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Spring Enrollment Comparisons Spring Spring Spring Spring Spring 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 12 11 10 9 8 7* 9,021 9,451 10,352 11,348 11,701 12,476 Returning MTSU Student Totals Number given in thousands /Chart by Greg Adkins

Spring enrollment breaks record high, reaches 14,801

SAM GANNON

News Editor

Enrollment for the spring semester is up from that of the fall.

In a summary of enrollment comparisons released by Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions and Records, the enrollment is up to14,801 from 13,923 last spring.

"I think we may have had a decrease 10 or 11 years ago, but since then we're been growing," Gillespie said.

MTSU's returning graduate population is decreasing, while the overall graduate population is increasing.

"Students come to MTSU for our wide variety of academic programs, the low cost, and our location," Gillespie said.

"I transferred to MTSU because it's a bigger school, a lot of my friends go here and it will provide me with a good education," said Brian Rogers, a transfer student.

"We're projecting increased enrollment figures indefinitely," Gillespie said.

By fall of 2000, enrollment is projected to be above 25,528,

Gillespie said.

"That's based upon a assumption that we'll continue to get more buildings and staff. If we don't get that, then we won't be able to grow," Gillespie said.

If enrollment increases and the MTSU campus does not, then the school will have no room for housing its students or enough classrooms.

In addition, there will not be enough parking space, and MTSU might be forced to cap enrollment, Gillespie said.

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New light fixtures to brighten campus

NICOLE M. SIKORA

Assistant News Editor

New lighting fixtures on buildings and poles around campus will be in place soon, Campus Planning officials have said

Murfreesboro Electric and Southern State Electric of Murfreesboro have been working since September 1991 to install 41 pole lights and 23 lights on campus buildings.

Baxter Cook, coordinator of Campus Planning, said the lights should be in place by next week.

"All of the pole lights and part of the buildings are done," Cook said.

"The only thing holding completion up are some of the building lights on Peck Hall and the library. Those must be worked on during the weekend because they involve drilling," Cook said.

Cook said construction was delayed in its early stages because an order of aluminum poles took two months to arrive.

The new lighting was planned as a result of an evening walk conducted in June 1991 by President James Walker to locate dark areas of the campus.

"That was the whole purpose: to find the bad areas on campus," Cook said.

Murfreesboro Electric was responsible for installing 13 lights around campus. Cook said there was no initial cost for

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

LIGHTING UP YOUR LIFE: Buddy Allen of Southern State Electric installs one of the new lightpoles on campus.

Stop signs installed on campus

VICKI NEAL

Assistant News Editor

Driving around campus should be easier because of new four- and two-way stop signs installed earlier this month.

The installation of the signs was approved by the Traffic Committee.

A four-way stop intersection has been set up next to the Tucker Theatre main entrance across from the Corlew dormitory.

A two-way stop has been installed between Corlew and the back of the Keathley University Center.

Before the stop signs were installed, walking and driving in the areas were difficult because of the congestion, MTSU's Director of Public Safety and

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OPINIONS A NOTE TO VOTE:

With the Super Tuesday primary less than one month away, it's time to pick a horse and back it.

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A disturbing report on the wide spread practices of academic dishonesty at MTSU. page 5

SPORTS KENTUCKY NIGHTMARE:

The Blue Raider's dream of an OVC championship was rudely interupted by Eastern, 86-79.

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these lights because the poles that they were installed on were owned by the company.

Southern State Electric installed the remaining 51 lights at a cost of \$ 38, 400, Cook said.

Public Safety and Security Police Chief Jack Drugmand said the difference that the new lights has made is comparable to night and day.

"I think that we're well lit for the size of campus we are," Drugmand said.

"This is a continuation of the university's efforts to provide as much security as possible while also considering the attractiveness of the campus as well," Drugmand said.

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application deadlines to earlier periods if problems arise from ever increasing enrollments.

"We would have to take some measures to maintain that enrollment," Gillespie said.

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Psychology club, Psi Chi, meeting, guest speaker Dr. Jim Trent, 4 p.m., Peck Hall 201, call Drew Taran 893-2851.

Deadline for entry in Kayak Roll Clinic, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym, Ext. 2104.

Faculty Senate, meeting, 7 p.m., Faculty Senate Lounge

Racquetball mixed doubles, Campus Recreation, \$3 per person, Feb. 10-13, Ext. 2104.

