

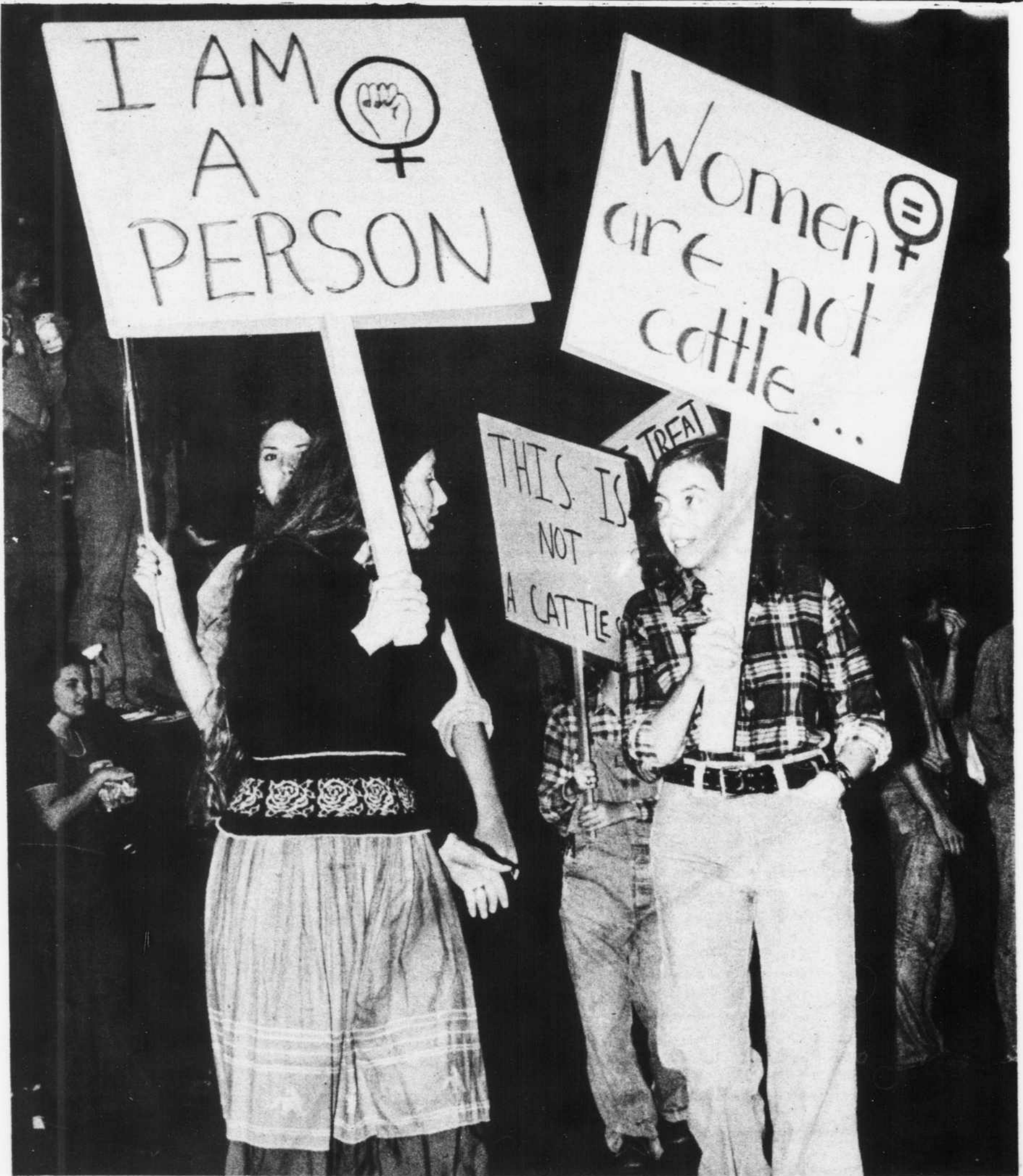
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Protestors express their displeasure of the "hot pants contest" which was part of the Little International events Thursday night. Little International stories appear on pages 7 and 8.

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Ralph Boston comments on black role in society

by Tony Daughtrey

Ralph Boston, former record-holding Olympic long jumper and former coordinator of minority affairs for UT-Knoxville, addressed a meeting of the Black Student Association last night on the role of Blacks in campus society.

"You are in a white society, one that is controlled by whites," Boston said.

Boston told the group that the

university is an institution that is "by whites and for whites." He cited the presence of Nathan Bedford Forrest, a man Boston said was "singlehandedly responsible" for the deaths of over 500 blacks, on the school logo as an example of this claim.

"When the federal government passes a law saying you are not necessary here, then your numbers will dwindle," Boston said.

Boston said that most Blacks are affected by what he called "invisibility."

"You are here on this campus, but no one sees you," he said.

The concept of Black unity does not mean that all Blacks have to think the same, according to Boston. He said that the leaders of the civil rights movement all thought differently, but were united by the idea of Black advancement.

"We have to be unified in a common goal," he said.

Boston spoke briefly on the issue of drug usage and alcohol consumption among Blacks. He said that only the whites benefited from the sale of such products and that Blacks could "do without it."

Blacks can further their own advancement by respecting their women, helping ghetto children and supporting Black athletes and other Blacks who performed publicly, Boston said. He advocated positive group action as a method of inspiring people to become mem-



Ralph Boston

bers of groups like the BSA.

Blacks who feel they have been the subjects of discrimination by class instructors need to document the action and report it to the proper authorities, Boston said. He cited an example of a doctor at UT who was dismissed for his refusal to treat an injured Black student.

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Petition opposes termination of prof's contract

by Trina Jones

The termination of a non-tenured faculty member of the MTSU sociology department has sparked a drive by students to have the professor's contract renewed.

Sun Ho Kim, associate professor of sociology, was notified in April that his contract for the 1975-76 academic year would be allowed to expire and that he would not be rehired.

Former students of Kim are trying to reverse the decision through a petition drive, according to John Poole, one of the drive coordinators.

The petition, which now bears over 100 names, will be sent to President Scarlett, Jack Carlton, vice-president of academic affairs, and Chancellor Roy Nicks of the State Board of Regents in an attempt to halt the termination, Poole said.

"We, the undersigned, believe that the loss of this man, his teachings, and his deep dedication would...be a loss to the staff and better interest of MTSU, as well as being a total injustice to all that were denied his teachings and friendship," the petition says in part.

Kim, hired in 1970, said he was told by Donald South, sociology department chairman, that he was being terminated because he had the wrong kind of degree.

Kim holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Education with a minor in the social sciences.

"When I was notified of my contract termination in April, I gave up all hope of getting my contract renewed and decided that I would go back to my home in Seoul, Korea," Kim said.

"Now that this action has been taken by the students, I don't know exactly what I'll do," he continued.

