



# SIDELINES

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## Who slew the dreamer?

*Assassination researcher and Nashville lawyer agree; claim Ray was 'passive conspirator' in King killing*

by Ted Rayburn

Convicted assassin James Earl Ray was only a "passive conspirator" in the murder of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, according to assassination researcher Wallace Milam and Jack Kershaw, former attorney for Ray.

Speaking to about 120 persons Tuesday night in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, Milam presented a slide show which included photographs taken at the scene of the assassination and the graph of a lie detector test given to Ray and published in the September, 1977, issue of *Playboy* magazine.

Milam, a Dyersburg High School teacher, is a member of the national Citizens Committee of Inquiry into the King death.

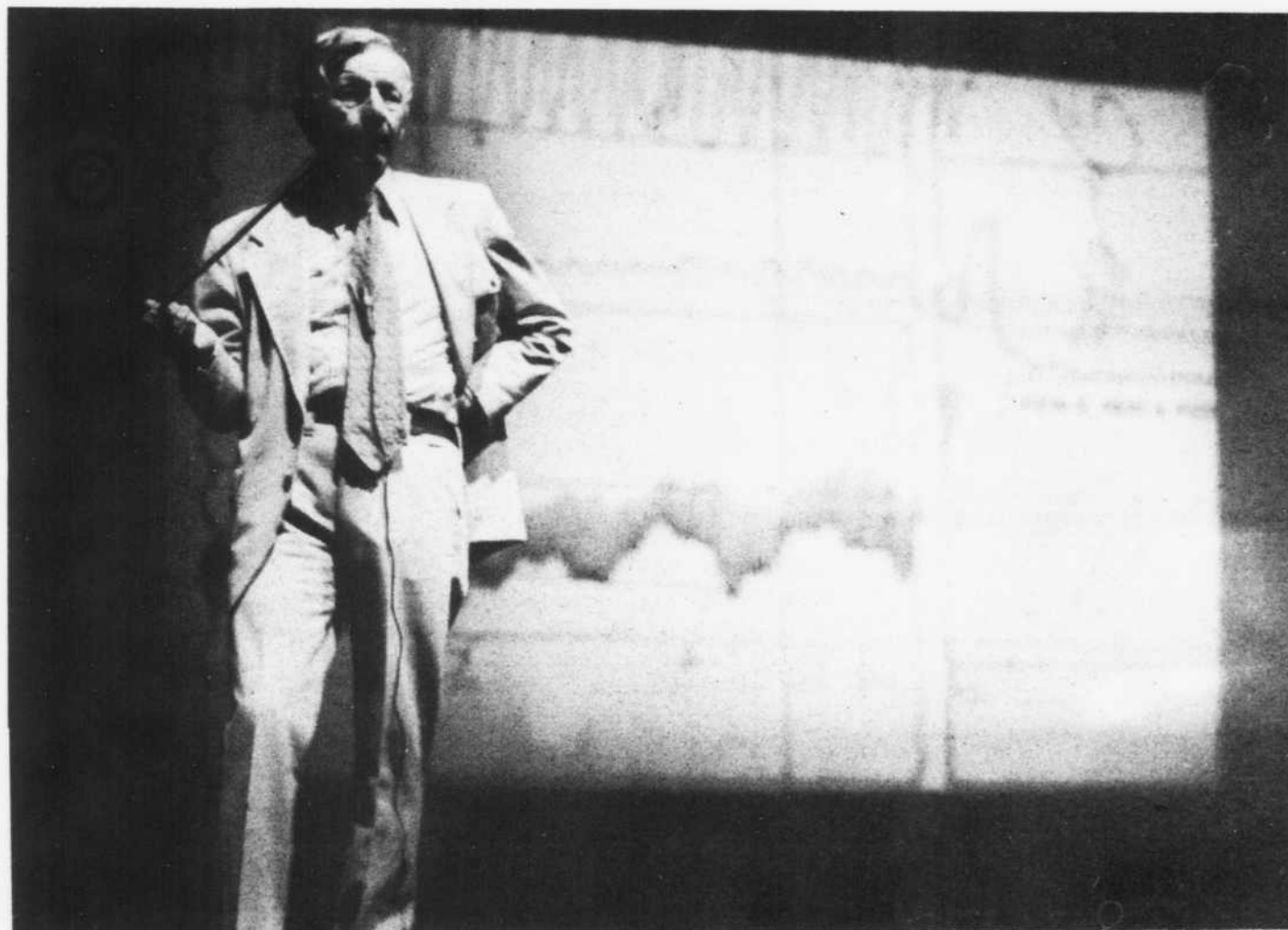
Seven of the slides were taken from previously unreleased photos and were shown publicly for the first time, Milam said.

Milam's presentation detailed the facts of the April 4, 1968 killing of King with a high-powered rifle. The noted black leader was standing on the terrace of his room at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis when the killing occurred.

A map of the area surrounding the Memphis hotel revealed a fire station, where two officers were posted to observe King, and the annex to a boarding house, where the assassin is believed to have fired the shot.

In refuting assumptions previously made which implicate Ray as the sole assassin, Milam pointed to evidence which indicated that Ray might have been made a "scapegoat" for other conspirators. The points questioned include:

- The identification of Ray by persons at the boarding house, who testified that he checked into the room shortly before the killing, one of whom Kershaw described as a



Nashville attorney Jack Kershaw discusses James Earl Ray, one of his former clients, as part of a special presentation Tuesday night in the Dramatic

Arts Auditorium. Behind Kershaw is a slide of the controversial polygraph test taken by Ray which appeared in *PLAYBOY* magazine.

"wino."

- The finding of a bundle in the room supposedly occupied by Ray in the boarding house. It was reportedly dropped by Ray as he fled from the scene, to which Milam replied that no one would leave such obviously incriminating evidence.

- Though Ray has a background of convictions, they were all "non-violent crimes," Milam said. Therefore, Milam questioned if Ray could be the one who fired the shot, or even if he could have been chosen by conspirators to do so.

Further evidence which lended

support to the conspiracy theory includes an account of a citizens' band radio report to Memphis police that the assailant was seen leaving the city heading north, while Ray was actually traveling south to Atlanta, Ga., Milam said.

- Two firemen posted at the fire station near the Lorraine Hotel were sent to another fire station on the day of the assassination, Milam asserted. The firemen relocated were black and reported to have been participants in protest demonstrations which were being coordinated by King.

The photographs previously un-

publicized may contain more grounds for proving a conspiracy existed, Milam said.

Three of the photographs, taken approximately one hour after the shooting, show a line of trimmed bushes and fallen trees on an embankment between the boarding house and the hotel which, Milam stated, may have been cut to provide a better view of King's balcony and possibly to conceal another sniper in the foliage on the embankment.