Rugby Club, MTSU vs. Tennessee Tech, 1 p.m., field beside Greenland Drive tennis courts, call Rob Miller Ext. 1796.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Hare Krishna club, meditation and discussion, 6 p.m., Keathley University Center 312, call Adi-Purusa das 896-3425 (also Wednesday and Thursday).

"Governor's Plan for Higher Education," guest speaker Lynnisse Patrick, 7 p.m., Smith Hall Lobby.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Students for Environmental Action (SEA), 5 p.m., KUC 305, call Dave 849-8732.

Graphics Club, meeting, guest speaker Laura Johnson, 5 p.m., Mass Communications building, graphics lab.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship,

worship, 9 p.m., 615 North Tennessee Blvd., call 893-1787.

Valentine balloon sale, Alpha Kappa Psi, orders will be taken in the bottom of the KUC Wednesday and Thursday, deliveries will be made Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, on-campus orders only.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Data Processing Management Association, meeting, 4:30 p.m., Kirksey Old Main 200, call Tevin Bernarding 848-0781.

Any student interested in serving on a Student Government Association campus committee, applications available in KUC 304.

Other Campus Events

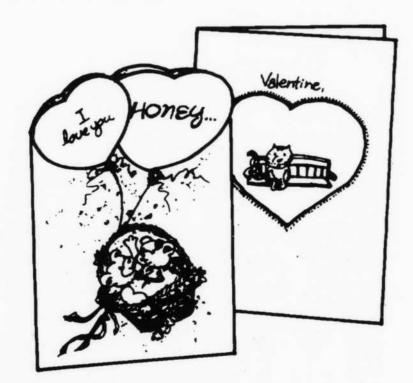
Women's History Month, essay contest, \$100 cash prize, deadline Feb. 21, call Angela Hague Ext. 2579.

It's Only a Play, Buchanan Players, 8 p.m., Feb. 11-15 and 2 p.m. Feb. 16, Arena Theatre, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, \$4 general admission (free to MTSU with valid ID). Reservations: Ext. 2716.

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Basketball readies for Coming Home

SAM GANNON

News Editor

Football has its Homecoming, and now basketball has its Coming Home

During Saturday's game against Tennessee Tech, MTSU will crown its first king during halftime.

"I think it will be a tradition every spring," said Shawn Burgess, Student Government Association, president. "I think it will expand and grow every year, maybe even to a week like football homecoming."

Applications were taken from any student group wanting to nominate someone for king.

"I am pleased with the turnout — seven people," Burgess said.

Those in the running for king are James Wordeman of Sigma Chi fraternity; Brian Taylor of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity; Don Gandy, sponsored by the Kappa Delta sorority; Todd Hill of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity; Jim Morrison of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; Toby Gilley of Tau Kappa Alpha fraternity; Shingo Weems, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority; and Stan Revas, sponsored by Alpha Omnicron Pi sorority.

"The men get to pick the best looking ladies in the fall. Now the ladies get their chance, "Burgess said Elections will be held Wednesday to choose the king. A voting machine will be placed in Peck Hall and Keathley University Center. Hours for the booths will be 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at PH and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the KUC.

"I want everyone to get out there and cheer on the king," Burgess said.

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Security Jack Drugmand said.

"It only made sense to have stop signs set up at B Street," Drugmand said. "Students have problems walking across this street when cars are driving by."

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Presidential primaries just around the corner

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informed decision. It's time to get busy.

This election, as much as any in history, could have an impact on your immediate future - whether you find a job when you graduate; whether your taxes will go up or down; whether you and your family will have access to quality education and health care; whether the Social Security you are paying now will be available when you retire, etc. These are some of the issues at stake, and how we approach them will determine the quality of our future.

Even though the candidates have recently been focusing most of their attention to the voters of New Hampshire, their programs and positions have been widely covered in the media. Find out where they stand and pick the one closest to your views.

A major complaint of voters in presidential elections is that neither candidate is qualified, there is no real "choice." But we are largely to blame for this "no win" situation because we don't vote in the primaries. If we want meaningful elections in November, we need to make it happen now now.

Unfortunately, the deadline to register for Super Tuesday has passed us by if you want to vote locally. But but you can still get an absentee ballot from your home election commission if you are registered there. Write to them or go by the Rutherford County Courthouse and get a form. You have until March 3 to vote absentee for the primaries. There's still plenty of time to register for the "Big One" in November.