"I believe I have been discriminated against, but I don't want to take any legal action, as I would rather solve the problem on campus," Kim said.

The decision to terminate Kim's contract was not done for personal reasons, but because his strengths do not meet departmental needs, South explained yesterday.

South disclosed that another faculty member had been terminated along with Kim but declined to identify the other professor involved.

The decision to notify the two faculty members in question that their contracts would not be renewed was reached by the department chairman in consultation with both tenured and non-tenured staff members, South explained in a statement outlining the personnel decisions made during the spring semester, 1975.

In an analysis of the department's programs and personnel situation made last year, several

conditions were revealed that played a major role in the decisions, South said in his statement.

"The analysis showed that there was a disproportionate number of faculty members without the Ph. D. in Sociology. In order to develop a professionally trained staff, we could promote and give tenure only to those who had the credentials and could meet the departmental need," South reiterated.

Whereas there was a pressing need for personnel in gerontology, social work, archeology and other fields; there was no expectation of meeting the needs with the then current staff; and no additional positions were to be granted the department for 1975-76, the departmental decision was made, the chairman said.

It was concluded that person-

nel needs could be met only "by the termination of non-tenured faculty members and hiring of persons with requisite skills and training," South's statement further explained.

Upon administrative approval, one of the two positions from which current faculty members are being terminated this year is to be filled with a social worker, and the other is reserved for a Ph.D. in sociology with methods, statistics and theory specializations, South said.

"I wish the students could realize that personnel decisions like this have to be made and that considerations other than personal feelings have to be taken into account when making departmental decisions, the department head stated.

The drive to have Kim's contract renewed has been backed by James McBroom, associate professor of sociology, who was acting chairman of the department when Kim was hired.

At the time of Kim's appointment, the department only had two faculty members who held the doctorate, McBroom said in a general statement issued Nov. 5. "I thought the department was fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Kim, who was a person of maturity, wide experience and held a doctorate in a related field."

"If the University is prohibited by its governing board from granting tenure to Dr. Kim, it certainly, it seems to me, should give him a one-year contract subject to renewal," McBroom's statement argued.

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letters

Reader airs complaints about 'sarcastic' operators

I would like to add to the complaints you had in an earlier paper about the campus operators.

Today I needed to contact a friend, and as a last resort, I called the operator. After about twenty rings, she finally answered and gave me the number.

Later, my roommate needed to find a friend's number to ask for the phone of Rent-a-Cool since our refrigerator had quit working.

We were discouraged when the phone had rung 40 times with no answer. When the operator finally found time to pick the phone up, my roommate politely asked, "Why does it take ya'll so long to answer?"

The sarcastic operator smartly

remarked, "Because so many people ask the same 'stupid' question that you just asked."

I wonder what this has to do with anything. I think she has it a little reversed. People ask the question because it takes them so long to answer.

I have always heard that people on the job should be polite to everyone. This operator was not; she was quite rude. After giving the number to my roommate, she slammed the phone down.

I ask you: Do they get paid for this behavior. Can't something be done?

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Special education student wants guidelines

I know the Special Education Department is relatively new, but that does not give it any excuse to be so unorganized and neglected by the administration.

The catalogue lists Special Education as an area of concentration under an elementary major. Within this particular area of concentration there are two possible certifications: Mental retardation and physically handicapped. However, the guidelines for these specific certifications are not found anywhere in the catalogue. Therefore, how are we as potential special education teachers supposed to know which courses to take to be certified?

As of now we have found out by accident only that one must participate in a certain practicum in order to be certified for one of the exceptionalities. Many students did not realize this when they were signing up for classes this fall and

had to go through all the red tape of drop-add forms.

If the education department continues changing their requirements for certification every semester, some of us will be going

Red Cross thanks blood donors

The Red Cross Board members and the staff are extremely pleased with the super fantastic turnout for our recent Blood Drive. Col. James Taylor and Rickey Patterson and the ROTC department did an outstanding job of recruiting donors.

We sincerely appreciate those who gave blood, the news media and anyone who helped in any way to collect 478 pints of blood and those who showed up who were unable to donate for various reasons.

We apologize for the delay in

to this institution forever. Please distribute, as soon as possible, specific guidelines that we as special education people must know in order to be certified.

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processing the donors which usually take forty five minutes, but due to the overflow crowd, some waited much too long. We were inadequately staffed with nurses and supplies to process it any faster. We promise to alleviate this in the future.

It was a very nice gesture to help us bear the expenses for the cokes and cookies by presenting us with a \$30 check.

Thanks again, and if we can assist you in any way, please call on us.

Ruth Cole
Executive Director, American Red Cross



Gym closing stirs students' chagrin

We were disturbed Saturday to find that we could not play racquetball during the football game. Not only that, but we were informed that we would have to wait until the football team had showered and dressed.

We do support the football team but question the necessity of closing off ALL of Murphy Center not only during the game, but for some time afterward.

The gym is open for 11 hours on Saturday. Closing for the game cuts the time to 5 or 6 hours. During the game would be an ideal time for those who do not wish to see the game to play basketball, handball, lift weights or use the track or dance studios.

We would like to know why this policy exists and if it can be changed.

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'Clean fun' promotes cruelty

Last Thursday we participated in Little International. We understood that these contests were supposed to be just good clean fun. It was fun for everyone except the animals used in the games.

The goat and pig chase turned into a game of torture for the animals. They were chased down, grabbed and thrown to the ground by the teams in their efforts to obtain victory.

It is not the participants who are at fault, but the Block and Bridle Club for using animals in their organized contest. It is only

natural in competitive games for everyone to do all they can to win.

Next year we hope that animals will not be used in Little International. It is cruel and inhuman to use animals for our fun and enjoyment.

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Sidelines invites letters to the editor. Letters should be short, to the point, and to the point. We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and length. Send letters to Sidelines, box 42.

Writer points out misconceptions about ERA

It is a continual source of disappointment to me to find that students at a university are just as ill-informed and just as susceptible to false propaganda as is the average person-on-the-street. I refer to the letter in *Sidelines* on Nov. 7 by Terry Stepp concerning the pending equal rights amendment to the constitution of the United States. (Not the ERA bill, whatever that may be!)

Mr. (Mrs., Ms.?) Stepp has learned well almost all of the anti-ERA propaganda ploys except the one about ERA forcing young ladies to become professional football players. For whatever it may be worth, I would like to comment on some of these misconceptions in the hopes of inducing the process normal to an academic environment, that of re-examining one's prejudices.

To begin with, support of the ERA and the popular cliché "women's lib" are not synonymous. Women can, and do, support legal non-discrimination regardless of their opinions concerning social customs, employment practices or the role of women in today's world.

The proposed ERA is extremely simple, requiring only that persons not be discriminated against in legal cases and laws on the basis of sex. A reading of the amendment (three sentences) would seem to be a pre-requisite for intelligent discussion of this question. I wonder how many persons have read it?

