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Scarlett submits resignation

by Ben Eubanks

MTSU President M.G. Scarlett, announced yesterday he is resigning as president.

In a special meeting, Scarlett told assembled faculty, administrators and students he was submitting the resignation letter for the March 3 meeting of the Board of Regents to be held at Dyersburg.

The resignation letter was hand-delivered Monday morning to Roy Nicks, chancellor of the Board of Regents, and it said Scarlett would remain as president until Dec. 31, 1978.

Scarlett refused to comment on questions that he was being forced to resign. "I think I ought to say no comment on that question. I'm sorry but I think what I better say is no comment."

The decision to resign had been made for some time, Scarlett said.

After the resignation announcement Nicks said he knew that Scarlett had been contemplating resignation but "it was up to him to decide when to announce it."

Rumors that Scarlett would resign began in December when *The Nashville Banner* reported Scarlett was being forced to resign so Gov. Ray Blanton could have Sam Ingram appointed as president.

Scarlett refused comment at the time, "I don't usually comment on rumors."

In January, in a private interview with the *Shelbyville Times-Gazette*, Blanton said a change was possible at MTSU.

"I understand there is a possibility a change will be made over there (MTSU) I can't tell you when or under what circumstances, but I think there is a good possibility there will be a change," Blanton said in the interview.

On Monday Scarlett said he had not directly told the governor he would resign. Nicks initially stated he doubted the governor had actually made the statement. After being told that Blanton's press aide, Betty Nixon, had verified the statement, Nicks replied, "I don't know what the governor meant by the statement."

Two weeks ago, the *Banner* published another story stating Scarlett had submitted a second letter updating a letter which was on file.

Scarlett and Roy Lassiter, executive vice-chancellor of the Regents, denied that Scarlett and Nicks met in private. "We didn't even tell each other hello," Scarlett said.

When Scarlett was asked on Monday whether a letter was filed, Scarlett made a "I don't know" gesture with his shoulders and hands.

In his resignation speech, Scarlett made no mention as to why he was resigning. When asked after the speech, Scarlett said he thought, he should not comment.

Commissioner of Education Sam Ingram, rumored to be Blanton's choice for the president, said he did

not know whether he would apply for the job.

"The board would have to accept the resignation before I would decide whether to apply," Ingram said.

"I've been in administration for several years and the president is a kind of administration job," Ingram said. Ingram added that the job was "the kind of job I would enjoy."

In his resignation speech Scarlett said, "I'm not resigning because of any dispute in this university or anything it has become. I began here when MTSU was a good state college and now it is an outstanding regional university."

Calling his resignation the "world's poorest kept secret," Scarlett said that MTSU now has the opportunity to go beyond its present scope and become "more than a regional university."

Scarlett called upon the "university family" to dedicate themselves to serving the students. "I hope to see this helping of students from wherever I am," Scarlett said.

"We could be a really great university. I want you to turn back to being a great university," Scarlett told the group.

New president chosen from committee's list

State Board of Regents Chancellor Roy Nicks will select MTSU's new president from a list of names submitted by an advisory committee Nicks plans to appoint.

The chancellor's choice must then be formally approved by the Board of Regents.

Nicks said Monday he will ask the Board of Regents at its meeting Friday for authority to appoint an advisory committee. (Nicks said he will ask for the authorization at the Board of Regents meeting to be held at Dyersburg March 2-3.)

According to Nicks, the committee will consist of at least five members, including two faculty members, one student, one administrator and one MTSU alumnus. All appointments to the committee will be made by Nicks.

Past advisory committee have included the presidents of the student government, faculty senate and the alumni association. Nicks said the alumni committee member

is "usually one of the top-notch people in the community."

After the committee is chosen, advertisements will be placed nationwide for the position. The committee will then screen the applications and recommend four or five to Nicks.

Nicks will then select one from the recommendations and present it to the Board of Regents for approval.

Nicks said it would be several months before a committee could screen the applicants and make recommendations. Approval by the Board of Regents would probably not be until its September meeting, he added. The board meets only four times a year.

Presidential selection by committee has been used four times in the board's history. East Tennessee State, Austin Peay, Jackson State and Cleveland State have presidents screened by the committee and selected by the chancellor.



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Memphis lawsuit may void pay inequity investigation

by Cathy Wood

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investigating past inequities in female faculty salaries but a pending lawsuit may make granting the back pay illegal, according to Lynn Haston, vice president for administration and one of the investigators.

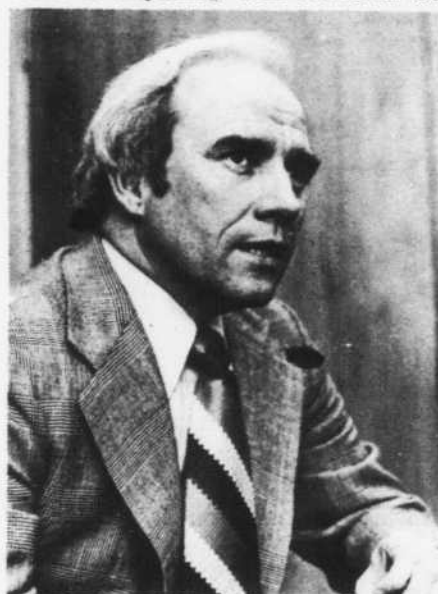
An employee from the U.S. Department of Labor began the investigation last March when he surveyed all faculty salaries on the basis of the Equal Pay Acts and found 30 apparent inequities in pay, Haston said.

Haston and Paul Cantrell, dean of students, are now going through the list of 30 names and preparing explanations of the so-called differences. David Partiers, legal counsel for the Board of Regents, works with them, Haston said.

For the actual pay inequities, budget allocations will be made to equalize the pay, Haston said. But a lawsuit arising from the same investigation at Memphis State University is challenging the legality of using state money for back pay.

"If the state wins the suit, then there's nothing we can do to equalize the past differences,"

Haston said, "so we're not really sure if anything will come of our

**Lynn Haston**

work here."

A routine examination by the Labor Department of all schools in the regents system was begun about four years ago, he said, but was slowed because of the Memphis lawsuit and a similar one at Austin Peay. Tennessee Tech and a

community college were also investigated.

Although Haston said the MTSU investigation was not begun because of complaints from faculty women, June Anderson, a member of the Caucus of Faculty and Administration Women (CFAW), said it was.

"I don't feel at liberty to comment on the status of the investigation since it was investigated by numerous anonymous complaints made about sex discrimination," Anderson said.

"This is just another legal device to provide equal pay for equal work," she added. "Once the administration talks it over, they don't tell us anything."

Two years ago CFAW studied pay equality between male and female faculty. Their findings showed definite inequalities between the two.

Haston denied that the study influenced the Labor Department investigation. "I don't even think you can call that a study," he said.

"Everyone thinks they're being discriminated against," Haston said. "If you put two people together who seem to be equal in rank and length of service, then you would wonder why they weren't being paid equally."

But experience, promotions, and the quality of the teaching influence salaries, he said.

Some of the inequities were alleviated with previous pay raises, he added. "We have to admit we have pay inequity because we've tried to equalize some of the salaries."

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Growth, removal threats mark Scarlett's reign

by Jane Hamlin

President M.G. Scarlett's ten years at MTSU have been a decade of mass growth and productivity shrouded with almost constant political pressures and rumored resignations.

Scarlett's first confrontation with these rumors was in November 1971 when WLAC-TV reported that he had been placed on a "six-month probationary period."

The news report quoted "informed sources" who stated that the reasons for the alleged probation were disagreement between Scarlett and members of the State Board and opposition by some members of the board to the editorial policy of the student newspaper, *Sidelines*.

Students, faculty and Murfreesboro residents alike rallied in support of Scarlett's administration and against the alleged "lack of confidence" in him by the State Board of Education.

In June of 1973, Kenneth Ezell, member of the Board of Regents, was linked to an attempt to have Scarlett removed from office. The

"Scarlett made strong efforts to examine the concerns of women"

Tennessean reported that Ezell had informally discussed complaints he had about Scarlett's administration with other regents.

The rumor was confirmed, but the board took no action.

Rumors of Scarlett's resignation were again started in December of

1977, when the *Nashville Banner* said that Gov. Blanton was considering replacing Scarlett with Sam Ingram, Commissioner of Education. Scarlett was reportedly being forced to resign to avoid a move to have him fired.

Scarlett denied the allegation in December and again in January when the *Shelbyville Times Gazette* quoted Gov. Blanton as saying there was a possibility of a change at the university.