The important thing is that you get acquainted with the person you want to lead your country for the next four years and vote accordingly. If not, you're

stuck with everyone else's choice.

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Letters to the Editor

Parking problem from a woman's perspective

This letter is in response to Bruce Langsdon's letter in the Jan. 30 Sidelines concerning the construction of a parking garage. Mr. Langsdon does not favor using administrative funds to build a parking garage on our campus. He feels that there are plenty of parking spaces already and that students actually benefit from parking a little further away and taking that extra walk to and from class.

I feel that one key issue was missed in Mr. Langsdon's campaign against a parking garage: female night students. Speaking as one, I know I do not like walking in the dark alone after class to a remote parking lot. I have had to do this many times because there were no spaces or because certain sections were blocked off by security for special events. If I were a male taking only day classes, as I am quite sure Mr. Langsdon is, I might not be as concerned about the extra walk across campus. But as a female night student, I feel that a lighted parking garage with security would not only help solve parking problems, but would also relieve fears of having to walk across campus in the dark

Kay Kingsley Box 3773

Education reform without more money is not the answer

This letter is in response to

the article about education needing higher standards in the January 30 Sidelines. I would like to ask the writer what salary she thinks teachers should receive. Do you not expect greater competency and performance when you spend more for a higher salaried teacher, a tenured teacher, or anything else for that matter? It is time to stop complaining about teacher's competency while requirements for certification are increasing and salaries are barely about poverty level. I chose to go into teaching because I want to be an educator. You can bet this view represents the majority of aspiring teachers. If money was a top career attraction as it is with many students, we in the education field should probably change our major. However, I'd like to know that when I become certified, I will be able to pay basic living expenses and also make payments on my education loans every month. Ms. Ware, I wonder what your suggestions are, to fund our educational system. So many Tennesseans now feel that they are like sheep, and the Governor is the "big bad

wolf" for trying to change our taxation system. Very few people are even aware that Tennessee is one of the few states with no state income tax. Everybody has a complaint about our educational system but few do anything about it when asked to contribute money or a visionary plan.

I urge you or anyone to show me that the Warren County Board of Education has "wasted" money. I might remind you that Warren County residents approved a property tax increase to fund the new proposed high school. The education budget is audited just like other government offices.

If teachers and our educational system received the respect they deserve, it would not be so difficult for Tennesseans to commit for some positive changes. Ms. Ware, I am curious if the inside-out method of changing the system, as you suggest, is some sort of prodigy. Is this the method whereby teachers are only salaried for their students who pass a specific achievement test? Only time (lots of it) will tell if this method will be adopted by our legislators.

Kim McLemore 910 Brown Dr., Apt. M-7 Murfreesboro 37130

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Features

Once a cheater, always a cheater

PAM HADAWAY Special to the Sidelines

"The university at the undergraduate level sounds like a place where cheating comes almost as naturally as breathing, where it's an academic skill almost as important as reading, writing and math," says Michael Moffatt, associate professor of anthropology at Rutgers University.

While some may feel this is an extreme view, there are may researchers and college officials who share his alarm.

Studies in recent years indicate cheating is commonplace on may college campuses. In a Rutgers University study, 78 percent of the students polled reported cheating to some degree. Forty-five percent were "occasional" cheaters (i.e. cheated in one or two courses), and 33 percent were described as "hard-core" cheaters (admitting to cheating in a average of eight courses during their college careers to date).

"Since the influences on student cheating are general ones- the ethics of American everyday life and undergraduate education as it is organized nationwide—Rutger's findings are also likely to typify students at other large, moderately selective universities in the United States," Mofatt says in his report.

At the University of Delaware, 78 percent of the students in a 1985 survey acknowledged cheating. Another survey at a small state university in the Southwest revealed more than half of the students polled admitted to having cheated.

A 1979 study by the

Carnegie Council reported "signs of deterioration of important parts of academic life," as well as a "general decline in integrity of conduct on campus."

These and other findings are concern to educators The broader nationwide. ramifications of cheating and its' impact on society as a whole are important issues to some university officials.

