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MTSU student David English has been charged with arson in connection with last Monday's Beasley Hall fire.

Student arrested on arson charge

By **CHUCK KELLER**

Sidelines Staff Writer

David English, a 19-year old MTSU student, was arrested by University Police Wednesday afternoon on charges of arson in connection with last week's Beasley Hall fire.

English will appear in General Sessions Court March 6 at 9 a.m.

"The investigation was conducted mainly through the offices of the State Fire Marshall and Dean Ivan Shewmake," said Capt. Larry Nixon, of the university police. Serving the arrest warrant were Sgt. Brett Bonham, Det. John Driver and Nixon.

Rick Prendergast of the Tennessee Fire Marshall's Office said that while conducting an investigation on the fire at H-

Hall, he received leads connecting English to the Beasley fire.

About the problems of having to prove that the fire was intentionally set Prendergast stated, "A mattress burning in a second floor bathroom does not happen by accident. That alone indicates that it (the fire) was deliberately set."

He added that studies of this week's fire in the lobby of H-Hall were being made at the state laboratory and that results should be available in a few weeks.

The charge of arson is being pressed by the office of the Fire Marshall, Nixon said. If found guilty, English could face a jail sentence of three to 21 years.

Deputy F. E. Franklin, of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, said that English was booked into custody at the Rutherford County Jail and had already posted bond of \$2,500.

According to Nixon, English has already moved his personal belongings out of his room located in Beasley Hall.



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University Police Captain Larry Nixon, left and Sargeant Brett Bonham, right, place David English in the police car to transport him to headquarters.

Two held in accident

By **TERRY MORROW**

Sidelines Staff Writer

Two Chicago residents were arrested yesterday in connection with the hit-and-run accident Tuesday night that claimed the life of MTSU Associate Professor Grover C. Grubbs.

Clarence Warren, of Chicago, alleged to be driving the car at the time of the incident, which occurred on I-24 close to the Franklin exit. Patricia Cooper, owner of the vehicle, was with him, according to police reports.

Grubbs, instructor of freshman, sophomore and graduate level English courses, died after his Honda Civic was hit from the rear. The accident was reportedly around 8:30 p.m., highway patrol officer Kenny Hicks said.

After apparently bursting into flames on impact, Sheriff Detective David Grisham said Grubbs' car skidded about 75 yards and tumbled several times before finally stopping.

An attempt to stop the flames from the accident came from the Rutherford County Civil Defense Department, who made their way to the car, but found Grubbs' body under a pile of ruin and "severely burned."



Witnesses claimed that the Illinois car fled on exit 96 immediately following the accident. But the car had been knocked 150 yards away from the scene and had been hidden by the shrubs and the trees of a nearby woods, arresting officer Cooper Burns said, making it difficult for investigating authorities to spot it after the mishap.

According to police reports, both Cooper and Warren were charged with murder. Warren was also charged with vehicular homicide and Cooper was charged with accessory of the hit and run.

Arrest came when Warren was spotted at a gas station in

Murfreesboro, only one block away from the jail. Arresting officers were Burns and Tommy Carmouche of the Murfreesboro Police Department.

Grubbs was returning to his Murfreesboro home after visiting his mother in a Nashville hospital, according to sources in the English department.

"He was one of the most popular teachers on our campus," John McDaniel, chairman of the English department said. "It is a tremendous loss."

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and his doctorate from Vanderbilt, Grubbs came to MTSU in 1968.

Also, he was on the English department's peer evaluation committee, the long-range planning committee and the Peck Hall Foundation of Annual Living Endowment. And, he served as a transfer coordinator for the department.

He is survived by his wife, Henriette T. Grubbs; his mother, Inez Grubbs of Hendersonville; two sons, Steve and Mark of Murfreesboro; a brother, Elliot Grubbs of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and a sister, Mrs. Jerry Jordon.

Lack of interest causes shuttle bus cancellation

By **ANGIE GALLOWAY and ZEBEE MC CULLOUGH**

Sidelines Staff Writers

The shuttle bus service for commuters from Nashville, which began Feb. 21, has been cancelled and today is the last run, according to Dallas Biggers, director of the UC.