The contention that women's sports would somehow be done away with should the ERA pass seems almost too ludicrous to bother to refute, but it should be sufficient to point out that the amendment has absolutely nothing to say about social customs or conventions, and does not compel any participation or non-participation in sports (or wars, or work, or spouse-beating). What would be compelled would be non-discrimination in the law. If a law were to be passed which compelled participation in rollerball, then it would have to compel persons to do this, not just men or women. A silly example? Sure, but no sillier than the idea that the present laws protect wives from being beaten by their husbands. In fact, not much sillier than the idea that the woman should automatically get the child in a divorce case.

Admittedly the future consequences of any law, or change in the laws, are never crystal clear. However, that should not deter us from the basic principle that men and women are equally persons, and have an equal right to develop and utilize their talents within the framework of the society into which they are born. In my opinion such an equal opportunity to be people will not change at all the opportunities they have to be men and women in their own interesting fashion.

Roy W. Clark
Box 130



ASB grass stance questioned

This letter is in reference to the editorial concerning the ASB's bill endorsing the efforts of NORML in its fight to legalize marijuana.

The ASB is elected by the students and is supposed to represent the majority of the students. Was the ASB representing the feelings of the majority of students in endorsing this bill? Or was the ASB trying to give the impression of being cool and to represent minority who favor this proposal?

If the ASB feels that the 300 or 400 students at the NORML meeting in the DA two or three weeks ago represent the mood of the entire student body, then they have to be off their rockers.

If I can remember correctly, there are approximately 11,000 students registered here. Three to four hundred out of 11,000 do

not a majority make.

The reason I bring up the question of majority of students is because this endorsement made by the ASB is to be sent to the state legislature of Tennessee.

This endorsement says ALL the students of MTSU are in favor of the decriminalization of pot. The ASB took it upon themselves to tell everyone how the students feel without actually consulting the students.

So, with this act of stupidity by the ASB, let it be known across the strongest impact maker of the student body. The only impact they have made to me was that of misrepresentation of the students of MTSU.

Spence Lyon
Box 5217

Attack on staffer in error?

In response to Terry Stepp's letter in Nov. 7 *Sidelines*:

It seems Mr. Stepp was in error on several accounts in his attack on Trina Jones.

First of all, it is obvious that Ms. Jones can write on many subjects besides women's liberation. Just check any back issue of *Sidelines*.

Secondly, to my knowledge, Ms. Jones has never publicly "pushed" the ERA. Third, I do not know of any active supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment who is not aware of, and doesn't point out, what Mr. Stepp calls the "bad" parts of the ERA.

Any women actively involved in the movement is perfectly aware that it is not possible to have the advantages without (what Mr. Stepp considers) some disadvantages.

In regard to the ERA, I personally feel that: 1) the burden of war should NOT be carried by men alone, 2) some women (those

already actively involved in sports) are physically capable of competing with men, 3) women should not be protected by any law that doesn't also protect men—any woman has the prerogative to leave a husband who beats her, 4) in a divorce settlement, the child should be awarded to the "better" parent (which isn't always the woman).

In a manner of speaking, the Equal Rights Amendment is not for women's liberation, but rather for "human" liberation. Women fighting for the passage of this bill and for the women's liberation movement are not asking to be BETTER than men (contrary to popular belief). They just want to be treated equally.

People like Mr. Stepp seemingly want to deny human beings something which should be rightfully theirs—equality.

Janet Basse
Box 1234

The way it was...in *Sidelines*

35 years ago, 1940

Echoing anew at scores of colleges as the 1940 football season gets underway is the white-hot argument about football: Is the University of Chicago on the right track in sharply de-emphasizing the sport, or should football as a big business be given even further impetus?

20 years ago, 1955

President and Mrs. Q.M. Smith got one of the big surprises of a lifetime last week. About 400 dormitory students swarmed the front yard of their residence about midnight Wednesday, singing, cheering and shouting football yells.

10 years ago, 1965

MTSU has been referred to as the world's largest high school. Had this reference been made only by embittered students, seriousness would not be implied. However, an increasing number of professors have made such references this semester.

Five years ago, 1970

ASB Election Commissioner Al Wilkerson charged yesterday that the freshman cheerleader elections were "unfair"...During the heated confrontation, Wilkerson and other black students verbally attacked Bart Gordon, president of the ASB, and other student government officials, charging them with "tokenism."

Ex-teacher's sex discrimination charge dismissed

by Bill Mason

A charge of sex discrimination against MTSU has been dismissed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Cheryl Lynn Travis was not recommended for re-employment as a psychology professor in the spring of 1972, and she formally charged MTSU with discrimination on the basis of sex in December of that year.

Psychology department chairman Willard Kerr notified Travis of the

decision not to rehire her. Travis later charged that Kerr's decision was based on sex rather than merit, and she also charged that her right of due process in such a decision was violated.

In a letter to MTSU President M.G. Scarlett, EEOC district director G. Duke Beasley said his office found no evidence of sex discrimination in the Travis case.

"There is no evidence to indicate that respondent's (MTSU) criteria were merely a pretext for sex discrimination," Beasley said in his

letter. "The record reveals that two other teachers were terminated, that they were both male, and that they, along with the charging party (Travis), were rated as the bottom three in the student evaluation of teacher performance."

Beasley also noted the following about Travis' performance:

—she did not volunteer for any departmental community relations programs.

—she did not make herself available for student advising prior to registration.

—she refused to cooperate in a self-evaluation program.

—she was unable to attract enough students to her classes and portions of another professor's classes were assigned to her to bring up her class load.

Travis charged that Kerr had told her to have children and begin a family life.

Kerr denied the charge and told the EEOC that "mediocre teaching" was the only reason for Travis' dismissal.

Travis is now teaching at the University of Tennessee. A similar sex discrimination suit brought by Travis against MTSU in federal court was dismissed Oct. 1.

