> John Hartford to headline show CDB 'Jam'







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Gems handle Hendrix but not Lady Raiders

By STEVE PRICE Sports Writer When a basketball team shoots less than 30 percent from the field and the top scorer is shut down to just four points, it

would seem almost impossible to come out victorious.

However, that's just what happened to the Lady Raiders Saturday night, as they disposed of the Tiger Gems of Tennessee



Brian Wright

Second-team All-American Robin Hendrix has the ball stripped from her hands by a tough Tiger Gem defense. TSU held Hendrix to only four points, well below her average of 22.



State 53-43.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE shot 29.8 percent from the floor on just 17 of 57 attempts while second-team All-American Robin Hendrix, averaging 22 points per game, could muster only four free throws on the night.

"They doubled and tripled and did everything else on Robin," head coach Larry Inman said, "but that was fine. That just meant the other people were open."

The Lady Raiders held TSU to just 15 second-half points to run their overall slate to 3-0 on the season.

ALTHOUGH THE game was extremely physical, witnessed by the total of 48 personal fouls, the contest was equally as sloppy.

"We're still not doing a good job of executing," Inman determined. "I thought we made a lot of floor mistakes."

Inman may be in line for the "Understatement of the Year

had to.'

The Lady Raiders received little friction from the Tiger Gems early, opening up a comfortable 19-10 lead halfway through the first 20 minutes of play.

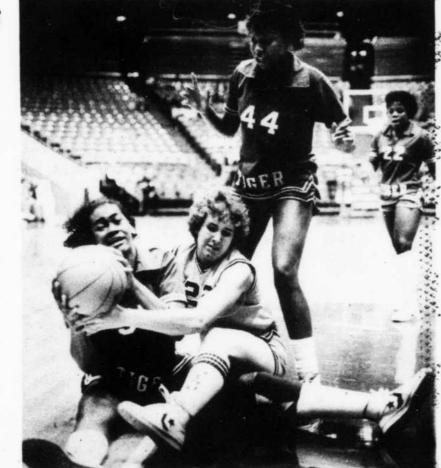
TSU came back to knot the score at 24-24, but that was as close as the Gems would come all evening to capturing the lead, with MTSU going back in front immediately for a 34-28 halftime advantage.

WITH 13:50 remaining in the game, TSU's Tammy Galloway grabbed a rebound and popped in a four-footer to cut Middle Tennessee's lead to 42-33.

Not until 6:31 left in the game were the Tiger Gems able to find the bucket again, as they were held scoreless for over a seven minute stretch.

By that time, MTSU had built up a 49-35 cushion and coasted in for the 10 point win.

TSU SHOT only slightly better than the Raiders, hitting



Sophomore Lady Raider Pat Bandjlich scrambles for possession of the ball with a Tiger Gem. The Lady Raiders overcame 40 turnovers and a dismal shooting percentage of less than 30 percent Saturday night to turnback Tennessee State 53-43 in one: the sloppiest scraps all year.

yanking down a season-high 17

SHERRY SMITH came off the bench to lead Middle Tennessee in scoring with 12, while freshman Jennifer McFall added 10 points and Holly Hoover

Sharon Jarrett with 17 points, but she was only able to hit six of her 20 shots from the floor.

MTSU will take its upblemished record into OVC competition Thursday night, traveling to Morehead State.

"They'll match us up sizewise better that anyone else we've played," Inman said.

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No way is all tequila alike. Two Fingers is mucho macho. Maybe it's the type of mezcal plants we use. Or the way we persuade the unique nectar from them. Whatever, next time put the accent on taste. Say Two Fingers, please. 8 Sidelines Tuesday, December 8, 1981

Angry Tigers feast on Raiders' free throws

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By SCOTT ADAMS Sports Writer

Tennessee State's Tigers took advantage of Blue Raider ineptness at the free-throw line Saturday night to snatch a 60-55 win from the clutches of an MTSU club that has been prophesied as one of the best in recent years.

son's Raiders record to 2-2 in the young season.

spring schedule book of classes, but rumor has it that a course in free throw shooting 101 will probably be offered soon.

the class to be taught by the Blue Raider basketball staff is to be part of a team that goes seven for

The loss dropped Stan Simp- 17 from the line on their nome court.