"If students show a willingness to engage in academic dishonesty now, they will be more likely to engage in white-collar crime later," Gary Pavela, the judicial-affairs officer for the University of Maryland at College Park, was quoted as saying in the Jan. 17, 1990, issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Pressure to succeed is cited as one of the major factors motivation students to cheat along with the general erosion of ethical values in our society. The "good life" is dangled in front of their eyes, as well as examples of scandals from Washington to Wall Street.

A senior student in the Rutger's survey explained, "Cheating is a practice very culture...Everyone wants to make a lot money, and cheating is an easy way to beat out other people. For every Ivan Boesky or Michael Milken caught cheating there are hundreds more who are not caught."

"these students grew up during the Reagan and Bush eras...They are frightened about the job market. They are searching for the pre-wealth curriculum. The value of money is more important to them than a code of honesty and a sense of responsibility," says Arthur



CAUGHT!: Student Publications staff members demonstrate common cheating techniques.

Levine, chairman of the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University in the Jan. 17, 1990, issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

In response to the concern over cheating, researchers urge the adoption of specific, clear-cut guidelines and policies. Studies indicate that the threat of sanctions is a deterrent for some students and can be a effective way to address the problem. However, students must be made aware of the consequences of

Many schools, however, have failed to formulate detailed policies and procedures on cheating and what constitutes academic dishonesty. Given the scope of the problem, a few vaguely worded paragraphs in the student handbook are not considered sufficient.

The MTSU student handbook states that plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. The handbook, however, does not directly define what cheating is.

MTSU policy: forgive or fail

ANGELA BURDEN Special to the Sidelines

If an MTSU student were caught cheating, what would happen?

First, the student would be directly accountable to the instructor. According to the MTSU Faculty Handbook, the instructor can order the temporary removal or expulsion of the student from the classroom. The instructor has the option to assign an "F" on the exam or exercise or to assign an "F" for the course.

The instructor can request the case be handled by the dean of students. According to the dean of men, Dr. David Hays, the student can choose to have the case adjudicated by the coordinator for judicial affairs, or he or she can request a hearing.

If the student chooses the first option, the matter is discussed between the judicial coordinator and the student, and an agreeable sanction is decided upon.

However, if the student feels he or she has been wrongfully accessed, the student can request a hearing. The Routine

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Cheating is undoubtedly a problem that will be with us forever to some degree or another. Steps need to be taken to insure a well-rounded educations which includes not only academics but ethics. As the old saying goes, "what goes around, comes around."

Cheaters inevitably lose in the long run because in the "real world" workplace, they'll be called upon to be not only competent, but accountable for their actions as well.

THE SURVEY SAID ...

A survey of MTSU undergraduates in three participating classes reveals that 55% say they have cheated during their college careers.

The survey also reveals that upperclassmen cheat more frequently than freshman respondents. An average of 65% of the sophomores, juniors and seniors surveyed have cheated, compared to only 34% of the freshmen surveyed.

Although the survey was not based on a random sample and cannot be said to represent the MTSU student body as a whole, the results suggest cheating is fairly common at MTSU.

Malcolm X comes to life at KUC Theatre

NEDRA RICHARDSON Feature Writer

"They called me a teacher and an instigator of violence. That is a lie. I'm not for violence, but for justice...I feel that when the law fails to protect Negroes from the whites' attack, then those Negroes should protect themselves—BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!"

Malcolm X, June 1964

Ninety minutes of powerful, emotional and educational entertainment documenting one of the greatest African-American leaders in history-That was the scene in the KUC Theatre on Feb. 5-6 as "The Life and Times of Malcolm X" was presented in honor of Black History Month.

Few leaders have been as misunderstood as Malcolm X. He was as admired for his strength and candor as he was feared for expressing his views on the status of Black Americans in America. The film revolved around his life from the time he joied the Nation of Islam, an organization consisting mainly of Muslims, to his black assassination.

The influentual black power movement of the 70's with revolu-tionary leaders such as Angela Davis and Stokely Carmichael was affected by Malcolm X's words. movement and the leaders believed the best way to gain black power were through unity and love of self.

Malcolm X was born in Omaha, Neb. on May 19, 1925.

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Fail

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Committee directs the case to one of two judicial bodies. These bodies are the University Discipline Committee and the General Sessions Court. According to dean Hays,

According to dean Hays, cases of cheating are usually heard by the University



Discipline Committee.

"Very few cases concerning cheating are referred for formal disciplinary action," dean Hays said. "Professors usually handle the situation themselves."