Biggers, who collected the money from commuters for the bus, said 30 people had signed

up for the first month. "This did not mean that 30 people rode the bus every day, but a total of 40 full time riders every day was needed to keep the program going," he explained.

He said it cost \$600 a week to keep the bus running, but they did not have enough riders.

"Refunds will be made to the students for the two weeks that they will not ride the bus," he explained.

He also doubted the possibility of a bus for next fall.

Round trip on the bus was \$3 per person. Biggers added that some people who rode the bus are already forming a car pool.

"The people that rode the bus came to me with the idea of having a van or leasing a van," David Grubbs, energy council chairman, said, adding they found it to be less expensive per student or faculty member than riding the bus.

The students are now trying to find somebody who is willing to drive and be responsible for the van.

The person who drives the van does not have to pay and will have free use of it on weekends, providing he takes care of it by buying the gas and making sure it runs properly, he explained.

Grubbs said they are not only looking for a driver, but a backup person as well who can take over if the driver is sick.

"They (the students) are trying to come up with two names of people who are willing to do that," he said.

He explained one of the positive aspects of using a van would be greater flexibility in scheduling the stops. "It is also cheaper because you won't have a paid driver."

"If you could get 15 people and start dividing that cost up, including the gas, they could probably ride for \$13 a week. The shuttle bus costs \$15 a week. I think they can do it," Grubbs said.

At least two places that will lease vans for \$600 a month have been found. Also, one company said they could do it for \$500.

Biggers said there was a small amount of money left from the \$800 appropriated from the activity fee money that helped to supplement the bus. He said this will be returned to the committee to be allocated again.

For another alternative solution, Grubbs is trying to get the Greyhound commuter bus

to reroute and come down East Main instead of Mercury Boulevard which would save the students a long walk.

"We learned a lot. If there is going to be any kind of organized effort, it is probably going to have to be on the part of the people who do the commuting," Grubbs said.

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photo by Mark Holland

MTSU students participate in the Variety Show held in the D.A. yesterday at noon as part of Fine Arts Week.

Gordon files discrimination suit

By **LISA HUMAN**

Sidelines Editor in Chief

MTSU speech and theatre instructor Pearl Gordon recently filed a class action complaint against MTSU on the grounds that her termination was a result of race and sex discrimination.

Gordon, who was hired in the fall of 1977 on a temporary appointment, was notified of her termination by memorandum on Nov. 8, 1979.

"My contention is that the university is not doing anything actively to retain blacks" said Gordon, who filed the complaint with the Tennessee Commission for Human Development in January.

Gordon said MTSU has a policy that only people with terminal degrees are considered for tenure. She added that since

more white males have terminal degrees than women, blacks and other minorities, the policy is discriminatory and has a disproportionate impact on those groups.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton said in no instance, that he is aware of, is there any reference to any terminal degree, but he pointed out several sections of the *Policies and Procedures for Promotion and Tenure* pamphlet that referred to degrees and tenure.

In the procedure manual, minimum criteria for tenure recommendation include professional degrees, awards and achievements, along with teaching effectiveness, scholarship, research and public services activities.

Carlton said each department can establish their own guidelines as to what degree is necessary for a teacher on tenure track.

Larry Lowe, Speech and Theatre department chairman, said yesterday there is not so much a cut and dried policy as to whether or not teachers on tenure track have terminal degrees, partly because of the various sections of the department.

In Gordon's position as speech pathologist, a doctorate's degree

is considered a terminal degree, where in theatre a Master of Fine Arts degree could be considered as a terminal degree.

"Three years ago, when we hired Miss Gordon and Miss (Linda) Meyer (another teacher

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Dorm robbers raid rooms

About 10 male dormitory rooms have been burglarized by the same group of people since the beginning of the semester, Ivan Shewmake, dean of men, said.

He said a group of three black males, who did not appear to be college students, were stealing wallets and small items from rooms that were left unlocked.

"They will knock on a door asking innocent questions that no one would think anything about," Shewmake explained. "But if there's no one in the room and the door is unlocked, they take a wallet or whatever they can and run."

Shewmake said students should call campus police if they see strangers wandering in the halls. He suggested that dorm residents lock their rooms even if leaving only for a few minutes.

