

Tuition hike is expected

MTSU students may be facing a 23 percent increase in fees, according to State Board of Regents officials.

In addition, Chancellor Roy S. Nicks has told presidents of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee that current fiscal conditions dictate either cutting back essential services or establishing maximum enrollment limitations at state schools.

NICKS TOLD state university presidents last Tuesday to submit a brief position paper to his office which would establish a maximum full-time enrollment capacity for each of their respective institutions based on

the following assumptions:

- Funding reductions at 85 percent of the 1981-82 THEC appropriation recommendations;

- student fee increases ranging from 15 to 23 percent;

- operating cost increases of at least 12 percent in utilities, 12 to 14 percent in supplies, and 15 to 20 percent in library books.

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees already has voted to cut enrollment at its Knoxville campus by 1,000 students next fall.

THE CEILINGS on enrollment contemplated by Nicks would mean that some state institutions could continue enrollment growth, while other

state schools would be denied future growth.

This appears to be the case for Tennessee State University, which will be funded at a level higher than its student body would justify because of a court order rendered under a desegregation decision involving that school in 1978.

However, Nicks said some campuses are already serving more students than their funding provides for because state appropriations have not risen in proportion to their enrollment.

"That's true of Middle Tennessee, Tennessee Tech, Roane State and Volunteer State, just to name a few," Nicks said.

Safety a concern

Crosswalk hazard studied by students

By ANGIE GALLOWAY
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Students in one class have taken a careful step forward to safety awareness.

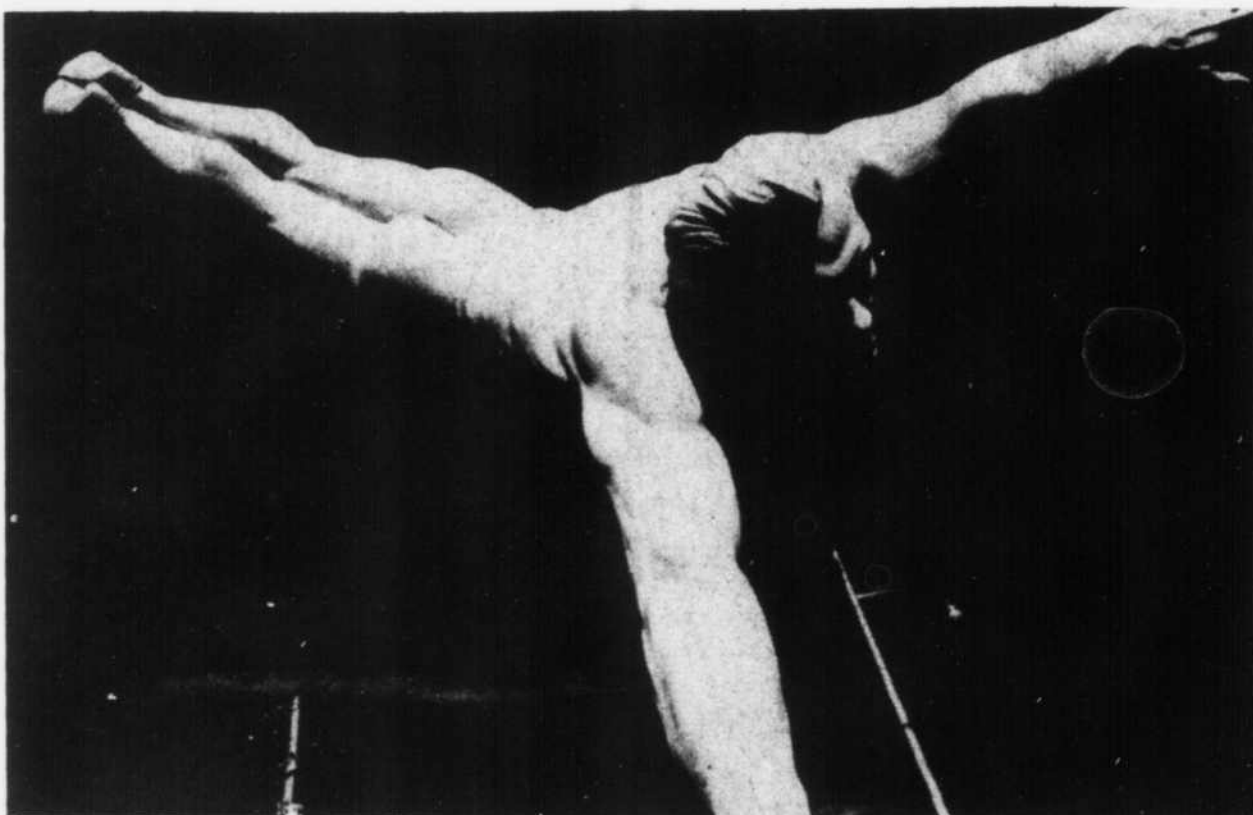
The class, Principles of Accident Control, places an emphasis on awareness of problems, according to Jon MacBeth, associate professor of HPERS and instructor of the class.

Four students on a committee in the class are studying the hazards of the crosswalk in front of the Ellington Home Economics building.

Jackie Dean, a graduate student in industrial safety, said they were primarily concerned with safety awareness around the campus.

"For some years, the city had painted the walk, and just recently [since October] there has been a sign placed above the walk," MacBeth said.

"There is usually heavy traffic in the mornings," he said. "The



Italian photographer Geri Della Rocca de Candali's exhibition at the MTSU Photography Gallery emphasizes lighting and form as evidenced by this example from his recent work. See the related story on page 3.

road in front of Murphy Center is wide, and sometimes two lanes of cars form on each side of the road because cars tend to pass on the right side of the cars that are turning.

"There is a little knoll and a driver can't see the crosswalk," MacBeth added.

Plus, he said cars that are parked along the side of the road block the students as they start across the street. It is a bad place and not visible to the motorists.

"The walkway is on the crest of a hill and cars usually pick up speed to get over it," MacBeth said. "Not only do university students use the walkway, but residents and children who come to Murphy Center to use the facilities.

"We don't want someone to get hurt before something is done about it," he said.

Dean said Tennessee Boulevard, where the crosswalk in question is located, is a connecting street from one side of the city to the other.

Even though they are in the planning stages, three of the more talked about proposals are more paint on the crosswalk, a flashing yellow light or a larger sign closer to the pavement.

A.H. Solomon, department chairman for HPERS, said the class was to increase safety awareness.

"One of the requirements of the class is to gain knowledge on how to recognize where safety requirements are falling short. Some of the factors involved would be the age of the building and the safety codes," Solomon said.

Solomon claimed he had heard of no accidents occurring in the crosswalk, but at times, he said, he really doubted that some of the cars would stop when he tried to cross the walk.

The purpose of improving the situation would be to create an awareness for those unfamiliar with the area to avoid any possible accidents.

Hattie Arthur, chairman of the Economics Department, said there have been some slight accidents.

"One student was knocked down about two years ago, but nothing serious," she said. "It is definitely hard to get across when drivers don't pay attention to the sign.

"The university has tried to do something about the situation, but the city does not see the necessity," Arthur said. "There have been petitions and people going to the city council meeting to complain, but nothing has been done except the sign."

She said the best possible solution would be a light either at the corner or in front of the building so traffic can be stopped.

Student members of the committee are: Jimmy Gist, majoring in HPERS; Kaye Wrather, also majoring in HPERS; Glen Burford, Ag Business; and Jackie Dean.

Supreme court may rule draft discriminatory

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether any U.S. military draft, or draft registration, must include women.

In a case likely to become the most closely watched controversy now before the high court, the justices will decide whether a male-only draft unlawfully discriminates against men.

Historically, young American men have been required to register for possible military service and to serve, while young women face no such obligations.

A three-judge federal court panel in Philadelphia last July struck down the system, citing unconstitutional sex bias.