On February 11, the *Nashville Banner* reported that Scarlett had updated his resignation and was expected to step down from the presidency possibly as early as March. The story said the purpose of the updated letter was to discredit the *Banner's* Dec. 2 story which said Scarlett's resignation was already on file.

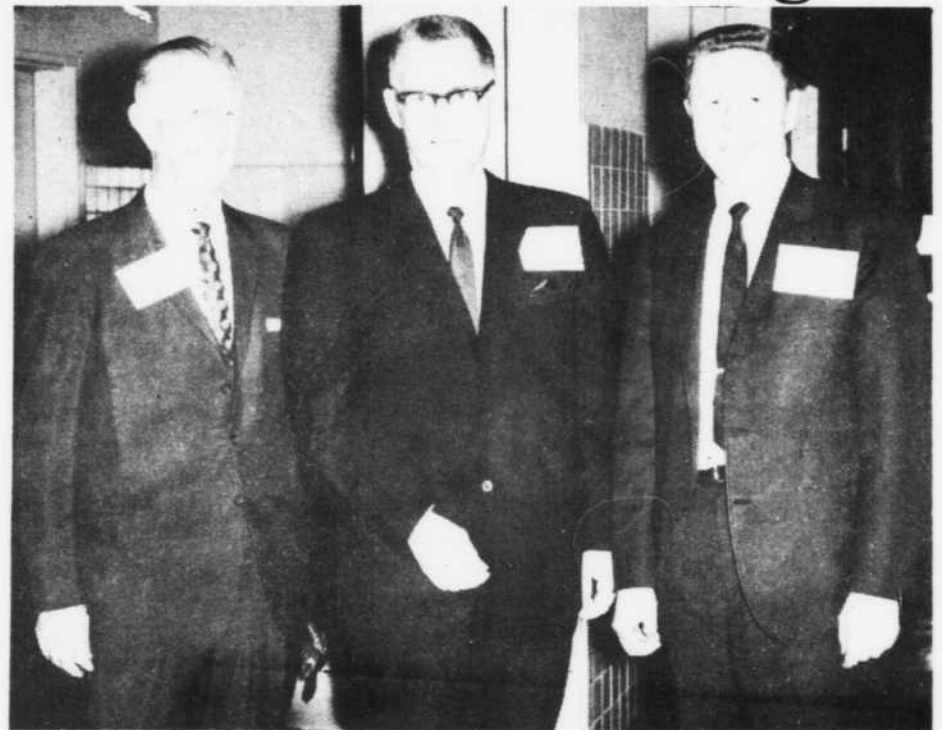
Once again, the president denied the existence of such a letter.

Yesterday, President Scarlett announced that he had sent a letter of resignation to the Board of Regents, effective Dec. 31, 1978.

Despite these constant rumors of his resignation and attempts to oust him from his office, Scarlett's ten years as MTSU's president have been productive.

Since Scarlett returned to Tennessee nine and one-half years ago to assume presidency of MTSU, enrollment has jumped from approximately 6,500 in 1968 to more than 10,000 in 1978.

In his 1968 speech, Scarlett said he had a two-fold "grand design." His first goal was to transform the state college into a school that would be the outstanding regional



In 1968, Scarlett was chosen as president of MTSU. This picture taken on Dec. 2, 1968 shows former UT head Andy Holt [l.], Scarlett and John Folger of the Higher Education Commission.

university in the south.

His second goal was to make MTSU an "open campus" where men and women could discuss ideas in open conflict.

Scarlett's plan of emphasizing researched public service led to the building of the Learning Resources Center, unique in the southeast, and the Murphy Athletic Center, which accommodates 12,500 persons for athletic, entertainment and cultural programs.

Five areas of instruction have been restructured to prepare students for immediate job opportunities. These include aerospace, mass communications, the horse science program, economics and business and religious studies.

Recognition of MTSU's improvements resulted in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools thorough review of the Doctor of Arts and other graduate programs. The association recommended that MTSU be advanced to a Group IV category.

Another significant accreditation climaxed years of planning and evaluation when the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business granted MTSU membership as one of 200 business schools among the 3,000 in the United States acceptable to the Assembly.

Scarlett played a major role in developing the new Doctor of Arts concept. The MTSU Foundation responded to Scarlett's request by providing \$125,000 to launch the program, which prepared students for effective college teaching.

Scarlett's aim for quality is also reflected in his initiation of a policy of upgrading faculty credentials and bringing to the staff members of minority ethnic and religious groups.

When he first came to MTSU, only 29 percent of the faculty had earned doctor's degrees. Presently, sixty-four percent have such terminal degrees.

Average faculty salaries when Scarlett arrived ranked second from the bottom among regional universities in Tennessee. In just a few years, he secured funding necessary to bring the average faculty salary up to second among state institutions, just behind UT-Knoxville.

Scarlett made strong efforts to examine the concerns of women and to deal with them. Salary equity and opportunities for women have been increased. Women now hold positions as high as vice-presidential level, departmental chairmen and directorships of significant offices and activities on the campus.

Scarlett also dealt fairly and effectively with black students, who

"His first goal was to transform the state college"

began arriving on campus in large numbers for the first time in the late 1960's. When the black students made formal protests about the use of the Confederate flag and the playing of "Dixie" at athletic events Scarlett asked the band director and student leaders not to continue such use until other recommendations could be made.

Scarlett himself commissioned and paid for a new fight song composition.

Looking back, it seems that Scarlett's "two-fold design" has been successful for the most part. MTSU has become an outstanding, widely-recognized institution during the past 10 years, despite Scarlett's trouble with political pressures.

As one retired faculty member said, "There is not a university in Tennessee that can match MTSU's growth, development and improvement during the past 10 years."



Present at ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Blue Raider room were [l.-r.] Wilkes Caffey, local attorney and former president of the MTSU Foundation, an unidentified man, Bubber Murphy, Athletic Director, Joe Jackson, MTSU graduate and city councilman, and Scarlett.

Editorial

Secrecy raises suspicion

Why was the resignation such a secret?

Yesterday M.G. Scarlett, president of MTSU, called a special meeting of faculty, administrators, and students to announce his resignation effective Dec. 31, 1978.

Since early December when the Nashville Banner ran a story saying Scarlett was being forced to resign by Blanton, the possibility that he would resign seemed highly likely. Yesterday it became reality.

While squashing the rumors may have been Scarlett's and Chancellor Roy Nicks's intention, unfortunately only more questions have been raised.

Scarlett said after the resignation speech that it had been some time since he had decided to resign, but as of two weeks ago, he still maintained that he had no comment on the resignation.

Nicks had said before that he was not aware of any plans by Scarlett to resign. Contacted after Scarlett's speech Monday, Nicks said he knew Scarlett had been contemplating resigning and he had left it up to Scarlett to decide when to make the announcement.

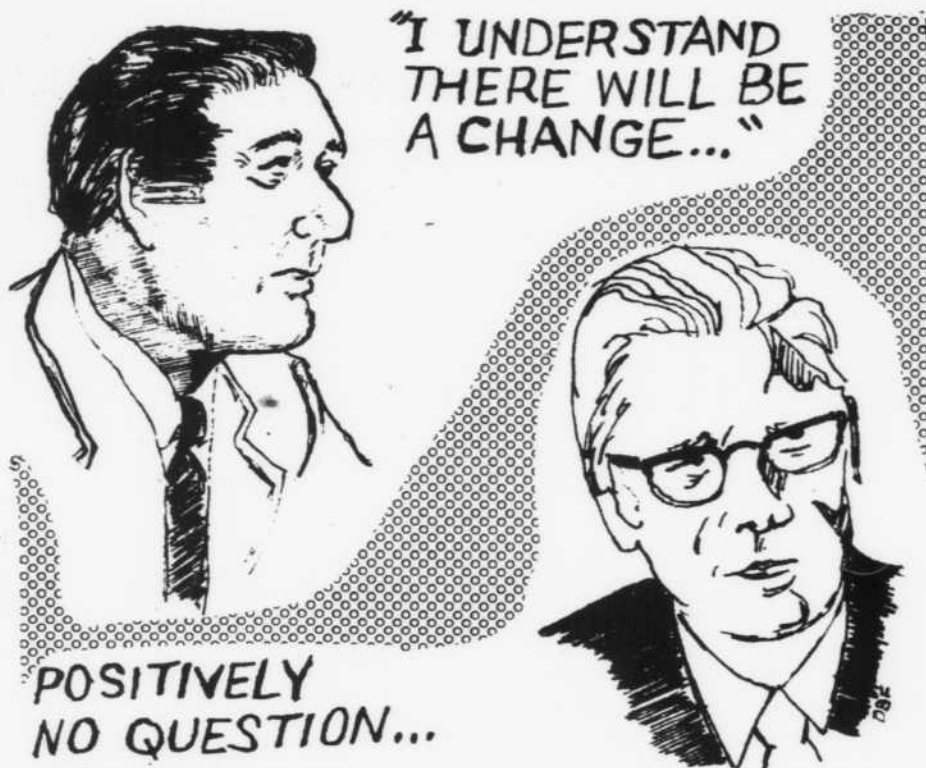
If the biggest problem with Scarlett's resignation was the day he would announce the resignation, why was there so much secrecy and denying the fact of the resignation?