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Sidelights

Award to be given to high school grad

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will present a \$100 scholarship to a local high school student in hopes of promoting black students to achieve higher academic standards.

Requirements must be met by the student before receiving the award which will be presented at graduation. The recipient must be a black, male student graduating in the spring from either Riverdale or Oakland High School in Murfreesboro.

The high school student must have attained an overall grade point average of a 3.0 and be of good moral character. He must also express intentions to pursue a higher education at college level.

The graduating student with the highest GPA between the two schools will be the recipient of the award.

Tuba choir to perform in Grill today

The Tuba Choir, sponsored by the MTSU music department, will perform in the UC Grill at 11:15 a.m. today.

Composed of seven players, the choir is an unusual ensemble in that the tuba group usually provides the background sounds for the higher woodwinds and brasses.

The group, under the direction of Horace Beasley, will play a group of Dixieland and show tunes, including "Basin Street Blues," "When My Sugar Walks Down the Street" and the "Pink Panther."

Legend of Leap Day began in Ireland

Today is Leap Day and as legend has it, women can propose to men on this day.

This custom began in Ireland when St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick that her charges at the nunnery were restless for lack of husbands. (At the time celibacy was voluntary.)

St. Patrick agreed to give the women the privilege of proposing every four years on Leap Day. St. Bridget then proposed to St. Patrick who refused but as compensation gave her a kiss and a silk dress.

This custom later spread to the rest of Europe, becoming an unwritten law. Men who refused proposals were required to give the dejected woman a kiss and a silk gown.

Any woman wishing to exercise her right showed her intentions by having a red petticoat showing beneath her dress.

Dean finalists chosen, visiting campus soon

One of four finalists for Dean of the School of Business was on campus for interviews yesterday.

James E. Perry, current dean of the School of Business at Central State University in Oklahoma, spent the day meeting with various business faculty and university officials.

The remaining three candidates will be on campus during the next several weeks.

C. David Billings of the University of Georgia will be here March 3; Frank R. Hunsicker of West Georgia College

on March 7 and Ben B. McNew from the University of Mississippi, whose time has not yet been scheduled.

The deanship was left vacant last semester when P. William Vaught announced his intent to resign his position in the Business School and return to teaching.

School of Business students and faculty are encouraged to meet with candidates at afternoon coffees in the faculty lounge of the James Union Building. The coffees will be held on the days the potential deans are here and times will be announced later.



James Perry, one of four candidates applying for the position of the dean of the school of

business, was on campus yesterday being interviewed for the job.

Four students in presidential race

Four students are petitioning for the 200 signatures required to qualify as a candidate for Associated Student Body president in the March 12-13 elections, according to Connie Keller, ASB secretary.

Potential qualifying candidates are Bill Mercer, Louis Holiday, Jeff Ellis and Randy James.

"This is not necessarily a complete list of possible candidates," Keller explained. "The deadline for filing petitions is Wednesday."

Petitions were also made available yesterday for the offices of speaker of the senate and speaker of the house. Both petitions require 100 signatures.

Martha Hammond, Ken Jobe,

Don Wilson and Gary Fomeroy are petitioning for speaker of the senate.

Byron West, Bob Gary and Danny Holloway are seeking nomination for speaker of the house.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors seeking senate positions must file petitions with 50 signatures, Keller said.

Conflict resolved in McHenry Hall

By LIBBY WILLIAMS

Sidelines Staff Writer

Conflicts between the residents of third floor of McHenry Hall and Dorm Director Pat Palmeri have been resolved after a week of discussion between them, Judy Smith, dean of women, and David Bragg, director of Housing.

After difficulties had been arising all semester, Resident Assistant Janet Clark was first

removed from her position on the third floor of McHenry. She was then replaced by Lee Williams, another resident of McHenry Hall.

"A bunch of us in the hall were talking and Lee (Williams) came out and got onto us for being loud," said Sharon Payne, dorm president.

University Police was then called by Palmeri and requested to write dean citations to "belligerent girls" in room 354 of McHenry. Officers responded and a warning was given to the girls, according to police records.

Dean Smith was then notified and upon her arrival, the matter was turned over to her. Smith spoke to the girls for 90 minutes about their problems with the

dorm director and about their behavior and conduct.

