

Legendary Murphy retires

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

Legendary MTSU football coach and current athletic director Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy yesterday announced his retirement from the university effective June 30.

At this week's faculty-press luncheon, Murphy, 66, officially announced he will step down from the position of athletic director at the end of the year but will maintain an advisory role in the department.

"I MADE THREE appointments with Dr. [Sam] Ingram the last two weeks," the teary-eyed Murphy said. "I went in three different times and didn't get to see him because I backed down. Then finally I got up the nerve a few days ago, and I said about three words—I'm gonna give it up."

Murphy, an outstanding figure in MTSU athletics since 1935, told the luncheon crowd, who gave him two standing ovations, that he just "got tired" and was forced to make the tough decision to retire.

"I considered the move two years ago," Murphy said later. "Mainly, it wasn't the winning or the losing, but finances keep going up—everything except the budget—and it's been hard to operate and keep our sports program a good one."

Murphy served in the dual role of coach and athletic director for 22 years before stepping down as head football coach in 1969 to devote all of his time to the duties of the athletic director's position.

"COACH MURPHY is a

legend, there's no two ways about it," MTSU President Ingram said. "He is the cornerstone upon which the university built its athletic department."

"He is a rare individual who has excelled on the playing field as a player, on the sidelines as a coach and in the front office as an administrator," Ingram continued. "We are extremely fortunate that 'Bubber' Murphy chose Middle Tennessee State University as the place where he would make his mark in the world."

A search for Murphy's successor is expected to begin shortly, although the position will not be vacant until June 30. Former MTSU basketball coach Jimmy Earle has been considered for several years as the leading candidate to succeed Murphy. Earle currently has a leave of absence from his MTSU assistant athletic director's position to serve as coordinator for a basketball officiating pool from the Atlantic Coast and Southwest Conferences.

Murphy first began his association with Middle Tennessee as an athlete from 1936 to 1938, lettering in four sports—football, basketball, baseball and tennis—while becoming the school's first Little All-American



photo by Charlie Hunt

"Bubber" Murphy retires from his post as MTSU's athletic director at the age of 66.

representative as an outstanding

baseball in the professional ranks in 1939, Murphy coached at Goodlettsville High before serving in the U.S. Navy from April 1942 to December 1946.

In 1947 Murphy returned to his alma mater with a master's degree from Peabody College to become head football coach and athletic director. During his college coaching career at Middle Tennessee, Murphy led

his teams to seven Volunteer State Athletic Conference football championships and seven Ohio Valley Conference championships, after the school joined the OVC.

Murphy posted only one losing season during his 22-year college coaching career—his last in 1969—while becoming one of the winningest coaches in the nation with a 155-63-8 record.

In 1965, Murphy was selected by his fellow OVC coaches as the

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Mail to be delivered four vacation days

By ERIC STEINBERG
Sidelines Staff Writer

The MTSU Post Office has decided to deliver mail to student boxes four of the eight days it plans to close over Christmas recess, as a result of an ongoing Sidelines probe.

MTSU postal officials had originally planned to deliver mail to student boxes only on Dec. 29 and 30, but have now added deliveries on Dec. 24 and 26 to their schedule. No window service at all will be available during the period Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.

The issue was raised by several married student housing residents who complained about the post office's original plans to close for an eight-day period during the Christmas recess.

AT PRESENT, the Murfreesboro Post Office is responsible for delivery of mail to the city proper, which includes the university but not individual student or employee boxes.

All university postal lockboxes are owned and operated independently of the city facility.

According to Murfreesboro Postmaster Norman Hutchinson, the location of a postal patron's residence determines whether or not he is entitled to daily mail service.

"If you lived in a lighthouse 3,000 miles offshore, you wouldn't get mail all the time," Hutchinson said, in an analogy to the interruption of daily mail service to university lockboxes during the Christmas recess.

THE MURFREESBORO Post Office has acknowledged receiving complaints for the last three or four years from students concerning irregular service during the Christmas holidays.

According to W.W. Holloway, Murfreesboro's assistant postmaster, the city post office is unable to make arrangements for students on campus over the holidays to pick up their mail downtown.

"We couldn't go through all the university mail," Holloway said. "We bring the mail to the university, and they have to sort it out."

Federal post office authorities contacted in Washington have stated the responsibility for delivering mail to residents of schools belongs to the institutions themselves.

"YOU FOREGO certain rights due to subsidy," Lou Eberhardt, media relations officer for the U.S. Post Office in Washington, said Wednesday. "We'll try to help you the best we can."

Eberhardt's remarks were made in reference to the fact that students on campus live more cheaply than residents in the private sector and therefore are not entitled to the same postal services.