Gov. Ray Blanton also may know more than he was willing to tell since he predicted that Scarlett would leave.

In a private interview with the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, Blanton said a change would take place at MTSU.

"I understand there is a possibility a change will be made over there. I can't tell you when or under what circumstances but I think there is a good possibility there will be a change," Blanton said.

Betty Nixon, Blanton's press aide, has confirmed that Blanton did make the statement. Nicks, however, at first denied that the governor had made the statement. After being told that Blanton had indeed



made the remarks, Nicks said that he did not know why Blanton had said it.

There are contradictions in the statements and actions of Scarlett and Nicks. They have been denying that a resignation was being considered and then after a resignation was announced, they said they had known about it for some time.

The secrecy and conflicting statements concerning the resignation imply there have to be reasons for Scarlett's resigning. Scarlett, however, will not even make a comment as to why he is resigning. How much influence does the regents professorship that Nicks may offer Scarlett effect the silence?

Letters

Davis Cup protest aimed at injustice not sport

To the Editor:

D.Q. Reynold's call for apathy was discouraging. It is that kind of attitude that the minority racist regime in South Africa needs to maintain their rule over the vast majority of the people.

South Africa is 78 percent black and yet there are no blacks in the government. They live on 13 percent of the land, by no means the choicest. They are given inferior education that is just enough to make them useful as laborers and are required from birth to carry a passport at all times. The income for whites, per capita, is eight times what it is for blacks. This is the system of apartheid or 'apartness', which maintains total separation of the races and control of the majority by a minority.

There is a United Nations economic boycott of South Africa

because of these conditions and yet Vanderbilt, host of the Davis Cup tennis match with South Africa, makes 1.4 million dollars in revenue from corporations investing in that country. These corporations are involved mainly in natural resources such as gold and coal. TVA and Georgia Coal have been buying coal from South Africa in order to try and break the miners strike in this country. The U.S. is one of the most blatant economic supporters of the Vocoter government through large corporate investment. The immoral nature of corporate quest for profit is obvious.

If this is an issue of ignorance, as D.Q. would suggest, let's begin to educate ourselves so that we may not unknowingly support racist oppression. Let's show our support by not hosting this government in

"friendly competition." South Africa spends eighty times as much on whites in athletics as blacks. The idea of protesting on March 18, this sports event in Nashville, is not in opposition to sports but to inequality and injustice on a mass level. The idea is not to paralyze this city of the south but the regime of South

Africa, and to support the struggle of a people for their freedom and equality who are colonized within their own boundaries by a foreign minority.

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No real change expected if judicial article passes

To the Editor:

The Executive Committee of the Tennessee Judicial Conference met in Gatlinburg Jan. 21 and unanimously voted to oppose the adoption of the proposed Judicial Article of the Limited Constitutional Convention in the upcoming March 7 election.

The Tennessee Judicial Conference is the professional association of most of the state's judges. We base our decision on several crucial issues which would have a great impact on the citizens of Tennessee who are the users of the courts. The proposed Judicial Article (ballot proposal No. 13) has the following weaknesses:

(1) It would not substantially change the already functioning trial courts. It would replace the Circuit and Chancery Courts with the very same divisions in the Superior Court.

(2) It would cost the taxpayers several million dollars to make these minimal changes.

(3) It encourages the creation of municipal courts that survive on the fees that they get from traffic convictions from unsuspecting motorists.

(4) It reflects the lack of direction that the delegates felt in dealing with such a complex issue.

(5) It provides very little guidance to the General Assembly in how to implement the proposed changes.

It is our sincere belief that the current judicial system, which has been in operation for over 100 years, is a more flexible and workable system than that proposed by the 1977 Limited Constitutional Convention.

Chancellor William H. Inman
President, Tennessee Judicial Conference

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Open Forum

Unstable labor relations created coal emergency

B.W. Balch

Professor of Economics

Nine months ago it appeared that the soft-coal industry's future was bright. President Carter's proposed energy program would place an increasing emphasis on coal; the industry's production and profits were certain to increase, as would employment. But something was amiss. There were problems, and they surfaced in the recent break down in collective bargaining efforts.

Instability in the industry's labor relations, vividly expressed by the recent strike, so disrupted coal production that a national emergency was created. Negotiations to end the strike involved the United Mine Workers Union which represented 50 percent of U.S. coal production (70 percent as recently as 1972) and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, the industry's labor relations group.

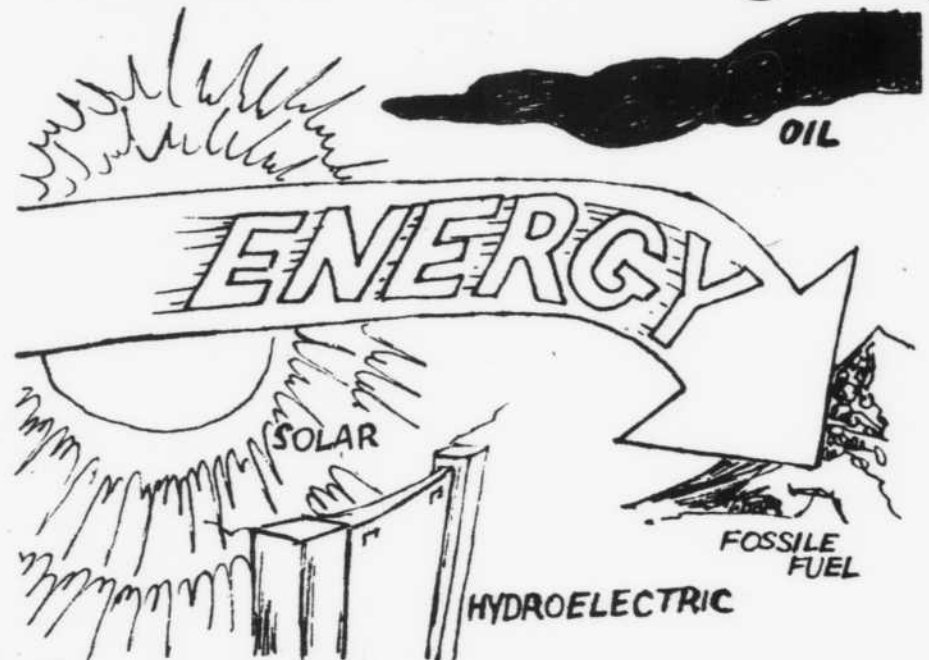
Issues which divided the two sides were deepseated and complex. Among the more critical were the union's right to strike over such questions as mine safety and the full restoration of health and retirement benefits. The employers were concerned about absenteeism, wildcat strikes and declining productivity (from 16 to nine tons per man-day since 1969). Thus at a time when both sides could have benefited from President Carter's program to increase coal demand, they

were locked into a confrontation instead of moving on the basis of mutual interests.

Slowing negotiations were divisions within the union itself. The union's president, who was elected to office in a three-way race with only 40 percent of the vote in 1972, did not have the necessary support to mediate the interests of the different membership factions and effectively lead the union.

Dissension at the bargaining table occurred, representing the interests of the older and the younger members. Wildcat strikes led by the younger element concerned with mine safety angered older members because such interruptions in production tended to reduce the production-based health and pension funds. The coal operators, sensing the union's weakness and disarray, firmly held to their position on new contract terms. However, toward the end, the operators themselves became embroiled in strife as several appeared ready to break ranks and initiate separate union negotiations.

Meanwhile, President Carter limited the government's role to mediation in the hope that the parties would settle their own differences. As coal stockpiles continued to decline, rather than intervening directly into the collective bargaining process, the president urged conservation in the use of coal and suspended air pollution



rules to permit the use of more high-sulphur coal.

But under increasing political pressure to intervene from such coal-dependent states as Ohio and Indiana, the disputants were informed that three courses of action were being considered—invocation of the Taft-Hartley Act, federal seizure of the mines and compulsory arbitration with a federal official setting final contract terms. All three options would have directed the workers back to their jobs without a new contract, and for that reason union defiance was considered likely.