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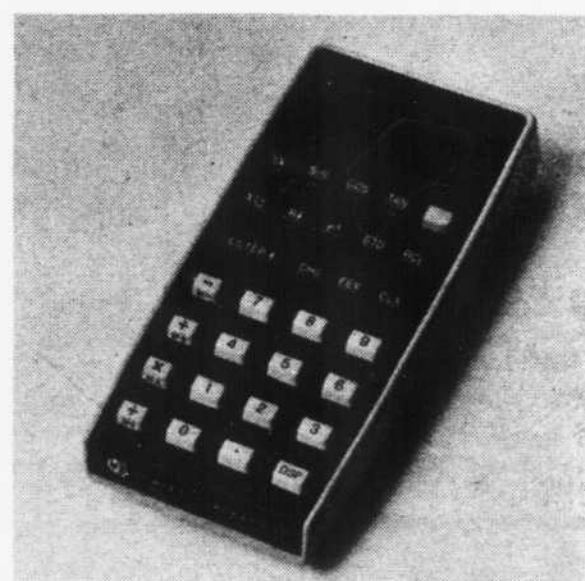
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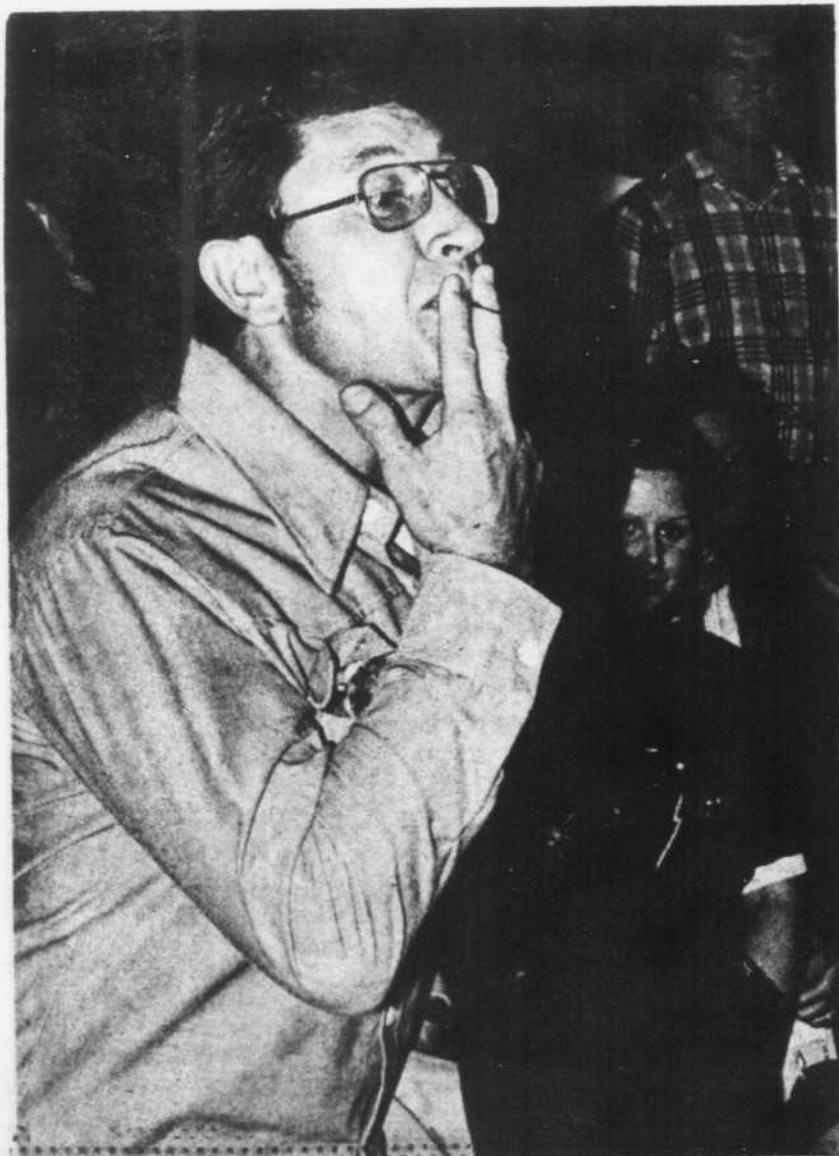
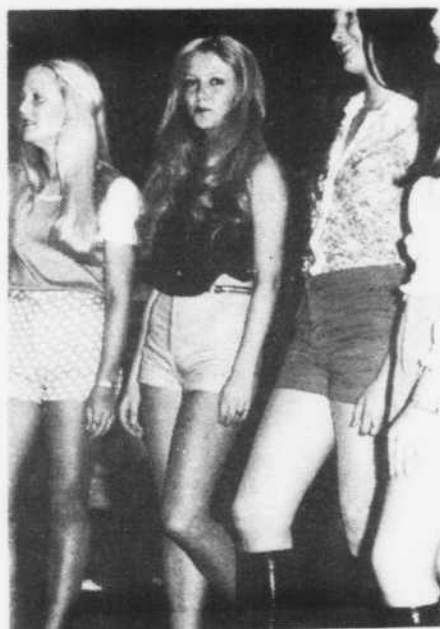
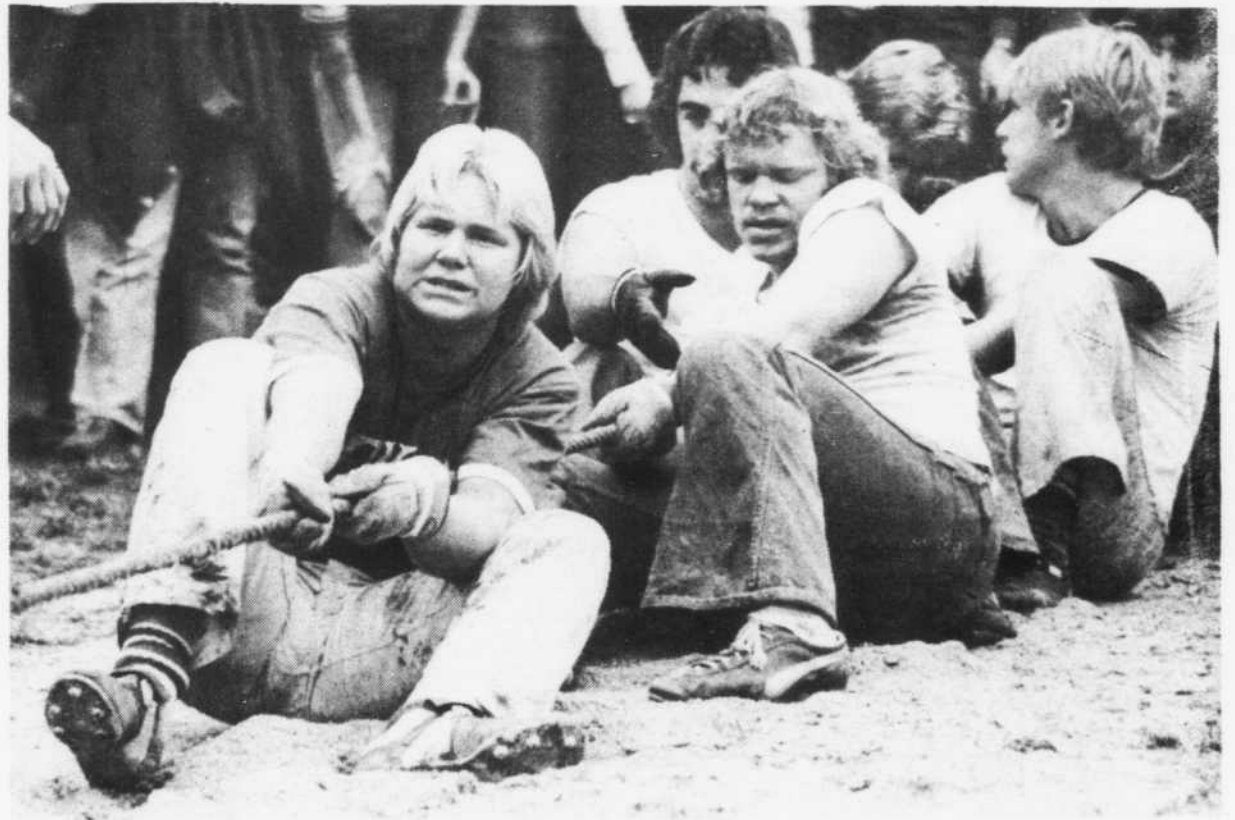
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Rodeo Club dominates International

Dominating almost every phase of competition in the open men's division, the Rodeo Club captured the Block and Bridles club's Little International trophy for 1975.