Hays went on to say that out of the cases that are referred to the office of the dean of students, 99 percent are adjudicated by the judicial coordinator and the



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According to the MTSU Student Handbook, the student can appeal the judicial body's decision within 48 hours of its' decision.

The handbook also states that plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic dishonestly are prohibited. The book does not, however, directly define the term "cheating."

According to the dean of the school of Mass Communication, Dr. Ed Kimbrell, cheating is when a person intentionally and knowingly steals or obtains information in an exam setting from another or uses a paper that has been written by another.

"Cheating does not include

the use of old tests which are usually put in fraternity files," Kimbrell said. "These tests simply become study guides."

According to Dr. Gail Stevens, coordinator for judicial affairs, another form of academic dishonesty is the forgery of faculty members' signatures.

"This practice is as common as cheating or plagiarism," Stevens said.

History professor Dr. Newell Moore recalled a recent incident involving a student who attempted to forge his signature.

"I caught a student forging my name for trying to drop the course after the drop date," Moore said. "The student didn't even spell my name correctly!"



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Later he moved to Lansing, Mich. where he spent his early years. His father, a Baptist minister, was killed by white racists when Malcolm was only 6 years old. His mother's inability to provide for the family combined with the trauma of living on welfare and in poverty, forced her to be sent to a mental institution and Malcolm and his brothers and sisters became wards of the state.

Though extremely intelligent, Malcolm dropped out of high school at 15 and moved to Harlem, N.Y. where he worked in such jobs as shining shoes and clearing tables at white restaurants. Soon he gained a propensity for gambling, drugs, stealing and women and was later sent to prison where he spent 10 years of his life.

However, while in prison, Malcolm discovered the Muslim faith and joined the Nation of Islam and its' leader, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Malcolm soon became minister of the Islam mosque in Harlem. The film proves that Malcolm was largely responsible for the membership prominence of the Nation of

Malcolm X's biggest controversy came after making the statement, "The chickens coming home to roost" in regard to President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Malcolm believed that the press made far too much out of this statement, however, before the Kennedy assassination, Malcolm did not mind expressing his dissatisfaction with the President.

"I believe he [Kennedy] is a trickster. He tells black people what he's going to do for them to gain their votes," said Malcolm X, "but has time for everyone else while in office, forgetting about the blacks that helped put him in office."

Malcolm X did not see an "American Dream," but an "American nightmare." He wanted African-Americans to stop succumbing to Uncle Sam and do for themselves. Often he stated that the price of freedom is death and the best way to gain this freedom was through unity in the black community.

After a pilgrimage to Mecca,

"The Holy Land," Malcolm experienced true brotherhood among all colors for the first time. He was so affected by this event that he soon withdrew from the Nation of Islam and organized the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), a group dedicated to the unification of people of African descent in the western hemisphere. He changed his name to El-Haji Malik El Shabazz.

Malcolm X spoke of the needs of the black people. They all knew that in the end, actions speak louder than words and the people knew that by standing up and fighting for their rights they all risked death by the hands of those who could not stand to see

Malcolm X was assassinated in Harlem on Feb. 21, 1965 while speaking about the need for change in America.

Malcolm X was a teacher as well as a leader. He advocated black independence at a time when many black leaders and their white liberal allies were demanding integration.

Contrary to rumor, Malcolm was not a "racist" or a "segregationalist." He only SIDELINES, February 10,1992 7

wanted to see a day when blacks had gained full independence in American society and all across the world. He wanted blacks to be unified and to stop believing they were inferior.

He wanted them to be convinced of their strength and superiority, calling for blacks to appreciate their African heritage.

Young blacks today yearn to understand Malcolm X's philosophy. There are countless numbers of people flaunting the Malcolm X T-shirt, the "X" caps and reading up on the history of El-Hajj Malik El Shabazz. Why? Because he didn't fear anything. He was selfless. He was invincible. He was Malcolm X.

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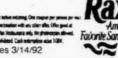
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CONCENTRATION: Blue Raider guard Robert Taylor eyes the basket while at the free throw line. Taylor currently ranks amongst league leaders in scoring (17.3) and free throw percentage (.848).

Lady's let lead slip MTSU doesn't get job done

TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders could have been sitting pretty.