IF THE Supreme Court were to uphold that ruling, Congress would have to amend the Military Selective Service Act to include women as potential draftees.

Despite the lower court's ruling, some 4 million men were required to register for the draft last July. If registration and the draft are ruled unconstitutional, the government might have to destroy all records of that registration.

There has been no military draft since 1973. Even if the male-only registration is upheld, Congress still would have to pass a new law before call-ups could be resumed.

While arguments before the Supreme Court likely will be limited to the validity of draft registration, the three-judge panel's decision struck down the entire Military Selective Service

Act, which includes induction as well as registration.

The case does not involve the separate policy of not assigning female enlistees to combat duty.

The court's eventual decision likely will not be announced until next May or June. Oral arguments probably will be held sometime in March.

THE LEGAL challenge that led to the July 18 ruling was filed in 1971 by three Pennsylvania men as a protest to the Vietnam war. It had gone unnoticed in the federal courts for years but was revived last December when President Carter reinstituted draft registration in the wake of the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan.

On July 19, Justice William J. Brennan Jr. allowed the government to go ahead with its July 21 registration of all 19- and 20-year-old men. He predicted that the government's appeal of the three-judge court's ruling would be accepted for review by the full Supreme Court.

The court's decision conceivably could have an effect on the future of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.

Opponents to ERA have pointed to the drafting of women as one of the amendment's evils, but such an obligation now could come about without the ERA.

If the ERA were to become part of the Constitution, courts would have to use the same "strict scrutiny" to cases of alleged sexual bias as they now do in cases of alleged racial or religious discrimination.

Funds for justice majors slashed

By MIKE KOPP
Sidelines Staff Writer

"That sense of confidence [through higher education] is most important because in a violent or confrontational situation, a police officer's ability to critically analyze options, understand some of the dynamics of the participants and mediate a solution is crucial to effective law enforcement"—

Gerald Lynch, chairman of the New York City Police Foundation and president of John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

For the last 12 years, more than 550,000 police officers and law-enforcement personnel across the country have received millions of federal dollars in financial aid under the Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP).

Specifically, for the last three years, Congress has poured \$17 million annually in the LEEP coffers. And as one of the schools eligible for the funds, Middle Tennessee State University has tapped LEEP for \$15,000 a year.

But as of mid-August of 1981, the LEEP chest will be empty in the wake of federal fiscal belt tightening.

LEEP is an off-shoot of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Bill (LEAA). That bill, under heavy opposition, saw its funds cut from \$484 million to just over \$170 million for fiscal year 1981. As a result of the cut, LEEP will be phased out.

For 25 MTSU criminal justice students currently acquiring financial aid under LEEP, this means looking elsewhere for money to finish school. And for those who aren't eligible for any other financial aid, the loss of LEEP money could mean dropping out of school.

Thirty-one-year-old Kenneth Roberts is a junior majoring in Criminal Justice. He wants to work in a management position or perhaps in industrial security. It's a competitive field, and often the deciding factor of employment is the applicant's educational background. Roberts says he has an associates degree in Law Enforcement, but at MTSU, he's looking for more complete training in psychology and business administration.

Roberts is not certain where he'll get more money when his LEEP funds run out. It could mean a delay in his education by moonlighting, holding down more than one job.

The loss of LEEP funds came as no surprise to Edward

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photos by Lisa Gwin

Teri Engel, as Queen Elizabeth of England, bids adieu to Ron Messier as they complete the filming of "A Meeting of Historical Characters," a project for the Western Civilization honors course.



Students from Dr. Messier's class participated in interviews and a panel discussion as personalities from ancient history. Featured are guests Gina Fann as Mary, Queen of Scots; Doug McKee as William Adams; and Messier, their gracious host for the filmed segments.

Pot smokers still with us but penalties are not

By DEBORAH DIGGONS
Special to Sidelines

Local law enforcement officials agree that although the heyday for drug traffic in Murfreesboro was from 1970 to 1973, only the prosecution of drug users has been reduced—not the number of people using the drugs.

"Mores are changing," Wilkes Coffey, former circuit court judge, said. "Much of the general public's first contact with illegal drug use came about simultaneously with the horror of Vietnam."

Many of the stereotypical images of the pot smoker and pillpopper were formed at a time when these activities were considered to be synonymous with anti-patriotic movements. SOME FORM OF drug

misuse pervades nearly every American family at some time or another. Because of this growing familiarity with the problem, attitudes towards marijuana and other "fun drugs" such as quaaludes and prescription sedatives are softening. As public attitudes change, so do

those of the police and the court systems. Asst. District Attorney Bill Whitesell explained that "horror stories evolved among the drug

culture which may have curtailed the use of more dangerous drugs, but marijuana smokers are still with us. You just don't see the imposition of harsh penalties for mere possession these days."



Criminal investigator Randy Galloway agrees.

"If we locked up every single person a policeman ever saw smoking pot," Galloway says, "the jails would be bursting at the seams."

IF A POLICEMAN stops someone for a minor traffic violation and discovers a marijuana cigarette in the vehicle, he will use his own discretion and do one of two things. If the offender is belligerent or obviously intoxicated, the patrolman will arrest him and charge him with possession and driving under the influence.

If the driver is not out of control and has his wits about him, the officer may simply destroy the illegal substance on

the scene and see that the driver goes home. Often included in this reprimand is a stern warning that a second offense will result in more serious consequences.

Officers in the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office and the city police department agree that what this amounts to is a kind of unofficial decriminalization.

BUT, AS CITY criminal prevention officer Glen Chrisman points out, most of these arrests for drugs are secondary to some other law violation. This means that many of the "busts" or arrests for drugs would not have been made had the offender not been caught in some other criminal act.

Sheriff's Department Detective David Grisham points out that of the six murder cases pending in Circuit Court now,

hazy. THE PUBLIC may not see a little marijuana smoking as particularly harmful, but law enforcement officials are concerned with several factors which can become secondary problems as a result of marijuana use.

"There is no way the system can measure just how many crimes are committed in order to get money to buy drugs," Whitesell said.

Another problem that Coffey points out is that marijuana smoking does lead to more harmful drug-taking. Coffey points out that more realistic laws would remove the problem from the criminal element.

"BUT AT THIS point," he said, "the pot smoker must have criminal contacts in order to get the substance. When this happens, it is easier for a simple

going to move to another experience."

Chrisman agrees. "Of course, it gives the casual experimenter the contacts for the harder drugs," he said. "And the person who abuses



marijuana is likely to abuse other substances. The think about it is that you can tell kids what heroin or LSD will do to them, but only long-term studies of long-term users will determine the physical effects of marijuana."

RUTHERFORD COUNTY has been and continues to be a drop-off point for drugs. With the university's student population here, there is good marketing potential. But Chrisman and Graham agree that most of the big "busts" are out-of-towners.

Graham estimates that anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of his office's investigations of illegal drug traffic is focused on Nashville.

"And it's just about the same dealers at the school, but nobody big time," Graham said.

Sidelights

Education dean to hold 'Round Table'

Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education, is sponsoring the "First Dean's Round Table" on Wednesday from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. and 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. in the Faculty Senate Area in the basement of the James Union Building.

The purpose of the meeting is to meet Dean Harry Hodge of the School of Education and discuss educational topics. Faculty and students are urged to attend and refreshments will be served.

Coed basketball next for Campus Rec.

Campus Recreation's next event is 4 on 4 basketball. Teams are coed with 2 men and 2 women. Team representatives need to attend a meeting at 7:00 p.m. tonight in AMG 203.

The Turkey trot was won by Helen Reed in 6.1 minutes and Jeff Kilmer in 5.09 minutes. Tina Hall and Paul Tosh placed second. A 13 lbs. turkey was given to each first place winner.