The union's long tradition of "no contract, no work" had prompted it to spurn all three measures in the past. For instance, union members defied the last Taft-Hartley order invoked against them in 1950, as well as a federal seizure in 1946.

Other problems were anticipated. Both compulsory arbitration and seizure would require time-consuming congressional approval. Before Congress could agree on interim wage and profit rates during a takeover or establish the machinery for arbitration, coal stockpiles could be gone.

Realizing, however, that a government move was imminent, the parties reached a negotiated settlement on Feb. 24, just hours before the president was to notify them that he was invoking the Taft-Hartley and asking Congress for backup seizure powers. Contract ratification by the membership could get coal moving again in a few weeks. But it will be some time before we will know whether the new contract will improve the industry's labor relations enough for coal to fulfill the role envisioned for it in President Carter's energy program.

At other colleges...

UT-Knoxville

Two FM radio stations will soon be operating in the campus area—one staffed by volunteers not working for profit and the other used to train broadcasting students.

A pair of UT students have received a Federal Communications Commission license for operating a non-profit station. Run on an independent basis, the station's format will not include advertisements.

The university's broadcasting department will establish a station where most of the work will be related to courses.

The two students have said that they feel plans for the campus station were accelerated in response to the emergence of their station.

Kent State University

A student group organized to publicize "the truth" about student unrest which led to the 1970 confrontation between students and National Guardsmen is trying to become a registered campus organization.

The May 4th Coalition (the date of the confrontation which left four dead) has not been officially recognized since its origin about a year ago. Members of the group have

been recently accused of illegally distributing leaflets in the university Student Center.

SHAKERS

by DBFischnetz





The Sacred Harp Singers present readings of early English Madrigals and traditional American music. [Robin Rudd photo].

Printing equipment not installed

Phototype equipment given to the graphic arts department by the Mergenthaler Printing Equipment Company cannot be completely installed until technicians from the company find time.

The seven pieces of equipment were not purchased, but given to the department as a gift from the company. Therefore, a technician from the company must install the equipment when it is convenient for

the technician, according to Don Hill of the graphic arts department.

Since the last of December the equipment has been coming in several pieces at a time. Two pieces were installed last week and are now in working order.

The company will send a technician when they can, according to Hill, and the equipment should be installed within the next few days.

College seminars discuss ways to conserve energy

by Valorie Vaughn

"People respond more to a crisis, and now we must educate and spread the word that we are living in a time when people are going to have to have an energy conscience," Ed Griggs, professor of mechanical engineering at Tennessee Tech, said.

In a program funded by Title 1 of the Higher Education Act, MTSU, along with other colleges, are conducting seminars to educate the public on energy conservation.

Friday, a seminar was conducted at MTSU to acquaint area businessmen with energy conservation tips. The audience included businessmen from Rutherford County Hospital, along with a member from United City Gas in Murfreesboro.

H.C. Hewitt, professor of mechanical engineering at Tennessee Tech, said that the low cost of energy in the past kept people from being concerned about conserving energy. Now the dwindling supplies of energy coupled with the rising cost is forcing people to become more concerned.

Hewitt said that a business should establish an energy conservation committee. This committee would supervise buildings to make sure that unneeded heating, illumination and other unnecessary use of energy would be reduced.

Included in the information given to the businessmen were energy

tips for the home.

In a pamphlet from the Federal Energy Administration, it was stated that more than half of the energy used in homes goes into heating and cooling. Heating water takes about 15 percent. Lighting, cooking, refrigeration and operating appliances account for the rest.

The pamphlet emphasizes the fact of insulation in the home as increasing temperature-control efficiency by as much as 20 to 30 percent. Insulation can be done by caulking and weatherstripping doors and windows, installing storm windows and doors and insulating the attic and walls.

Griggs said that although the main goal of the seminars has been to acquaint businessmen with energy conservation, they have been trying to get the general public more aware of energy conservation in the home.

MTSU was the fifth institution of 10 scheduled for the seminars. Griggs said that Tennessee Tech is conducting the seminars in the eastern part of Tennessee, while Memphis State is conducting the seminars in the western part of the state.

David Grubbs, professor of political science, said that MTSU is associated with energy education by working with local city officials on concentration of energy conservation.

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Board of regents member to speak at faculty meeting

Johnella Martin, member of the State Board of Regents, will speak to an open faculty meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the faculty lounge of the SUB.

Martin, a former president of the Metro Education Association, will hold a question and answer session on the role of the State Board of Regents in the university system.

A former resident of Murfreesboro, Martin has taught for 20 years and is presently teaching at Cole Elementary School in Nashville. She is now serving her second appointment to the Board of Regents and she is chairperson on the committee to merge UT-Nashville and TSU. She is also on the Budget and Finance Committee as well as the Committee for Monitoring Plans for Discrimination and Equal Opportunity. She received her B.S. at TSU and her master's degree

22 contestants seek title of 'Mr. MTSU'

Twenty-two contestants will compete for the title of "Mr. MTSU" in the 9th annual Mr. MTSU Contest at 7:30 p.m. on March 9 in the multi-media classroom of the LRC.

Tickets are \$1.00 and will be available in the UC basement March 6 through March 9. Door prizes from various merchants, theaters and restaurants in Murfreesboro will be awarded.

The contest, which is sponsored by Chi Omega, will benefit the MTSU Speech and Hearing Clinic. Last year, Chi Omega raised \$300 through the contest.

There will be light entertainment with special music provided by Jim Johnson. JoAnn Pelt, MTSU student and employee of WGNS, will be Master of Ceremonies.

from the University of Illinois.

The event is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Professors and the Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women.

Pulitzer winner will give lecture

Pulitzer Prize winning Poet Stanley Kunitz will present a lecture on his poetry at 8 p.m. Thursday in the U.C. Theatre. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Kunitz won the Pulitzer Prize for his third book of verse, *Selected Poems 1928-1958*. Other awards bestowed upon Kunitz are Poetry's Levinson Prize, the Harriet Monroe Award and the Brandeis Creative Arts Medal "for distinguished contribution to American poetry."

Kunitz is currently preparing for the publication of a translation from Russian of the poems of Anna Akmatova, the great contemporary and peer of Boris Pasternak. A collection of Kunitz's own poems will appear next year.

"An American Poet in Russia" will be the one of the subjects discussed during the lecture. Kunitz examines the current literary situation in the Soviet Union and other communist countries.

Readings from his own works and from his favorite poets' works will also be presented.

Bridge class offered

Bridge will be offered as a continuing education course at MTSU, beginning Tuesday, March 7 through Tuesday, May 9.

Information is available from the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462 or Larry McFarlin at 893-3933.