"Discrimination is everywhere," Eberhardt said. "Life is full of discrimination."

A spokesman for Rep. Albert Gore Jr. when contacted in Washington this week called the situation "unique."

"Congressman Gore sympathizes with your problem," Jim White, Gore's spokesman, said.

WHITE SAID he feels the MTSU Post Office is not obligated to deliver mail every day over the Christmas holidays because it is already open 100 hours a year more than its contract requires.

Under that contract, MTSU is paid \$6,600 a year by the U.S. Postal Service to conduct postal activities on campus. The contract states that the campus station shall supply window service to approximately 11,000 customers and produce an annual revenue for the postal service of about \$80,000.

The agreement between the U.S. Postal Service and the university also requires the campus post office to operate window service Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It does not require the university to supply lockbox service, and it classifies the station as a non-delivery unit.

ACCORDING TO history professor Frederic Crawford, the MTSU Post Office hasn't always closed for the holidays.

"In the mid-Sixties, I worked during Christmas," Crawford said, "and I never had a situation where the mail wasn't posted."

Tech wrecks campus; officer hurt

By DENNIS MYERS
Sidelines Staff Writer

What started out as a prank ended in pain for Judy Turner when she was struck by an auto driven by a Tennessee Tech student early yesterday.

Campus Security Guard Turner was one of many officers involved in trying to cope with hundreds of Tech students who descended on the MTSU campus wreaking havoc and vandalizing university property. One Tech student struck Turner with his vehicle while trying to escape detention by the officers.

"He sped off the curve and two other officers cornered him—then he came back up on the curve and hit me," Turner recalled.

TURNER HAD tried to confine the suspect when he was caught vandalizing campus property, but, even with the help of the other officers, the Tech student managed to drive off. He was later stopped off

campus, however, by Murfreesboro police.

"We did not have enough manpower," Turner said. "There were only 20 police officers against 300 to 400 Tech students."

"There were four MTSU students, which helped me quite a bit, and I want to thank them a lot."

The four MTSU students were Kelly Harned, David McDonald, Terry Scott and Glen Sutherland.

A CAMPUS police spokesman told Sidelines last night that the university intends to prosecute the Tech student for leaving the scene of an accident involving bodily harm.

The Tech students who descended upon the campus late Wednesday night strung toilet paper over many campus trees and are believed responsible for breaking lights at J and K Apartments, pulling a door off its hinges at J Apartments and causing other acts of vandalism.



photo by Greg Campbell

Tennessee Tech students are caught in the act of vandalizing campus grounds and buildings with toilet tissue and M.T.H.S. stickers by university police early Thursday morning. A university security officer was injured during the raid while attempting to apprehend one of the Tech vandals.

Student library workers schedule boycott

By ERIC STEINBERG
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Student library workers are planning a boycott in response to a recent university decision denying those employed under the Campus Work Program pay equal to that received by students working under the Campus Work-Study Program.

A newly formed student coalition, Concerned Library Student Workers, are asking fellow employees to band together and refuse to work overtime hours during exam week.

"This action is not meant to inconvenience MTSU students," Chris Elmore, spokesman for the

concerned library student workers, said. "We feel that being asked to work overtime hours after being refused equal pay is insulting."

According to Elmore, the library has requested student workers in all departments to work overtime from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., Monday Dec. 8 through Monday Dec. 15.

In a recent meeting, University President Sam Ingram told students he regrets the situation. Ingram said that increasing their salaries to minimum wage would cost the university \$80,000 it doesn't have.

According to Ingram, Finance

Commissioner Lewis Donelson's recent impoundment of five percent of the university's funds has left the school with financial problems.

"We think it's terrible to have two people doing the same thing and have some of them paid more than others," Ingram said. "But unless students and parents start lobbying their own state legislators to do more for us in education, we're going to get less money, not more."

"Probably, our budget for student help next year is going to be considerably less than this

year—maybe 50 percent of what it is this year," Ingram said.

ASB Sen. Doug Cole asked Ingram what his response would be if the group were to file a discrimination suit against the university.

"If some of our folks wanted to bring suit to have it clarified in court, I certainly wouldn't object," Ingram said. "It's a free country and, as a matter of fact, that's the way we clarify the law."

Cole then asked Ingram if the Board of Regent's legal counsel had been consulted.

"No," Ingram replied, "but I think they will be after our discussion."

National security a newspaper's business

By DENNIS MYERS
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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter" — Thomas Jefferson, 1787.

Mass Communications Instructor Larry Burriss must have had this in mind last year when he decided to write his doctoral dissertation.