Homosexuality stirs discord in UTC class

CHATTANOOGA (AP) — A University of Tennessee-Chattanooga elective course in human sexuality has gotten some people upset enough to telephone their feelings to school administrators.

Executive Dean of Faculty Bert Bach said a UT-C student complained about the course Tuesday, and he referred the complaint, the first from a student, to the university's academic standards committee.

ROBERT FRANKE, head of the university's biology department who has taught the course for two years, recently invited two admitted homosexuals as guest lecturers to discuss "alternative lifestyles." He has also used explicit slides and movies—the focus of some complaints—to illustrate discussions.

"Apparently the issue of homosexuality struck a nerve with somebody," Franke told the Chattanooga News-Free Press in a story published last week. "He, she or they saw it as a threat to expanded human life. I maintain the presentation, including films, was not in-

tended to titillate but to be informative.

"Labeling it 'pornography' demeans what we're trying to achieve," he said. "This is terribly unfortunate."

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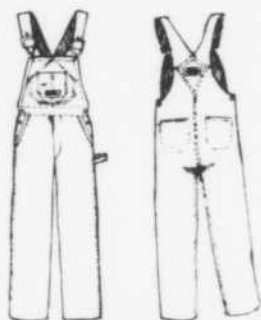
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De Groote concert adds class

By JULIE GEE
Sidelines Staff Writer

Classical pianist Steven De Groote added a touch of class to the atmosphere at MTSU during his performance Sunday evening.

As the South African artist came on stage, an aura of sophistication enveloped the Concert Hall of the Wright Music Building.

Review

Despite his young age, 27, De Groote is no less a master of the piano than those many twice his age. He opened the concert with Haydn's, Sonata in C major. The allegro-paced opening and

closing of the piece were separated by an adagio movement.

De Groote's next number was Beethoven's Sonata in A major, Op. 2. The lively tempo of the first movement flowed into the large appassionato movement. The third and fourth movements exhibited De Groote's true professionalism in his top-quality rendition of the piece.

The second part of the concert opened with two Ravel works. The first, "Jeux d'Eau," was a very light and peaceful theme, with gentle tones and runs dominating the piece. The second, "Alborada del

gracioso," was a very mysterious piece in which minor chords were predominate.

The concert closed with a three-movement work of Liszt, "Venezia e Napoli."

After four curtain calls De Groote was persuaded to perform an encore and, in his thick British accent, announced "Romeo and Juliet."

De Groote was the first in a series of four concerts to be presented in honor of the Wright Music Building inauguration. The next artist to appear will be soprano, Gilda Cruz-Romo on Jan. 13.



Pictured left to right are Sigma Phi Epsilon pledges Scott Whitaker, Bob Farol, Tice Feldman, Steve Scott and Ron Wood who have responded energetically to the Rutherford County Humane Society's plea for volunteers at the animal shelter. They have helped clean, remodel and paint the shelter. Rick Miller, a fraternity member not pictured, has been an active volunteer at the shelter for many months.

MTSU photographic gallery hosts abstract exhibit by de Candal

An exhibit by Italian photographer Geri Della Rocca de Candal is on display through Dec. 11 at the MTSU Photographic Gallery.

De Candal, 34, was born in Rome and attended the University of Milan. He became seriously interested in photography in 1963 and is currently a free lance photographer in Milan and Rome.

The 36 black and white photographs on exhibit are representative of de Candal's recent exploration into abstract work.

"My major interest in photography," de Candal writes, "has always been the people and the specific interaction between people and environment—in particular, the contrasts and alienation due to 'culture shock.'"

Gallery Curator Harold Baldwin said the exhibit's unique lighting effectively dramatizes otherwise ordinary subjects.

"The student of photography and art," Baldwin said, "can see in these photographs how light affects shape and form. De Candal works with triangles, rectangles, rhomboids, spheres and arcs. He's used them all very well."

Human interaction in this exhibit is quite limited. However, several human statues appear and play more dominant roles than do people. The main emphasis is on light and its effect in dramatizing objects.

De Candal has pursued several major themes in his short career. One, his street manholes series, "tries to prove that everything is worth being photographed if we try to look at things differently," de Candal writes.

This philosophy carries over into the current exhibit. Ordinary objects—doors, walls, lawn chairs, board walks, trees and grass—take on special significance because of the light which illuminates them.

De Candal's photographs are in the permanent collections of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, the Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress and the Museum Reattu in Arles, France. His work has been exhibited in one-man shows at the Art Museum of Sao Paulo in Brazil, the Cannon Photo Gallery in Geneva and the Images Photographic Art Gallery in New Orleans.

The MTSU gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Funds slashed

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Kilgour, an MTSU financial aid administrator. He says the tightening of restrictions for the last couple of years led him to believe the end of LEEP money was near.

"For the past year new students applying for the aid couldn't be included in the program," Kilgour said. "Government restrictions wouldn't allow room for any new students—only those already in the program could get money."

According to the restrictions now exercised, if a LEEP student leaves the program, he or she cannot return. The funds now available pay for tuition, mandatory fees and books.

Kilgour says he'll help LEEP students look for other forms of financial aid to assist in their schooling.

But as the Congress, now in lame-duck session, tries to balance the federal budget, programs involving higher education continue to get the axe.

On Oct. 27, Gerald Lynch of the New York City Police Foundation and president of John Jay College of Criminal Justice wrote in a letter to the editor of the New York Times,

"Much can be said about the need for college education for police."

"The public is, of course, mainly concerned with violent crimes but erroneously believes that the police spend all their time fighting crime," Lynch continued. "All surveys of police activities show that it is the public service agency of first resort 24 hours a day."

"In fact," Lynch said, "over 80 percent of all their activities are services to the public that are not directly crime-related."

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from the editor

Dead Week: *End of semester overload*

This week at Vanderbilt University is "Dead Week"—and that has nothing to do with either cremation or burial in the ground, although I would personally prefer both of those to another semester in which papers and tests are due the very week I should be studying for final exams.

If we had a "Dead Week" at MTSU, then I'm sure I wouldn't feel that these last few days before finals resembled something like a personal mine disaster. That's because in "Dead Week," professors in the College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt are not allowed—as a matter of university policy—to burden students with major tests or other major assignments that would interfere with students preparing for final exams.

This is not some new fad to come down the way from proponents of the "latest" theories in higher education or some half-baked attempt at something called "student rights." Rather, it is a well thought-out policy that has been in practice at Vanderbilt since 1973, and probably before that (no one could be contacted that remembered anything before then).

"Dead Week" at Vanderbilt prevents what seems to be a matter of practice at MTSU—a virtual landslide of papers, tests, quizzes and other projects the last week of class that leaves everybody concerned ready to break into hysterics. Then we have only a few days to study for final exams that cover an entire semester of material.

I'm sure that many feel that our academic standards have been lowered enough already, and that anything resembling "Dead Week" at MTSU would only drop those standards even lower.

But if an institution of learning as highly regarded as Vanderbilt has such a policy in their largest school, then surely the merits of such a plan could be recognized by some at MTSU.

Perhaps the ASB or the Administration could give this idea some consideration—before these last two weeks leave us all teetering on the brink of terminal madness or skating down Broad Street wearing a knapsack and a pinwheel hat.

Rape: *Study tells us there is not only one defense*

New studies indicate that prospective rape victims who respond to their attackers with forms of violence rather than submission do not increase the likelihood of serious injury.

The dilemma now facing women is whether or not to attempt to physically fend off a rapist's attack. With an increasing number of rapes on college campuses, women residents need to be reasonably sure what action to take in a possible rape situation.

According to studies funded by the National Center for the Prevention and Control of Rape, it is a myth that resistance increases a woman's risk of being seriously injured. The studies revealed that resistance, such as kicking, screaming, hitting, biting and attempting to flee, actually increased a woman's chances of escaping an attacker.