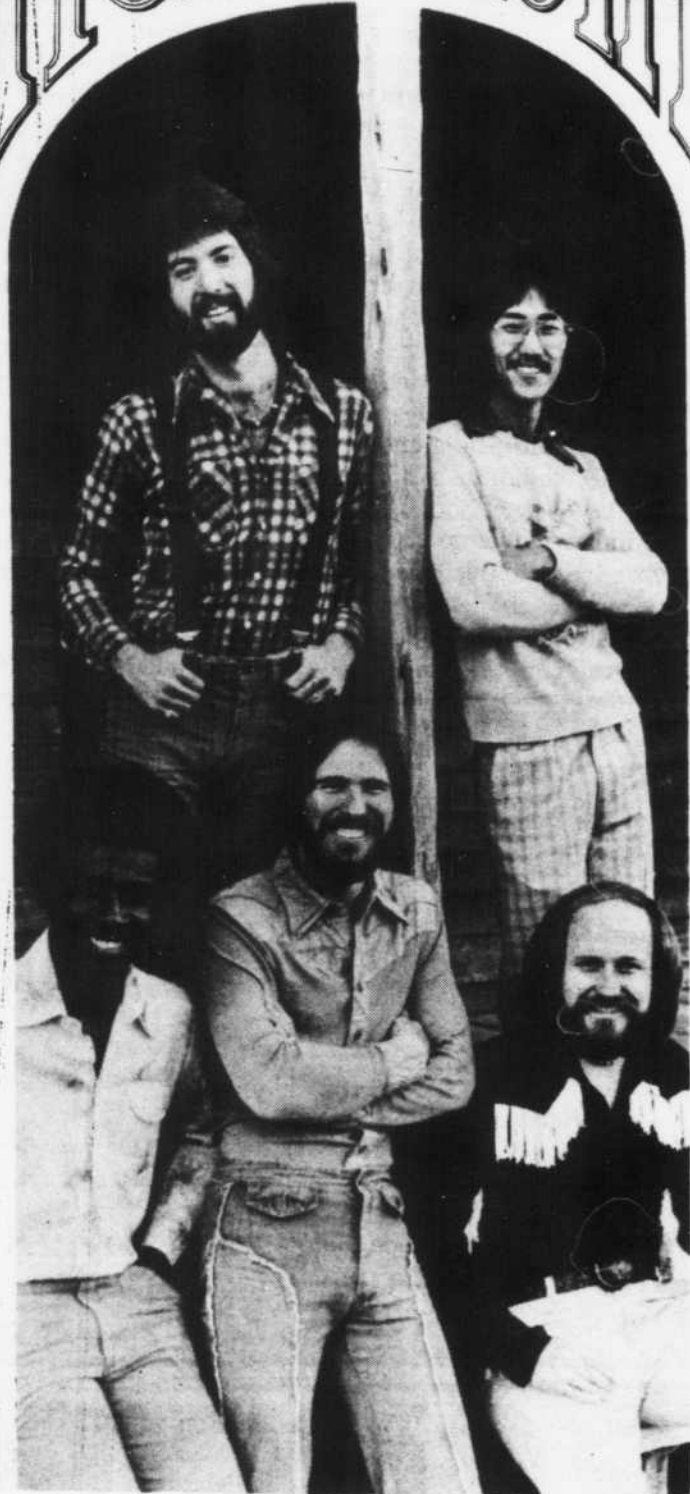


Nearly 150 students were treated daily for flu symptoms at the MTSU infirmary last week, according to an infirmary nurse. The infirmary is not equipped for the extensive labwork necessary to determine a

specific flu strain. Young people, such as pictured Phil Threet, and older people seem most likely to get the flu while the middle-aged have the most resistance. [Cindy Hicks photo]

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Festival offers 'masterpieces'

Ed. note—

Jacqueline O. Kittrell, a MTSU student, has critiqued the films of the Fine Arts Festival. Following is her review of the films.

The Seventh Seal (1956), directed by Ingmar Bergman, winner of the International Jury Prize, Cannes, 1957.

In the middle of the 14th century, a Swedish knight, Antonius Block, and his squire come home from a Crusade, doubting the existence of God and the worth of life. When the knight encounters Death, he refuses to die, and proposes that Death play him a game of chess allowing him to live until the game is finished. The knight, while traveling home, sees the horrible effects of the bubonic plague that has ravaged Sweden in his absence: women giving birth to monsters, a procession of fanatical flagellants, a young witch burned at the stake.

He also meets a little family of strolling players who, in the midst of desolation and evil, have kept their joy in life. The Knight decides, then, to distract Death by a chess strategy long enough for this family to escape Death.

Although the above synopsis is provocative, the fascinating quality of the movie lies in what is not explained, in its allusive imagery and stylized characters which frequently achieve great emotional force. In the Revelation of St. John (Chap. 5, verse 1), the seventh seal is the last seal that binds the scroll, the one whose rupture leads to supreme revelation of the unknown secrets contained in the Book of God. The movie's latent power stems from that everpresent fear in man's mind; a fear of the unknown.

Potemkin (1925), directed by Sergei Eisenstein, is universally considered one of the most important films in the history of cinema and an inspiring tribute to the Russian Revolution. It dramatically



Terry Burkhalter and Stanley Myatt will present a free concert on March 3 in the UC Theater.

depicts events surrounding a mutiny aboard the battleship Prince Potemkin during the failed 1905 uprising against the Czar.

The rebels hoped to seize the Russian fleet and block the ports to help the revolution onshore. Bad food, especially maggoty meat served for weeks on end, cause the sailors to listen to the rebels. After a sailor is killed by an aristocratic second-in-command, mutiny occurs, all the officers being either killed or thrown into the sea.

The Potemkin sails to the city of Odessa's harbor where the dead sailor is mourned by the citizens. Voicing their sympathy to the Potemkin's cause and their opposition to the Czar, they are slaughtered by the Czarist troops on the Odessa steps.

The battleship escapes the Czar's troops by sailing to meet the

Russian squadron, hoping they will follow the Potemkin's example. The rest of the fleet does not join the Potemkin in her revolt against the Czar, but allows her to sail through their lines unharmed.

It is beyond the capacity of the written word to recreate the intense emotion experienced during the movie, Potemkin. As a silent film, it reaches the emotions almost entirely on a visual level. Explanatory subtitles are few and the unheard dialogue between the film's characters is incidental to what occurs in the scene. Eisenstein's method is to build a vision, shot by shot, each interacting, he says, "By collision. By the conflict of two pieces in opposition to each other."

The film is divided into five acts. Part 1, Men and Maggots, includes a brilliant use of cubist overlapping when a man smashes an officer's

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New slant given to 'Cuckoo's Nest' production

by D'Nice Lawson

The battle between regulations and a rebellious maverick is the theme of the Murfreesboro Little Theatre's performance of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

Director Nan Keenan says the play is narrated through the thoughts of the "chief," a mental patient, and the audience sees the action through his eyes. This is the biggest difference between the movie and the play, Keenan said.

"This is more complicated than any show we've ever done because of the light and sound cues," she said. "Of course there are some limitations to what we can do on a stage. For instance we couldn't do the boat scene."

MTSU student Pete Schwabb portrays Scanlon in the play. He described the character as a "paranoid rapist who hates the world."

The audience gets very involved he said. "It's a small theatre. You feel like you are actually in the

Midlander photos of Who's Who set

Midlander will photograph members of Who's Who for the 1978 year yearbook in three separate groups.

The first will be photographed at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in front of the Library. A second picture will be taken at 3:15 Wednesday in front of the University Center and a third group will be photographed at 4 p.m. Thursday in front of Old Main.

Members of will probably be contacted before the photo sessions, but those not contacted can attend any one of the three sessions.

assylum where it took place."

Glenford Reynolds plays aide Williams, a character he said is "completely controlled by Nurse Ratched."

Both Schwabb and Reynolds are aerospace majors from New York with little acting experience. Schwabb, who had never before acted, went to the theatre to fill in for a day and was cast into his part.

Reynolds was told by Schwabb that the production needed a "cool black dude" to fill a part. His previous experience included being in a play in junior high school.

Other MTSU students appearing in the production are Gerald Dunn, Vicki Steagall and graduate Jerry

Political science internships in Washington, D.C. available

It was announced yesterday that MTSU has arranged internship opportunities for students in Washington D.C., according to Dr. David H. Grubbs of the political science department.

Internships are available during the summer and fall terms in Congressional offices, Executive agencies and other areas such as the environment, consumer affairs, journalism, communication, the arts and business.

The internships are being handled by Dr. Grubbs and have been developed in conjunction with the Washington Center for Learning Alternatives of Washington D.C., a non-profit educational agency.

These are not paying positions, but while on an internship for a full term, students remain enrolled at MTSU and receive academic credit

Hatmaker.

Keenan described Mac, the main character, as a "sacrifice, but someone who made the others at least want to try to free themselves." He leaves them with his philosophy of "How do I know I

can't do something if I don't try?"

The play will be shown through March 4, at the Murfreesboro Little Theatre, 700 Ewing Blvd. Wednesday is student half price night. For reservations call 898-9825. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

New three-year program planned for night students

MTSU has established a program for night students to complete their general education requirements in a three-year period, according to Earl Keese of the continuing education department.

"This is the first time we've developed a systematic program with planned rotation to make sure an evening student will have the courses he needs available," Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Jones said.

The program, which begins next fall, is designed to make MTSU more flexible and to establish a very much needed night program to compliment our daytime program," Jones said.

The program, which is still in the preliminary stages, focuses on the working adult as opposed to the daytime student, although some daytime students may find it convenient, Keese said.

Also planned is the establishment of an evening advisor, to help the student with such things as the dropping or adding of a class.