"She told David Bragg she had a problem up there (third floor) and he said if the R.A. couldn't do her job, she should get another," Smith said Palmeri had said.

Next, Clark said she was told to move off third floor. Clark, who is involved in ASB work, was worried about her communication sources if she moved. "I have to talk to several people about ASB matters and if I moved, they wouldn't know where to find me," Clark said. "All I wanted to do was my job."

Smith responded to the girls' questions in saying, "If you have created noise, where it is adverse to make loud noises, the staff has

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Campus Calendar

Friday

Fine Arts: Christian Teal, Violinist of the Blair String Quartet and Allison Nelson, concert pianist, Choral Hall, SFA, 8 p.m.

Anthropology & History Department: "A Sesquicentennial Symposium," Conference on Jackson & American Indians, JUB, 1-10 p.m.

Saturday

MTSU Horseman's Association: IHSA Spring Shows, Horse Barns, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sigma Delta Sigma: Muscular Dystrophy Love Run (Month of March)

Baseball: MTSU/Georgia State, Baseball field, 1 p.m.

Sunday

Alpha Phi Alpha Bridal Show: Tennessee Room, 12-6 p.m.

Presidential Concert: University Band Concert and United States Navy Band's Senior Chief Musician, John Cuulehan, in honor of Outstanding Teachers, D.A. Auditorium, 3:30 p.m. (Reception afterwards in UC lounge)

Music Department: Jr. Recital, Cindy Walker & Chris Arrowood, UC Theatre, 8 p.m.

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Pianist plays to small audience

About 50 people attended the Tuesday night piano concert of Dr. Natalia da Roza in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

The hour-long concert included Sonata in C Major, Op. 34 No. 1 by Muzio Clementi; Annees de Pelerinage: 'Venezia e Napoli,' by Franz Liszt and, after a 10-minute intermission, Goyescas, by Enrique Granados.

Da Roza is the pianist in residence and also associate professor of music at the University of Mississippi. She has been with the University for eight years and during that time has toured colleges across the country.

"The Far East is another part of the world where I perform," said da Roza. "I have recorded recitals for radio shows in Hong Kong and Macao."

She added that her mother started her piano lessons when she was three. During this time the da Rozas lived in Hong Kong.

After schooling in Hong Kong, she accepted a scholarship from Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y. and received a Music Education major there.



photo by Mark Holland

Natalia da Roza performed a concert in the D.A. Tuesday night. She is a pianist and associate professor at the University of Mississippi.

Fiber artist to lecture in MTSU Art Barn

Maria da Conceicao, fiber artist from Washington, D.C., will be presenting a slide lecture Sunday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m. in the Art Barn Annex.

Conceicao's presentation will include talking about her recent book, "Wearable Art," and exhibiting two of her dresses. Using tapestry, applique, embroidery and crochet

techniques, she creates her fabrics into an art image rather than a craft image.

Born in Portugal, Conceicao taught a wearable art course for the Smithsonian Institution's Resident Associate Program in 1975. Her work has been shown in the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C. and in the Vatican Museum in Rome.

An opening reception for

"Currents '80," the national invitational crafts exhibition, will be Sunday at 2-5 p.m. in the Art Barn Gallery. The exhibition will continue through March 31.

Conceicao and other nationally-known craftspeople will be at the opening with their exhibits of fiber, clay and metals. The theme for the exhibition is "Functionalism."

"All of these crafts are made

to be used in the home. The exhibition has dresses, capes and shirts made of wearable fibers. Batik wearables, patchwork and silk-screen fabrics are also shown," Janet Higgins, assistant art professor said.

"Vases, bowls and platters made of clay, metal belt buckles, silver teapots and an exquisite ivory and silver mirror

are some of the other crafts on display," she continued.

"The entire show is a fine collection of objects. I think the exhibition is a good opportunity for people to see what's being done in the crafts area," Higgins added.

The Art Barn Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Spring Classic horse show will not take place

For the first time in 10 years the Spring Classic, a walking horse show sponsored annually by the MTSU Block and Bridle Club, will not take place, according to Dale Barnett, president of the club.

