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For MTSU

Varren named first woman vice president

By ANDREA AKINS Staff Writer

MTSU's first woman vice president has been appointed by university President Sam Ingram and will take office March 15.

Jessie Warren was named the new vice president of administration just before Christmas. Ithad been vacant since June 1986. The position was opened when Otis Floyd was appointed president of Tennessee State University

Warren, currently serving as Warren County superintendant of schools, was one of three candidates to apply for the position, said Norman Ferris, Faculty Senate president. Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records at MTSU and June H. McCash, foreign languages department chairwoman, had also applied for the position.

Gillespie said he is confident that the president's decision was a good graduated from here and got a PhD. from Vanderbilt," Gillespie said. "But I'm sure the president saw things in Warren he didn't see

'It's difficult to find someone that the president will feel comfortable working with," Gillespie added. "I respect his decision.

McCash declined comment say ing to do so would be "entirely un-

Warren received her Bachelor's, Master's and Educational Specialist degrees from MTSU.

MTSU has been a part of her professional and academic life for many years," Warren said. "I'm certainly looking forward to returning to the MTSU campus again."

Warren said she did not think about it at first, but was delighted to be the first woman vice presi-

"I'm excited about that. I was the

first woman elected to superintendant in Warren County," she said.

the position, Warren was by far the best qualified and experienced, Ingram said.

"One of the things I'd looked at was she's had to deal with personel, the media, and athletic problems," Ingram explained. "I think she'll be a very valuable addition to the staff. She's done a good job in every pos-

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Students more serious now than nine years ago: Ingram

By KIM HARRIS Senior Staff Writer

Students today are more serious than they were nine years ago when MTSU President Sam Ingram first assumed his post.

they have a better understanding of where they want to go," said

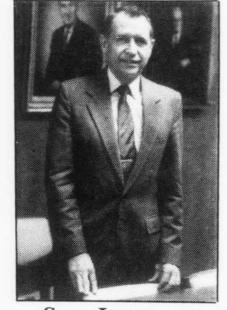
they'd like to have, dedication is a

"I have a few quail in the basement'

MTSU President Sam Ingram

"My impression is that students today are more serious to learn than they were five years ago or nine years ago," Ingram said.

"A higher percent of them are working and, technically, grades are lower. But they are more highly motivated to do well in college and



Sam Ingram

By TRACY BOYD

Assistant Sports Editor

up for an Easter radio promotion

in a chicken suit 13 1/2 years ago,

little did he know what he was get-

known as the San Diego Chicken,

entertained a large Murphy Center

crowd Monday night while the Blue

Raider basketball team defeated

In his first visit to MTSU, The

Chicken performed his crazy antics

to the delight of the crowd, both

young and old. His time-out

routines and court-side gestures

made a quality basketball game

Giannoulas, a 31 year-old native

of London, Ontario Canada, moved

to San Diego 16 years ago with his

family because his father was tired

University in March of 1974, a local

radio station contacted Giannoulas

about dressing up in a chicken suit

and going to the zoo to pass out

candy Easter eggs for an Easter va-

cation promotion. His pay was \$2

Giannoulas, just trying to get his

foot in the door, asked the radio

station if he could stay on and go

"just as an advertising vehicle." The

Following his one-week stint,

While attending San Diego State

The Famous Chicken, formerly

ting himself into.

the Akron Zips, 82-78.

even more enjoyable.

of the Canadian winters.

an hour.

When Ted Giannoulas dressed

Chicken evolved

"By that, I mean they recognize

that in order to get the kind of job

very important explained. Along with the seriousness

comes some sacrifices, he said. "So many of them tend to work so much. Not only do they have to find time to study but they're also, some of them, significantly missing out on some of the social times, he said.

Responding to the criticism that students today are apathetic, Ingram disagreed.

"I don't think that they're apathetic. I think that they are not as well aware of the world about them and what's going on in the world, as most of the staff and administration would like them to be. Part of that, I think, is because they're working

"They don't even regularly see a news program, much less read a daily newspaper. I read three daily newspapers and I can't imagine not being able to," he said. Students who have been frus-

trated by registration procedures

station agreed and the rest is his-

He started out working in the

stands, and soon after, the Padres

began inviting him to perform on

Visiting teams who saw his act

asked Giannoulas to come to their

cities, thinking their fans would

noulas said, "Chicken draws,

Chicken is box office. It just kept

growing and growing and growing.

That was 13 1/2 years ago and I'm

"The word got around," Gian-

may find they have a lot in common with Ingram's experience at Memphis State University in the fall of

"The enrollment had reached 2,000 students for the first time and I stood all day long in the same line. The line never ended, but I stood in it until 3:00. Now that was from like eight something in the morning," he said.

"Students think they have it bad now to register. I finally got in the building and registration was in the library. Every class I tried to get was filled up and, at the end of the day, I had only found two courses that were not filled," Ingram said.

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"I've had experience in being first "I feel that any minority --

female, black or whatever should not expect to be appointed or elected to a position," she said. "But at the same time they should be considered equally for a posi-

Though efforts were made to find a minority that would best fit

ition she's held."

Warren has been assistant direc-

last Thursday. MTSU was one of the few universities in the region to not cancel regionation registration: officials

Managing Editor Registration "wasn't that much

of a problem," despite a snow storm and a rumor that students could register early, according to MTSU Assistant Director of Records Carolyn

Up to eight inches of snow blanketed middle Tennessee Wednes day night, creating confusion about MTSU's registration process.

"Someone started a rumor Thursday that we were letting people register a day early," Mike Reed, a student registration worker

Basketball games are his favorite

"The fans sit right on top of you

to perform at, although baseball has

and all the subtleties are picked

up," Giannoulas said. "I like the

idea of the court becoming a stage

Giannoulas has several different

"If something gets a good crowd

routines he can perform for each

sport and many times he will impro-

reaction, it stays as part of the act,"

Giannoulas said. "So when I come

during the time-outs."

gained him the most attention.

said. "It was a madhouse! All of a sudden we were swamped with angry students.

"After we told them the truth, it slowed down quite a bit," Reed Whoever told students that

[about early registration] wasn't authorized by the records office, Johnson said. "It wasn't a big problem, though.

The snow had "very little effect on registration," MTSU President Sam Ingram said.

We didn't see any big difference in the overall numbers," Johnson said. Registration figures actually show an increase in enrollment over last year's numbers.

As of Wednesday, enrollment at MTSU was at 10,790 compaired to 10,260 at the same time last year said Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records. While Friday's

registration was 243 less then the same day last year, increases during the other days more than made up the difference.

MTSU student Michael Johnson takes advantage of the recent snowstorm to ski down the slopes of Murphy Center after registration

The major increase was in late registration Monday, with 553 registering, compared to 203 last year. One reason for this increase may have been the waiver of late registration fees, officials said.

"We didn't want to penalize students who couldn't get here." Ingram said.

"We never had any idea that we wouldn't register," Gillespie said. Other local institutions, including MTSU's sister school Tennessee State University, closed during the snow.

"We're such a residential campus that most students were able to make it during the normal time," Gillespie said. "Students may not go to class once the semester starts,

but they'll make sure they get the schedule they want."

Wayne Cartwright Staff

One major factor in the decision not to delay registration was the fact that Murphy Center was booked for a basketball game Saturday night.

"We have to schedule Murphy Center like anyone else," Gillespie said. "We couldn't get the center ready in time for the game if we registered at Murphy Center Saturday."