Competing in six events for the rotating trophy, Pershing Rifles were second, Sigma Alpha Epsilon third and Alpha Gamma Rho fourth.

A hot pants contest, the object of protest by a group of concerned students, and a stock showmanship competition rounded out the day's activities. Cheryl Moneypenny was the winner of the pants contest, Brenda Bernstell the showmanship.

In the tug-of-war, Pi Kappa Alpha defeated Alpha Gamma Rho in the fraternity division, Alpha Gamma Delta beat Chi Omega in the sorority final, and the Rodeo Club and Alpha Gamma Rho little sisters capped wins in the open tug.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon topped Alpha Gamma Rho in the pole climb while the Gymnastics Club won in the campus open division climb.

SAE also was victorious in the fraternity egg throw, with Sigma

Chi coming in second. Alpha Gamma Delta won the throw in the sorority division with Kappa Delta second, and again the Rodeo Club and AGR little sisters were best in the open division.

In a controversial event, AGR won the greased pig contest over Kappa Sigma in the fraternity division. During the contest the pig several times appeared on the brink of succumbing to the heat and exhaustion of the chase.

Kappa Delta topped Alpha Gamma Delta in the sorority division chase and the Rodeo Club and AGR little sisters swept the open division, with the Pershing Rifles coming in second in the open men's chase.

In the goat catch, Pi Kappa Alpha, Kappa Delta, the Rodeo Club and AGR little sisters were victorious. Wiley Carr led Kappa Alpha to victory in the Tobacco Spout over SAE, while Alpha Gamma Delta won the sorority division spout and the Rodeo Club topped the Pershing Rifles.



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Tom Coombes, Charles Steed and Tim Hamilton

'Meat contest' attracts protest

by Bonnie Vannatta

A hot pants contest, a featured event of Little International, drew heated protest Thursday night from a group of concerned students.

The group carried signs in a picket line to interrupt the contest and protest the judging of women wholly on physical attributes. Some of the signs read "Treat Women As People," "Huell Howser Show Your Legs" and "Don't Treat Women Like Animals."

"We are a group of concerned individuals who feel that such beauty contests are degrading to women. It is distasteful to be judged only for your beauty, but I don't think the contestants realize this," said Robin Harvey, spokes-

person for the group.

"I oppose the meat contest," stated Donna Finney, a freshman from Estill Springs and a member of the group. "This is not a cattle show."

Janet Basse, a Murfreesboro senior, remarked, "Women's brains are not in their legs."

The group does not wish to restrict women from entering beauty contests, but to merely inform and make the campus aware that some women find this dehumanizing, according to Harvey.

"Even though I think the girls were good-looking, I think they should be judged for other qualities as well," commented Alex Harvey, a male member of the group.



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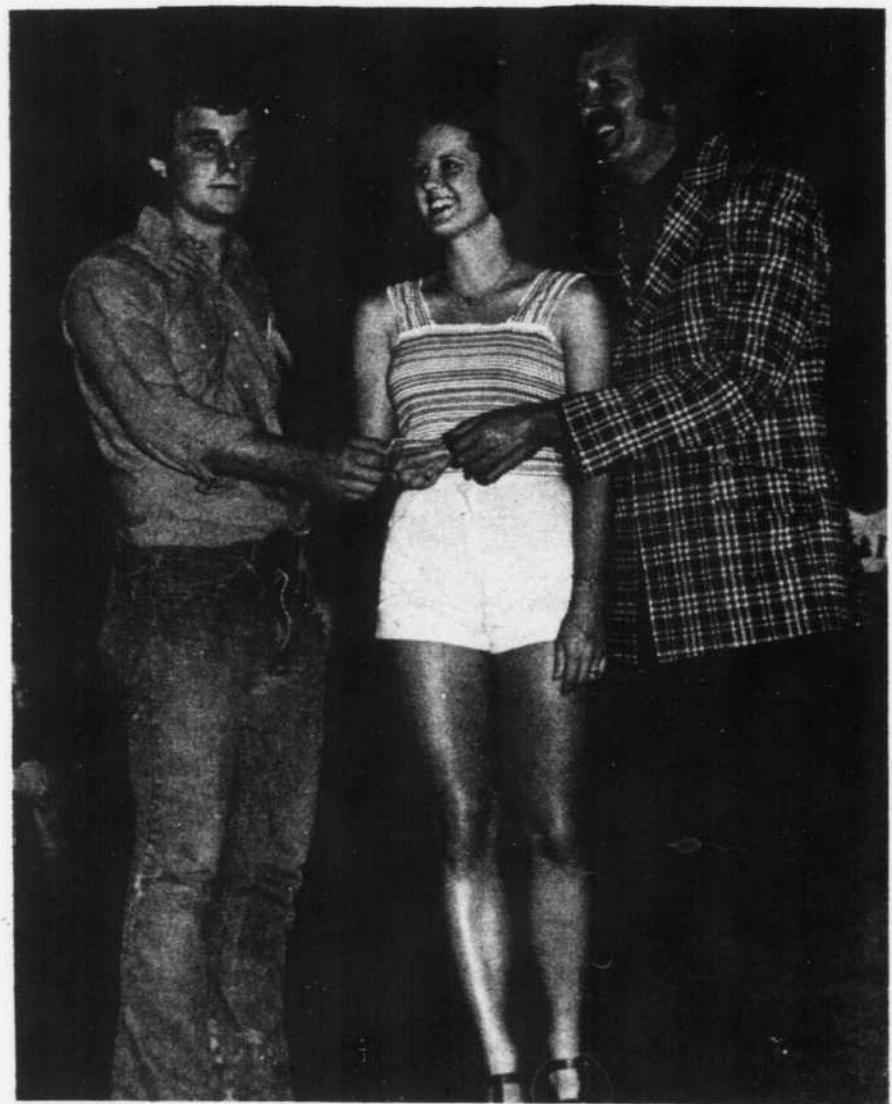
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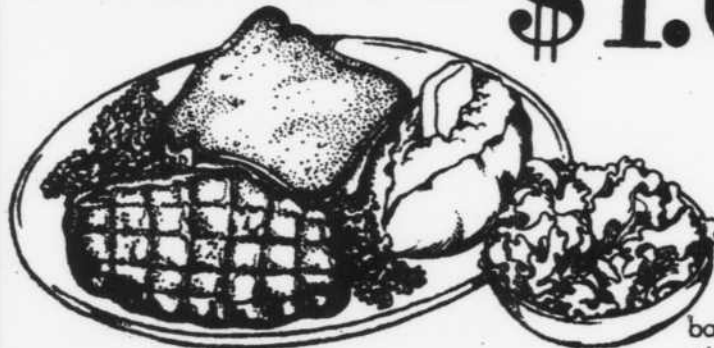