Burriss, however, has run into a monetary deadlock in his search for information from the FBI on its investigation of newspapers that have printed "national security" information.

"There is some evidence which points to the fact that the government is investigating certain newspapers which have released 'national security' information, but not others," Burriss said yesterday.

Certain newspapers, however, are able to escape this scrutiny when printing similar information, according to Burriss.

"If the information released is of a nature which is complimentary to the government—even though it is still classified—the newspapers aren't investigated," Burriss said. "Only newspapers which print information which tends to throw a bad light on the government are the ones being investigated."

Burriss has asked for information on 17 newspapers he

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Sidelights

Select classes with aid from advisor

A "Meet your Advisor" period has been scheduled for Dec. 1 thru Dec. 5 to assist students in securing course selection approvals prior to registration dates.

The Schedule of Classes booklet for Spring, 1981, will be placed in post office boxes of faculty members. Trial schedules will be included as tear-out sheets in the booklet.

Thanksgiving dinner offered students

Students who are not able to go home for the Thanksgiving holidays are invited to eat turkey dinner with families from St. Rose Catholic Church. Any interested students are urged to contact Mrs. Carroll at 896-5280 or St. Rose's at 893-1843.

Turkey Trot to be held Monday

Campus Rec's First Annual Turkey Trot will be Nov. 25. Sign-up is by Nov. 24 in AMG 203. There will be Men's and Women's Divisions. The run will consist of one mile of obstacles.

First prize will be a turkey; second, a chicken; third, a cornish hen; fourth, a dozen eggs; and fifth, a feather. For further information, contact Paulette Edwards or Glenn Hanley at 2104.



photo by Mark Holland

One of the highlights of Wreck Tech week was the bonfire behind Cummings Hall Wednesday night as witnessed by this rowdy group of Sigma Alpha Epsilons. Wreck Tech week will end tomorrow with the game between MTSU and rival Tennessee Tech at Cookeville.

Rules Committee gives bulletin board authorization to President's Council

The University Rules Committee passed the buck Tuesday and recommended that the President's Council determine university policy for the posting of notices on campus bulletin boards.

"We need some type of policy on who can use them and who has jurisdiction over them," Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

Cantrell said some library staff members had complained about the high number of ASB candidates whose signs were

placed on the boards just before elections.

A student member of the rules committee noted that some instructors had complained about local "hot spots" placing

advertisements on classroom bulletin boards.

"If we have a policy, who will implement it?" Joseph Young, chairman of the committee, queried.

By ERIC STEINBERG
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Plans concerning a new \$5 million co-educational dormitory were scratched from the agenda of the State Building Commission last week, according to Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

"We just weren't sure if we were ready," Pigg said. "We've been tossing the idea around for the last few months—it's still in the embryo stage."

The new facility, which would house between 400 and 450 students, would be located in the area east of Cummings Hall and north of J and K apartments.

The dormitory, if approved, would be funded by a bond

drive and would be repaid by an across-the-board \$58 per semester increase in dorm rents, Pigg added.

"We don't have enough beds at our control," Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, said. "We had to turn down 800 students that wanted dormitory rooms this year and 900 last year."

According to LaLance, another proposal designed to help with the housing situation

is the purchase or leasing of the Greenbrier Apartments on Greenland Drive.

University President Sam Ingram has asked for the amortization schedule as soon as possible, so that he can make a decision as to which project to consider.

"Greenbrier has 372 potential slots, 93 units," LaLance explained. "A nice director's apartment, beautiful grounds, swimming pool and

about 10 acres of land and plenty of parking."

The asking price is \$1.2 million, according to LaLance.

"I think we could probably deal for less" LaLance said. "They asked \$870,000 around 18 months ago."

"It doesn't take a smart man," LaLance continued, "to realize that its gonna be a lot less than \$5 million."

National security

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claims are being investigated by the FBI. He filed for the information under the Freedom of Information Act and has found that the information is there but will be expensive to extract.

"They have asked for \$992 for search fees in order to provide the information," Burris remarked. "They are preventing the release of the information by charging this high a fee."

"I have written to the Reporter's Committee for Freedom of the Press in an effort to obtain the needed funds," Burris continued.

Burris' major concern is that this type of selective information can impede the press's ability to remain free.

"Investigations of this nature can have a chilling effect on freedom of the press," he said. "This is a matter for public debate, but if they prevent us from getting the information, we certainly cannot debate the issue."

According to Burris, the public desperately needs to know how many newspapers have been investigated and, among those investigated, how many printed information embarrassing or complimentary to the government.