The MTSU Lady Raiders' game did go on as scheduled Saturday evening, but the men's team was trapped by snow in Ruston, La., after their game against Louisiana

Gillespie and Ingram both praised the registration staff workers for their efforts during the snow

"I don't think you can find such a dedicated staff," Gillespie said.

between all students and people,"

the director said. "The sun repre-

sents hope. Hope that one day dif-

ferent ethnic groups can coexist

peacefully in the same environ-

Debate on campus race relations goal of Martin Luthur King Jr. week "The rainbow represents unity

By D. BRIAN CONLEY News Editor

Stimulating thought about the development of the civil rights movement is the main purpose of the skits, panel discussions, and films during Martin Luthur King Ir. Week, officials said.

"The programs are designed to furthur stimulate thought among students about how human race relations have developed from the 1960's to the present," said Ted White, director of minority affairs

"This generation of students is basically removed from the civil rights movement of the 60's," said White, organizer of the activities which begin Monday. "We want to educate students about the purpose, successes, and failures of the civil rights movement."

Hopefully, White said, the activities will generate dialogue between students on the status of the movement King was in the forefront of before his death in 1968.

Monday is a federal holiday marking the birthday of King.

"Hopefully the activities we have planned will encourage and promote discussion between students about race relations on campus and in society," White said.

The emblem for the week [shown below] symbolizes the goals of the Minority Affairs Office and the civil rights movement, he said.

"The dove represents peace, for where there is unity there is peace," he added. "The connecting hands represents an understanding and acceptance of people who have different cultural orientations, norms, and values." Highlighting the week will be a panel discussion and series of skits

presenting "Minority Students and Predominately White Colleges: Problems/Solutions," he said. "The second skit, the first of its

kind in the country, will focus on the diversity if minorities in the 1980's "White said "For example, some students are alienated from the white students, faculty, and ad-

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"A lot of them deserve to be put on waivers The Famous Chicken on imitators

still doing it today."

the field.

enjoy him.

Giannoulas performs 250 days of the year. His longest stint, during baseball season, runs from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, when he is booked every single day.

Following baseball season, Giannoulas goes directly into basketball. He also performs at hockey games, football games, shopping malls, and trade shows, in addition to appearing in commercials.

His salary varies, depending on the level of the sport, whether it is college, minor league, or professional. By the end of a year, Giannoulas says he will gross in the six

"Not bad for a guy starting at two to San Diego Padre baseball games, bucks an hour," Giannoulas said

to a town like Murfreesboro, I try to give the fans 'Chicken's Greatest Hits', all in one night."

Ginnoulas goes through about one chicken suit a month because his routines are very physical. His mother, a seamstress, makes the outfits for him.

"Actually, she (his mother) thinks I'm a doctor in Wisconsin," he says

To Giannoulas, The Chicken is the only true mascot. "A lot of these other guys are

trick or treaters or Halloween costumes and a lot of them deserve to be put on waivers," Giannoulas says. "The ones that really ruffle my feathers are the ones that go

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After 15 years

Akers resigns admissions post

By T.J. MEACHUM Staff Writer

Part of having a sense of security, for most of us, is being in the same situation for a number of years.

This isn't true for Charlie Akers. As long as he's communicating with people, he says he has a sense of security.

Akers, an admissions officer at MTSU for 15 years, will be leaving Ian. 29 to pursue a sales career with Holt Specialty Equipment Company in Eagleville.

Akers says he doesn't use pressure in approaching prospective he has helped in the past. students. He helps students to de-MTSU is the right school for them.

Recruiting literally thousands of them make it through. students from Middle and West Tennessee has been his mission. Akers speaks to many high school seniors around this area, telling Akers is all about.

them about the qualities of a higher education at MTSU.

"Some people kid me and say I have the 'combread circuit', meaning I go to all the small town schools," chuckled Akers.

When he is in the office counseling, he aids in making new students feel at home since this is the first time a lot of them have moved away from home. Akers prides himself in being a good listener, having empathy for students, and keeping an over-stuffed manila folder of thank you cards and letters from students

He also keeps a roll of toilet tiscide what school to attend and if sue handy for students who feel that a good cry with Charlie will help

Keeping in touch with the students during their enrollment and after graduation is part of what

His passions are "huntin" and "fishin" and he writes an outdoorsman column for the Rutherford Courier

Akers says his father, who was an elementary teacher, Buleah Davis, an MTSU physical education professor, and students with personal problems who overcome the odds and make a success of their future are his greatest influ-

MTSU's future should show progression and "not lose sight of the school's mission -which is the students," he said.

His colleagues agree he is an outstanding person, down-to-earth, and very likable

"He will be greatly missed by many people," said Gail Sneed, his secretary for eight years.

Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions, records, and information syswere fraternity brothers and are close friends.

"Charlie is a helping kind of per-

David Whitaker, director of pubnever meets a stranger.

never meets a stranger, is a super at ease," Whitaker said.

has been a really good friend and helped me with things other than admissions and registration."

When selecting a college to enroll in at the age of 18, MTSU was fifth on his list. It wasn't until some high school friends from Franklin, who planned on attending MTSU, brought him to the campus just to look around. Akers said he was so impressed with the closeness of the students, he decided to stay.

He became a member of Kappa Sigma, was the head resident of his dorm, and participated in special events

son," Gillespie said.

lic service-horse science, said Akers "His best qualities are that he

recruiter, is outgoing and has an unique ability to make people feel Finance major J.B. Cox says "he

Akers says he's going out the same way he came in. His first lecture was to high school seniors at Cannon County High School and on Jan. 29 he will be doing the same

Several sculptures stolen from Art Barn ceramic plate pieces and broke several other works.

Charlie Akers

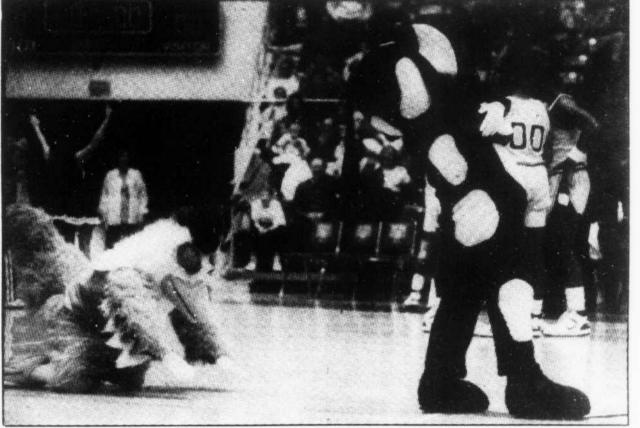
Gibson's office said he would leave no comment for Sidelines at the present time.

While the Art Barn is locked after office hours, some students do have access to various areas, according to Drugmand.

"People just don't realize the hundreds of hours these people are putting into these pieces," Drugmand said.

"It's a tragedy when people just incriminantly destroy them."

The case is currently under investigation by the MTSU Security



The Famous Chicken pays homage to MTSU mascot Old Blue prior to the MTSU-Akron men's basketball contest Monday night in Murphy Center.

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try to steal my material."

Giannoulas said his most embar- on a podium during a speech. Puerto Rico during a baseball rain delay. With his chicken suit water logged, he was on the field taking imaginary Babe Ruth swings when the force of a swing caused his head to pop off and roll down the third base line.

"I felt like a chicken with my head cut off," he joked.

Giannoulas gets ideas for his acts from a variety of people, including players, coaches, officials, and fans.

During his widely traveled career, Giannoulas has met many

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out there, think they're funny and famous people, including President Gerald Ford, whom he stood with

is most unusual moment came in 1975 during an Elvis Presley concert. He was doing a dance in the aisle while Elvis was singing on stage. When Elvis saw him, he doubled over laughing and could not continue the song for several minutes. Elvis' doctor rushed on stage thinking something was wrong with

"It was really something," Giannoulas said. "Not everybody can say they stopped 'The King' in his con-

Giannoulas said he has no plans



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for retirement.