Witnesses have previously testified that the foliage was cut much

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## Brothers to open women's conference

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Organized by a Continuing Education steering committee consisting of university women, the conference is titled "From Her Point of View."

Brothers will speak at 8 p.m. in the DA Auditorium Friday night after a dinner at 6 in the Tennessee Room.

Schroeder will discuss the Equal Rights Amendment and the problems a woman encounters in running for public office. Her speech is scheduled for 9:20, Saturday morning in Murphy Center.

Elected to the House in 1972, Schroeder is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Seapower Research and

Development Subcommittee. She is also chairwoman of the Employee Ethics and Utilization subcommittee of congress.

Informal discussion groups, led by Tennessee women who can offer their own expertise in specialized areas, will meet following Schroeder's speech.

Discussion leaders will include Agnes Bird, Maryville lawyer, on "The Legal Rights of Women;" Jane Hardaway, Memphis manager for Employee Services in the Division of Personnel and a former state Personnel commissioner, on "Finding the Job and Keeping It" and Florence S. Gaynor, director of hospital and health services at Meharry Medical College, on "Homemakers and Families."

Brothers' speech is co-sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee. Free tickets are available from UC 305.

Registration for the conference is free with a valid MTSU ID. Regular

fees are \$12 for all sessions and two meals (including Saturday luncheon), \$9 for Saturday sessions and luncheon and \$5 for all discussions and speeches excluding meals.



Pat Schroeder

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### FRIDAY

Waste Water School; Tenn. Dept. of Public Health, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 305, 318, 322

Seminar: Continuing Education; public relations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. UC 324

Meeting: Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Agency, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., UC 316

Dunking machine: Sigma Nu (for St. Jude's), 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in

front of UC

Parachute jumps; Sport Parachute Club, 12:55-4:30 p.m., field south of Cummings

Dinner: Women's conference, 6 p.m., Tennessee Room

Football: Oakland v. Riverdale, 7:30 p.m., Jones Field

Speaker: Women's conference; Dr. Joyce Brothers, 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

### MONDAY

Exhibition and sale: Art Club, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., UC lobby

Movie: "Blacula," 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Meeting: Ideas and Issues Committee, 6 p.m., Student Programming Conference Room

Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., UC 314

Halloween film: Residence Hall Programming; "Psycho," 7 p.m. Tennessee Room

Speaker: Fine Arts and Ideas and Issues Committees; Edward Albee, 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

Lecture: University Interfaith Council; Staley series, 8 p.m., UC 316

### TUESDAY

Job Interviews: Haskins and Sells (sign up at Placement Office) GED Test; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 314

Honor's Day; 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Luncheon: Honor's Day, noon, Tennessee Room  
Movie: "Blacula," 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Traffic Court; 4-6 p.m., UC 324A  
Meeting: Spanish Club, 6 p.m., Foreign Language House  
Meeting: Buchanan Players; 6:30 p.m., DA Arena Theatre  
Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., UC 314

Speaker: Young Republicans; Tom Beasley, 7 p.m., UC 324

Concert: University Jazz Ensemble; Trombones, guest soloist Kai Winding, 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

Lecture: University Interfaith Council; Staley series, 8 p.m., UC 316

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# Blood drive misses goal; lack of interest blamed

Sigma Chi fraternity, Kappa Delta sorority and the Forrest Raiders won the ROTC's Blood Drive competition for organization totals Tuesday afternoon.

Scabbard and Blade Society, a military honor society, has sponsored the drive since 1967.

According to Capt. Thomas Taylor, a coordinator of the drive and an instructor in the Military Science department, the drive is held mainly for public service.

This year's drive fell short of the desired goal of 450 pints with 346 pints given.

Skip Mason, student coordinator of the drive, noted "by looking at the list of donors, one can tell the lack of participation of organization members."

In fraternity competition, Sigma

Chi was first in total number with 27 pints. In second place, Sigma Phi Epsilon had 19 pints.

First place in sororities had Kappa Delta with 22 pints. Alpha Delta Pi had 12 pints, which placed them second.

Forrest Raiders donated 34 pints for first place in club competition. Gamma Beta Phi was second with 24 pints.

Percentage-wise, Forrest Raiders were first with 78 per cent of their members giving blood. Sigma Alpha Epsilon was first in fraternities with 29 per cent. Alpha Delta Pi had 15 per cent of its members donate to win them first place in sororities.

Mason will present the winning organizations with certificates. Next year, trophies will be presented.



Students get flat on their backs for a few minutes to give blood during the Scabbard and Blade blood drive, held Tuesday afternoon in the University Center.

## Church founder speaks



Mary Cosby, one of the founding members of the Church of the Saviour, will speak at the annual Staley Lecture Series Monday and Tuesday night beginning at 8 p.m. in UC 318.

Sponsored by the University Inter-Faith Council, Cosby is one of nine people who founded the non-

denominational church in Washington, D.C. in 1947.

Cosby's church stresses the belief that all persons are ministers. The title of her lectures are "Gifts of Ministry and How to use them."

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## EDITORIAL

# Answers being sought in '60s assassinations

We are quickly leaving our age of innocence.

When John Fitzgerald Kennedy was killed in Dallas 14 years ago, the nation mourned his loss and, as was the fashion in 1963, we accepted the official explanations for his death.

When black leader Martin Luther King died by another assassin's hand, Americans of all colors were shocked by his loss. We intently followed the chase for his killer and breathed a sigh of relief when he was safely (?) behind bars.

Our sensibilities barely had time to return to normal when another Kennedy died amidst the blossoming flower of a promising political career. We hung on to his delicate cord of life and we lost a little something ourselves when he could fight death no longer.

Still, there was comfort in knowing that the three individuals responsible for these acts had, in some way, been made to atone for their wrongdoings.

But were they alone?

In these jaded days since Watergate, Koreagate and the myriad other political scandals, the cries of singular individuals who said "they were not alone" are becoming more distinct and, most importantly, more believable.

We live in a nation that has become conditioned to the idea of conspiracy. We have seen proof of the CIA's involvement in the affairs of other nations and even here in the states.

We have read about the meddling of other countries in our affairs and we have studied countries in other parts of the world where coups, overthrows and armed revolutions are as commonplace as elections here.

A pair of presentations on this campus by researcher/teacher



Wallace Milam has brought home the fact that we really don't know how those three leaders died. Not for sure, anyway.

Lee Harvey Oswald may not have been the sole killer of JFK; James Earl Ray may not have acted alone in King's death; and, although Milam did not deal with the subject, there is evidence that Sirhan Sirhan was not by himself in the killing of Bobby Kennedy.

Those are postulations which shake our accepted ways of thinking about history. And, in a way, it is a good process for a free society.

It is an old bromide which states, "The truth will out." Through the efforts of men like Milam and the work of the House Assassination Committee, perhaps in our lifetime we will know the truth about those deplorable acts of violence.