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Dorm elevator traps students

by Donna Brake

When one thinks of being trapped in an elevator, it is easy to visualize a dramatic scene with a group of desperate panic-stricken people clinging to their last hope for survival.

Well, a similar scene with perhaps a little less drama occurred in MTSU's Jim Cummings Hall Sunday at approximately 2 p.m.

It was Open House weekend in Cummings Hall and Margaret Alexander and Fred Buchanan were anticipating an uneventful journey on the elevator from Cummings lobby to the fifth floor, on which was Alexander's room.

The elevator, in which the two were the only occupants, began to move slowly upward but stopped shortly after the initial movement.

After realizing that the elevator was stuck, the two began pressing the emergency alarm and yelling for help.

Response from residents in

Cummings Hall was received by the trapped two, so Alexander and Buchanan, assuming that rescuers would arrive promptly, ceased their pleas for help.

Unfortunately, help did not arrive, so at 2:25 p.m. the yelling and alarm pushing resumed.

It was 3:20 p.m. when the two were finally rescued by MTSU servicemen by means of an escape panel in the ceiling of the elevator.

Applications for spring semester editor of Sidelines are to be picked up from Jenny Tenpenny in SUB 307, according to Glenn Himebaugh, adviser.

Deadline for returning the completed application forms to Himebaugh is Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The Student Publications Council is expected to meet late in November, Himebaugh said.

"The Dancing Phantom" made a command performance Friday in the grill. The unidentified music lover cut his act short at the invitation of the Campus Police.



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Appointments must be made this week by calling Delbridge Studios at 893-8924 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and there will be no sitting fee charged.

Men should wear a light colored shirt with a tie and women should wear a low cut blouse or dress.

Campus calendar

Today

Photographic Exhibit: Mirle Freel exhibition; 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; LRC
Spades Tournament: Pi Kappa Phi; 6-10 p.m.; UC 324
Gamma Beta Phi: 6:30 p.m.; LRC 221
Fencing Club: 7-9 p.m.; AM dance studio
Ideas & Issues Committee: 7 p.m.; UC 307
Hang Gliding Club: 8 p.m.; UC 305
National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML): 8 p.m.; UC 316

Tomorrow

Wrestling-Mat Maids meeting; 6:45 p.m. UC 310
Photographic Exhibit
ASB House Meeting: 4:30 - 7 p.m.; UC 322
Spades Tournament: Phi Kappa Phi; 6 - 10 p.m.; UC 316
Movie: "2001: A Space Odyssey;" 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; UC theatre; fifty cents
Fine Arts Committee: 7 p.m.; UC 307
Young Democrats: 7:30 p.m.; UC 318
German Club (DDK): 7:30 p.m.; Language House, E. Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Aging Workshop: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; dining room B, SUB
Spades Tournament: Pi Kappa Phi; 6 - 10 p.m.; UC 316
American Assoc. of University Women (AAUW): 7 - 9 p.m.; dining room B, SUB
Selection Board: 7 p.m.; UC 307
Fun Night: featuring "Glory," 8 p.m.; Tennessee Room, SUB

Parent Day attracts more than 1700

MTSU administrators, faculty and students were hosts to over 1700 parents who visited the university campus on Parents' Day Saturday.

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In addition, active members must be biology majors and associate members must be in one of the MTSU pre-professional health sciences and have 12 hours of biology completed.

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Sidelines awarded top honor

Sidelines has been awarded an All-American rating by the Associated Collegiate Press for the Spring, 1975 semester, the organization recently announced.

The newspaper received marks of distinction for news coverage and content, writing and editing, physical appearance and photography.

By receiving the All-American award, Sidelines was judged to be in the top twelve percent of more than 2,000 publications that were evaluated.

Each publication, reviewed by professional journalists, was judged in comparison with publications from schools with approximately the same enrollment.

Michael Gigandet was editor of the award-winning paper.

Members of his staff were Phil West, John Pitts, Rick Edmondson, Robin Freeman, Tom Wood and Gary Keel.

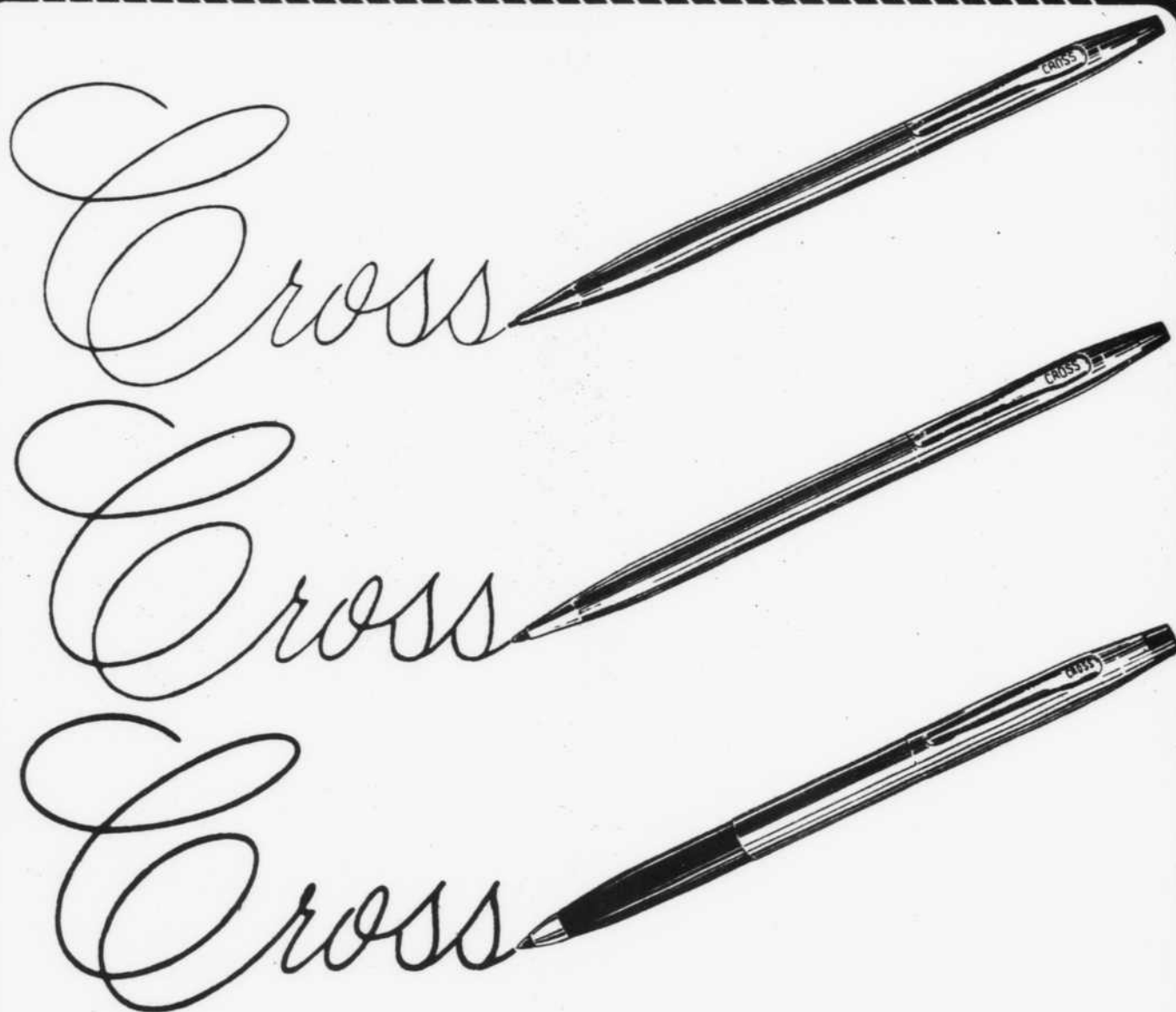
The award signifies that the publication has fulfilled the fundamentals of newspapering with imagination, liveliness and appeal.