"You can't ever get tired of having fun, and that's what it's all about," he said. "When the fans are laughing and are with you, that's the most fun.

"I'm earning a livelihood in a chicken suit! Is this a great country or what?"

The Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for

By CHRISTOPHER BELL

Managing Editor

Several works of art were stolen

or destroyed during a break-in at

the Art Barn last Thursday, accord-

ing to MTSU Chief of Security,

The break-in occurred "sometime after 10 p.m., Thursday, Jan.

While there was no sign of forced

entry into the Art Barn itself, there

was forceable entry into Room 113,

the Sculpture Room, and office of

James Gibson, according to Drug-

took two cast bronze pieces, three

Once inside, the perpetrator

Jack Drugmand.

7," Drugmand said.

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Applicants must be full-time MTSU students, graduate or undergraduate, and must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Applications are available in Room 306 in the James Union Building. For more information contact Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator at ext. 2338.

Deadline: Monday, Feb. 1, 1988



Art and reason

When Mark and I decided to spend the weekend at his mother's house, I never imagined I would be walking into a mouse's nightmare. There were cats everywhere.

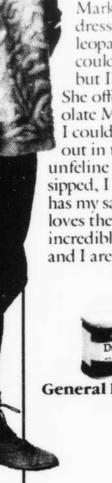
Cat plaques, cat statues, cat clocks, even a cat mat. I couldn't begin to duplicate her collection of kitty litter if I spent a year at a garage sale. Conspicuously absent, however, was a real cat. Strange, I thought, and began to fear that a weekend with cat woman could be a

lot less than purr-fect. But then she came home, and Mark introduced her. She was dressed surprisingly well—no leopard pants. In fact, you could say she was the cat's meow, but I'd rather not.

She offered me a cup of Dutch Chocolate Mint. Now that was something I could relate to. Then she brought it out in the most beautiful, distinctly unfeline china I'd ever seen. As we sipped, I found out that Mrs. Campbell has my same weakness for chocolate, loves the theater as much as I do, but, incredibly, never saw "Cats." So Mark and I are taking her next month.



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"I was discouraged and I thought very seriously about just going home. I thought, well, I ought not to give up that easy. I did manage to get this far," he said.

Ingram went on to receive his bachelor's and master's degrees from Memphis State, during which time he was teaching elementary and high school.

He received his master's degree in 1951 and was offered a fellowship from the Kellogg Foundation in 1957 to continue graduate school. He enrolled at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and received a PhD. in Education.

"It really got to me," Ingram said, referring to teaching while attending school as well as commuting 100 miles on weekends.

"I knew that the name of the game was getting prepared. It's the same thing that motivates students

today - getting a better job," he

Ingram has taught all levels of education, but he has enjoyed teaching graduate educational courses the most.

"It's pretty exciting to sit down in a room full of teachers who've been doing the same things you've done and try to plan a course that will help them. These teachers have their own opinions and contributions to make. Undergraduates haven't had that kind of experience," he said.

In 1959, Ingram worked for the State Department of Education and became the Assistant Director of Curriculum.

Ingram came to Middle Tennessee State College in 1962 to serve as Education Department Chair-

"When I came back here as president, someone sent me a copy of Sidelines the year I came to teach here," Ingram said. "I looked at that picture and said, 'I was never that young in my life."

Ingram became the first president of Motlow State Community College in 1969.

In 1975, Ingram served as the Educational Commissioner of Tennessee, as well as the the State Board of Education Chairman.

Ingram's contemporaries hold him in high regard.

"He maintains an open door policy," secretary Audene Phillips said. "It's really no problem to see the president...he has the student at heart."

"He impresses me as a champion of the concept of open and inexpensive education for all," Vice-President of Student Affairs Robert La-Lance said.

"He is on record with the highest officials in the state opposing the consequential and substantial tuition increases. He sees the end result as shutting the doors in colleges across the state on many people," LaLance said.

Ingram has managed to balance his personal life with his profes-

His hobbies include reading, bass fishing, and hunting dove and quail.

"I have a few quail in the basement of the house," he disclosed with a smile similiar to a kid who has been caught with his hand in the cookie jar.

"I enjoy eating them and it's kind of a hobby. I probably will not have them for long, but it's kind of a diversion.

"I have a small incubator and I ordered the eggs and hatched them in there and transferred them to a brooder. I've had them [quail] since last spring," Ingram said.

Ingram said he also enjoys spending time on his 80 acre farm, which is located in Moore County.

losing their distinctive flavor."

This way, each person does not

Campus Capsule

Sidelines will attempt to use this space to publish items of interest to the MTSU community. To submit items for publication, either send a typed copy of your entry to so sox 42 via campus mail, or come by Room 310 of the James Union Building. Sidelines nnot gaurantee publication of ANY item. Sidelines reserves the right to edit items fo larity and brevity.

Student Organizations desiring to make applications for activity fee funds for Spring Semester of 1988 may secure applications in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center. Deadline for completing and returning applications is Jan. 29, 1988.

The Associated Student Body will hold a joint session of the ASB Congress on Janu-26 at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathly University Center. Any legislation to be propose should be turned into the ASB Office no later that Jan. 20.

The Mathematics Organization is sponsoring a presentation Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Room 360 of Kirksey Old Main on "What Can I Do With a Math Major Besides Teach" by Lord Clark of the MTSU Mathematics Faculty.

The Placement Officewill conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduat students on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview progra should attend this orientation.

The Raiders' Soccer Club will meet Tuesday, January 26, at 3 p.m. in Keathly University

The Raider's Soccer Club will meet Thursday, January 28, at 3 p.m. in the Keathle University Center, Room 315. Elections will be held to elect officers for the calendar year

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ministration. Some are alienated from their own ethnic group, but communicate well with the white students, faculty, and administra-

"Others are well adjusted and can balance their mainstream experience," White added.

►The kickoff program Monday when Rev. Dwight Ogleton, vice president of the Murfreesboro hapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will speak on "There is renghth in Unity," the theme for the week. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Theatre.

▶A film presentation on King entitled "An Amazing Grace." In the film, to be shown at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Learning Resources Center Multi-Media Room, King narrates his life story, White said.

► A panel discussion Wednesday on "Where Do We Go From Here? Progress or Regress?" Winbush, director of the Johnson Black Cultural Center at Vanderbilt University, R.B.J. Campbell, an MTSU criminal justice administration professor, Debra Holman, a

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tor of continuing education at MTSU, a business teacher at Warren County, the first director of admissions and records at Motlow State Community College and the first director of continuing education at Motlow.

She also served as the assistant commissioner of the Tennessee Education Department for five

business professor at Tennessee State University, and Dorothy Granberry, a psychology professor at TSU, will be on the panel, White

A film presentation on "Sitins: The Nashville Movement. White said the film portrays the sitin movement in Nashville during the 60's. It will be shown Wednes-Other activities during the week day at 2 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room.

▶A film presentation Thursday at 2 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room on "Second American Revolution: Minorities Struggle for

One of the biggest shifts in the rights movement since the days of King is the shift in reasons for integrating society and schools,

'In the 60's, the goal of integration was basically based on the selting pot theory," he said. "The allacy and shortcomings of the selting pot theory are that the amority cultural experience is lost the dominant bulk of the liquid." Presently, integration is proeding according to a "chef's alad" theory, White said.

The goal of integration should ot be to create a melting pot exwhence but a chef's salad experimice." White said.