"The thing that blows my DON'T LOOK for it in your mind about our free throw shooting is that we're shooting right around 69 percent for the year, just like last season, but we're missing the ones that The only prerequsite to get in would ice it for us," Simpson explained.

> "WE LOOK at films of our guys shooting and the form is

Wardell "Poundcakes" Perry has the ball knocked away as he goes up for a shot against Tennessee State Saturday night. The Blue Raiders hit only seven of 17 foul shots, but the Tigers hit their charity tosses down the stretch and handed MTSU a 60-55 loss.

there, but there's a certain tightness that's hard to explain," he said. "Of course, free throw shooting is more mental than anything else."

MTSU started the game playing like the seasoned veterans that they are and with a little over seven minutes to go in the half held a 27-18 lead and had gotten help from eight different players in the scoring column. But from that point on, TSU outscored the Blue Raiders 20-6 and left the floor with a 38-33 halftime lead.

"We had the lead 27-18 and stopped playing our offense and we went to Frank Sinatra's 'I Did It My Way'," Simpson said after the game. "It was just like last year against Oral Roberts. We got the big lead and everybody started trying to be the hero instead of playing good team offense."

THE BLUE Raiders kept Ed Martin's Tigers within striking distance letting the lead inflate to nine just once. Reserve guard Alvin Blount carried most of the load for TSU pouring in eight of his 14 points early in the first half.

MTSU put together a surge with the score 50-41 that

Eastern

An unusual overtime game

South Carolina State edged

Tennessee State 26-25 when

Andre Charlton caught a 15-

yard touchdown pass and Al

Gardner added the extra point.

In other playoff action, Eastern

Kentucky topped Delaware 35-

28, Boise State beat Jackson

State 19-7, and Idaho State

TENNESSEE STATE had

rallied from a 19-6 halftime

deficit to tie the score 19-19 at

the end of regulation time, but

routed Rhode Island 51-0.

highlighted the Division I-AA

quarterfinals Saturday.

brought them to within three, but missed a chance to take the lead when Rick Campbell muffed the front end of a oneand-one and Chris Harris couldn't get either end of his two-shot foul attempts to stay

After seeing the lead go to seven again with only seven minutes to play, Jerry Beck took matters into his own hands hitting on two consecutive baskets, picking up a foul on the second. Moments after he failed to convert on his three-point play, Pancakes Perry scored on a steal, was fouled but failed to put the lock on his three-pointer either.

SIMPSON JUST sat on the bench shaking his head.

"If we don't start hitting the key free throws late in the game we're going to kill ourselves all season," Simpson lamented. "We did the same thing the other night against South Alabama. We missed a couple of key one-and-ones late and ended up in overtime when we should have been in the tunnel dressing."

Tiger guard Larry Wilson put the icing on the cake for TSU hitting four free throws down



Senior Forward Willie Johnson guns for two points Saturday night against Tennessee State. The Raiders led TSU 27-18 early in the first half but fell behind by halftime and never regained the lead.

the stretch to give MTSU their second loss.

CAMPBELL LED all scorers with 16 while Beck tossed in a dozen. Harris and reserve forward Dwayne Dorsey added six.

Ronnie Cage and Wilson led a

balanced TSU attack with 14 points each with Blount close behind canning 12.

TSU was a perfect six of six from the line and hit 27 of 61 from the floor for 44.3 percent. The Raiders were seven of 17 for 41.2 percent and 24 of 49 from the field for 48.9 percent.

"IT'S A simple fact that we turned the ball over too many times (21), we missed too many Simpson concluded. "Anytime that happens you're more than

in Richmond, Ky. against the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky. Gametime for both contests is 7:30 p.m. (EST).

missed on its extra point attempt in overtime leading 25-19. Chris Isaac scored two

touchdowns and passed for a third, leading Eastern Kentucky into the Division I-AA semifinals over Delaware.

The Colonels, 11-1 and ranked No.1 in the division, will play Boise State, which beat Jackson State behind the running of Rodney Webster and John Broadous. Webster had 156 yards and Broadous amassed 75 yards with one touchdown.

MIKE MACHUREK, the toprated passer in Division I-AA, threw for 353 yards and three touchdowns in Idaho State's

Semifinal action will get underway next weekend with Boise State hosting Eastern Kentucky and Idaho State will entertain South Carolina State.

Division I-AA Championship at the Pioneer Bowl, Dec. 19, at Wichita Falls, Texas.

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