Researchers have said that resistance does not lead to a greater risk of serious injury. In fact, they said, docile women who agree to go with an assailant to an isolated location run the greatest risk of bodily harm.

A passive reaction to rape often resurfaces to work against the victim when the suspect has been brought to court. Too many rapists have been freed because their victims did not resist when threatened by them. When a rape suspect appears in court, the defending attorney will often claim that the act was in essence *not* rape because it was not forced.

However, according to studies, fighting back may increase the risk of minor injuries, such as bruises and black eyes.

But minor injuries would be a small price to pay if physical resistance could succeed in thwarting the rapist's attack or gaining a conviction.

In light of the new studies, women faced with a rape situation may be more likely to respond to their attacker with violence. However, every set of circumstances is unique, and no one should be deceived into thinking that there is any one foolproof method of dealing with a rapist.

Sidelines

Dec. 2, 1980

On this day in 1859, American abolitionist John Brown was executed by hanging for his participation in the raid on Harper's Ferry. He was convicted of treason, conspiracy and murder in his attempt to free the slaves by direct force. On the day of his hanging, Brown said: "I am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood."

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Viewpoints



fulminations

by David Randolph

MTSU has its own financial woes

I WOULD like to believe that the students attending MTSU are aware of the financial problems most institutions of higher learning are experiencing at this point in time. Students should also recognize the fact that the economy is not improving and probably will not get much better in the near future. Therefore, colleges and universities will have this financial crisis to deal with long after we have graduated.

Next fall, students attending state institutions could be faced with a 15 percent increase in tuition, not to mention limited enrollment and fewer university programs. Also, the State Board of Regents may be forced to declare financial exigency due to a lack of appropriated funds, which will enable the university administration to dismiss faculty

members who have gained tenure.

SOME STUDENTS attending MTSU obviously have some very confused priorities concerning their presence at the university. I have always been under the impression that higher education was exactly what the term implies—excluding competition for the highest wage during the educational process.

Furthermore, higher education is not a right, but a privilege which should be treated as such by its recipients. Our federal and state governments have no obligation to bring institutions of higher learning into existence and support them with taxpayer's money.

University work-study programs were not designed to fully support any student during

their college career. Instead, these programs are intended to help offset the continually increasing costs of an adequate education.

The fact that some students at MTSU are being paid minimum wage while wages for those working under other financial aid programs remain unchanged is an unfortunate occurrence with no easy solution. Although the students appear pleased with the administration's agreement to pay the retroactive increase, this decision has afforded no resolution. The advocates of the controversy have merely been temporarily pacified.

THIS HAS been a clear-cut example of misappropriated funds by the federal government, but gives no student the right to force the university administration into paying non-

existent money to correct a situation for which the university had no responsibility.

I sincerely hope the students who formed the Concerned Library Students Workers coalition in order to assert unnecessary pressure on the MTSU administration also discussed how many hours of work they are willing to relinquish and possibly who might be prepared to give up their positions entirely to enable the university to produce adequate funds for overpayment of financial aid programs.

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guest column

by Deborah Diggons

Journalism produces a language all its own

Journalism has taken on steadily increasing importance in the introduction and popularization of new words. Newspapers, broadcasts and magazines not only spread new locutions, but create them as well.

Headline writers and reporters may of necessity shorten long and tedious phrases

to short and perspicuous words. Reporters sometimes work under deadline pressure that causes the correct word to become a brief one if the language can be wrenched to fit his idea. This is often done by turning a noun or adjective into a verb.

AN EXAMPLE of verbalization is when a journalist picks up a few picas by saying "to host" rather than the correct phrase "to play host to." And many reporters have been "enthused" at the acceptance of the word which means "to show enthusiasm."

In an effort to be interesting and readable, the journalist may adopt an informal and colloquial style, and many of the current popular colloquialisms find their way into writing through the newspaper and magazine.

In this way we have come to "back a horse" and to "oust a politician." We now "boost our community," and "comb the area for a criminal," and "hop a plane."

Since Watergate we have heard more and more about

"cleanups," "probes," and "cover-ups." Although these words are perfectly comprehensible to us, we have no record of their usage to describe these matters previously.

The word "egghead" sprang from a conversation between columnist Stewart Alsop and his brother during Adlai Stevenson's campaign in 1952.

IN THE HEAT of the moment and during a struggle for space, a journalist may strike off a new expression—as someone did when the words "pacifist" and "socialize" became accepted forms of speech in this century.

Sportswriters made terms like "neck and neck" and "off base," "down and out" and "straight from the shoulder" applicable to other aspects of daily life. If words like these are older than the newspaper, then there is no doubt that much of our spoken slang is given currency through this medium. And what is an abhorrent misuse of a word today—may please the English professor of tomorrow.

In this way the journalist may perpetuate some words and

phrases rather than actually coining them. When the Soviets had their troops and missiles in Cuba, Senator Henry Jackson said that the SALT II talks would "go down the tubes." When explaining why he was campaigning for Barry Goldwater in 1964, Dick Nixon said he was trying to save the statesmen who were "going down the tubes with him."

THE SINGULAR "tube" is the clue to the original meaning of this expression. Anyone who has ever watched "Beach Blanket Bingo" knows a tube is a hollow tunnel of water in a wave which forms just before the wave breaks. "To shore the tube" is an undesirable thing to do, apparently, in that it causes one to "wipe out."

Although the English teachers may wince at the use of words which are designated as informal and limited to newspapers and colloquial speech, the nineteenth century phenomena of the media will continue to renew our vocabulary and bring about the adoption of new words.

Perspective

from our readers

Post Office open longer than contract requires

To the editor:
To clarify any misunderstanding that the students might have due to earlier articles written—the MTSU Post Office employees are MTSU employees like any other university staff member. In being a university post office, it allows students to send campus mail free of charge, along with other benefits.

We are not federal employees and are paid only by the university. Therefore, we are to go by any decisions made for the university employees. A memo sent by the personnel office on Oct. 16, 1980 states, "The official Christmas and New Year's holidays are Dec. 24, 25, 26, 29 and 30 (1980) and Jan. 1 (1981). The university will close at the end of the day on Dec. 23, 1980; will reopen for one day on Dec. 31, 1980; and will be closed on New Year's Day, 1981. Normal operations will resume on Jan. 2, 1981. Employees may

take annual leave on Dec. 31, 1980, even if it means closing certain offices."

We, the post office employees, will continue to come in and process mail during this allowed "vacation" period as we have always done in the past. All of us are sincerely committed to provide the best possible mail service to the students, staff and administration of our university.

We have committed to work more than the hours designated in our contract to provide the kind of service we feel you deserve and we will continue to do so.

MTSU Post Office Employees

Does Raider spirit mean assault and battery on Tech?

On the front page of the Nov. 25 edition, there was a story about an MTSU student injuring a Tech student after a football game. The injured party was pictured with a bandage across his face, and the article told about he would file charges of assault and battery if the

assailant could be found.

Then on page five, there is a letter talking about what red-necks all those people are from Tech, and about what true spirit the Raiders always show.

If true spirit involves assault and battery, then I suppose I'll just have to not be a part of the Raider spirit.

Name withheld by request

Kemp-Roth Bill may be sick, but it's not dying

To the editor:

I wish to direct this reply toward Steve Spann and his column entitled, "Campaign Promises and Other Lies."

You were correct in saying that Reagan is for implementing a 7 percent 1-year tax cut. You were erroneous when you stated that Reagan has abandoned his Kemp-Roth Bill.

The 1-year 7 percent tax cut you refer to is not a brand new plan, but one that has been tossed around the Congress already. Reagan has said, through his advisors, that he

favors this tax cut at the present time because it can be implemented sooner than the Kemp-Roth Bill. The Kemp-Roth Bill would then be modified accordingly over the following two years.