The salad consists of different items like tomatoes, lettuce and bacon bits," he explained. "Each item is different, but they coexist

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in one bowl to form a salad, without

lose their cultural heritage, he said.

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For 5th District

Holcomb is the man



M.A. Brown Editorial Editor

For those of us who hail from Davidson and Robertson Counties, the political scene in the 5th District has been rather hectic for the

First, we re-elected Bill Boner to represent us in the United States Congress, knowing all along that he would leave that position to become mayor of Nashville.

Then, Nashvillians had to suffer through an extended mayoral contest which featured Boner and millionaire opponent Phil Bredesen slinging more mud than a truck pulling contest.

Now, we find ourselves faced with the prospect of replacing Boner in the House of Representa-

The field of candidates is down to two real contestants for the Jan. 19 special election — Republican Terry Holcomb and Democrat Bob Clement. There are two independent candidates. However, neither of them has generated much public interest and both should draw a minimum number of votes.

Of the two major candidates the choice is pretty obvious to me. Holcomb would make a much better congressman than Clement ever

First of all, Holcomb is a native Nashvillian. He knows the 5th Dis-

trict and has put a great deal of time and effort into his run for the right to represent the district in Congress.

Clement has spent his political career jumping from district to district and running for every post he could (and losing most of those

Holcomb has offered detailed positions on major issues such as the national economy, education, and defense.

However, Clement has continually flip-flopped his position on such issues as Contra aid and defense spending.

In fact, Clement offers the voters of the 5th District nothing more than his father's name, and as Holcomb has said, a lot of "political mush." The people of the 5th District deserve better than that

Holcomb offers the 5th District a representative who knows the people and would represent them fairly, not a man who hopes his father's clout will finally get him elected to a major political post.

Holcomb, a teacher for 20 years, feels that education is one of the major issues facing this country. He promises to see that the federal government continues to offer grants, student loans, and scholarships to "ensure that no one is denied a college degree." He also feels that more support personnel should be hired at schools, which would relieve the paperwork loads on teachers and allow them to concentrate on teaching.

Holcomb feels that the federal budget should be balanced by separating the government's operating budget from the capital budget. He also supports a lineitem veto for the President and a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

Holcomb also promises to protect Social Security and veterans' benefits and believes in a strong national defense among other is-

Where does Clement stand on these issue? That just depends on how good ol' Bob feels on a given

The task won't be easy for Holcomb (although it should). There hasn't been a Republican representative from the 5th District since 1872. Even as wimpy as Clement is, most polls show him with a somewhat comfortable lead going into the election.

However, one can only hope that on Tuesday, voters of the 5th District will make the right choice and send Holcomb to Washington.

If not, the election-weary voters of Davidson and Robertson Counties can look forward to another congressional race later this year. We'll even have a presidential and Senate race then.

If any district in America deserves to be election weary, it would be the 5th District. However, the people of Davidson and Robertson County should feel proud to have the opportunity to vote in a country



Registration all a cruel joke



I.M. Cook Editorial Cartoonist

While waiting for the English 112 cards to show up from the printer/slicer (whatever) during registration this week, I was longing for a deck of cards and talking to some of my fellow students.

We pondered such questions as, "Why weren't there more English 112's made to start with?" "Why wasn't MTSU registration put off?" "What kind of maniac traverses snow and ice to get to registration on time?" Plus a few not-so-nice remarks about the system.

Somehow, I managed to get the classes I needed. However, only one of them was a class I had originally hoped to get. I was lucky to even get the English course. In fact, I had to fight for it (not really, but I did miss my Western Civ. class).

Without preregistration, I feel pressured to get to MTSU on time to register. If not, I may not get the classes I need. This week, however, my transportation was snowbound in Nashville.

It is amazing to me that most other schools in Tennessee cancelled their registration, but not MTSU. Even our sister school, TSU, had their registration postponed.

Needless to say, I've got the classes I need, but not necessarily the ones I wanted. It worked well enough for me. In fact, I do admit that the extended registration at the Cope Administration building was easier than the normal sequence in the Murphy Center would have been for me.

But everyone probably wasn't as fortunate as I was. What about the unfortunates whose schedules were absolutely bollixed? They'll have to live with it for a whole semester. That seems a little unfair.

Stinnett asks for fair chance



Tony Stinnett Editor-in-Chief

Every semester changes are proposed by various committees, administrators, faculty and other clubs. Some of those changes work to their benefit while others have a tendency to fail.

The fact is that good or bad changes are a part of our everyday life and if you don't make changes here or there life becomes too commonplace.

Since being named Editor in Chief of Sidelines last November, I have made some changes within the paper. I feel that the changes I have made, and some that are still to be seen, will make this a better paper for the students, staff and administration. Basically, changes that will make Sidelines more appealing to the MTSU community.

Some of the changes are not really major, they will only change the way the paper looks. Others

could have a direct impact on the staff of Sidelines as well as the paper itself. In the opinion of this Editor, all of the changes, if successful, could make the paper more appeal- I can take criticism and not get

In order to make these changes work for the paper, they must be carried out by the staff. I feel that the staff that I have hired will work with me in making these changes possible and making Sidelines re-

I know that past Editors have made a commitment to making the paper better, and I have worked under those Editors. As far as I am concerned, they have done whatever possible to get the job done.

In the eyes of some people, those actions alone were not enough, and the paper is left without the respect of the campus community as a

As far as I am personally concerned, I can honestly say that I am dedicated completely to anything that I take on. I will do the things that it takes to gain credibility for the paper.

I understand that regardless of how good this paper is there will still be those who will continue to have criticisms. That is fine because angry. Without criticism, a person has no imput on how the campus or certain people feel about the

All that I ask is for the people with the criticisms to let me know what their feelings are. They will be listened to objectively and this paper will be successful.

I will not ask for the respect of anyone on this campus, regardless of the position. Respect is something that should be earned. I will give MTSU a paper that everyone can be proud of, and a paper that will serve this university. However, I will never apologize for the actions of this paper or anyone that works for this paper.

We, as a staff, have made a commitment to this paper and to do whatever it takes to get Sidelines back to a point where it can be

U.S. needs strong defense to check communist threat



Mark C. Davanport Columnist

In 1979, when Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter held a meeting with his advisers to consider a nuclear alert. They decided instead to withdraw from the Olympics. These actions resulted in low ratings for the networks that televised the Games minus the U.S. athletes and a Soviet puppet government being established in Afghanistan.

The Carter administration had cut defense spending, both conventional and nuclear. They had also taken wimpish stances on confronting the Soviets.

Before Carter left office he had a real bear to face. The Soviets had

achieved parity with the United States in accurate Intercontinental Ballistic Missles (ICBM's). Carter's Secretary of Defense Harold Brown told Congress in 1981 that the Soviets could destroy 95 percent of our ICBM's in their silos and 90 percent of our bombers on the ground. In one of the great understatements of all time, Brown called this development "trouble-

What if the United States launched a retaliatory strike using nuclear missiles from submarines? These incoming missiles would be met by Soviet anti-ballistic missile [ABM] technology already in use.

The Soviets have the only operational ABM system in the world. This system provides Moscow with a blanket of radar and surface-to-air missile protection. Also in use are missiles fired from aircraft that will seek incoming ICBM's. The Moscow ABM system, along with air-toair missiles, violates the 1972 ABM treaty signed by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Now, what about the U.S. ABM

Reagan's system, President Strategic Defense Initiative [SDI], more commonly known as "Star

As matters stand today, powerful congressional forces are opposed to the deployment of a missile defense system in the 1990's. The SDI budget has been cut to levels that postpone the achievement of test objectives by several years. A major effort is underway in Congress to force a type of compliance with the ABM treaty that would preclude demonstrations of first generation space-based defenses regarded by the Department of Defense as feasible for deployment in the 1990's.