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 Girl Scout Cookie Sale: Social Work club, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., UC Basement
 Education Department: Conference, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Dining Room C, SUB
 Drive-In Conference: VOE Teachers, 3:30-6:30 p.m., Business Bldg. 202
 AAUP & CFAW Meeting: Johnella Martin, State Board of Regents, 7:30 p.m., Faculty Lounge, SUB
 Fine Arts: Dinglefest Theatre Company, "Vacuum Pact," 8 p.m., UC Theatre
 Chess Club: 7 p.m., UC 314

WEDNESDAY

Job Interviews: The Prudential Insurance Co., signup at Placement Office
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 Job Interviews: Oak Ridge Schools, TN, signup at Placement Office
 Recruiting: Air Force, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement
 Gum Sale: SAE, all day, UC

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GED Test: 8 a.m.-12 noon, UC 314
 ASB Traffic Court: 2-4 p.m., UC 318 and 322A
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes: 7:30 p.m., UC 316
 Fine Arts: Films, "Potemkin," 3 p.m., "Seventh Seal," 8 p.m., UC Theatre
 KA Psi: Pledges Presentation, 8-9 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

THURSDAY

Job Interviews: National Cash Register Co., signup at Placement Office
 Job Interviews: Proctor & Gamble Co., signup at Placement Office
 Placement Orientation: 11 a.m., UC 322
 Luncheon: Faculty/Press, 12 noon, Tennessee Room, SUB
 Fine Arts: Film, "Murder In The Cathedral," 3 p.m., UC Theatre
 ASB House Meeting: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Multi-Media Room, LRC
 Pre-Law Society: 6 p.m., UC 305
 Multi-Media Presentation: "How's Your Love Life," 6, 7:30 and 9 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB
 Ideas & Issues: Lecture, Stanley Kunitz, 8 p.m., UC Theatre

New retention standards will be in effect by next fall

Students with 90 or more hours attempted will be affected by the new retention standards being put into effect fall semester, 1978. These changes, approved by the Board of Regents, will require these students to have a 2.0 average for retention. The previous standards only required a 1.9 GPA for 60 or more hours attempted.

A 1.0 GPA is still required for those students with 0-19 hours

attempted, a 1.5 GPA for 20-39 hours attempted and 1.7 GPA for those students with 40-59 hours attempted.

A 1.9 GPA will be required only for those students with 60-89 attempted hours.

Any student who does not meet the retention standards will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent semester.

Festival

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dinner plate, the cinematic equivalent of Marcel Duchamp's *Nude Descending a Staircase*. Part 2, *Drama on the Quarterdeck*, uses extreme close-ups to characterize the inner feelings of the shipmen. Part 3, *An Appeal from the Dead*, depicts the citizens of Odessa as they unite in one emotion, fists raised, to oppose the sailor's murder. In Part 4, the Odessa steps sequence, and Part 5, *Meeting the Squadron*.

Murder in the Cathedral (1952), screenplay by Thomas S. Eliot, Father John Groser as Thomas of Becket, cast of the Old Vic, T.S. Eliot as the voice of the fourth tempter.

Thomas Becket, chancellor of England under Henry II, and subsequently appointed archbishop of Canterbury in order to further the King's wish to regain strict control over the church, changed suddenly from the King's devoted servant to a stubborn opponent of his policy. Thomas, once he became archbishop, adhered fully, and, some say, insincerely to the Papal law. This was the cause of a long quarrel with Henry that ended with Thomas' murder in Canterbury Cathedral, Dec. 29, 1170.

The film is adapted by Eliot, from his own play, *Murder in the Cathedral*. Performed by some members of the original cast of the play, first presented at the Canterbury Festival in 1935, it has a strong, effective theatrical quality. There is an element of dialogue that can only be called choral ode, marking the passage of time and evoking an awareness of what is truly happening. The music is of the twelfth century. The daily activities of the townspeople are shown with poetic sureness and historical accuracy.

Eliot's work, having origins in Greek tragedy and the medieval morality play, *Everyman*, is not an historical play. Instead, it is a unique presentation of Thomas of Becket as the archetypal religious martyr who wrestles with the subtle temptations coming to all those who set their conscience against the political state.

Citizen Kane (1941), directed and produced by Orson Welles, starring Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, and Agnes Moorhead.

An important characteristic of any masterpiece is its ability to generate interest and stir controversy long after it is made. Judged by this criterion, *Citizen Kane*, the first work by the then twenty-five year old Welles, is the American Masterpiece of the studio era, famous for both its theme and technique.

Its story is supposedly the ill-disguised and unsympathetic biography of the ruthless publisher, William Randolph Hearst. This created problems both during and after the filming, to the effect that none of the Hearst newspapers carried ads for the movie, and the Hearst critics unmercifully panned it.

The movie begins as Charles Foster Kane dies in his lonely castle. His last word is "Rosebud." The mystery of that word is the vehicle by which Kane's past is penetrated by an investigative reporter. Time is flashed back and brought forward, building Kane into a character of many dimensions. The technical aspects of the film include 'eccentric,' tilting camera angles, depth of field focus (i.e., a scene in which it is possible to see the near object as clearly as the far background), and sound montage, sounds overlapped for special effects.

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Western rolls into OVC tournament

by Chuck Cavalaris

With his coaching life given at least a one-game reprieve, Western Kentucky coach Jim Richards said his Hilltoppers' 87-78 do-or-die win over MTSU Saturday was a simple case of "the pendulum going full swing."

In crushing Middle Tennessee's bid for undisputed claim on the conference championship, Western jumped from a premature death bed into the driver's seat for the OVC tournament in Bowling Green this weekend.

The emotionally-charged 'Topper win satisfied 11,200 noisy, if not vicious, Western cash customers, but nobody could have been happier with the win than Richards, who announced in January this

would have ended.

"We did not back into the conference championship and I'll be disappointed at those who say we did," an emotionally drained Middle Tennessee coach Jimmy Earle explained after the game.

"Western Kentucky just did the same thing to us that we did in Murfreesboro. They won with intensity. Jim had them ready. Even if we had to lose, I'm glad to see Jim Richards go out a winner. I just hope we play better if we meet again," Earle added.

Should the two teams meet again, of course, it would be to decide the conference's representative to the NCAA tournament, but MTSU must first beat Austin Peay and Western Kentucky would have to defeat East Tennessee Friday night.

A total of 53 fouls were called in the game, which saw Western jump to a commanding 16-6 lead only to have Middle Tennessee claw within six points five minutes before halftime.

At that point, with the score 36-30, the marvelous Western Kentucky basketball tradition seemed to rally and grab the charging Raiders by the throat in a dizzy whirlpool of four 'Topper layups and one slam dunk by guard Darryl Turner.

With a frantic Western press plucking Raider passes at every turn, the Hilltoppers surged to 10 straight points before MTSU recovered and went to the dressing room behind 48-33.

"It all happened so fast," recalled forward Julius Brown of the



With 10:59 to play in the game Sleepy Taylor and Darryl Turner got into a bench-clearing shouting match. [Chuck Cavalaris photo]

critical five-minute period. "Everything just seem to fall apart and go against at once. It all happened so fast."

After intermission, Middle Tennessee could rally no closer than six points with 4:44 to play [78-72], but with starters Bob Martin, Greg Joyner and Sleepy Taylor fouled out, the Raiders could get no closer.

Senior James Johnson led all scorers with 26. Many of his points came from hooks inside eight feet and on offensive rebounds. Other double-figure scorers were Aaron Bryant (14), substitute Mike Prince (15), Turner (12) and Steve Ashby (11). Greg Jackson added nine.

For Middle Tennessee, Sleepy Taylor bagged 21, Bob Martin had 20 and Brown finished with 16. Jimmy Riley came off the bench and pumped in 10.

After shooting a sizzling 70 percent from the floor in the first half, Western hit 38 of 62 for a .612 percentage. MTSU made 30 of 52 field goals (.576 percent). Western

controlled the boards, 37-28.

RAIDER NOTES:

•Western changed to night practices to find "a quieter atmosphere" last week, Richards said... The victory was the 99th of Richards' career at Western... Bryant hit six straight field goals in the first half.

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sidelines sports

would be his last season as a coach.

"What a difference a month makes," Richards said in reference to Middle Tennessee's 98-69 win in Murfreesboro last month. "We were totally prepared for this game. The managers, coaches, players and fans were ready. The crowd was our sixth player. It sounded like the Western crowd of old."

Had MTSU managed to win, which under the circumstances seems more and more unlikely in retrospect, Western would have been knocked out of the tournament and Richards' coaching career



Leroy Coleman [42] leaps high to block a Western shot attempted by Aaron Bryant [51]. [Chuck Cavalaris photo]

OVC standings

| FINAL | |
|------------------|------|
| TEAM | OVC |
| Middle Tennessee | 10-4 |
| East Tennessee | 10-4 |
| Western Kentucky | 8-6 |
| Austin Peay | 8-6 |
| Eastern Kentucky | 8-6 |
| Tennessee Tech | 7-7 |
| Murray | 4-10 |
| Morehead | 0-14 |

MONDAY'S SCORE

East Tennessee 93
Morehead 79

Coleman status unknown

The status of sophomore basketball player Leroy Coleman was apparently in doubt Monday after a run-in with coach Jimmy Earle during Saturday's loss at Western Kentucky.

Coleman apparently was upset over being replaced by Julius Brown five minutes into the game and became involved in a heated exchange with Earle when he came to the bench.