You could not have been more wrong on Reagan's motives. You say he is getting cold feet regarding tax cuts, when in fact he is doing his darndest to get tax relief as early as possible.

Reagan's latest stand on Kemp-Roth, which I have explained, was made nationally known on *Meet the Press* over two weeks ago by Reagan's transition chief and future cabinet advisor. Now, Steve Spann, who is speaking the facts and who is speaking campaign lies.

Greg Roy
Box 1645

Editorial Editor's note:

It is true that Reagan is still committed to the general "economic principles" of Kemp-Roth, but has currently abandoned the three-year, 30 percent tax cut he promised throughout his campaign.

as i see it

by Chuck Keller

Pain of the month

Season's greetings from the Buzzard Farm!

WHILE sitting on my front porch overlooking my turnip crop with my pet wild turkey at my side, I once again find myself choosing a Pain-of-the-Month. After much thought and consideration, I present the Pain-of-the-Month-Award for November to all you fine and upstanding citizens who failed to vote in the presidential election.

But before we get too involved in this story, let's make a few random comparisons—I think you'll find some interesting results. Some 84 million Americans decided to vote this past November 4th, while an estimated 82 million Americans stayed glued to their television sets in order to find out who shot J.R.

HOW IS THIS possible? Who really knows or cares? But for those of you who did not vote and cannot seem to come up with a reason, I have developed a list for you to chose from. Please feel free to chose any one or more of the following excuses for not voting.

(1) My biorhythm chart said that it was a bad day to make any decisions.

(2) I slept late and when I finally woke up, the polls had closed.

(3) My car needs a new muffler and I didn't want to add to the air pollution problem by driving to the polls.

(4) I got mugged.

(5) They lost my voter registration forms.

(6) I chose not to vote because I'm a member of the Communist and Nazi parties.

(7) Illegal aliens are not allowed to vote.

(8) I thought that since the president was running for reelection, that my vote from four years ago would still be counted.

Strike up the band, hang out the flags and start the fireworks. "My country 'tis of thee, Oh say can you see and God bless America." For those of you who cannot find enough interest in the future of your country, you have my sympathies.

And for those of you who did vote (no matter who you voted for), congratulations and keep up the good work.

This questionnaire is for a project in a Mass Communication course called Mass Media Research. Please answer the following questions and return to the box on the last page of this questionnaire. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to you for filling out this questionnaire.

Q1. Of the newspapers typically read by members of the MTSU community, please indicate below the one(s) you read FREQUENTLY, OCCASIONALLY, RARELY, or NEVER.

FREQUENTLY--I read almost every edition.
OCCASIONALLY--I read about every second or third issue.
RARELY--I have read it in the past, but not regularly.
NEVER--I can't recall having ever read it.

	FREQUENTLY	OCCASIONALLY	RARELY	NEVER
The Murfreesboro Daily News Journal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Murfreesboro Press	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Nashville Tennessean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2. Do you subscribe to a hometown newspaper other than the ones mentioned above? ☐ NO ☐ YES
If YES, please indicate name of newspaper and hometown:

We would like you to answer some questions concerning the MTSU newspaper, *Sidelines*. If you have not read an issue of *Sidelines* at all during this semester, please complete the demographic questions beginning with question number 7, and return the questionnaire. If you HAVE read *Sidelines* at least once during this semester, please continue with the following questions.

Thinking now of the most recent issues of *Sidelines* you have read, please indicate how well you personally feel *Sidelines* covers the topics listed below. Please check the one which best indicates your feelings.

Q3. Do you think *Sidelines* usually has VERY GOOD COVERAGE, GOOD COVERAGE, ADEQUATE COVERAGE, BELOW ADEQUATE COVERAGE, POOR COVERAGE, or NEUTRAL/DON'T KNOW:

	VERY GOOD	GOOD	ADEQUATE	BELOW ADEQUATE	POOR	VERY POOR	NEUTRAL/DON'T KNOW
a. National News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Nashville and Local News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Local events affecting MTSU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Professional sports events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. College-level sports events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. MTSU sports events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Intramural events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. ASB activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Fraternity/Sorority Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other campus organizations activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Important campus events (such as homecoming)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Student opinions (letters to the editor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. MTSU administration activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Arts/entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Departmental events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4. Please indicate whether you STRONGLY AGREE, AGREE, DISAGREE, STRONGLY DISAGREE, or NEUTRAL/DON'T KNOW, with the following statements:

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NEUTRAL/DON'T KNOW
a. There are not enough feature articles in <i>Sidelines</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I think <i>Sidelines</i> avoids major issues concerning students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I feel that there are a limited number of topics covered in <i>Sidelines</i> editorials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I feel that there are not enough editorials concerning:					
Black students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Campus controversies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commuter students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fraternalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sororities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foreign students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independent students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local controversies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Politics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
White students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e. I feel that there are not enough advertisements for:

Clothing stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discount stores (ex. Fred's)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grocery stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurants/Fast Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services(ex. Bank, Auto repair, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

f. I feel that there needs to be more coupons for:

Clothing stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discount stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grocery stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5. I use the coupons in *Sidelines* (circle one)

Always Sometimes Rarely Never

Q6. Please indicate where you shop most of the time for the following items: (If hometown is Murfreesboro check Murfreesboro.)

	Murfreesboro	Nashville	Hometown	Other
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food/Groceries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Household/Personal necessities (ex. shampoo, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Circle one)

Q7. Age: 17-20 21-23 24-27 28-30 Above 30

Q8. Sex: Male Female

Q9. Hours completed:
0-30
31-60
61-90
91-over

Q10. on-campus resident ☐ NO ☐ YES
off-campus resident Murfreesboro ☐ NO ☐ YES
off-campus resident other ☐ NO ☐ YES
Full-time student ☐ NO ☐ YES
Part-time ☐ NO ☐ YES

Q11. I stay in Murfreesboro on weekends:
☐ None per month ☐ 1-2 per month ☐ 3 or more per month

Q12. If you wish to express other opinions or feelings toward *Sidelines*, feel free to use the space provided.

Once again, we would like to THANK YOU for your cooperation in filling out this questionnaire.

Please return to box 2627 or 2811.

Raiders win home opener against UTC

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

For Stan Simpson and the MTSU basketball team, last night's home opening, a 73-67 win over the Mocs of UT-Chattanooga, was one of those games where you're glad to hear the dressing room door close at the end.

As they say in the coaching profession, the Blue Raiders played just well enough to win.

"I've been telling people that we would have some exciting games in Murphy Center this season," head coach Simpson said after the contest. "These games are a lot of fun to watch, but let me tell you, they're not very much fun to coach."

MTSU, coming off of a season-opening loss to Western Carolina on Saturday night, was down at halftime, 36-28 to UTC, but surged back to tie the game at 42 on a jump shot by Pancakes Perry with 14:50 to play.

A 3:30 dry spell by the Mocs during the last 10 minutes of the game was the killer as the Raiders scored nine unanswered points, five by Chris Harris increasing the lead to 59-50, and hung on for their first win of the 1980-81 season.

SIMPSON HAD special praise for Harris and Perry, along with Jerry Beck, after the game saying that everybody was starting to get their initial tension out of the way.

"Chris and Pancakes were two guys who looked a little scared to play, so to speak, up at Western Carolina, especially during the first half," Simpson said, "but they really answered the bell when they came back in the ring for the second half tonight."

Beck turned in another solid performance, proving to any unbelievers that he was deserving of his pre-season All-OVC ranking. The 6-7 junior poured in 20 points, hitting six of 11 shots from the field and eight of 11 from the line, and jerked down a game-high 15 rebounds.

"JERRY PROVES that he's one of the premier players in the OVC everytime he walks on the floor," Simpson continued. "He had a great first half at Western Carolina and still contributed in the second half, even though they did a great job defending against him. This was just another typical day at the office for Jerry."