As a result of these congressional actions, it appears that the United States will have no defense against Soviet ICBM's in the 1990's. That is unimaginable, because SDI would have a paralyzing effect on Soviet first strike planning.

SDI can no longer be ignored by Congress. The Soviets were brought to the bargaining table in December because of their fear of our SDI program.

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Administration followed correct policy by holding registration during snowfall



D. Brian Conley News Editor

While many students are griping and belly-aching about having to register for classes the day after the biggest snowfall in 20 years hit Rutherford County, the administration was 110 percent correct in forging ahead with its plans to hold registration.

MTSU President Sam Ingram said that the university felt it was in the best interest of everyone to hold registration Jan. 7 and 8 instead of postponing it until the snow cleared.

If Ingram had postponed registration, he would have taken the schedule for the rest of the year, ripped it up and threw it out the window. Such things as graduation, the last day of class and the starting dates for internships and summer jobs would have changed.

Many students have already been

mer jobs. They told employers when they get out of class, and when they can begin to work. If registration and classes this past week were postponed, some students would not have been able to live up to those promises and thus their positions may have been placed in jeopardy.

In addition, Ingram prevented a state of massive chaos and even bigger gripes and financial loss. Imagine, if you will, the scene Wednesday as students arrived early, as many did, to beat the snow and attend registration without hazard - only to find out the dreaded event had been cancelled.

That would not have been a pretty sight.

Logistics is another matter to be considered. A great deal of time, money and energy goes into planning registration. Hundreds of students, faculty members and administrators are involved. Getting them together would have been a nightmare if registration had been

Training sessions for the student

workers at registration would have had to be moved. Of course, doing so would have forced many student workers to go untrained on the first day. Imagine the fun that would have been for the rest of us - and

However, one of the biggest nightmares would have involved the MTSU-Akron basketball game held Monday night in Murphy Center. All the equipment used in the registration process would have had to have been moved out of the facility, stored overnight and moved back. Setting up for registration takes hours.

The only reason not to hold registration was the snow. Granted, it was difficult to traverse the icy roads. In fact, it was dangerous to do so. I know - I had to drive on ice to make my registration time (although it was nowhere near the 30 to 40 miles many had to negotiate).

However, if that was a factor, the university graciously waived the late registration fees for Monday and Tuesday so students didn't have to register last week

All things considered, Sam Ingram and the rest of the MTSU administration made the correct decision. If you do not think so now, maybe you will when you graduate on time and are not in class two extra days in the summer.

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Live from Washington, it's Mik and Ron



Ralph Swindler Columnist

The December 1987 Summit between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev in Washington was more than a treaty signing event. There were many memories and many of them were down right comedic. Some of the events seemed to come right from a "Saturday Night Live" sketch.

The most memorable scene occurred when Gorbachev and George Bush stopped their motorcade and got out to meet the onlookers. It was a media bonanza for Bush, but the Vice-President had better watch out. He might find himself as the number two name on a Gorbachev-Bush ticket in the 1988 presidential election.

Another memorable event was the state dinner hosted by the Reagans. The always fashion-conscience first family looked as elegant as ever. The Gorbachevs dressed like they were going for a job interview. Mikhail wore a simple conservative business suit, and

Raisa was in simple, businesswoman attire. Did Gorbachev think that it was to be a working dinner? Come on Mik, dress for the occasion

The third memory was viewing the hottest singing duo since Sonny and Cher. Mikhail and Raisa did a fabulous rendition of the song "Moscow Nights." Word is that they are planning a world tour and will be headlining with Frank Sinatra.

What do these events mean? They mean that the Russians are human beings. They are not those calculating robots that plan devious ways to dominate the world.

Gorbachev has mastered the art of manipulating the media. Gorbachev can be called the Great Communicator II. Reagan will always be the Great Communicator because even though Gorbachev was great, Reagan was superior.

Reagan has delivered a treaty that in every way is favorable to the United States. It is the Soviets who must reduce their nuclear arsenals in Europe by the largest number.

The Summit allowed Reagan to remind the world that Soviet troops are in Afghanistan. With all his public relations ploys, Gorbachev cannot lie his way out of this.

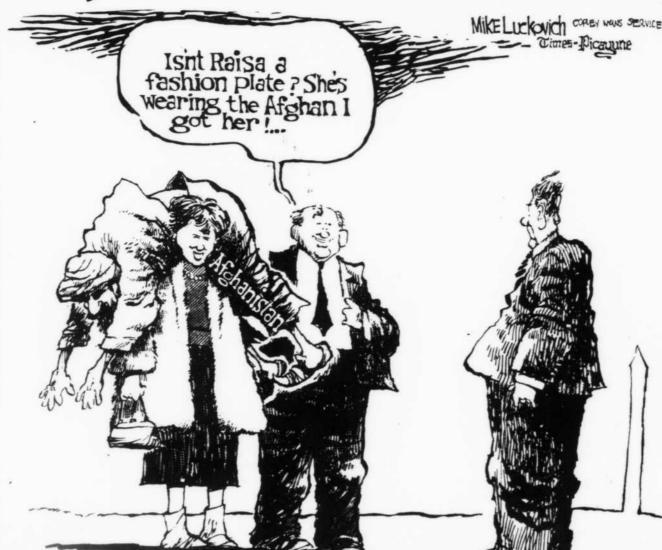
Gorbachev is learning how to use the media, and as his skills improve he will be a formidable Soviet leader in years to come.

Although the summit had its light moments, and Gorbachev continued to use his public relations machine, it was a significant event in history.

The cause for peace got a shot in the arm. For the first time, an entire class of nuclear weapons has been outlawed. Also for the first time, onsight verification has been approved. This means American observers are allowed into Russia to assure Soviet compliance with the INF treaty.

The treaty did not hold up our Strategic Defense Initiative. SDI is an important program because if developed, the United States will be able to place a protective shield above the country to prevent a missile attack.

The last significant piece of importance in this treaty is that it is a springboard for a treaty on long-range nuclear missiles. Let us all pray that in 1988 this springboard is used and in 1989 the world will be a safer place to live.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

It means so much to us to be appreciated, and the residents of Cummings Hall have, in so many ways, let us know that they appreciate us. We thank them for taking time out of their busy schedule to give us an "Appreciation Day."

Thank you again Cummings Hall Staff and residents. May God bless everyone of you.

Cummings Hall custodial staff

To the Editor:

Why shouldn't money be accorded the same favored status as drugs, sex, and plagarism when abused by public officials? As the media reports marijuana use, the chasing of women, and the use of others' speeches without credit by judges and presidential candidates.

We are told by some that we're delving too deeply into the personal lives of politicians. Since, of course, one's personal life is so clearly seperable from one's public life, and certainly has no bearing on one's public policy judgments, we are simply scaring off "good" men and women from seeking public office.

Now comes the indictment of Criminal Judge (a redundancy in terms?) Sterling Gray of Nashville for having allegedly taking bribes. Surely, this is a personal matter in which the public should have no interest. The money was not taxpayers' money and likely was put to better use than in the hands of the drug dealers who paid it, and who, after all, are now in jail satisficing the demands of the law.

fying the demands of the law.

The good judge may have needed the money (it's tough to make it on only \$60,000 a year) to pay unpaid parking tickets. Why, it's almost as good as legalizing

drugs, prostitution, gambling, murder, or liquor and taking in all that tax revenue. Perhaps Mr. Gray is but a modern-day Robin Hood!