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NORML sets sale, sign-up campaign

The MTSU chapter of NORML will have a table set up on the first floor of the University Center tomorrow to sell brownies and collect signatures for form letters to be sent to the state legislature, President Lee Cohen said yesterday.

The letters urge the lawmakers to recognize the "social impact" of the current marijuana laws and to act swiftly to revise them, Cohen said, adding that students interested in signing the letters should bring a dime to cover postage costs.



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'One of those days'

Western Kentucky rambles by Raiders 24-10



Eye to eye with Western Kentucky defensive end Keith Tandy (84), Middle Tennessee quarterback Mike Robinson tries to find nonexistent outside running room with Hilltopper tackle Dale Young (77) providing lateral pursuit.
Tim Hamilton Photo

by Chuck Cavalaris
Assistant Sports Editor

"It was just one of those days when we couldn't put it together or seem to do anything right," head coach Ben Hurt said after a 24-10 loss to the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky.

From the outset it was clear that all was not kosher for the Blue Raiders before a Parents' Day crowd of 11,300 Saturday.

Before the game was underway, a pair of ROTC representatives had to battle gusty winds during the national anthem to untangle the flag from barbed wire on the end zone fence.

That was eerie.

Then the play most typical of the contest occurred in the first quarter when Stan Murphy blocked a Hilltopper punt which proceeded to bound downfield for 33 yards of Blue Raider frustration before coming to rest on the MTSU 19-yard line.

That was intimidating.

To finalize the omens of defeat, the public address announcer gave a WKU spirit-boosting halftime score of the Eastern Kentucky-Tennessee Tech game as 7-3 with the underdog Eagles on the long end of the stick in route to a 14-3 upset.

That was disastrous.

But the omens proved to be an apt description of the relentless Western defense; eerie, intimidating and disastrous for opposing offenses.

And the bad news doesn't stop there. Bobby Joe Easter was lost to the Blue Raiders for the remainder of the season after suffering a broken collar bone during the second half.

Easter underwent surgery yesterday and should be fully recovered in time to accept a probable selection in the early rounds of the professional draft.

Completely shut off by the number four defensive unit in the nation, the Blue Raider veer offense sputtered beneath a swarm of Hilltopper tacklers while the visitors were building a quick 17-0 advantage.

Capitalizing on a 26.5 yard first quarter punting average by Michael Robinson, Western put points on the scoreboard with three of the first four 'Topper possessions.

Taking advantage of a strong following wind, Charlie Johnson connected on a 45-yard field goal to give WKU a lead that was never threatened.

Sprinting to his right on the ninth
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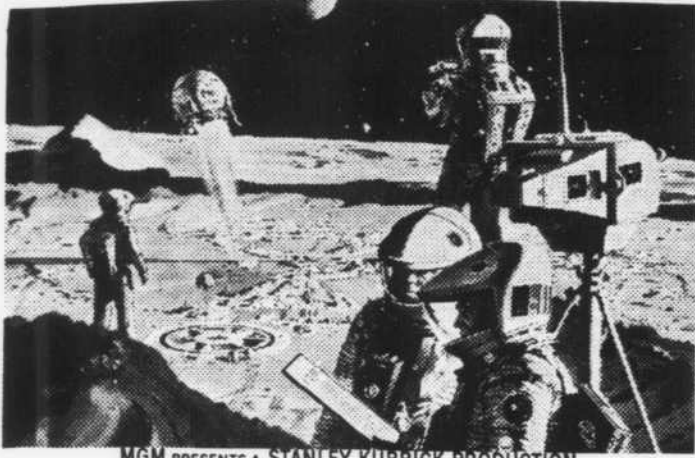
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Raiderettes eager to unveil run-and-gun offense

by Ed Arning

With the opening of the 1975-76 women's basketball season just three weeks away, the Raiderettes basketball team is working hard to be ready.

"We are right where we need to be in pre-season workouts," said head women's coach Pat Jones. "We have still maintained our eagerness to learn and our willingness to work, and that is good."

Utilizing an explosive run-and-gun-offense, the MTSU women's squad guarantees there will not be a dull game, coupled with the fact that the competition will be tough this year.

Sporting a roster of 20 players, Jones said, "I plan on playing every player, every game." She said that depth, quickness, and hustle were the greatest assets to this squad even though it is 90 % freshmen and sophomores.

The only injured players on the team are Harriet Roberts and Barbara Biles, both of whom are expected to be back at full speed after Christmas. Otherwise, the Raiderettes are in good physical shape.

"We have several others that are really looking good," declared Jones.

She singled out sophomore forward Stephanie Johnson, one of two returning starters from last year and guard Vikki Chandley.

Three Cleveland State transfers, center Kay Green and guards Sharon Sliger and Sharon Armstrong, have also caught the


coach's eye.