Both teams opened last night's game obviously nervous and neither led by more than four points until Middle went cold in the last five minutes of the stanza.

The Raiders put only three points on the board during the last 5:18 of the first half, and from the look on Simpson's face as the team headed for the dressing room, you could tell they wouldn't be talking about which party to attend after the game.

"COACH REALLY pointed out what we were doing wrong at halftime and more or less said we were playing lackadaisical," Harris said following the win. "We all knew we weren't playing aggressive enough and coach Simpson told us just to try playing wide open for a change. I guess it worked."

Simpson had a little confrontation of his own following the game while exchanging post-game pleasantries with MOC coach Murray Arnold. The arrangement for last night's game was for the two officials to be from UTC's conference, the Southern, while the referees for the February 21 rematch in Chattanooga would be from the OVC.

Simpson said that he simply stated to Arnold that he hoped the refs in the next game would show him a little more courtesy because the ones in last night's game wouldn't even talk to him.

ARNOLD immediately took offense to the comment and shot back, "what are you griping about, you got all the breaks in the second half."

"I didn't mean anything by my comment, I guess it just turned into another typical MTSU-UTC relationship,"

Simpson said shaking his head.

Statically, free-throw shooting was the key as the Raiders converted on 27 of 35 chances while UTC hit nine of their 16 tries. The Mocs were 29 of 63 from the field for 46 percent while MTSU was 23 of 46 for 50 percent.

BECK AND PERRY both canned 20 for the winners, followed closely by Harris' 16 points. Eric Smith was tops for the Mocs with 16 points while James Jones and Willie White hit for 13 and 12, respectively.

MTSU heads for Mobile, Ala., today for a Wednesday night confrontation with South Alabama, a team that has garnered top-twenty rankings from both the Sporting News and Sports Illustrated.

Tip-off for Wednesday's game will be at 7:35 in Mobile. MTSU will return to Murphy Center

Dec. 18 for a 7:30 meeting with Clinch Valley.

W. Carolina 77 Blue Raiders 70

MTSU Blue Raiders opened their 1980 basketball campaign in the middle of the Smokey Mountains Saturday night with a disappointing loss to the Catamounts of Western Carolina.

THE FEW Blue Raider fans that made the trip came away from the tiny gym in Cullowhee, N.C., wondering if they had seen two MTSU teams play that night.

Team "A" won the first half, 40-38 and played like a ball of fire, but team "B" was outscored, 39-30 in the second half, which put together spells a 77-70 loss.



photo by Mark Holland

MTSU junior Chris Harris (20) jumps against UT-Chattanooga's James Jones (42) in last night's Blue Raider victory. Harris canned sixteen points for Middle Tennessee, including a five-point crucial scoring streak, to propel his team past the visiting Mocs.

sports stuff

by Bob Gary

'Tis the season for sports fans

'Tis the season indeed!

It's that time of year again—when sports fans (football fans in particular) feel as though they've died and gone to heaven. For their wives, and other sports non-enthusiasts, this is the time of year when they feel as though they've died—Period.

The end of November has always heralded the time when we begin to celebrate some of America's greatest institutions—Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the pro football playoffs, not to mention the college bowl games.

Football is everywhere, for better or worse.

With the college season winding down toward the bowl games, excitement reaches a peak (unless you happen to be a die-hard Vandy or Tennessee fan). Let's take a look at some of the post season classics and see what they have to offer us this year.

First of all, we have the Hall of Fame Bowl, the Garden State Bowl, and the Holiday Bowl. Who Cares?

In the Sun Bowl, the Nebraska Cornhuskers will take on the Mississippi State Bulldogs. The 'Huskers might feel a bit strange at the outset, as their last few contests have been in the barren, frozen North. The Bulldogs, of course, defeated Alabama and took on an almost saintly halo. This will be a good one, but give a slight edge to Nebraska.

The Fiesta Bowl could be the most boring college football game in recent memory. In this one you have Penn State versus Ohio State. OSU may throw the ball some, but probably not enough to wake the fans who will be fast asleep after watching the Nittany Lions ground it out. The Buckeyes should take this one.

The Liberty Bowl, on the other hand, should be very exciting. It's Purdue and Missouri in this one, and between Mark Hermann filling the air with Purdue pigskin and Ol' Mizzou's unpredictability, the fans could get their money's worth. This one's too close to call.

The Gator Bowl could be a blowout. With all due respect to Heisman winner George Rogers and Coach Jim Carlen, South Carolina shouldn't last very long with Lambert Trophy winner Pitt. The big question here is: Which coach will continue the Woody Hayes tradition of slugging a player in the last two minutes of this game?

Now to the big four games: In the Rose Bowl, either Michigan or Washington will score more points, but there will be no winner. Washington shouldn't be there in the first place, and Michigan is automatically locked out since they are a Big Ten team, and no team from that conference has won a Rose Bowl since Curt Gowdy was knee high to a goalpost.

The Cotton Bowl will be interesting, as the Baylor Bears take on Alabama and "Bear" Bryant. (Was Baylor's team named for Bear??). 'Bama should take this one if they can avoid the influence of a stern Baptist sermon by the Baylor players.

The Orange Bowl will be chock full of offense, as Florida State takes on Oklahoma. There will also be a lot of turnovers. Sooner quarterback Julius Caesar (that's right, Julius Caesar) Watts should be able to lead his mates over the Seminoles if he can keep from fumbling more than, say, 10 or 12 times.

And the biggie—the Sugar Bowl. Will the Notre Dame line have Georgia's Herschel Walker taking instruction in Catholicism by the end of the game? Will the Fighting Irish backfield be left lying prone on the field muttering something about "those damn Dogs"? Tune in New Year's Day and find out.

Well, that's about it. Enjoy your football over the holidays all you sports fans. And to all you who now hate football, or feel you might come to hate it by Jan. 2, try and have a nice holiday season anyway.



photo by Mark Holland

Pre-season All-OVC choice Jerry Beck (44) lays one up in the MTSU win over UT-Chattanooga here last night. The 6-7 forward/center accounted for 20 points in the 73-67 home-opening victory.

Ladies start season with victory

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

The Lady Raider roundballers opened the season here last night with a commanding 77-55 win over the visiting Belmont Rebelettes.

After a fairly close first half, the Middle Tennessee squad opened up its running game early in the second period to

eventually edge out into a 24-point lead. Belmont senior Susan Swink hit a field goal on the buzzer to narrow the margin to 22 points.

RELYING ON the sophomore trio of Sherry Smith, Ester Coleman and Lindi Dye, Middle Tennessee grabbed a quick 7-2 lead in the game. Belmont

rallied back to a 7-7 tie before going ahead 13-7.

The lead then swapped hands until the MTSU squad outscored the Rebelettes 12 points to seven going into halftime. The Lady Raiders went to the lockerroom with a 33-26 advantage.

"We just made too many floor mistakes," MTSU head coach Larry Inman said, apparently dissatisfied with the game. "We played probably one of the poorest first halves that hopefully we'll play."

"I guess it was just the first-game jitters," he added.

THE LADY Raiders got the tip again in the second half but failed to capitalize, and Belmont pulled within a point on three quick field goals. Middle Tennessee, however, finally got its patented fast-moving offense on the road and grabbed a 10-point lead on the inside scoring of Robin Hendrix and Lindi Dye.

"The second half we got into our running game," Inman said. "We played a lot better defensively, but we still didn't do a good job executing the press."

"BELMONT HAS got a lot better ball club than they showed out there tonight," he added.

The Lady Raiders continued the driving lay-ups and inside jumpers to outscore the visitors 44-29 in the second half.

Just like last year's opening 73-70 defeat of the Rebelettes in Nashville, freshmen were a key factor in last night's victory. Cassandra Howard, a frosh forward from Henderson,

Tenn., started in the spot vacated by former Lady Raider Ileana Portik, who signed a pro contract earlier in the year. Howard turned in the game-high scoring with 15 points.