Instead, however, their destiny lies in the hands of other Ohio Valley Conference teams after a 82-75 setback to Eastern Kentucky.

If the Lady Raiders had been able to win and continue winning until the year's end, they would have won all possible tie-breakers and earned the right to be host of the conference tournament as OVC champion.

But all self-control was lost Saturday afternoon when the Lady Raiders blew a seemingly small but commanding lead in the closing minutes of the game.

"I have to give them credit. They did what they had to to down the stretch," MTSU coach Lewis Bevins said. "We were in position to put them away, and we didn't do it."

Leading by five, 69-64, with 5:40 left, it was the Lady Raiders' game to lose and, somehow, they found a way to do so.

Down the stretch run, Middle missed three free throws, including two front ends of one-and-one situations. They gave up a key steal and were unable to stop the EKU offensive machine as it churned out an 18-7 run in the final six minutes to take the key conference win.

"We didn't dictate what we wanted to be offensively; they did," Bivens said. "Their defense

made us do what they wanted us to do.

"They got the shots and made them. We turned off the jets, and they took advantage of it."

It was the Lady Raiders who had to turn on the jets early, however. Middle trailed most of the first half, and it wasn't until Niki Bonner's' jumper with :25 seconds left that the Big Blue grabbed its first lead, 39-38. It was also the last score of the half, giving Middle the halftime lead.

The Raiders continued to dictate the pace in the second half and held the lead for the majority, although they could never pull away from the Lady Colonels.

"We got our butts kicked and that's basically it," Bivens said. "We had them right where we wanted, and then we let it slip away.

"Simply put, we were not composed down the stretch."

With 5:10 left and a five-point lead, Bonner was only able to connect on one of two free throws. After the miss, Sherry Tucker missed the front end of a bonus. Meanwhile, EKU's Angie Cox buried a 3-pointer to narrow the lead to three.

Bonner and Priscilla Robinson countered with lay-ups, but then Eastern countered with a 12-2 run, taking its first lead of the second half and final lead of the game when Segena Mackeroy hit a lay-up with 2:32 remaining.

The win improves Eastern's mark to 14-6, 7-2 in the OVC. It trails only Tennessee Tech, which is

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Eastern puts danıper on championship dreams

SCOTT HASSLER Sports Writer

Seven minutes is all it took for the Blue Raiders to dig a hole from which they couldn't get out.

After seven minutes, Eastern Kentucky had built a 10-point lead over MTSU, and kept the lead for a 86-79 victory over the Blue Raiders.

For the Raiders to win a conference championship, they will have to have some help from other Ohio Valley Conference teams and win the rest of their own games.

The loss at Eastern was a tough loss.

"Playing at Eastern is hard to do," Blue Raider senior Quincy vance said. "It's something about this gym."

Eastern Kentucky opened the game with intensity and determination, and MTSU quickly found itself in a hole.

"It's not that we did anything particularly poor," Blue Raider coach David Farrar said. "But we didn't do anything particularly well either."

"Their (EKU) offense used their postmen and got our big men in foul trouble. They started the game with more intensity, and we played catch-up after that."

MTSU could not catch up, though Eastern Kentucky was able to keep a consistent 10-point lead that seemed unreachable.

Part of the reason why MTSU could not catch up was the shooting of both teams.

MTSU coach David Farrar said, "Shooting is still a priority in order to win. We couldn't get our shots to fall."

Not only would the MTSU shots refuse to go in, but the

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Running Raiders set new school records

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA Sports Writers

MTSU's women's track team finished third and the men's team fourth during this weekend's meet at Ohio State University.

The women placed behind the University of Indiana and the Buckeyes.

Sophomore Jacquie Brown continued her winning streak by finishing first in the triple jump with 39-10 1/2 for the second week in a row.

"Jacquie had very consistent jumps," coach Dean Hayes said." I think it was probably the best series of jumps she has ever had."

Brown is undefeated this season in that event, and this is only her second year competing in it.

"Saturday was the first time I ever jumped a series of four out of six jumps that were 39-5 and better," said Brown. I felt great since it's only my second year at triple jumping, and I'm still learning."

Brown's performance was the Lady Raiders' only win. She also finished second in the long jump with 18-4 1/2. Koko Rowley placed third in that same event with 18-2 3/4.