"Block and Bridle would like to continue to have the show," Barnett explained, "but before we will consider this we strongly urge that segments band together in unity for the good of the breed or at least allow shows the option of co-affiliating with

the respective segments involved."

The problem developed when Block and Bridle, which had previously affiliated the show only with the Walking Horse Owners Association (WHOA), opted to also affiliate with the National Regulatory Commission (NRC) this year.

Differences between the two breed organizations made impartiality and cooperation impossible for Block and Bridle, according to Barnett. Most shows are singularly affiliated

with one of the organizations.

"MTSU appreciates the cooperation and assistance that many owners and trainers have given the university's horse program," said Barnett, who looks forward to the continued development of the walking horse program and its promising educational value to students.

Adams' 'Moonrise' on display

"Moonrise over Hernandez," Ansel Adams' best-known photograph, is on display today in the University Center lounge with the remainder of the MTSU Permanent Professional Photography Collection as part of the Fine Arts Festival.

MTSU obtained the photograph from Adams when

he was exhibiting his works here in the early 1970s.

"We gave something like \$75 for it," Jim Norton, who is in charge of the collection, said. "In New York in January, a 16 x 20 inch copy sold for \$22,000. That makes our 11 x 14 inch copy worth about \$15-16,000."

No special security measures have been implemented for this

exhibition of "Moonrise." A security guard is on duty during the show, but Norton says the guard would be there even if the photograph were not on display.

Asked if the photograph is safe, Norton answered that it is reasonably safe and added, "I'm a little leery with it over there, but if it is to be seen, it has to be over there."

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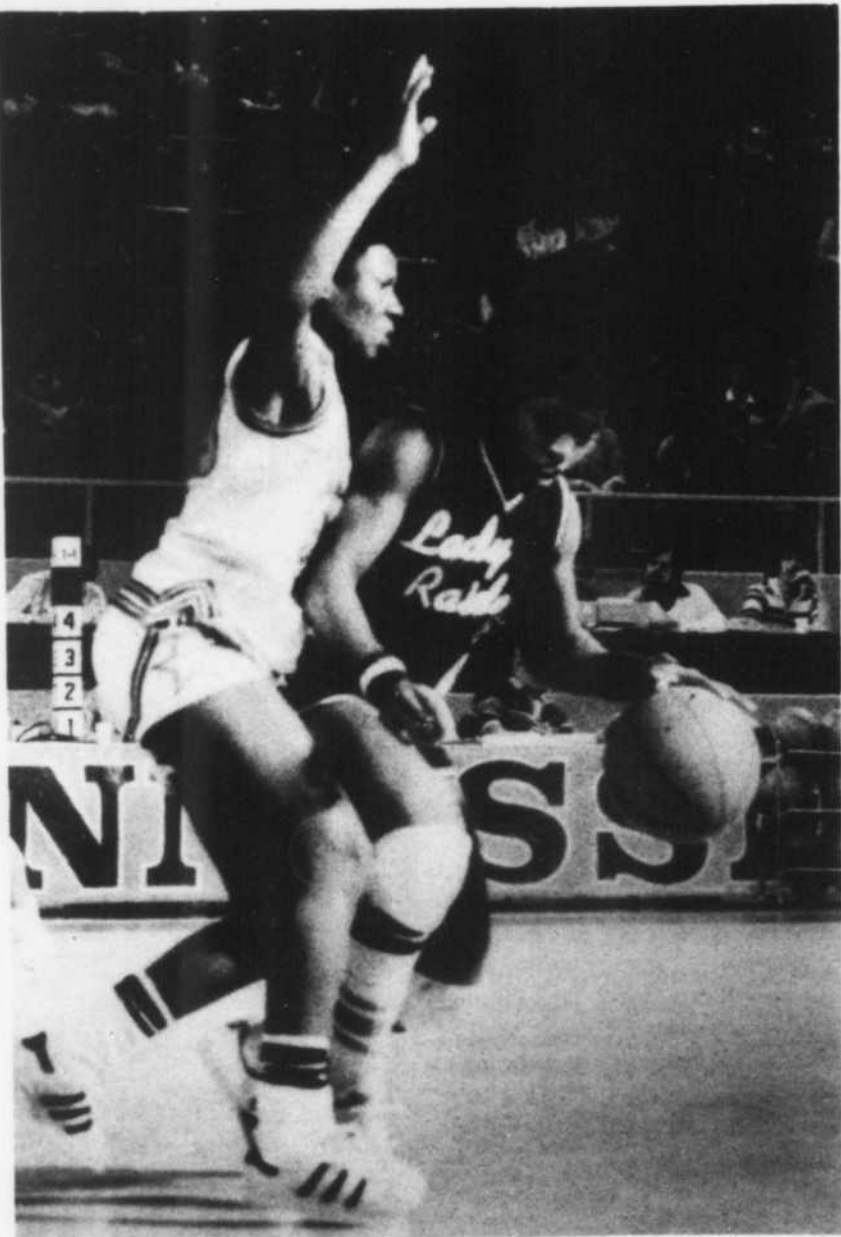