ANOTHER FRESHMAN, Daphne Newsome, a guard from Fayetteville, Tenn., came off the bench to add some aggressiveness to the line-up and drop in 14 points. Hendrix, another newcomer to the defending OVC women's champs, also bucketed 14.

"Sandy [Howard] and Daphne [Newsome], I thought, did a real good job for us, especially both of them being freshmen," the MTSU coach said. "E' [Ester Coleman] kept us in the first half when we had the first-game jitters."

A freshman standout last season, Coleman added eight for MTSU while playing only 26 minutes. Coleman got in foul trouble as did a lot of the players—37 personal fouls were called in the game.

THE LADY Raiders hit 50.8 percent from the field and 72.2 from the charity stripe, while Belmont shot a poor 36.5 field goal percentage and a 50 free throw percentage.

MTSU outrebounded the Rebelettes twice-over 54-25, with Hendrix bringing down 15 off the board. The Lady Raiders, however, had 34 turnovers to Belmont's 16.

FORWARD Cindy Morris paced the Rebelettes' scoring with 15 points.

The Lady Raiders' next outing is a home match with Vanderbilt Saturday night at 7:30.

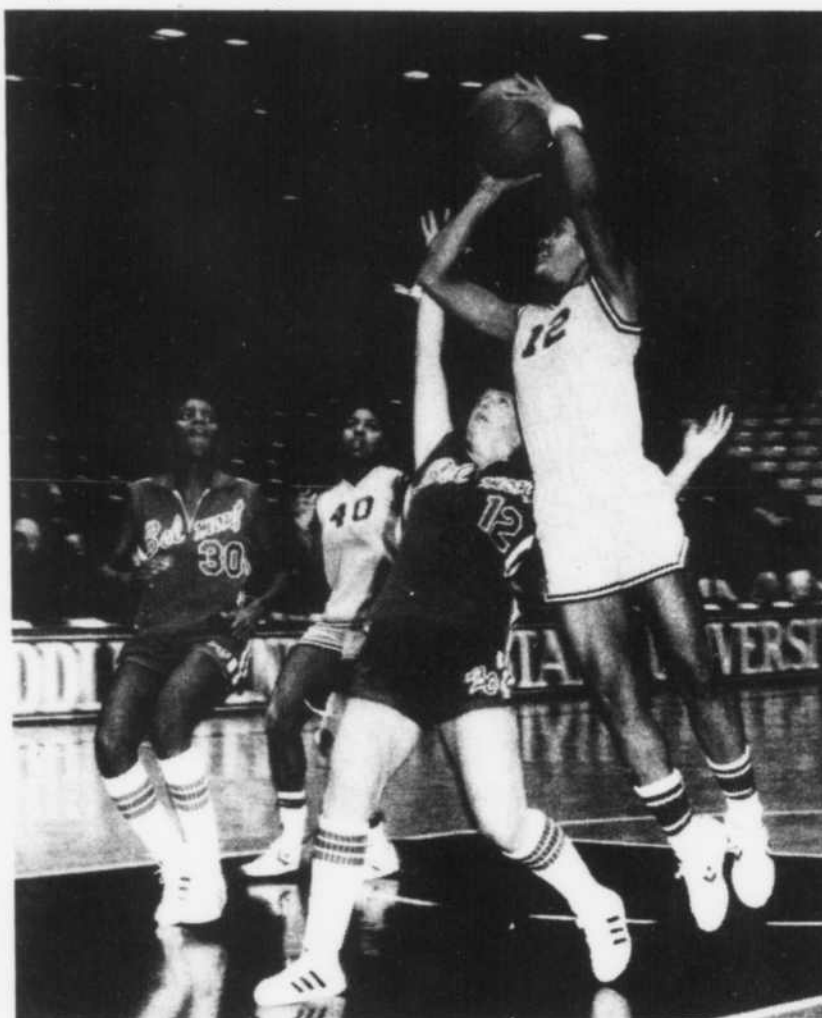


photo by Greg Campbell

Lady Raider sophomore Sherry Smith (12-light) takes a shot over the defending hands of Belmont's Charlotte Speakman (12-dark) here last night. The MTSU squad downed the Rebelettes 77-55 in the season opener.

Defilipps, Floyd honored

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Quarterback Sonny Defilippis is the first Austin Peay player ever selected Ohio Valley Conference offensive player of the year, collecting all but five of 36 points in a vote of conference coaches.

George Floyd, a defensive back at Eastern Kentucky, was chosen as the year's best OVC defensive player, narrowly edging Austin Peay's Brett Williams 15 points to 14 points.

Jimmy Feix, who guided Western Kentucky to a 9-1 regular season and the Ohio Valley Conference championship, has been selected OVC coach of the year.

Feix collected five of eight possible first-place votes from his fellow OVC coaches to win the award.

Western Kentucky was ranked in the top 10 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division I-AA for most of the season and at one point was tied for first.

An All-American football player at Western Kentucky in the early 1950s, Feix is in his 13th year of directing the Hilltopper football program. He also received coach-of-the-year honors in 1973 and 1978.

Coach Watson Brown of Austin Peay received two votes and Tom Lichtenberg of Morehead State received one vote in the balloting, which was announced last Monday.

Defilippis, a 6-1, 185-pound senior from Savannah, Ga., helped the Governors to a 7-4 overall record this season. It was the team's second-straight 7-4 effort and fourth consecutive winning year.

He compiled 2,199 yards, leading the OVC in total offense, the fifth-best single season performance in the conference's 32-year history.

Defilippis held the conference record for the most yards rushing by a quarterback until Austin Peay's season-ending game Saturday against Arkansas State when he was held to minus yardage. He fell nine yards short of the record of 590 yards.

He was responsible for 22 Austin Peay touchdowns this season, passing for 12 and rushing for 10, the highest combined total in the league this year.

Western Kentucky's Troy Snardon was runner-up for the offensive honor.

Floyd, a junior from Brooksville, Fla., led the conference with 129 yards on five interceptions this season, along with 63 tackles, 27 assists, one fumble recovery and seven tackles for losses totaling 39 yards.

He finished second in the OVC with an 8.4 average in punt returns. Floyd is only the second Eastern Kentucky player to win the defensive award.

Eastern gets I-AA bid

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A strong finish this season by Eastern Kentucky earned the Colonels a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA football playoffs and the opportunity to defend its title.

Third-ranked Eastern Kentucky accepted an at-large bid to the playoffs Sunday. It will meet top-rated Lehigh University, 9-0-2, on Dec. 13 in Bethlehem, Pa.

No. 1 ranked Grambling, representing the South, also accepted an invitation Sunday to the four-team playoffs. Grambling, 10-1, will meet No. 7 Boise State, of the West, on Dec. 13 in Boise, Idaho.

The championship will be

Dec. 20 at Hughes Field in Sacramento, Calif.

"From the way we have been playing lately, I believe we deserved the invitation," said Eastern Kentucky Coach Roy Kidd, whose team won its last four games in compiling a 9-2 record.

After a slow start this season, which included a 21-10 setback to Akron in their second game, the Colonels finished in a flurry. Eastern Kentucky's only loss in its last nine games was 13-10 to arch-rival Western Kentucky.

"At the beginning of the year I was wondering just how good a football team we were," he said. "But after a slow start, I thought maybe we could be 7-4 or 8-3 at

best. But after the Akron game we kept improving week to week."

Kidd credited much of the team's improvement to the play of noseguard Buddy Moor and quarterback Chris Issac.

The Colonels whipped Lehigh 30-7 in last year's championship game, but Kidd believes his squad will have a lot tougher time in the rematch.

"The rematch was around this year," he said. "Last year they beat Murray State (in the first round of the playoffs) and we were able to catch them, perhaps, overlooking us. But that certainly is not going to happen this year."