## LETTERS

## Committee chairman says articles misleading

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to clarify some recent articles in *Sidelines* that might have been misleading.

First was the "Tonto" section, paid for by the ASB, which appeared in the Oct. 21 issue. In the "That's Entertainment" page, the ASB took credit for practically everything that has happened on campus this year.

Then, in the Oct. 25 issue, there was a retraction written by Bobby Francescon and Tom Wood, writer of the article.

I appreciate Bobby and Tom's effort to clarify their inaccurate

statements, however, the retraction was not totally clear, particularly in the area of major concerts.

The Special Events Committee, which is a division of Student Programming, solely brings all big-name concerts to MTSU. We do sometimes seek the service of a professional concert promoter to assist in the tremendous financial overhead of putting on a show, but as far as the school is concerned, we are the sole sponsor.

There are approximately 90 people on the Special Events Committee. These people work all the shows as cashiers, ticket takers,

etc.

The committee works very hard, and without them there could be no major shows. None of these people are working in any ASB capacity while at the show.

The Special Events Committee has on several occasions booked shows and footed the bill for events in which ASB got the credit.

Last year's High School Weekend, which featured Earl Scruggs Revue, and this year's Freshman Week, with Gene Cotton, are examples of this.

We were glad to do this because it was good for the students and

potential students and, after all, that's what we're all supposed to be working for.

To summarize, the ASB and the Special Events Committee are funded separately, operate separately, and there is absolutely no connection between the two what-so-ever.

This should serve as an example to all groups on campus; we will get along a lot better if we don't steal each other's thunder.

Steve Thurman  
Chairman, Special Events Committee  
Box 7883

## Court member questions motive of ASB senator

To the Editor:

I am a freshman who is very much interested in being involved with the ASB. Unfortunately, however, at the time I'm very confused at some of the ASB actions; in particular the ASB Senate, and more specifically, Senior Senator Patrick Flynn.

Up until Oct. 4, I was a member of the ASB House of Representatives. On this date I was confirmed by the ASB Senate as a justice to the General Sessions Court.

I was appointed to this position by ASB President Bobby Francescon. Before being confirmed it was demanded that I resign my position in the house. This demand came from Senator Flynn.

I personally feel that this action was warranted by Flynn's prejudicial feelings toward myself due to

my association with the cross-country team.

This, however, is a personal matter and cannot be proven as

fact. I further feel that his motion to have the ASB attorney general investigate people who hold more than one ASB office was an attempt

on his part to get more mileage out of the issue.

For the moment, pretend that Senator Flynn is sincere in his motives, and he wants to be an efficient senator. Then why would he ask the attorney general to investigate the matter when all he has to do is look at his own senate meetings to see that Chief Clerk Janet Talmadge (who he is dating) is also a member of the house.

It seems to me that being in the house and senate is a greater conflict of interest than my case is. Why have two legislative bodies if some of their members are in both bodies?

I wonder if I would have been forced to leave the house if I were dating the honorable Senator Patrick Flynn.

Roger Kelsey Box 923

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# Watergate's suspicion still plagues government

by Steve Miller

A public relations workshop for local government officials ended today at the University Center. The workshop, which is part of a series being held across Middle Tennessee is sponsored by the University of Tennessee Center for Government Training.

Public relations consultant Ken Kern, the workshop leader, said the workshop was being held to teach local government officials "how to improve public relations operations, make use of the press, and the news mediums, and in general how to develop a better public relations program."

"Public relations today," said Kern, "as far as government agencies are concerned, is trying to help fight off the stigma of the Watergate hangover. After Watergate everybody became suspicious of government regardless of what level."

Kern said that in public relations there is the philosophy "the less known the better off."

He said this is a carry-over from the Industrial Revolution days

when big business told the public only what it wanted them to know. "Unfortunately there are certain advisors, consultants and agencies in public relations practice who believe that cover-up is often essential."

"What used to be covered up can't be covered up anymore," Kern said. "Today the press has moved into the area of investigative reporting. I don't know any reporter who would not give his note book or camera to uncover another Watergate," Kern said.

"My philosophy," Kern said, "is to make an ally of the press. Don't coverup, let the press help you get to the people out there you want to influence. We should work with the press and mutually assist one another."

Jim Travis, news anchorman at WNGE-TV was part of a panel discussion Thursday afternoon. He said that one of the most important things news reporters look for in a public relations person is reliability.

"Over a period of time we come

to have a feel for whether information a person is feeding us is reliable, whether we can go to them when we need a lot of background information quick," Travis said.

"We tend to pick them out very quickly and come to regard them as very valuable sources. If you want to be trusted, you have to be trustworthy," Travis said.

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There will be a Psychology Club meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 4:15 p.m. in the UC, room 305. Mary Lou Jones of the Department of Human Resources will speak on child abuse. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in joining the Badminton Club contact Mike Bullard at 898-4571 or Lois Rainey at 898-4761.

Applications for a teacher exchange program involving Canada,

Germany, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United States are being taken through Nov. 1.

Offered by the U.S. Office of Education, the program is open to elementary and secondary education teachers as well as college instructors and assistant professors.

Brochures and application forms can be obtained by contacting the Teacher Exchange Section, Division of International Education, Office of Education, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C., 20202.

## Plant sale begins Nov. 4

Approximately 3,000 tropical plants will be for sale next weekend in an ASB-sponsored sale.

The plants will sell for under \$20 with many selling for under \$10.

Arriving from a plant wholesaler in Florida on Friday, Nov. 4, the

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## Merchants scorn survey

A recent survey of local merchants by Mike McDonald, ASB speaker of the senate, had very poor response with only 32 of the 149 merchants surveyed responding.

Of the 32 responses, nine were supermarkets and 23 were department stores.

As far as employment, all 32 merchants hire both full and part time students, including foreign students. All those responding, pay at least minimum wage.

Twenty-three of those responding have training programs for college graduates.

All 32 of the businesses said they sell most of their merchandise at the manufacturer's suggested retail price and that their prices are comparable with Davidson county merchants at all times of the year. They also said they have used programs such as "Murfreesboro Value Days" to keep Rutherford County residents shopping at

home.

Out-of-town checks are accepted and cashed at all of the merchants with the proper identification.

All of the business establishments were open by 10 a.m. and closed by 9 p.m. estimated McDonald.

McDonald said he was displeased with the "response of the merchants about the survey." he also said he has questions about the validity of the survey. McDonald plans to ask the public relations instructors at MTSU to help design another survey "that will contain the appropriate variables to conduct a valid survey." he said the survey would be conducted next spring.

"The results of the survey," said McDonald, "will be on file in the ASB Vice-President's office."

McDonald said he plans to go to the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce to see about establishing a "uniform check cashing policy for MTSU students."