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Middle Tennessee's Josephine Wright drives against a Vanderbilt player in last night's first round action in the state tournament. MTSU advances to the semi-final round tonight against Tennessee Tech.

Raiders prepare for tomorrow's opener

By EDDIE GOSSAGE
Sidelines Sports Editor

Believe it or not, despite the snow earlier this week, baseball will make its annual spring appearance on the MTSU campus tomorrow.

That is, of course, weather permitting.

But MTSU baseball coach John Stanford is just itching to get into action.

"Man, I tell you what, I just can't wait to crank it up," Stanford laughed. "I'm really looking forward to this season. We've got a tough schedule... no patsies at all. It's definitely going to be a challenge."

The challenge starts at 1 p.m. tomorrow against Georgia State.

Stanford is planning on starting southpaw Art Whitaker on the hill in the first game with freshman Mark Novack handling the chores in the second game. But, in making the decision, Stanford was faced with a nice problem — which one of his seven hurlers should get the nod.

"We are deeper in the pitching staff than we've ever been before," Stanford smiled. "We really don't have any aces. We are going to try and work six or seven fellows into the starting rotation. The good thing about it, I'm not afraid to put any one of my pitchers in the game."

"Most college teams are lucky to have four or five in their starting rotation," he added. "It's going to come in handy when we have to play doubleheaders on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday when the OVC race starts."

The pitching staff consists of two seniors, three juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

The two seniors are veterans Tony Dawkins and Whitaker. The three juniors include two junior college transfers in Mike Freels (Roane State) and Steve Duncan (Motlow) as well as returning Bill Bratner.

Sophomore righthander Mark Smith and freshman Novack of Nashville McGavock round out the pitching corps.

One other pitcher is listed as questionable as the season

approaches. Junior Tom Wilson has been suffering from arm problems since the fall and is termed by Stanford to be "in limbo."

As far as the offensive firepower, Stanford says the team will be lacking in the long-ball area, where the Raider diamond men have excelled in recent years. Instead, MTSU will count on consistent batting from just about everyone on the team.

"This team is going to be different than teams in the past," Stanford predicted. "We've had good power hitters in the past, but not this year. We are going to be a pretty good defensive team that is fundamentally sound."

Some of the fault could be laid to the lack of batting practice the squad has had. Due to the weather, the team has been forced to work inside, except for a couple of occasions, and Stanford says the team may be slow in the beginning.

But, he pointed out, MTSU plans on being in the thick of the OVC race following last year's third place finish.

"It's really going to be a good race this year," Stanford said of the OVC title hunt. "Morehead will be a contender, Murray will be a contender, Eastern Kentucky will be a contender and Austin Peay will be up there."

"Middle Tennessee will be in contention for the title, too," he added quickly. "We will be noticed."

"This is going to be an important year for us," Stanford emphasized. "We only have one or two seniors on this year's team. If we have a good year, then super, because we are going to have a lot of guys back next year and it should really help out the recruiting."

Following tomorrow's doubleheader, Middle Tennessee will hit the road to Birmingham where the Raiders will face the University of Alabama at Birmingham Sunday in a doubleheader. The two squads will square off again in MTSU's next game on Wednesday afternoon at home.

Wrestlers compete in regional action

Three MTSU wrestlers will be competing in the NCAA Regional tournament this weekend in Las Vegas.