Come on, public, let's just concentrate on the issues, not irrelevant personal matters. We simply must not allow such unbridled invasions of personal privacy as to have a relative secretly tape a conversation in one's own driveway! We already keep off the Supreme Court esteemed legal scholars who don't find in the Constitution an unrestrained right of personal privacy.

Let's elevate money to the personal privacy status like the other indiscretions the nosy media dwells on. Now if only we could persuade God on this matter of personal pri-

vacy, though He steadfastly maintains that "All things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13) and "be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23).

Phil Harper 1211 Glaze Court Murfreesboro

To the editor:

As director of the MTSU Biology club recycling program, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you who have helped make the program so successful. Such success depends on you taking the time and trouble to save your newspapers and aluminum cans and then bring-

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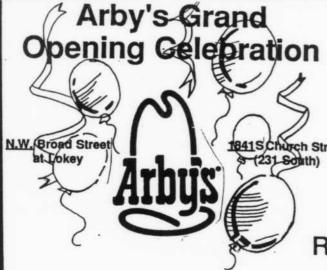
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'Wall Street,' 'Broadcast News' slick flicks



Charlie Sheen learns that "lunch is for wimps" from co-star Michael Douglas in Oliver Stone's new movie 'Wall Street.'

high stakes game.

Carl Fox.

Martin Sheen co-stars for the

first time with his son Charlie in a

feature film playing Bud's father,

The story is of a volatile relation-

ship between Bud Fox and Gordon

Gekko. Gekko's notorious reputa-

tion mesmerizes Bud and feeds his

Bud Fox has a plan and all he

needs is a little help from Gekko

the Great. Once in the league with

the Big Boys, Bud finds himself

playing a billion-dollar game and

The mentor/aspirant relation-

ship which evolves between Gekko

and Fox, by movie's end, will be-

The Stone/Sheen duo works

again. Charlie Sheen's portrayal of

Bud Fox, a newly-minted broker,

is a big switch from his casting as

an army private in "Platoon". But

his performance equals if not sur-

passes in "Wall Street" because like

"Platoon" it is as equally intense.

pace is consistant throughout.

"Wall Street" begins fast and this

There is a considerable amount

of activity in the background as well

as in the foreground so viewers

need to be attentive. But this is by

no means a chore because "Wall

Street" manages to pull its plot

Douglas and Sheen are explosive

together. Along with a well-de-

veloped relationship, the two actors

the busy screenplay works.

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'Wall Street'

By STARLENE ROCHELLE **Entertainment Editor**

With Academy Award-winning "Platoon" to his credit, Oliver Stone's current release is a film about the most seductive third of a square mile in the world — Wall Street.

"Wall Street" is based on a screenplay by Oliver Stone and Stanley Weiser. The novel based on the screenplay is by Kenneth Lipper. Lipper, considered to be one of the foremost experts on Wall Street today, served as Stone's chief technical adviser.

The setting is the Bull Market in the years 1985-86.

"Wall Street" stars Michael Douglas, Charlie Sheen, Daryl Hannah and Martin Sheen.

Douglas plays the part of a seasoned multi-millionaire corporate raider, Gordon Gekko.

Playing the opposing role is Charlie Sheen portraying Bud Fox, a new young player on Wall Street's fast track.

Hannah plays the scrupless Darien Taylor, an upwardly-mobile interior decorator who's ambition and lust for the best of everything make her a suitable player in this

Sidelines to sponsor Mr. and Ms. competition

Sidelines will be sponsoring throughout this semester a Mr. and Ms. Month contest.

Each month all campus organizations and independents are invited to participate in the competition.

Winners will be selected based on the following criteria: 2.5 or above GPA, on/off campus activities, personality and appear-

Participants may obtain questionaires during regular office hours Monday through Friday from Kathy Slager, Room 308, James Union Building.

Participants need only apply once. All applications will be kept on file.

Self-nominations are allowed. Winners will be presented in last issue of the month.

Application deadline for January entries is Jan. 26.

The world is beating up on Willie. So Willie's about to beat up on Willie Jr.

npty. And now the kid is crying his head off at 1.30 in the corning. That vends Willie flying from his chair. hailf committee for Prevention of Child Abuse

Take time out. Don't take it out on your kid. click on camera and this makes for a more complete film.

There is, however, a problem with the relationship between Bud and Darien. There seems to be a missing link, and viewers may find this perplexing. Also, the character Hannah portrays is lacking in development and the role may make her seem to be nothing more than a pretty extra who doesn't do much besides being present and looking

Martin Sheen as Carl Fox is impressive as usual. His part isn't large, yet it is crucial, and with his intense style, Sheen's performance demains merit.

All in all, despite some problems with development, "Wall Street" is definitely worth the hour and 45 minutes it entertainingly spends.

'Broadcast News'

By CHRISTOPHER BELL Managing Editor

Before the days of Rambo, the characters in films talked and the audience in the theater didn't. "Broadcast News" marks a return to those days with a literate script, professional cast and talented di-

The movie frames the story of a love triangle between anchorman Tom Grunick (William Hurt), news producer Jane Craig (Holly Hunter) and reporter Aaron Altman (Albert Brooks) in the world of network news. Like director/writer James L. Brooks' previous film, "Terms of Endearment," this is a study of relationships. But unlike "Terms," "Broadcast News" is as interesting for where it takes place as what actually happens.

Holly Hunter, probably best known for her role as Ed McDonnough in "Raising Arizona," plays Jane Craig, the center of the triangle. Jane is a young, bright, hyper-competent news producer who is torn between her attraction for Aaron and Tom.

Aaron, played by Albert Brooks, is the definition of a good television reporter — concise without being shallow, visual without being slick. through the bustle cleanly, and thus

Brooks has directed and starred in three of the funniest but leastseen movies of the past ten years — "Real Life," "Modern Romance"

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like the part of Aaron was written for him, and it was. Director Brooks (no relation) had actor Brooks in mind for the role while writing the

Tom, played by William Hurt is the perfect television anchor - attractive, warm and able to make people believe him.

Tom is also about as bright as your average small town sportscaster, which is what he was before he was tapped by the network. This may be the first time William Hurt has played a character less complex and intelligent than he seems to be, and he does it well. So well, in fact, that this is a great movie to see with any woman with a crush on Hurt. This will cure it.

Aaron, as intelligent as he is, literally washes out in his chance to advance in the network. And they both love, or think they love, Jane.

The story is standard, but the setting, a Washington D.C. newsroom, isn't. "Broadcast News," seems as interested in the politics and morals of network news organizations as it is in its romantic entanglements. Brooks' research for the film was so detailed that it predicted the massive cutbacks in the CBS news department months before it happened.

This aspect of the story provides the film with some of its best performances. Robert Proskey, probably best known for his work on "Hill Street Blues," is very good as the Washington bureau chief. Joan Cusack is great (as in "get me Joan Cusack for this" great) as a young assistant director who seems to be moving in thirty directions at once but always gets where she's going.

Peter Hackes, who was actually a Washington reporter for NBC, plays Paul Moore, the stone-faced president of the news divison with



William Hurt uses his considerable charm on co-star Holly Hunter in the blockbuster-hit 'Broadcast News.'

obvious enjoyment (or at least I thought he was enjoying it - he doesn't seem to move a facial muscle through the entire film). Hackes is the center of the best scene in the film - when he fires a longtime employee. He asks the man if there is anything he can do to ease the process, the fired worker looks at him calmly and says, "Well, you can die, very, very soon."

In the midst of all of this, including a wonderful segment dealing with the setup and broadcast of a special news report that recalls the multiple-dialogue heyday of Howard Hawks, the love story seems to get lost in the shuffle.