## Art auction to be held Oct. 29

A display and auction of MTSU art works will be held Friday and Saturday at Wickes Lumber Co. located on the Nashville Highway.

The items for auction are four doors, donated by Wickes, which have been decorated by students Wayne White and Tom Savage and by a printmaking class, and a three dimensional design class.

There will also be works by members of the art department for

sale including prints, pottery and fiberworks.

Demonstrations in ceramics, printmaking and fibers will be held on both days.

Proceeds from the auction will go towards student scholarships in the art department.

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## Traces resolution progress

### ASB record available

ASB Legislative Record, a compilation of legislation introduced in both the senate and the house in the past year and-a-half, is now available to MTSU students.

Containing 25 to 30 bills and resolutions, the record is kept in the vice presidents' office, according to Mike McDonald, speaker of the senate.

Information about the original legislation includes who introduced it, when it was brought on the floor and how it was voted on.

Facts such as what committee the bill was sent to, who approved it

and where it stands now in the administration are also provided.

"This tells exactly where the legislation went and where it is now," McDonald said. He added that he hoped it would be kept on a yearly basis.

McDonald said he wanted to set up a congressional record for future house and senate meetings, which would record how the individual representatives voted.

Janet Talmadge, ASB chief clerk, and LaRita Bailey, senate candidate in the recent ASB election, will be in charge of the record.

## Outstanding student search backed by ASB committee

The ASB is sponsoring a program designed to recognize students for their outstanding academic, athletic or social contributions to MTSU.

At the end of each month a selection committee will review applications and choose one male and one female as the students of the month.

In case of a tie the students will be called in for a personal interview with the committee. All selections are final and will be published in the *Sidelines*.

Winners will receive a framed

certificate bearing their name and their specific accomplishments. The University Bookstore is also donating a \$10 gift certificate and a \$25 Blue Raider Wagon Lamp to each of the winners.

In addition, *Sidelines* will print a feature story on the winners and the MTSU News Bureau will send a press release to the hometown newspapers of the individuals.

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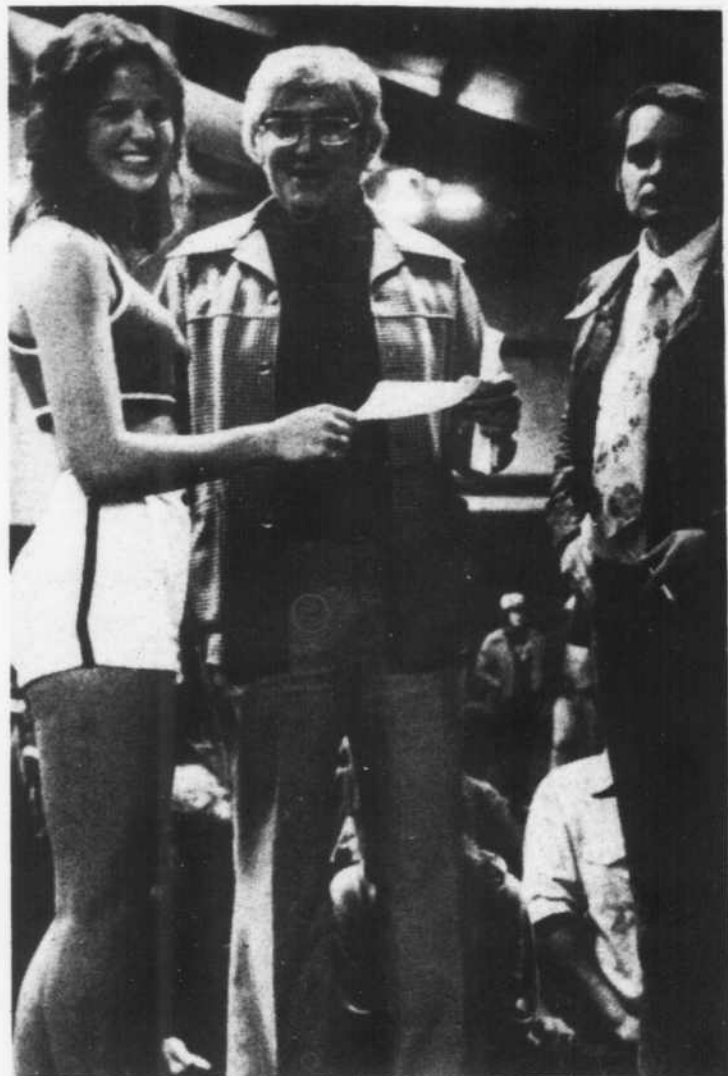
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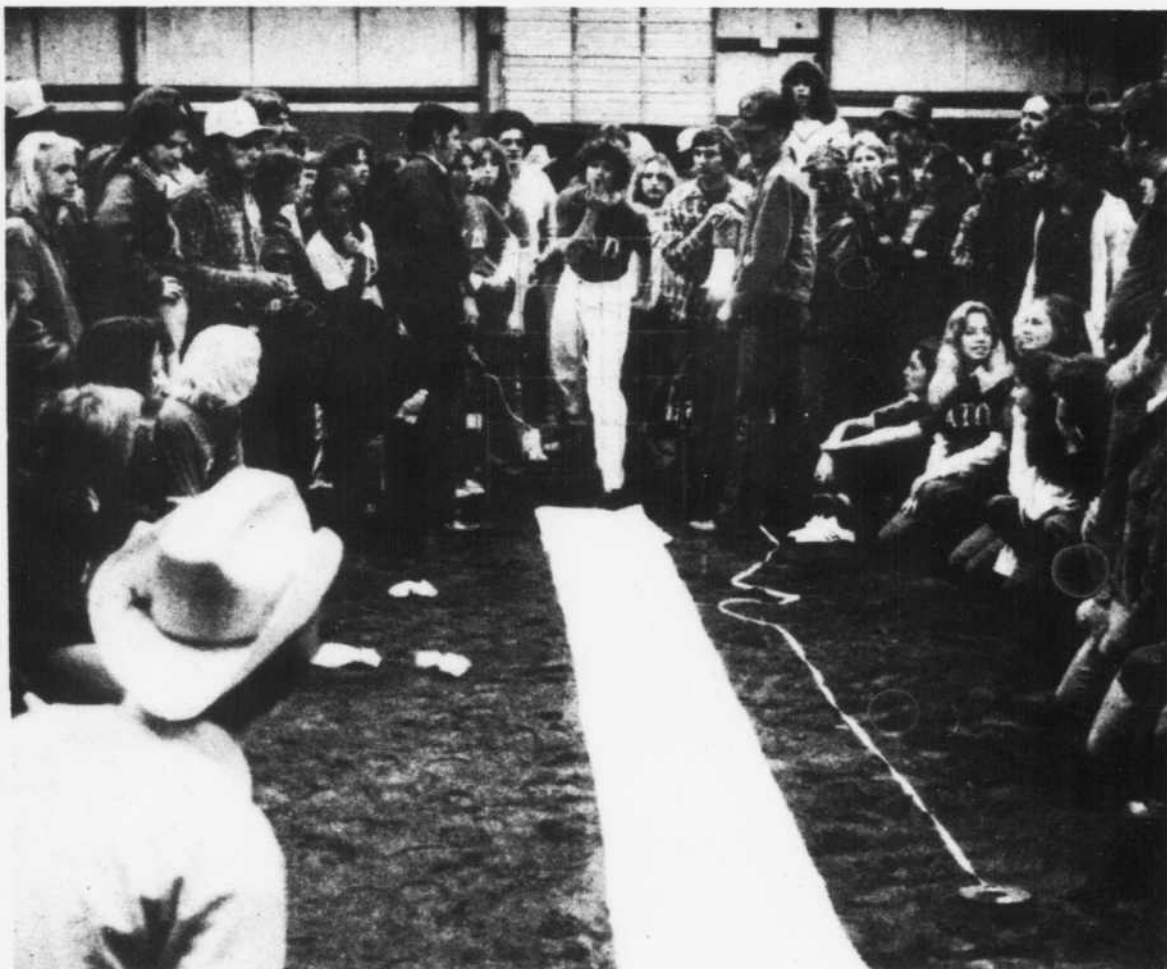
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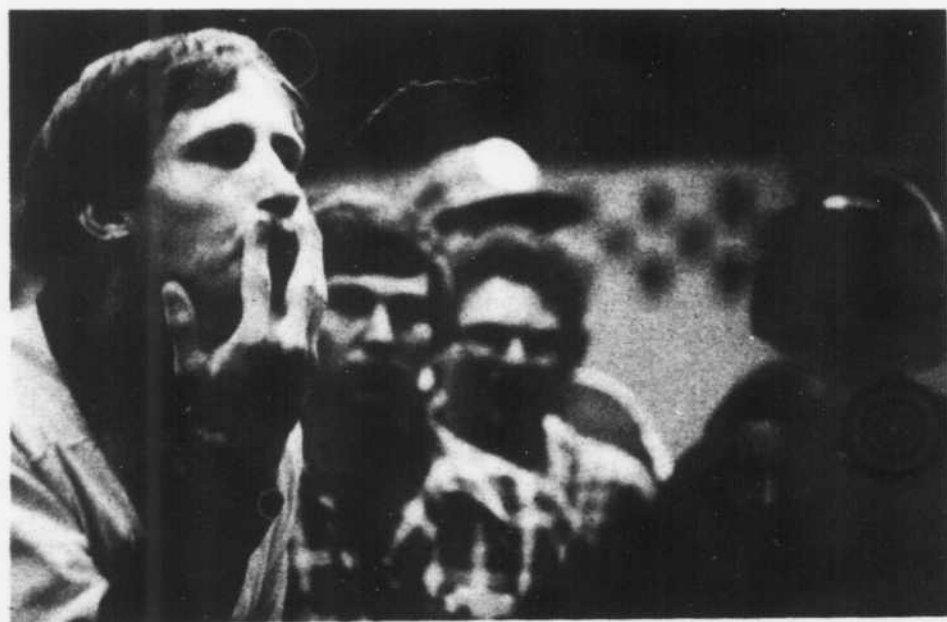
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*Whoops!*