The three are Tony Rowland (150 lbs.), Mike Kuziola (158) and Woody Sardin (167). MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell said all three wrestlers have a good chance of advancing from the tournament to the national tournament in Colorado.

'Cinderella' Lady Raiders advance in tourney play

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

It's time for the Lady Raiders to put an ending to the Cinderella story they have started.

The prologue of the story begins with a "rebuild" squad of mostly freshmen and the academic loss of seniors Josephine Wright and Linda Perry. Then "Smokin' Jo" Wright returns to the team mid-season, and the enthusiastic Lady Raiders push their way to a first-ever OVC championship and a 20-plus win record.

With last night's 76-57 victory over Vanderbilt in Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen Center, the Lady Raiders now have a semi-final berth in the Tennessee Division I state tournament and are a step closer toward national recognition.

"We can play with anybody; this thing (tournament) is up for grabs," MTSU head coach Larry Inman said.

The first-round game against Vanderbilt was not exactly the thrashing that the score reflects. Although the Lady Commodores never held the lead, they didn't let the game out of their reach

until the last few minutes.

The Vanderbilt squad went to the lockerroom at halftime trailing 35-27. During the second period, MTSU pulled out to 10- and 12-point leads, without breaking the game wide open. By the 3:25 mark, Vanderbilt had narrowed the score to 63-57 and was attempting a comeback.

It was then that the Lady Raiders decided to "go for it." Wright, Ileana Portik, and Ester Coleman gave MTSU an offensive punch that was to be undenied. While the MTSU defense shut the Vandy offense down completely, the three

total of 23 floor mistakes, while MTSU turned the ball over only 13 times.

"Vanderbilt should be commended for its play in Coach (Joe) Pepper's last game," Inman said. "They played on a lot of emotion, and the 19-point win is not indicative of the game. It was a lot closer."

Portik had another sensational game for the Lady Raiders, pouring in 22 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Wright and Lisa Justice bucketed 14 points apiece, while Sherry Smith canned 11, Coleman scored 10, and Lindi

Dye dropped in 5. Sheila Johansson, who played under Inman at Mt. Juliet High, led Vandy's scoring with 16.

The Lady Raiders take to the court at 8 p.m. tonight against rival Tennessee Tech, who pounded Memphis State 84-72 last night.

In other action yesterday, UT-Chattanooga swept past East Tennessee, 65-58, and Tennessee trounced UT-Martin 81-35. UTC will be challenging the defending Lady Vols at 6 p.m. tonight in the first semi-final match. The championship game will be played at 8 p.m.

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Lady Raiders scored the last 13 points of the ballgame.

The secret to success against the seventh-seeded Lady Commodores could easily be tracked down in the turnover stats. Vanderbilt committed a

Hooker, Greene tops

OVC team named

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Conference co-champion Murray State dominated the coaches All-OVC selections, as the Racer's Gary Hooker was named Player of the Year and Ron Greene was selected Coach of the Year.

Middle Tennessee placed two players on the ten member squad as junior Jerry Beck was a unanimous choice of the coaches and senior Leroy Coleman was a non-unanimous selection.

Hooker, who played in last night's opening round of the OVC basketball tournament in Bowling Green, Ky., is ranked fifth in the nation in rebounding.

On the season, Hooker is averaging 18 points per game, second in the OVC. Hooker's 13.1 rebounding average is tops in the conference.

Hooker's selection was something of a surprise to many, as Eastern Kentucky's James "Turk" Tillman, the 1979 Player of the Year, is in the top five nationally in scoring. In choosing Hooker, many coaches were expressing their belief that Hooker's overall contributions to Murray State were more important than Tillman's contributions to the Colonels.

Greene selection was very predictable. The man who left

Mississippi State after being named SEC Coach of the Year, Greene took his alma mater Racers from 4-22 last year to 18-6 this season and a portion of the OVC title.

Coleman, the only starting senior on the MTSU team, was somewhat surprised by the Player of the Year selection.

"I was really surprised to find out Hooker had been named Player of the Year," Coleman said yesterday. "I thought Tillman would win the award again this year."

"Getting chosen, though, helped me get over the loss to Eastern," he added. "It was nice getting chosen, but I really wanted that game."