Forward Diane Spivey of Gainesboro, guard Bonnie Angus of Lebanon and forward Betty Hardcastle of Warren County, have also been looking good in practice, along with point guard Sherry Coker of Gallatin.

All are freshmen except Coker, who is a junior.

Jones said that everyone has looked good at times and that she has not begun to narrow things down to a starting five.

The MTSU squad battles the University of Tennessee at Martin 6:30 p.m. Thursday in a pre-season match-up at Murphy Center.



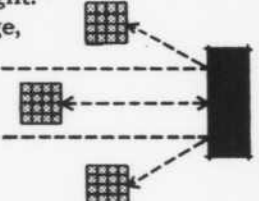
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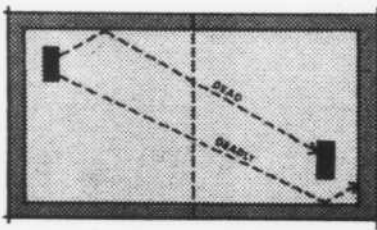
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Blue Raider roundup

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Father Ryan nearly spoiled the MTSU club's debut when they scored on two quick goals by Billy Purcell. The Blue Kickers narrowed the margin to one on a Chakri goal near the end of the first half.

MTSU shut out the Irish the second half, and evened the score

on a penalty kick mid-way through the period. Although MTSU dominated the rest of the game, neither team could put the ball in the net to go ahead.

Wrestling: An organizational meeting of the mat-maids, a cheerleading group, will be held at 6:45 p.m. tomorrow in UC 310.

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Hilltopper defense stifles MTSU running attack

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straight rushing play of the drive, of which the previous eight were up the middle, tailback Jimmy Woods out ran his way to the corner of the end zone and a 10-0 WKU lead.

After Robinson had shanked a punt off the side of his foot near the end of the first quarter for four yards, Western drove 60 yards in nine plays for a second touchdown.

Bulling his way into the end zone from one-yard out, Lawrence Jefferson scored with 11:36 to play in the half and a 17-0 Hilltopper margin.

After MTSU missed a field goal, the Blue Raiders were awarded a safety when Johnson fielded a bad snap while trying to punt in his end zone and stepped out of bounds attempting to escape the rush.

The teams traded interceptions at the end of the half and Western missed a 40 yard field goal to preserve the 17-2 halftime count.

Aided by improved field position, the Raider defense provided some consolation during the second half with an improved performance.

OVC standings

Western Kentucky	5-1
Tennessee Tech	4-1
Eastern Kentucky	4-2
Austin Peay	3-2
Middle Tennessee	2-3
Murray	2-3-1
Morehead	1-5
East Tennessee	0-4-1

The lone 'Topper tally of the second half came with six minutes to play in the third quarter on a quarterback sneak by Steve Larimore.

Setting up the score, which put Western on top 24-2, was Arnold Sardon five plays earlier on a sensational 54-yard jaunt after it appeared the MTSU defense had him stopped for a loss.

Countering with the only MTSU touchdown of the game, Robinson spiraled a 20-yard scoring strike to Ed Skinner with eight minutes to play in the contest.



Making a last second pitch to Mike Moore to avoid the grasp of Western Kentucky tackle Dale Young (77), Blue Raider signal caller Mike Robinson falls to the Horace Jones Field synthetic turf while Hilltopper Biff Madon (50) closes in from his linebacking position. Western went on to win the contest 24-10 to gain sole possession of first place in the OVC.

Tom Coombes photo

Provided with the best protection of the afternoon, Robinson spied Skinner on a crossing pattern in the back of the end zone and connected for a two-point conversion and the

final score of 24-10.

Hopes of a comeback were founded when MTSU converted an on-side kick off, but were quashed as the Hilltopper defense stiffened

and smashed fullback Mike Moore for an eight-yard loss.

The WKU defense was so devastating that it completely stopped the bread and butter performers of the MTSU veer.

Moore was limited to 51 yards in 21 attempts while Easter gained 23 yards in seven carries.

Robinson connected on six of 22 passes for 144 yards in the passing lanes, but failed to hook-up with the OVC's leading receiver in Anthony Williams for a single completion.

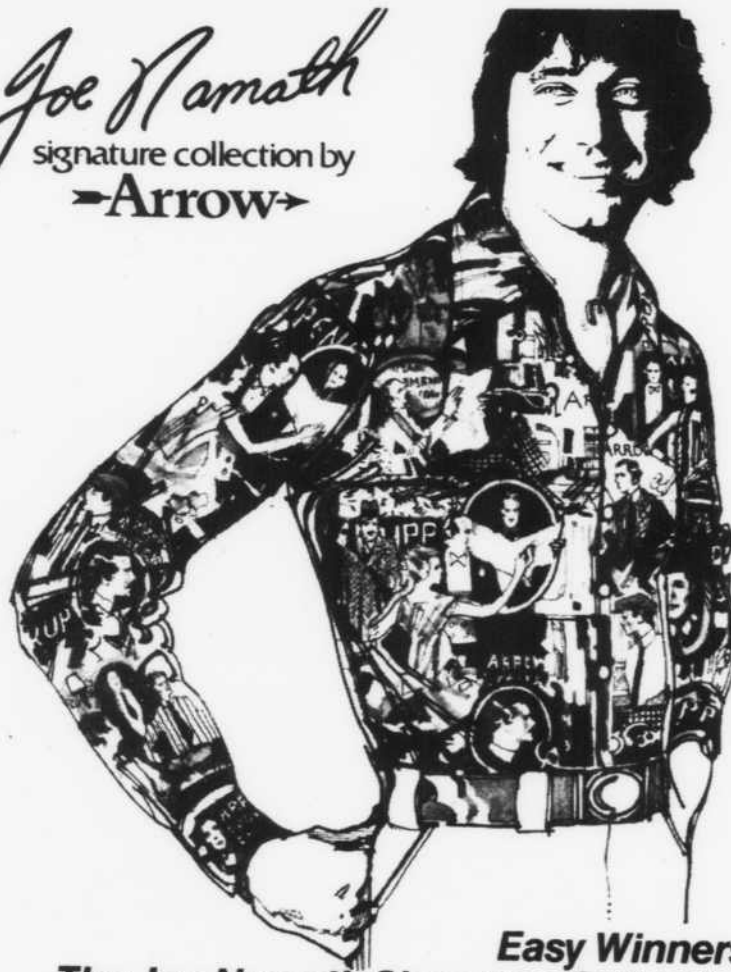
Pacing the MTSU defense was Chris Keen who was credited with 15 main tackles and nine assists.

John Emert had nine initial hits from his safety position followed by Melvin Boyd, John Csir, LaVon Anderson and Stan Murphy with eight apiece.

Coupled with the Tech win over Eastern Kentucky, the Hilltoppers now stand alone atop the Ohio Valley standings with a 5-1 mark. Middle Tennessee is 4-5 overall and 2-3 in league play.

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