Western heads All-OVC

The 1980 Ohio Valley Conference football champions, Western Kentucky, head up the 1980 All-OVC football team announced last week. The Hilltoppers placed nine players on the first team, including guard Pete Walters, one of two unanimous picks. The other unanimous pick was wide receiver Steve Puthoff of Austin Peay.

Middle Tennessee failed for the second successive year to place a player on the first team All-OVC. Sophomore safety James Griffin was the only Blue Raider to grab second team honors.

Four players were repeat selections from the 1979 All-OVC first unit, including Western tight end Ricky Gwinn, Murray State defensive end Glenn Jones, Murray safety Terry Love and Eastern Kentucky offensive guard Kevin Greve. All selections were made by the league coaches.

OT	Phil Rich	Western Ky.
OT	Darryl Lawson	Eastern Ky.
OG	Pete Walters	Western Ky.
OG	Kevin Greve	Eastern Ky.
C	Joe Schipske	Eastern Ky.
WR	Steve Puthoff	Austin Peay
WR	Jerry Flippin	Western Ky.
K	Wayne Anderson	Tenn Tech

First Team Defense

DL	Donnie Evans	Western Ky.
DL	Rick Lanpher	Murray St.
DL	James Shelton	Eastern Ky.
DE	Brett Williams	Austin Peay
DE	Glenn Jones	Murray St.
LB	Donald White	Murray St.
LB	Brad Reese	Akron
DB	George Floyd	Eastern Ky.
DB	Barry Bumm	Western Ky.
DB	Terry Love	Murray St.
DB	Lamont Meacham	Western Ky.
P	Ray Farmer	Western Ky.

First Team Offense

Pos	Player	School
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RB	Dorron Hunter	Morehead St.
QB	Sonny Defilippis	Austin Peay
TE	Ricky Gwinn	Western Ky.



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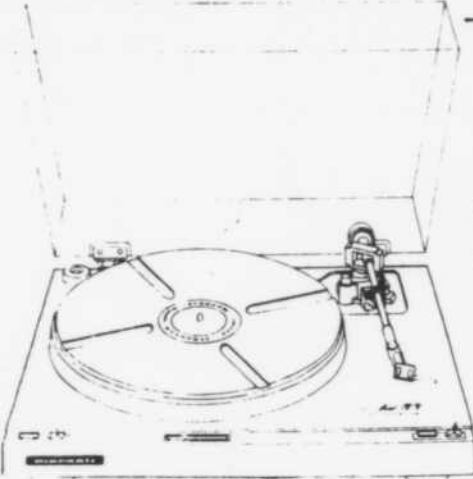


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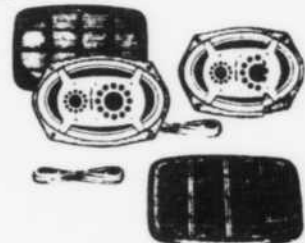
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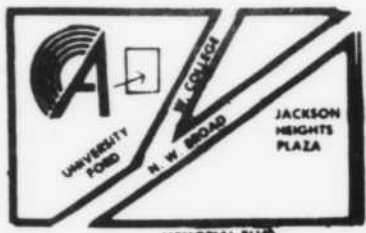
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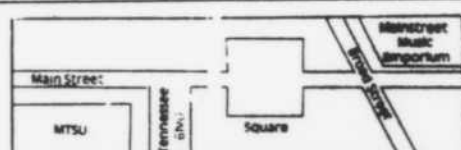
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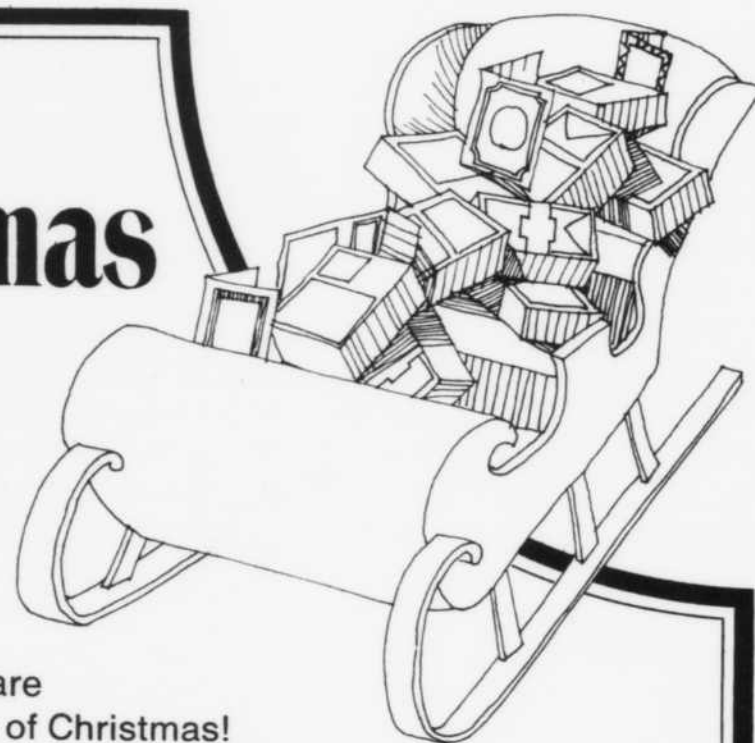
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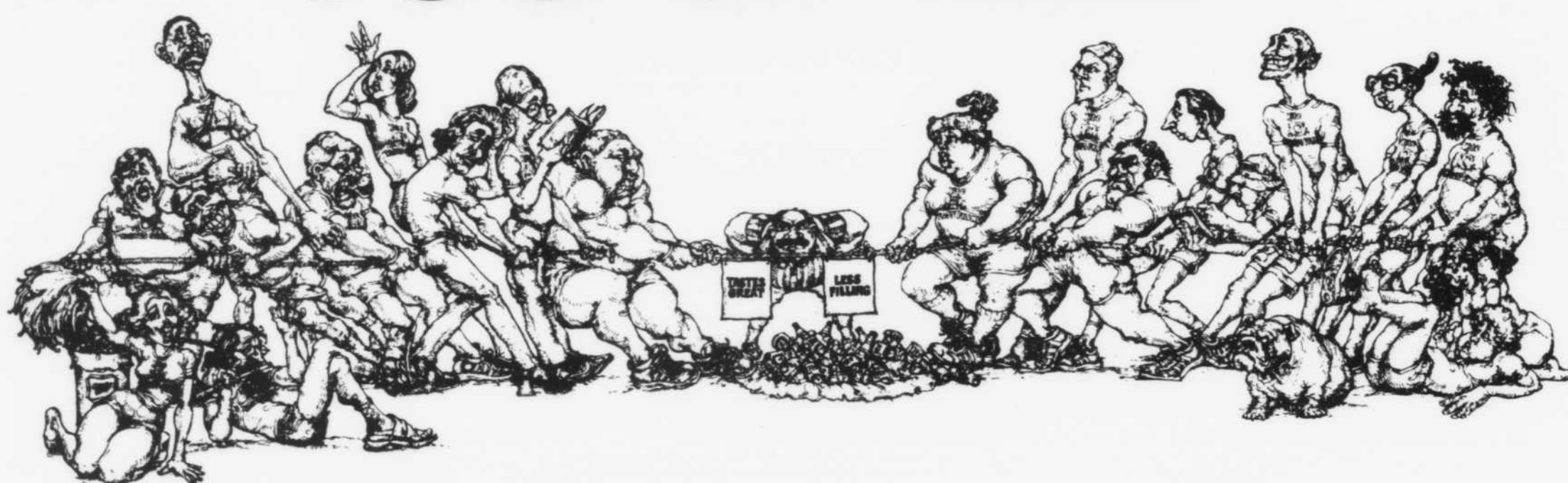
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