Coleman finished the season, a year in which he made the elite MTSU 1,000 point club, averaging just over 14 points per game. Beck, a transfer, ended up fourth in the OVC in scoring, hitting at a 15.3 percent clip. Beck was also second behind Hooked in rebounding, pulling down nine rebounds a game.

Other members of the team were: Mont Sleets, Murray State; Billy Bryant and Craig McCormick, Western Kentucky; Charlie Clay, Morehead; Roosevelt Sanders, Austin Peay; and Tillman and Bruce Jones of Eastern Kentucky.

MTSU Baseball Schedule

March 1	..... Ga. State DH (H)
March 2	..... Alabama Birmingham DH (A)
March 5	..... Alabama Birmingham DH (H)
March 6	..... Belmont (H)
March 11	..... Tenn. Wesleyan DH (H)
March 15	..... S.W. Louisiana (A)
March 16	..... S.W. Louisiana DH (A)
March 17	..... L.S.U. (A)
March 18-19	..... S.E. Louisiana (A)
March 20	..... L.S.U. (A)
March 21	..... L.S.U.-New Orleans DH (A)
March 22	..... L.S.U.-New Orleans DH (A)
March 24	..... Tennessee State (H)
March 25	..... Belmont (A)
March 27	..... Vanderbilt (H)
March 28	..... Hope (H)
March 29	..... West. Kentucky DH (H)
April 1	..... Wisconsin DH (H)
April 3	..... Tenn. Tech DH (H)
April 5	..... Morehead DH (A)
April 6	..... East. Kentucky DH (A)
April 7	..... Tennessee State (A)
April 10	..... Austin Peay DH (H)
April 12	..... West. Kentucky DH (A)
April 13	..... Tenn. Tech DH (A)
April 17	..... Morehead DH (H)
April 19	..... Murray DH (A)
April 20	..... Murray (H)
April 24	..... Vanderbilt (A)
April 26	..... East. Kentucky (H)
April 27	..... Austin Peay DH (A)

All doubleheader games begin at 1 p.m. Single games begin at 3 p.m.

IM roundup

Tourney brackets set

It's playoff time for the campus recreation basketball league again, with all regular season games ending last night in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Tournament play will begin Monday night with playoffs in each of the four leagues which include men's open, greek and dorm competition. All of the women's leagues were combined to make one tournament.

In the open division, Games Room will face MTM on Monday at 5 p.m. The winner will advance to face The Tide on Tuesday, March 4, at 5 p.m. In the only other open division game on Monday, the Rimmers will play Warren Denney's team at 5 p.m. In Tuesday's action, the Beale Street Bombers will go up against WMOT with game time at 5. The Mean Machine got a bye in the first round and will play the winner of the Rimmers-Denney game on Wednesday.

The second place finisher in league K and Judd Hall (4) will kick-off play in the men's resident hall tourney along with H Hall's number two team who will face I Dorm (1). In Tuesday's action, I Dorm (2)

will face the winner of the League K-Judd Hall game, Sims (7) will play Beasley (3), Smith MTCC will face the top team in the Thursday league and the Viqueens will play the number two team of that league, with both games being played on Monday. In Tuesday's games, the Little Sigmas will play the winner of the Viqueens contest and the Kappa Sweethearts will take on the winner of the MTCC game.

The fraternity division will open play on Monday also, with Sigma Chi (1) facing SAE (1) with the winner to advance to play Sigma Chi (3) on Tuesday. Delta Tau Delta (2) will square off against Sigma Nu (2) with the winner to play Omega Psi Phi on Tuesday at 8 p.m. In other action, Sigma Chi (5) goes up against Kappa Sig (3), the winner going on to face Kappa Alpha (1). And in the last game, ATO (1) will play Kappa Sig (1) with the winner to face Kappa Alpha Psi on Tuesday.

Sign-up for the campus recreation soccer league will be held March 4 and football sign-up will be held on March 6. Both meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the AMG.



photo by Don Harris

OVC Player of the Year Gary Hooker (number 11) of Murray State battles for a rebound in a game earlier this year against MTSU. Hooker and Murray coach Ron Greene received top honors in the OVC coaches poll.