After shouting for several seconds, Coleman slammed his warm-up to the court and stomped to the dressing room. Despite a week-long battle with the flu, Coleman had bagged MTSU's first two field goals in the game.

The Huntsville, Ala., native was tight-lipped outside the lockerroom and refused to acknowledge any questions when the team arrived back on campus.

Likewise, Earle had no comment until the two could meet privately in his office. "Until we can sit down and talk this thing over, I really don't think it would be fair to comment," Earle said.

Coleman did not return to the bench during the contest and finished with four points. He is regarded around the league as one of the top defensive players in the conference and carries an average of five points and three rebounds per game.

East Tennessee grabs share of championship

by Chuck Cavalaris

East Tennessee State grabbed a share of the conference championship in Johnson City last night with a 93-79 win over cellar-dwelling Morehead in the mini-dome.

Had Morehead pulled off the upset and won its first OVC game of the season, Middle Tennessee would have claimed sole possession to first place.

Completing the OVC schedule with an 0-14 record, Morehead trailed 41-37 at halftime but staged a second half rally that nearly carried the Eagles to their first OVC win.

On a 20-foot bucket by Herbie Stamper, who finished with a game-high 38 points, Morehead enjoyed a 53-50 lead with only 14 minutes to play, but could not contain the Buc fast break.

East Tennessee, who was beaten

Tournament pairings

| Fri. | Sat. |
|---------------|------|
| W. Ky. 8-6 | |
| 7:00 | |
| E. Tenn. 10-4 | |
| | 7:30 |
| MTSU 10-4 | |
| 9:00 | |
| APSU 8-6 | |

in Cookeville by Tennessee Tech Saturday night, responded with 12 straight points and managed a



Ed Thompson

62-53 margin that was never threatened.

"We are extremely happy to get a share of the conference championship with Middle Tennessee," second-year Buc coach Sonny Smith told the Johnson City Press-Chronicle.

Morehead did not execute the "lullaby offense" it patented in Murphy Center, but opted instead for a passing offense similar to Middle Tennessee's.

East Tennessee will meet tournament-favorite Western Kentucky in the first game of the 1978 Ohio Valley Conference tournament in Western's E.A. Diddle Arena Friday night at 7 p.m. Middle Tennessee and Austin Peay square off at 9 p.m.

"We aren't planning anything different for Western," Smith was quoted as saying after the game.

Meanwhile, Middle Tennessee will be working diligently this week to solve the mystery of Austin Peay, the school which has dealt MTSU six straight regular season losses.

Like a man who has been around dice tables, Austin Peay coach Ed Thompson presents a ground-level prediction on who will win the third conference tournament.

"The team that can get the hot hand will go to the NCAA tournament," Thompson predicted. "Last year that was Middle Tennessee. This time I hope it can be us."

Both teams will be coming off losses that ended the regular season. Middle suffered an 87-78 setback in Bowling Green, Saturday, while Murray State was turn-

ing back Austin Peay, 85-84.

Quickness has been the Gov's strength all season, but the smaller Austin Peay players somehow found themselves dominating the



Jimmy Earle

boards in last week's game. Austin Peay out-rebounded MTSU, 40-25.

"We are going to have to box out and rebound better if we hope to stay with them. I really don't see how they lost six conference games. They have a senior-oriented ball-club. I'm sure we will have our hands full," Raider Coach Jimmy Earle said.

Winners will play the championship contest Saturday night at 7:30. Losers are through for the year.



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Women blasted in season finale at Western

by Scott Adams
Sports Editor

With the flu bug biting hard, Coach Pat Sarver's Lady Raiders were soundly thumped by Western Kentucky Saturday night, 83-63. Saturday night, 83-63.

Starters Sherry McKinney and Sharon McClannahan, severely weakened by the flu, were easy prey for the relentless driving jump shots of OVC stand-out Brenda Chapman. Adding to Sarver's misery was the fact that point guard Jan Zitney was too sick to even make the trip.

Chapman, the third leading scorer in the OVC, led a dazzling fast break which accounted for more than half of the Lady Topper offense.

With both teams shooting considerably under 40 percent from the field in the first half, WKU's 11 point halftime lead can be attributed to foul shots, as they made good on 13 of 18 while Middle managed only four of 10.

The second half saw MTSU stay within striking distance until the Lady Raiders were held scoreless for a two-minute stretch while

Chapman was reeling off 12 of her 32 points to close the door on any hopes of an MTSU victory.

Behind Chapman's 32 points were Pam Kordenbrock and Sue



Linda Carter

Rubin, who notched 13 and 12 respectively. Chapman, a 5'7" senior, also led her team in rebounding with 11.

MTSU, with one of its worst shooting performances of the year,

hit only 25 of 73 shots from the field for a dismal 34.2 percent. They didn't fair much better at the foul line as they connected on 13 of 26 for 50 percent.

Sharon McClannahan led the Raiders with 18 points followed by Liz Hannah and Patrice Amos who both scored 11.

WKU hit on 29 of 67 attempts for 43.2 percent and 25 of 35 from the line for 71.4 percent.

Coach Sarver summed it all up saying, "It's been a long, hard season."

Sarver will now lead the Lady Raiders, with an overall record of 13 wins and 11 losses, into the double elimination state tournament in Martin, Tenn., which begins March 1.

Of the six team field, MTSU is seeded fourth and will open against the host team UT-Martin at 8:45

p.m. Wednesday.

Middle has faced UTM only once this year, winning, 89-61 in one of the Lady Raiders better efforts of the season.

Point guard, Linda Carter indicated that most of the team seemed happy with the draw, saying, "We feel pretty lucky to have drawn Martin because they're the only team in the tournament we've beaten besides East Tennessee."

She also showed her approval of the tournament set-up, saying, "With the tournament being double elimination it allows for a team to have one bad game without it costing you everything."

Memphis State and ETSU will play the 7 p.m. game Wednesday night as Tennessee Tech and UT-Knoxville both drew byes for the first round.

On sale here

Tourney tickets available

OVC commissioner, Bob Vanatta announced Monday that MTSU will face Austin Peay in the 9 p.m. match-up on Friday with tournament host, Western Kentucky, playing East Tennessee at 7 p.m.

Some confusion had arisen because it was rumored that Western would play the 9 p.m. game because it was the host team.

But the 9 p.m. game has always been reserved for top seeded team in the tournament, which this year is MTSU. However, several players saw advantages to playing the first game.

Guard Sleepy Taylor said, "If we were to play the first game we could make it out of the dressing room in time to watch most of the second game."

Ticket manager Jim Simpson reported that tickets for the tournament will remain on sale until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, at which time they will be sent back to Bowling Green for distribution there.

Tickets prices are \$5 for chair back seats on the second level, \$4

for reserved bleacher seats on the playing floor, \$3 for bleacher seats on the second level and \$2 for general admission third level.

Simpson said that the \$5 seats were going the fastest but some seats in every section should still be left by Thursday.

Tickets may be bought for one or both nights but chances for waiting until after Friday's game to get a ticket for the Saturday's championship game are slim.

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Grapplers lose last match to Auburn, Clemson

by Dan Greene

The Blue Raider grapplers closed their dual meet season here Saturday by dropping close matches to Auburn and Clemson.

MTSU lost to Auburn 24 to 15 and to Clemson 24 to 21.

Despite the loss, Coach Gordon Connell felt good about the individual performances of his team members.

"All of our guys wrestled well. We actually won all eight matches we participated in," said Connell. "But Tommy Smith, who is probably our best performer, had to forfeit his matches because of stretched ligaments and a torn knee cartilage. That's 12 points we forfeited to our opponents. Both matches could have gone our way if Tommy could have wrestled."

The team travels to Boulder, Colorado, Friday to compete in the NCAA Mid-West Regionals at the Air Force Academy.

The Raiders can qualify for the nationals if they win the tournament or have a strong second place finish.