# SAE, AGR Little Sisters take first place honors

by Cindy Houston

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the Alpha Gamma Rho Little Sisters took overall championships in Little International competition last night.

In tug-of-war, Beasley Hall took first place while Sigma Alpha Epsilon was second in men's competition. AGR Little Sisters were first in women's with Alpha Delta Pi placing second.

Kappa Sigma took first place in pole climb with SAE coming in second.

In women's egg contest, Kappa Delta finished first in 13 seconds. When asked how long they practiced, team member Andra Fuson said, "just long enough to be number one." Alpha Delta Pi came in second.

In men's egg competition, SAE took first with 10.2 seconds. Kappa Alpha was second with 11.9 seconds.



**Shucks!**

Women's corn-shucking title was captured by BBU (Big, Bad and Ugly) with 7 lbs. 5 ounces of corn shucked in five minutes. Kathy Riley and Karen Carter (KC) said

that the competition was good, but they pulled it through.

Second place was taken by AGR with 7 lbs. 2 ounces of corn.

Alpha Tau Omega was first in tobacco spitting competition with SAE taking second place. Chi Omega took first in women's competition with Alpha Delta Pi coming in second.

In the blind-man's wheel-barrow race, SAE once again came in first with Kappa Sigma taking second. In blind-women's wheel-barrow, Chi Omega received first place and second place went to Alpha Delta Pi.

A special event, tug-of-war between Agricultural Council and faculty, was won by the Ag Council. Clifton Ricketts, an agriculture instructor, has already asked for a rematch as he was supposed to be anchorman but missed the event.

Bretta Parsons was chosen Miss Little International 1977 after she won the hot-pants contest. Matthew Royal, chief of University Police and Jim Craig, head of housing, were judges of the event.

When asked how he liked the job, Craig responded, "It wasn't as much fun as I first thought it to be...It was a lot harder than I thought." Parsons, a senior, was sponsored by Chi Omega and is from Hendersonville.

In overall competition, SAE scored 19 points which placed them in first place. Kappa Sigma was second with Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Tau Omega tied for third place.

Alpha Gamma Rho Little Sisters took first place in women's competition with 20 points. This was their third consecutive win so they now retire the trophy. Alpha Delta Pi came in second with Chi Omega taking third.

In cattle show competition, Jack Marsh received first place. Rick Freeman, Patty Davidson and Stanley Shanks were finalists.

In showmanship, Tim Hogan on

June received first place in stock horse. In saddle type, Cathy Jones on Question took first place. Lucy Eastman on Jic finished first in hunter type. Overall champion was Tim Hogan.

In horsemanship, Julie Farmer received first place in stock seat. In English riding, Lucia Gage finished first.

Anne Brzezicki, horse science instructor, said, "The students worked their tails off. They are really to be commended. I'm very, very proud of them."