Another competitive performance was given by Latonia Jackson. She placed second in the 55-meter hurdle finals in 8.23

In the 400 meter finals, Trevy Matthews (59.49) and Nadrian McGill (60.94) finished third and fourth. Michelle Welch placed fourth in both the triple jump (36-5) and 55 meter dash finals (7.22), and Veronica Tipton placed third in the high jump with 5-7 1/4.

In the running events, Linda Brewer placed fourth (1:39) in the 600-meter race, and Sharon Smith was fourth in the 800 meters (2:21).

Hayes said he thinks the outcome of the meet shows that the

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Eastern shots refused to come out. Eastern shot 58 percent in the first half from the field and followed with 65 percent in the second half.

"Their 40 or 50 percent freethrow shooters were hitting their free throws," Vance said. "They shot 60 percent in the first half, and we figured their legs would be tired. They came out in the second half though and continued."

MTSU can't waste time crying over spilled milk now, though. The Raiders travel to Morehead State to play the Eagles at 4:30 p.m. CST tonight.

"We can't get our heads down," Vance said. "We've lost two OVC games in a row, and Morehead is a tough place to win. They have a hostile crowd and the gym is hot. We have to be mentally prepared for every game."

"We have to be prepared to play offense and defense but especially defense," Vance said. "Nobody wants to play defense because it's hardest to play. The offense will come easy, but the defense takes work."

Running -

Continued from page 8 women are becoming more competitive.

"The women are getting their mental toughness back for the Ohio Valley Conference Championships," he said. "No one has to be heroic. We have people in each event to stay solid and score points."

In the men's competition, freshman Micah Otis performed well in four events. He placed second in the 55-meter hurdle finals in 7.49, fourth in both the 200-yard dash (22.03) and the triple jump (45-5 1/4) and seventh in the long jump (21-11 3/4).

"Micah did a real good job in the hurdles," Hayes said. "The guy from the University of Indiana who beat him placed second in the hurdles in the NCAA's."

Football star Vince "Vimp" Parks placed fourth in the 55meter hurdles finals in 7.73 and sixth in the long jump with 22-7.

Roland McGhee ran his lifetime bests in both the trials as well as the finals of the 55-meter dash. He clocked 6.62 seconds for third place overall.

In the 600-yard dash, freshman Everett Jolley finished in 1:21 for second place, followed by Chris Layne, who came in fourth with 1:24.

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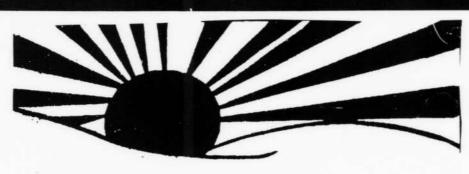


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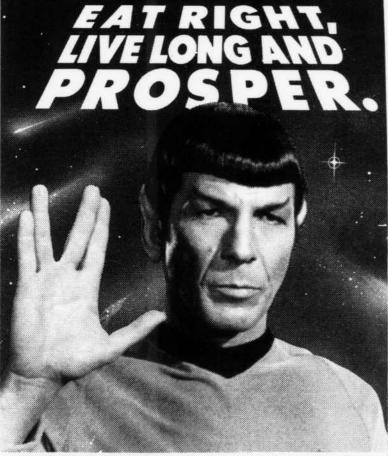
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8-1 in conference action. Middle is at 15-7, 6-3 in the league, with a showdown at Morehead tonight. Tip-off for the contest is 4:30 CST.

Middle was led by Robinson, who had 14 points and 12 rebounds. Maggie Cox had 13, while Bonner, Tucker and Kristi Brown each had 12.

The Lady Raiders shot 40 percent for the game, including a 36 percent clip in the second half. They also missed 12 free throws and gave up 38 points on 20 turnovers.

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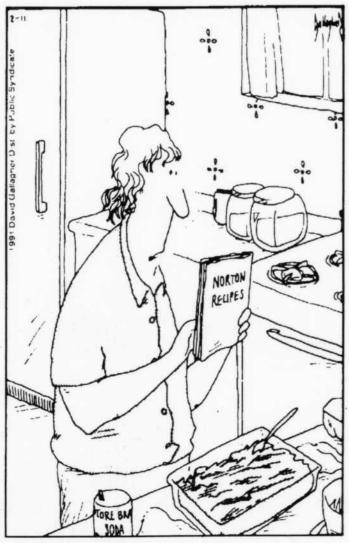
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