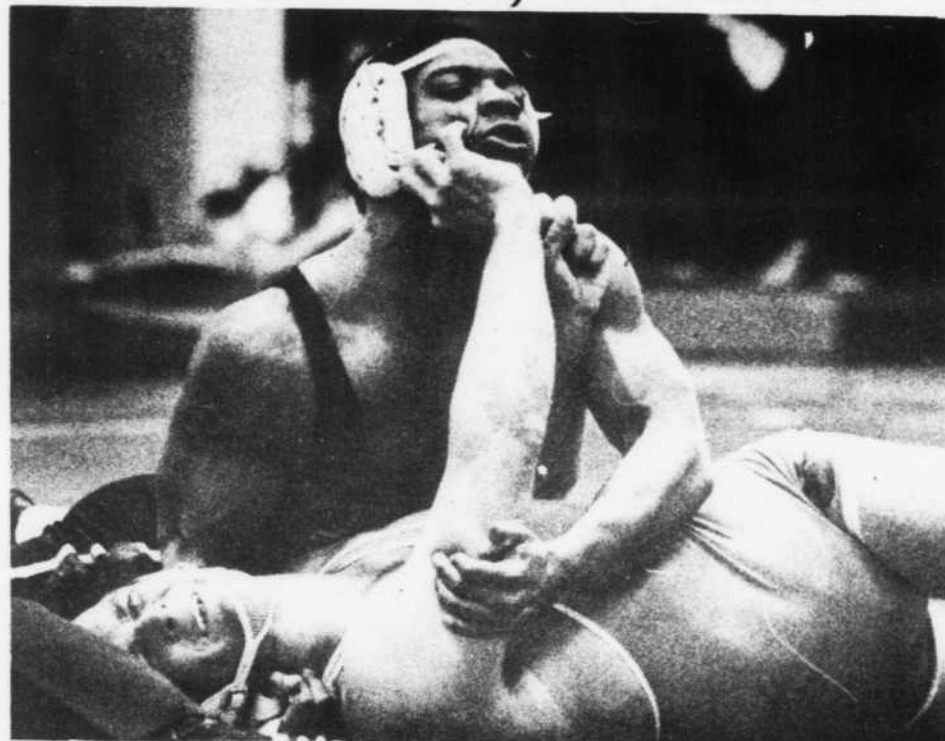
Connell feels about his teams chances, even though they obviously lack depth and have a 7-13 meet record.

"There has been no match this year that we haven't had to forfeit in. Deroy Collins, a true heavy-weight performer, failed to return

to school after Christmas break. The loss of Deroy and other guys to personal problems and injury has been a major problem for our program," Connell said. "There are some top teams in our class like Northern Colorado, Notre Dame, Marquette and the Air Force Academy. But we have had strong competition and I believe the guys are ready."

The Raiders' chances for a strong finish in the regionals lie in the abilities of Mike Kuziola, Kyle Smith, Tony Rowland, and Tony Kennedy. If Tommy Smith is unable to compete, then the team could well have a rocky road at the tournament.

An appreciative crowd was entertained between rounds Saturday by the MTSU gymnastics team. The team, headed by Pat Hannah, was well prepared for the individual and group routines they performed.



MTSU's Tony Rowland [on top] moves into position to pin his opponent in Saturday's action at Murphy Center. [Thom. Coombes photo]

Hayes to coach Olympic hopefuls

by Eddie Gossage

Add another honor to the long list of awards and achievements for MTSU track coach Dean Hayes.

Last week it was announced that Hayes has been chosen, along with Baylor University's Clyde Hart, to direct the southeastern entry in the

Domestic Olympic national sports festival to be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., on July 27-30.

"This festival is something that we have needed for a long time," Hayes said yesterday.

The Olympics will involve some 2,000 athletes that will participate in

a widely varied program that covers the range of the Pan American games and the Olympics summer games, plus some winter sports such as ice hockey and figure skating.

"It answers the criticism that our summer programs have not been attractive enough to get the best athletes to stay with the national team," Hayes explained. "We are very nationalistic in Olympic years, but in others we seem to go our own way."

The games are faced with some difficulties. Many of the top name track stars are already obligated to appear elsewhere during that time. The United States Olympic Committee, who is planning the event, apparently waited too long before announcing the games.

"Some of our best people have already committed themselves to overseas trips that conflict with the festival," Hayes said. "We are busy now checking with who will be available and probably will announce our southern team in late May or early June."

The obligations the well known athletes have, which will keep them out of the games, may help the U.S. Olympic cause. Those that are already obligated elsewhere have a taste of international competition while those which may be invited to the Domestic Olympics may not.

"These games will help the younger people," Hayes asserted. "It will help those which have never been associated with the Olympics."

As far as any MTSU trackmen being invited, Hayes didn't seem to know yet.

"There's really no telling because the teams haven't been selected. We will begin the selection in the middle of April," Hayes said.

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Stout says no**OVC officials out to get Joyner—Earle agrees**

by Chuck Cavalaris

Are the officials in the Ohio Valley Conference determined to keep Greg Joyner on the bench and in foul trouble?

"You bet," says Joyner.

"I think so," says Jimmy Earle.

"No way!" says referee Ralph Stout.

Ever since the 1977-78 season began, Joyner has complained frequently that officials are giving him the evil eye, that others can push and shove while he can hardly breathe.

"They are after me, Joyner confided Sunday in his dormitory room. 'The refs determine so much. They can put you on the bench if they want. I want to help Middle Tennessee win, but it's hard to do that sitting on the bench.'"

Saturday night at Western, Joyner fouled out for the first time this season, the second since high school. After watching 13 minutes of the first half with three fouls, Joyner quickly picked up his fourth two minutes into the second half.

Less than a minute after he returned with 14:25 to play, Joyner was tagged with his fifth personal of the game.

Among the conference leaders' in scoring (17 points per game), rebounding (eight per game) and field goal percentage (over .550), Joyner was out of the game after playing a total of 14 minutes.

He scored only three points and had one rebound.

That output, however, was enough to finally convince Earle that something is afoot in the mind's of conference referees.

"All season long Greg Joyner has been trying to convince me that the officials are after him," Earle quickly told a gathering of sports writers after the game.

"And all season long I've been telling him how wrong he is. Well, after tonight, I'm convinced he is right. They are after him. I now believe the officials are watching Greg Joyner closer than any player on the court," Earle concluded.

Earle added that he feels discussions related to keeping a "close

watch on Joyner happen in the officials' pre-game meeting. I know what goes on," the MTSU coach says.

"That's about the most absurd thing I've ever heard," said Ralph Stout, the supervisor of OVC officials and the referee that whistled both Joyner's and Bob Martin's fifth fouls in a game marred with 53 personal fouls and one fight at Western.

"In 26 years of officiating, I have never seen or heard of an official going after a player. No one is after Greg Joyner, but if someone was I would know about it. If he wasn't a captain, I wouldn't have even known who Greg Joyner was," Stout explained.

"But this is common all over the country. When a player fouls out, especially if he is good, everybody seems to think the official is after him," Stout added by telephone from Tulsa, Okla., where he called the game between Oral Roberts and Florida State last night.

"I know what's going on. This is a psychological ploy going into the conference tournament. I'd just as soon not say any thing else until I talk over with [conference commissioner] Bob Vanatta."

When contacted yesterday afternoon, however, Vanatta said he was not aware of Earle's comment.

"No, I haven't heard about it, the commissioner said. 'I must have missed it. However, I can say that I've heard nothing from our officials in regard to that. I couldn't comment further than that.'"

While the conference commissioner and its supervisor of official's deny any plot against Joyner, Earle blasted the officiating on another note.

During Saturday's game, Earle was constantly off the bench complaining about the now customary hand-checking, and frequently yelling to the officials, "Get his hand off. Get his hand off."

Stout, however, refused to address any questions on the hand-checking until Sunday—24 hours after the OVC representative to the NCAA tournament has been decided.



Bob Martin [52] scores, but is tagged with his fifth foul as he charges into Western's Mike Prince. [Chuck Cavalaris photo].

Western

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•On an altercation that broke out in the second half, Western's Turner said: "It was frustrations—Middle Tennessee's frustrations about losing. You can put that in there. Yea, print that."

•Martin had two dunks in the game, including one midway through the first half that sent two

Topper players sprawling. Martin was Middle's leading rebounder (6). Western had three players grab seven or more.

•A Bowling Green television station pumped up enthusiasm for the game by reporting Thursday that tee-shirts had been prematurely distributed on campus proclaiming "MTSU...1978 OVC Champs."

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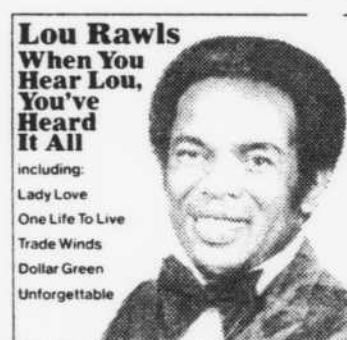
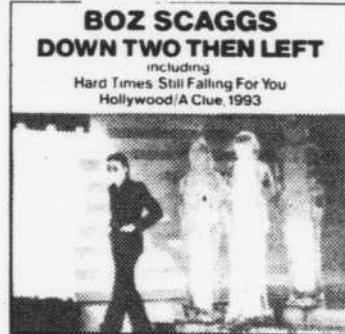
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