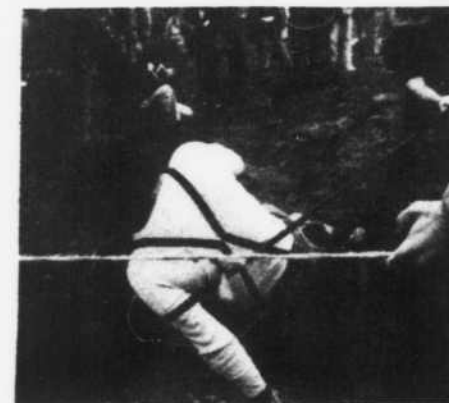
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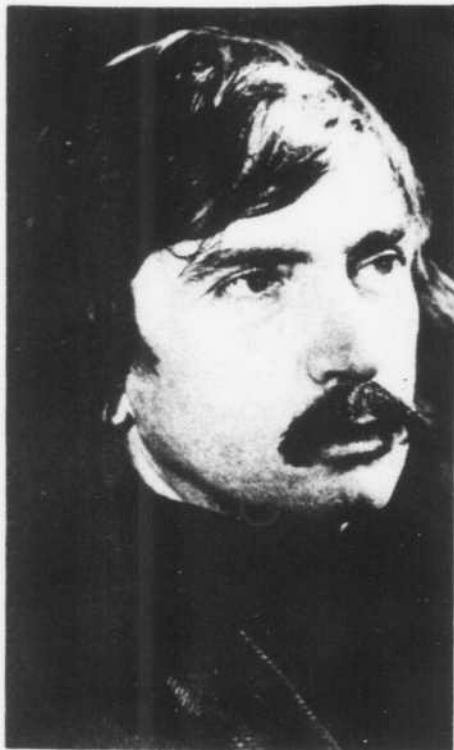
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## Rehearsal will be viewed by prize-playwright Albee

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee will be on the MTSU campus for two days of lectures beginning Monday, Oct. 31.

Albee will arrive on campus at 10 a.m. for a workshop at the drama department on his approach to writing plays from interpretation to production. Albee will critique the



Edward Albee

drama department's rehearsal of his own work "The American Dream" on Monday afternoon.

That evening he will lecture in the D.A. Auditorium at 8 on "The Playwright vs. the Theatre".

A final workshop will be held Tuesday morning at 9:25 in the NCB for creative writing and English students on the literary approach to his works "The Sandbox," "The American Dream" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

The public is invited to his Monday night lecture with no charge for admission. A reception will follow the lecture.

Albee has won two Pulitzer Prizes and has been elected to the U.S. National Institute of Arts and Letters. He has written well over eleven plays, most famous of which is "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

Albee began writing poetry at the age of six. He wrote two novels while a teenager which he says are never to be published. At 20 he stopped writing for 10 years and came back to writing at 30 with some of his greatest works.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Ideas and Issues and the Fine Arts Student Programming Committees.



SAE quarterback Ricky Davis looks downfield for a receiver despite a spirited rush by the Murfreesboro Police team. SAE won the charity game 27-0. [Cindy Hicks photo]

## St. Jude's drive nears end

St. Jude's Week comes to a close tomorrow morning with a 15-mile Walkathon.

The Walkathon starts Saturday morning at 10:30 in front of the UC. This event has always brought in the most money during the week for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis.

During St. Jude's week last year, \$4,000 was raised with only 30 walkers participating in the Walkathon. Gary Ellis, director of St. Jude's Week believes there may be up to 200 walkers this year.

Other events during the week include a party at the Hot Wheels Arena, which took place Thursday night and a flag football game played Wednesday night.

In the first game, Kappa Sigma lost to Chi Omega with a score of 6-0. Breta Parsons made the touch-

down for Chi Omega in the last minute of the game.

In the next game, Sigma Alpha Epsilon beat the Murfreesboro Police 27-0.

With the teams making bids as to who would win, and the 50 cent admission charge, the football games brought in an estimated \$560 for St. Jude's.

Events taking place today to raise money include a dunking machine from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in front of the UC. Presidents of several fraternities will sit on the machine, along with ASB President Bobby Francescon. The price is 25 cents for three throws.

Also today, at 12:55, Ellis will again make a parachute jump for St. Jude's. This is the second time has jumped for the drive. His first jump was last year.



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later, Milam added.

Further discussion revealed some confusion surrounding the character "Raoul" in Ray's statements, a possible conspirator whose identity was never confirmed in court proceedings.

Responding to a question concerning rumors that Raoul was a policeman, Milam stated that "all I can say is that there was Raoul with the Louisiana Highway Patrol who has since moved...we don't know his connection with the case."

Milam also pointed to the actions of Ray's first two lawyers (he has had 10) as indications of mishandling of the case.

Attorney Percy Foreman was

criticized for an apparent lack of understanding of the facts in the case and for agreeing with the prosecution on critical points which contradicted Ray's statements.

Kershaw, Ray's attorney for about a year until Oct. 24, 1977, analyzed a polygraph record made of Ray and refuted claims of profit gained at Ray's expense. [See related story]

Milam concluded by asserting that Ray could not have killed King alone. If Ray was alone, "why would he have thrown down the bundle," and who would have hired him to assassinate anyone, Milam asked.

The presentation was sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee.



Milam (left) and Kershaw

## Former lawyer claims that Ray told truth about killing

James Earl Ray was telling the truth when he stated in a recent polygraph test that he did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr., according to Nashville lawyer Jack Kershaw.

According to *Playboy* magazine, who administered the lie-detector test in June, 1977, the results indicated that "Ray did, in fact, kill Martin Luther King, Jr., and that he did so alone."

Kershaw, however, told a Dramatic Arts Auditorium audience Tuesday night that the polygraph

test, published in the September issue of *Playboy*, actually indicated that Ray was telling the truth.

Kershaw, who was Ray's attorney for about 10 months until he was fired last Monday, also denied charges that he represented Ray for the profit involved.

"It costs a great deal of money to investigate a case like this," Kershaw said. "I've spent a great deal more money out of my own pocket than has been received."

The charge that Kershaw took

the case for the money involved was leveled by Ray's new counsel, New York attorney Mark Lane.

Kershaw said he became Ray's attorney because he felt that Ray's constitutional rights were being violated.

When asked why he was no longer on the case, Kershaw said, "I went into the case with the assumption that I had control over what Ray said and over his choice of counsel. When Ray wanted to bring in another counsel, I didn't want that."

Kershaw expressed uncertainty over Ray's mental condition, calling the convicted assassin "inconsistent."

"Ray's condition as it is now... and I'm no psychiatrist...is such that I filed a motion to have the court have Ray psychiatrically evaluated," Kershaw said. The court, however, denied the motion.

"He is inconsistent," Kershaw continued. "He makes decisions and then does the opposite." Kershaw cited Ray's escape from Brushy Mountain State Prison this summer as an example of his irrationality.

When asked if Ray was not guilty or just not knowledgeable of the truth, Kershaw told the audience that "Ray simply has not told all he knows."

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# Raiders, Austin Peay meet in Gov homecoming

by Eddie Gossage  
Assistant Sports Editor

Austin Peay football coach Boots Donnelly wants to move Halloween from Monday back to Saturday, the day his Govs will face MTSU in Clarksville, so that they could pull a few tricks on the Raiders.

MTSU head coach Ben Hurt refuses to acknowledge Saturday as the Gov's unofficial Halloween—he says he has a few tricks up his sleeve, too.