One of the main points of the story is that Aaron loves Jane, but in all the years they've known each other he's never told her. Believable — but his rage, impressive an acting job as it is, seems unbelievable when Jane tells him she's in love with Tom.

But the flaws in the film are minor compared to the high points, including a wonderful cameo by Jack Nickelson. [None of the advertsing for the film mentions Nickelson and the audience I was in gasped when he appeared on-screen for the first time.]

Brooks' script is tight and his direction takes advantage of Washington D.C. without resorting to the usual cliched shots of the White House.

The people are what matter in this film, and Brooks seems to like people, even when they don't always do what they should. Or maybe because they don't do what they

Even when its a little unbelievable, "Broadcast News" is one of the best movies of the year. One can only hope, however, that Brooks works as hard on the people as he does on the setting in his next film.

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'Bam Bam'

bullies Zips

By TONY STINNETT

Editor in Chief

threw around his 260-pound body

to the tune of a game-high 24 points

and 16 rebounds in Monday's 82-78

victory over the Akron Zips at Mur-

most impressive outings of the sea-

son and did it all for the Raiders,

shooting six of 10 from the field

and making 12 of 15 free throw at-

"Our game plan is to always get

the ball to whoever is making the

shots on that night," Rainey said.

"I think that the guys respected that

I was having a good game and got

While the bigger of the two

MTSU Rainey's was killing the Zips

inside, it was the smaller, quicker

Chris Rainey who was zapping the

Chris Rainey didn't start for the

first time this season because of

breaking a team rule, but came off

the bench to tally 17 points, shoot-

ing 50 percent from the floor and

"It's a simple rule," Raider men-

90 percent from the charity stripe.

tor Bruce Stewart said of his deci-

the ball inside to me."

Zips from outside.

The senior center had one of his

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tempts.

Dwayne "Bam Bam" Rainey

SPORTS-

Blue Raiders beat Tennessee Tech, Akron

Tech scares Raiders; MTSU wins in overtime

By TONY STINNETT Editor in Chief

An estimated Murphy Center crowd of 7,000 got all they wanted and more Wednesday night as the MTSU Blue Raiders squeaked past Tennessee Tech 69-67 in the Ohio Valley Conference opener for both

The game was originally scheduled for last Saturday night but was postponed when the Blue Raiders were snowbound in Ruston, La., following their game against Louisiana Tech.

The Raiders, now 10-4 overall and 1-0 in OVC play, led 60-53 with 5:52 left in regulation. thony Avery, hampered by a shoulder injury which he received during the game, nailed a jumper to pull Tech to within five, 60-55.

Earl Wise then followed with a lay-up and added a free throw to pull Tech to 60-58 with 50 seconds remaining.

The Golden Eagles did a good job of putting pressure on the ball in the frontcourt without fouling.

MTSU was unable to make a good shot and Tech had the ball with four seconds remaining.

"At that point I think we lost track of the clock," head coach Bruce Stewart explained. "Chris just lost track of the clock and it was almost a costly mistake."

After calling a timeout Wise got the ball inbounds to Avery, who attempted a desperate three-pointer at the buzzer from half court. The shot sailed over the backboard, but on the play Dwayne Rainey fouled Avery. The foul was Rainey's fifth of the game.

With no time remaining on the clock and over 7,000 fans on their feet, Avery hit nothing but net on

both attempts to send the game into

Tech jumped out to a 62-60 lead in the extra period when Jerome Rodgers scored from the baseline. The overtime period was a see-saw affair as both teams swapped leads on various occasions.

But it was Phil Snell, a senior from Eagleville, Tenn., who stole the spotlight by scoring four of his eight points in the extra period.

The last of Snell's points came with 44 seconds remaining and Tech leading 67-66. Snell penetrated and took Avery one-on-one to give the Raiders the lead for good

After Tyrus Baynham hit the front end of the one-and-bonus opportunity to put MTSU on top 69-67, Tech called timeout with four seconds left.

Their desperation shot from three-point range was off and the Raiders escaped with an important conference opening win.

Tennessee Tech never led in the game until the extra period. MTSU led by as many as 10 points in the first half. Avery, the Eagles' clutch guard, hit a three-point jumper with 10:02 remaining in regulation to tie the score at 49.

The Blue Raidersthen scored six straight points to set up Avery's dramatic free throws.

The Golden Eagles never gave up in the game even when they were down by 10 points in the second half. Instead they mounted several comebacks to challenge the Raiders down the stretch.

"We relaxed, we really did," Steward admitted. "And they really charged us and they made a game at one point. He added two points



MTSU guard Gerald Harris looks down court Monday night against Akron while being pressured by Akron's Anthony Buford. The Blue Raiders defeated the Zips 82-78 in front of The Famous Chicken and 6,250 MTSU fans.

out of it. They took it right to us and they did a good job of coaching

a good job of playing. They seized

the opportunity when we let up."

posure and battled the Eagles in

mainstay in the late stage of the

game scoring seven straight points

the overtime period.

But the Raiders held their com-

Freshman Leslie Gregory was a

MTSU resumes conference play Saturday at Youngstown State and will remain on the road to battle Akron Monday. Both games will begin at 6:30 p.m. (CST) and will be broadcast on WMOT-FM (89.5).

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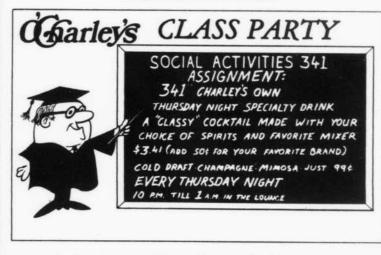
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Gerald Harris drives to the basket in Wednesday's overtime win over Tennessee Tech. Anthony Avery tries to draw a charge while Rod Manuel looks on

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Lady Raiders win 'sloppy' OVC opener

By TRACY BOYD Assistant Sports Editor

It might not have been a thing of beauty, but Lewis Bivens, MTSU women's head basketball coach, said it will still go down as a victory.

In a somewhat sloppily played game, MTSU opened its 1988 Ohio Valley Conference season with an important 63-55 win over archnemesis Tennessee Tech, Saturday at Murphy Center.

"It wasn't pretty, but it counted,"

The Golden Eaglettes, the defending regular season co-champion (along with MTSU) and 1987 OVC Tournament winner, was the pre-season favorite. They were picked by the rest of the conference coaches, despite losing five seniors from last season's team.

The Lady Raiders, who most prognosticators figured to be in a rebuilding season under a new head coach, have made it known that they are not going to wait around until next season, but are going to challenge for the conference crown

MTSU was led by a balanced scoring attack. All five starters scored in double figures. Junior center Tawanya Mucker paced the Lady Raiders with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Freshman point guard Kim Collier added 13 points and dished out seven assists. Sandy Brown added 11 points while Lianne Beck and Stephanie Capley chipped in 10 points each.

In the early going, both teams were hampered by cold shooting and turnovers. There were several lead changes and neither team could gain the upper hand. Following two straight three-point goals by Brown, which tied the score at 21, Beck hit a base-line jump shot to put the Lady Raiders up for

By the end of the first half, MTSU had opened up a 33-27 lead. In the second half, the Lady Raiders began turning the ball over, and Tech went on a run to cut the

margin to 44-40. With 11:12 left in the game, they forced MTSU to call

With Collier's driving buckets in the lane and some clutch shots by Capley, the Lady Raiders were able to hold on for the win.

"We didn't handle the ball well," Bivens said. "We didn't play as well as we have. Tech is only going to get better, and we hope we will too."

Bill Worrell, Tech head coach, was "disappointed" and felt the game was lost in the early going.