The Raiders could be down following last week's devastating 60-7 defeat to Delaware, but Hurt says his team will be back.

"I've been fighting all my life and I'm not gonna quit now. Neither is the team or the assistant coaches."

With those words, Hurt summed up how he felt about the MTSU football team.

Austin Peay has a 5-2 record and is tied with Tennessee Tech for the conference lead with a perfect 3-0 record in the conference.

In the pre-season Ohio Valley Conference coaches poll, the Governors were picked to finish in the cellar of the OVC, yet under the direction of first year coach Donnelly, the Govs are a rejuvenated team.

Hurt said yesterday that Peay is much the same team which spoiled the Raiders' homecoming a year ago 21-9.

The only difference, it appears, is that Austin Peay fired head coach Jack Bushfosky following a 5-6 season, and hired up Donnelly, formerly an assistant coach under Fred Pancoast at Vanderbilt. Prior to that he was head coach at powerful Nashville Father Ryan.

Donnelly's roots with MTSU go

## Former Raider now APSU coach

by Frank Vickers  
Sports Editor

Judging by the records of the two schools, Austin Peay's football team might be expected to be a little overconfident in its homecoming game against Middle Tennessee Saturday.

According to Governor head coach Boots Donnelly, however, this is not the case.

"How can Austin Peay ever be overconfident in a football game against anybody?" Donnelly asked in a telephone interview yesterday. "Austin Peay has never been a winner," he added.

"We have always been a door-mat," he added. "Everyone has always come in here and beat us. Every game is very important to us."

Despite the fact that his team comes into the game with a 5-2 record and a perfect 3-0 worksheet in Ohio Valley Conference action,



Blue Raider fullback Mike Moore evades an Austin Peay defender in action against the Govs last year.

back even further than that. Back during the early sixties, Donnelly played under legendary football mentor Charles Murphy at MTSU.

While playing for the Raiders, Donnelly and his teammates captured two OVC championships.

So quite naturally, there are some deep rooted emotions tied to this weekend game.

Hurt charged Donnelly with "playing down" the potential of his team. Donnelly has expressed the feeling that his team's success is almost a fluke.

But Boots' Magical Miracle Makers are led by a fantastic backfield composed of Randy Christophel, Waddell Whitehead, and Coveak Moody.

MTSU defensive line coach Ray Hughes called Christophel, the Gov quarterback, a "good athlete who does everything well."

Hughes went on to call Whitehead the "best fullback in the OVC" and Moody "the fastest

player in the conference."

Moody, who played high school football under Donnelly at Father Ryan, probably will not see action against the Raiders due to an injured ankle.

## Murphy defends coach

Speaking at the weekly faculty-press luncheon yesterday, MTSU Athletic Director Charles "Bubber" Murphy delivered an emotional attack against critics of the football coaching staff.

"I am tired of people criticizing the coaches," Murphy said. "The coaching staff works every Sunday, staying in the office as late as 11:30 at night, and they're back to work by 5 Monday morning."

The athletic director's comments apparently came in response to recent reports that head football coach Ben Hurt's job may be in danger.

"The coaches work hard, and I am dammed tired of people criticizing them," Murphy said.

In his comments, he expressed appreciation for the support of the luncheon audience, saying the coaches and players "need it and deserve it."

## Donnelly denies team will be overconfident

the Gov coach refuses to acknowledge Peay as a title contender.

"Tech is the team everyone will have to reckon with," Donnelly said. "Eastern Kentucky will also have some say as to who wins it."

"We're a long ways from being a contender," he insisted. "We can't be considered a contender until we win a couple more games."

"We have four games left on the schedule," Donnelly continued, "and we could very well lose all four."

Donnelly, who played college football at MTSU under coach Charles "Bubber" Murphy, was a standout at defensive cornerback for the Raiders in the early '60s.

With Donnelly starting every game in his last three seasons, Middle compiled a cumulative record of 25-4-1 and won two OVC championships.

Lining up on the opposite sideline from his alma mater Saturday

will be a special experience, Donnelly admitted.

"Sure it feels a little different from playing everybody else, he said. "Middle Tennessee has given me a great deal. I can never repay the school for what it has done for me."

Donnelly does not feel, however, that his feelings for MTSU will be a factor in the Governors' performance against the Raiders.

"I can't let my emotion interfere with the game preparations," he said. "I don't even talk to my players about my personal feelings."

After winning five straight games, the Govs climbed into the nation's top ten Division II team listing last week for the first time in the school's history, only to be upset 15-13 by Nicholls State Saturday.

Donnelly does not think the [continued on page 13]

Also nursing an ankle injury on the sidelines will be Cosmo Cochran, a runningback.

The Peay defense is spearheaded by seniors Bob Bible and James Green. Bible, a 205 pound linebacker, and Green, a 235 pound defensive tackle, were all-conference selections last year.

The pair are picked to repeat at those positions again this year along with defensive back Don Derrick.

One MTSU standout who has been the most consistent player all season, according to Hurt, is punter Randy Saunders. Saunders leads the OVC with the best punting average in the conference, 41.3 yards per kick.

Another Raider atop the OVC statistics, is defensive tackle Reggie Bell. Bell leads the conference in quarterback sacks, having dropped opposing signal-callers 17 times for a total of 91 yards lost.

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James "Boots" Donnelly



# Raiders

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Runningback Mike Moore continues to have a good season despite the Raiders' sagging record. Moore has gained 629 yards rushing and may be on his way to his third consecutive 1,000 yard season.

Regardless of the Raiders' record and their past accomplishments, Donnelly refuses to overlook this week's game against MTSU.

There are still a few tickets

remaining for the game, which is Austin Peay's homecoming. The Gov's ticket manager said that there should be some tickets on sale at the gate but the best bet would be to get them from MTSU ticket manager Jim Simpson.

The game is a special "homecoming" to assistant coach Myers Parsons and tight end Larry Miller. Parsons graduated from Austin Peay in 1973 following three sea-

sons in which he lettered as a flanker for the Govs.

Miller is a native of Clarksville and prepped at Clarksville High School.

Despite the seven teams' combined record of 33-19-2 which MTSU has played this season, this will be the sixth straight week the Raiders have played a team coming off a loss. Austin Peay lost to Nicholls State, 15-13 last Saturday.

# Donnelly

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national ranking affected his team adversely.

"We just didn't play well," Donnelly added.

Even though his team will be a solid favorite in Saturday's contest, Donnelly is still maintaining that his team is overrated.

"By all rights, Middle Tennessee should be picked to beat us," he said, "We are not looking at what they did last week as much as we are remembering that they defeated Eastern Kentucky. If you can beat Eastern, you can beat just about anybody," Donnelly said.

Maybe Donnelly is right.

Since the Governors defeated Eastern 20-17 in Richmond, Ky., four weeks ago, they have gone on to prove that they are indeed capable of beating just about anybody.

## Face TIC meet tomorrow

## Hayes attempts to regroup runners

by John Pitts

All the king's horses and all the king's men could probably sympathize with Blue Raider cross-country coach Dean Hayes.

When Hayes takes his injury-stricken team to the Tennessee Intercollegiate Championship meet tomorrow morning in Nashville's Percy Warner Park, he says he will be looking "to get things back together again."

"If the weather's nice, maybe we can get some good performances from our runners and get set for the OVC meet (next weekend in Bowling Green, Ky.)," the coach said.

"We really had a good team when the season started," Hayes reflected. Since the beginning of the season, though, no less than six members of the team have been hit by injuries—including senior standout Dennis Votava.

MTSU's team, which won the David Lipscomb Invitational a few weeks ago when it was in better health, will be looking for a good finish in the TIC to use as a springboard to the conference championship meet, Hayes said.

"If they can work out pretty good this week, maybe they'll be ready for the OVC," Hayes said.

Despite nagging injuries, MTSU will field Votava, sophomore Gary

Perry, Randy Oliver, Jack Langford, Roger Kelsey, Linton Whaley and Steve Harvison in the TIC meet.



Dean Hayes

Only Dana McCutcheon, who injured his knee last weekend at the Western Kentucky Invitational, will not represent the team tomorrow. "We're going to hold Dana out because he was the last runner to get hurt," Hayes explained.

OVC foe East Tennessee will be favored over defending TIC champ

University of Tennessee because "ETSU walloped UT pretty good at the Furman Invitational two weeks ago," Hayes said. "They got six guys in before UT even had their first finisher," he laughed.

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# Skateboarding enthusiasm abounds on campus

by Eddie Gossage  
Assistant Sports Editor

They call themselves surfers of the concrete waves.

Skateboarding has swept the nation for the second time in almost a decade, only this time the magnitude of the fad is much larger than before.

MTSU is no different from any other place in the nation with many boarding enthusiasts on campus.

One such fanatic is Tom Zakotnik, a sophomore from Silver Springs, Md.

"I recommend it (skateboarding) to anybody who has a lot of spare time," Zakotnik said. "You don't have to be an athlete to be able to

do it."

Zakotnik credits the recent success of skateboarding to a new type of wheels made of "kryptonite" materials.

No, it's not a piece of the planet Krypton where Superman came from, but a concoction of rubber and plastic mixed together.

This new material makes it easier for the board to travel over rocks, cracks and various other obstructions which might get in the boarder's way.

The most important pieces of equipment to the avid boarder, other than the board itself, is safety equipment.

Another avid skateboarder,

Harry Hill, expressed the need for such equipment. "If people skateboarding on campus wore safety equipment, there wouldn't be as many injuries.

Among the necessary equipment are helmets, elbow pads, knee pads and gloves.

Recently, several boarding enthusiasts were told that skateboarding was illegal on campus. In an effort to find out whether this was true, no one answer was pinpointed.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said, "Nothing I know would prohibit it (skateboarding)."

Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake said, "As far as I know, skateboarding, per se, is not illegal."

Members of the University Police Department came up with various replies from, "Yes, skateboarding is illegal in certain areas of campus," to "I don't know anything about it."

So apparently, as long as no one is endangered, it must be legal.

Hill felt that if a skateboarder would wear the proper equipment, the "University Police and the administration might not give them any problems."

Zakotnik and Hill both expressed the need for skateboarding parks where tracks are set up and rules



Tom Zakotnik

are made to protect the boarding enthusiast.

Hill visited a skateboarding park in Knoxville last weekend and said the parks were good, due to the safety factor. "The parks require that you wear gloves, pads and helmets...that, in itself, cuts down on injuries."

The parks vary from ramps to bowls and the skateboarders attempt to do feats that defy the laws of gravity. They travel straight up and down the sides of the bowls and do "kick turns" of 180 and 360 degrees.

Although there is not any type of professional league, several skateboard manufacturers sponsor teams that travel all across the nation and give exhibitions.

"Skateboarding is good when you have spare time and it's also great for the legs and body co-ordination," Zakotnik said.

"Safety is the key to being a good skateboarder," Hill added.

If you have a little spare time and want to get a little exercise, follow the recommendations of these two experienced skateboarders, Zakotnik and Hill, and become a "surfer of the concrete waves."

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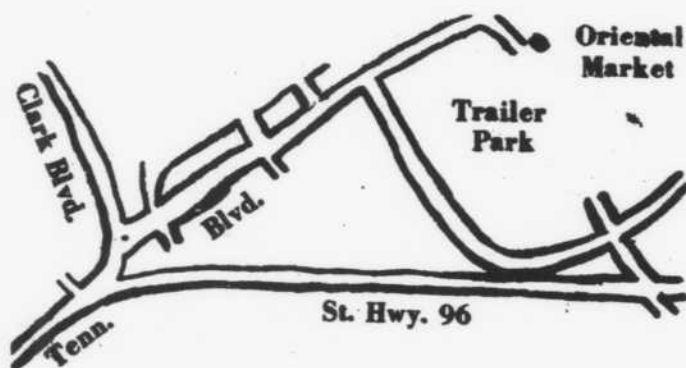
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# Hannah, Carter selected as roundball captains

by Eddie Gossage  
Assistant Sports Editor  
Liz Hannah and Karen Carter  
have been named captains of the



Liz Hannah

1977-78 women's basketball team following a team vote.

"They are outstanding leaders and can contribute both defensively and offensively," head coach Pat Sarver said last night. "They are outstanding athletes, also. They definitely can lead the team."

Both Hanna and Carter are seniors. Hannah, who transferred to MTSU last year from Cleveland State Community College, had the highest scoring average (16.9) on the team last season.

Carter transferred to MTSU from Motlow State in Tullahoma for her junior year. The Decherd native averaged 12 points per game and was the best shooter on the squad, hitting on 75 percent of her field goal attempts.

Both Hannah and Carter were named junior college All-Americans following their sophomore season.

The Lady Raiders scrimmaged

Chattanooga State Wednesday night, claiming a 68-52 victory.

Sarver said her team looked good despite some rough edges caused by nervousness.

Sherrie McKinney, a transfer from Belmont College, played about 20 minutes and netted 16 points to lead the Raiders.

Patrice Amos and Sharon McClanahan led in the rebounding department, grabbing nine each.

Five players worked at the guard position, and, according to Sarver, looked good mainly due to "hustle."

The zone defense looks vastly improved over last year according to Sarver, but the man-to-man, or is it woman-to-woman, will be concentrated on in practice, she said.

Sarver, who is in her first year as head coach of the women's basketball team, said the team would be better than last year's squad because of the depth acquired during

the off-season.

The Lady Raiders will open their season with a Thanksgiving Tipoff Tournament here November 17-19.



Karen Carter

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