"I thought it got away early," Worrell said. "We've got to play harder. We're still making mistakes that we're not learning from."

Worrell had nothing but praise for the MTSU first-year coach and the job he is doing with his team.

"I think Lewis has done a good job," Worrell said. "I think Lewis may win it all. You look at the way they've played, losing to Ole Miss by 14 and Vanderbilt by three, all on the road.

Tech, who shot a dismal 29 percent, was led by Adrienne Black's game-high 16 points. MTSU shot

46 percent for the game.

●Tawanya Mucker was named OVC Women's Player of the Week. Mucker, a six-foot junior from Macon, Ga., scored 47 points, grabbed 34 rebounds and blocked 11 shots last week in games against Kennesaw, Vanderbilt and Tennessee Tech.

The Lady Raiders continued their winning ways Wednesday with a 92-45 shellacking of Alabama-Huntsville at Murphy

Junior center Tawanya Mucker led MTSU with 22 points and seven rebounds. Lianne Beck added 17 points, Sandy Brown pitched in 15, and Stephanie Capley contributed Capley also pulled down seven rebounds for the Lady Raiders, who are 8-3 and 1-0 in the OVC.

MTSU will play at Youngstown State Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Lady Raiders will return home on Jan. 23 to host Murray State. Game time is set for 5 p.m. drubbing of the Lady Chargers. A host of Lady Raiders prepare for the rebound. TENN. TECH (67) Rodgers 4-4 2-5 10, Wise 9-20 2-5 22, Babic 7-16 4-4 18, Avery 5-17 3-5 15, Manuel 1-8 0-0 2, Perry 0-1 0-0 0, Clemmer 0-0 0-0 0, Sturghill 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-66



MTSU's Sandy Brown tries to block an Alabama-Huntsville shot in Wednesday's 92-45

MTSU baseball begins preparations for OV title defense

Bu CHUCK MORRIS Sports Editor

With eight inches of snow on the ground, people don't think of baseball. But baseball is on the mind of 22 student-athletes as they prepare for the 1988 baseball sea-

The Blue Raiders, coming off a record of 39 wins, are preparing to defend their Ohio Valley Conference title and return to the NCAA Tournament. They also hope to play in theCollege World Series in Omaha, Neb., in June.

Last year's pitching-short squad played what was probably Middle Tennessee's toughest schedule

Last year, MTSU played five Southeastern Conference schools in the regular season and a sixth in the NCAA Tournament Huntsville, Ala. The Blue Raiders

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sion not to start Rainey. "Chris

Rainey walked in two minutes late

for the pre-game meal so he lost

At the other end of the spectrum,

Rainey's punishment spelled a

sterling oppurtunity for the lightn-

ing quick Gerald Harris, who got

his first start of the season after an

Harris was expected to inherit

the point guard position from All-

OVC performer Duane Washing-

The sophomore from Chat-

tanooga made the most of his op-

portunity scoring nine points in 25

minutes of playing time. Harris also

had two key steals in the final

stretch when the game was still in

start and I thought he seized the

oppurtunity to do his best and work

his way into the lineup. He did a

"I took advantage of the opportu-

nity," Harris said. "Coach called on

me and I felt like this was my time,

coming off the injury. I felt like this

was a good chance and I did my

It was the Raiders' ability to

break a tenacious Akron press, something they had problems

doing earlier in the season, that en-

abled them to claim their ninth win

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his chance to start."

defeated Tennessee twice, Mississippi four times, and Kentucky and Vanderbilt twice and Auburn once the NCAA Tournament in the NCAA tournament.

The South Alabama Jaguars, like MTSU, also paid a visit to the NCAA Tournament. But Florida State eliminated the Jaguars one game short of a trip to Omaha.

This season's schedule has the earliest starting date ever. The Blue Raiders hope to open the season with single games Feb. 19 and 20 at Memphis State, a strong contender for the Metro Conference

Seven wher clubs that are picked to contend for their conference crown grace the MTSU schedule.

Kentucky, Alabama (Southeastern Conference), Illinois (Big Ten), South Alabama, Western Kentucky (Sun Belt), Murray State (Ohio Val-

over and over again," Stewart commented. "Eventually, I think if you work on something long enough you are going to become pretty good at it. The word is that everyone is going to press us so we might as well become good at [breaking] it."

The Raiders also benefited from excellent free throw shooting, hitting 15 of 20 attempts in the first half and finishing with a 34 of 44 performance from the charity stripe for a clip of 77 percent.

"I thought we hit our free throws throughout the whole game, and free throws were a big factor," Stewart said.

While the Raiders were hitting the freebies, Akron hit on only 14 of 26 attempts for 54 percent.

Akron head coach Bobby Huggins showed his displeasure of the officiating during the game but afterwards turned his criticism toward the press.

When asked by Sidelines how he felt about the officiating, Huggins said, "I don't talk about the officiat-

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●Collegiate Baseball. through a pre-season coaches poll. has picked MTSU to repeat as OVC champions. Murray State, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State are picked to challenge the Blue Raiders for the crown. The 1988 OVC Baseball Tournament will be held ing, you guys (reporters) ought to comment on that. You guys are supposedly non-partial.

"But you know what, you guys don't have any guts, I guess, 'cause you want me to say it so you can say I said they're bad, or I said they're good. I said something. Why don't you say it?"

MTSU held a 43-35 lead at the half and maintained that lead throughout the second half, after fighting off several Akron rallies.

"We were playing a very good basketball team," Stewart said. They are going to be in post-season play at some point.

at the site of the Southern Division champion May 6-8.

Other predicted winners from conferences around the area: Atlantic Coast - Georgia Tech; Metro - Florida State; Southern – Western Carolina; Sun Belt — South Alabama

Murray State, picked to challenge the Blue Raiders for the 1988 baseball title, will play no home games during the 1988 season.

A new building on the Murray, Ky., campus is being built which requires earthmoving on Reagan Field. A new baseball diamond is slated for completion in the fall of

Baynham 4-11 2-5 10, Henry 6-13 0-0 12, D. Rainey 4-8 0-0 8, C. Rainey 4-12 2-2 11, Harris 4-8 0-0 9, Snell 3-6 2-2 8, Gregory 5-9 1-1 11. Totals 30-67 7-10 69. Halftime — MTSU 38, Tenn. Tech 31. Regulation —

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Beck 5-9 0-0 10, Capley 4-7 2-3 10, Mucker 5-10 5-8 15, Collier 4-9 5-10 13, Brown 4-13 1-3 11, Harrison 1-2 2-2 4, Scruggs 0-0 0-0 0, Bell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals

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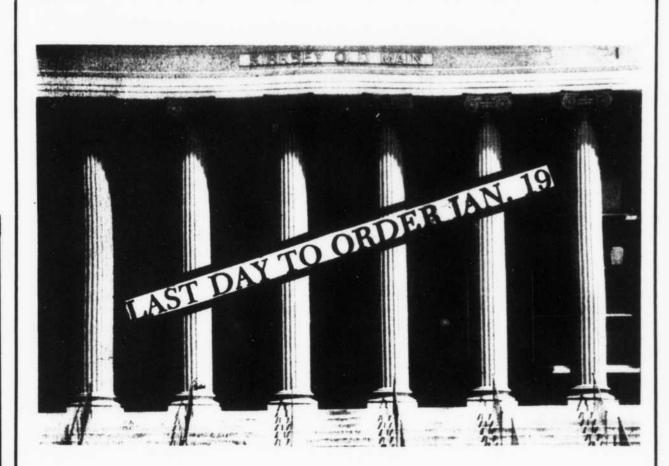
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