Many readers may remember the "Pentagon Papers" and

Progressive magazine cases, where the government tried unsuccessfully to exercise prior restraint on the press, but, according to Burris, there are many more cases of this nature of which the public is unaware.

"It is in the public's best interest to know of these cases," Burris said. "Research of this nature will provide the information."

Burris has undertaken a monumental task, but if he is successful in obtaining the information, he may very well help insure the press against arbitrary government investigations.

Campus to host local officials

Local government officials will discuss the impact of the Datsun plant on Smyrna and Rutherford County on Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in Room 322 of the University Center.

On campus to participate in MTSU's Local Government Days, officials will also discuss the fiscal challenge to local governments in the 1980s on Monday.

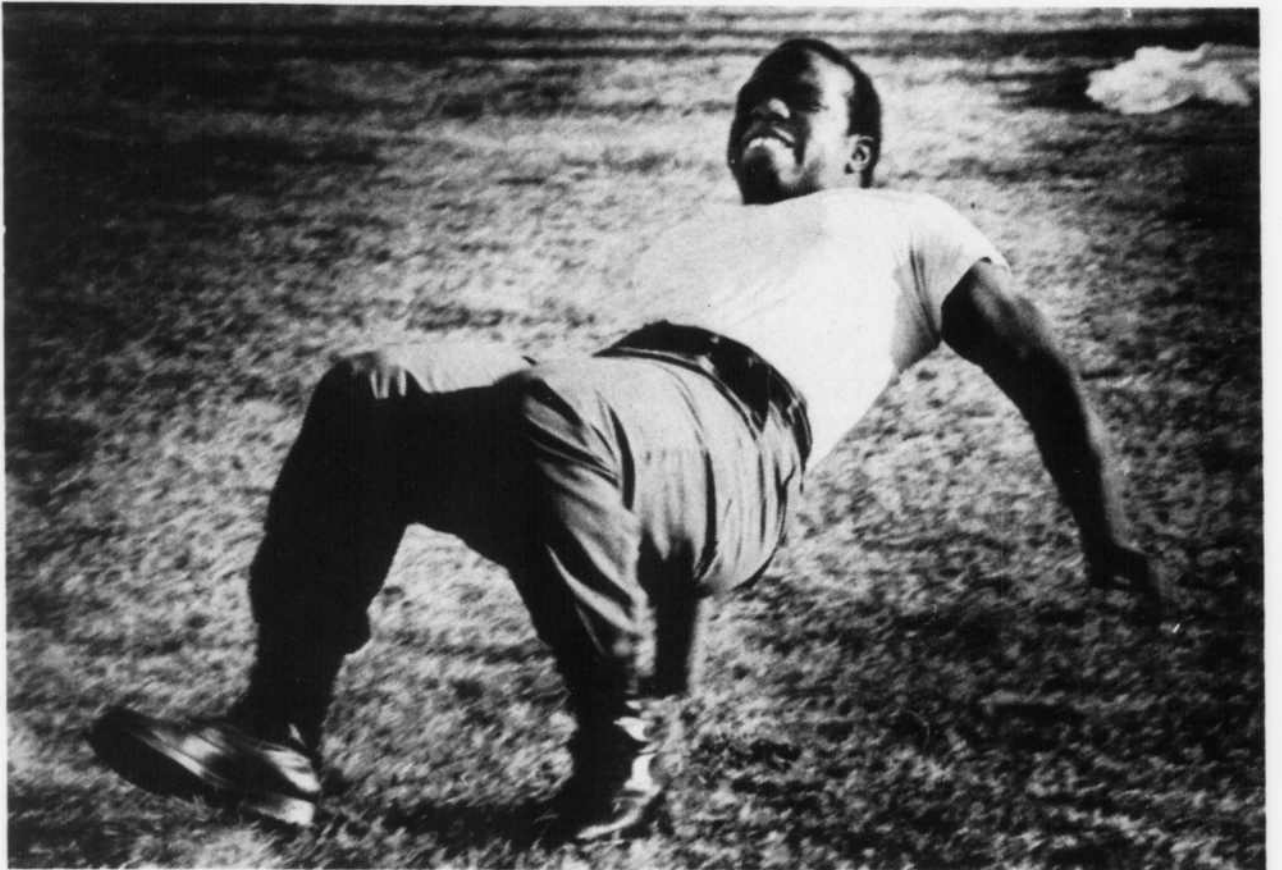


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Junior Mike Kellum drills in front of the ROTC building while training for membership as a Forrest Raider.

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'Getting of Wisdom'

Australian film finest of decade

By MARK HELTON
Sidelines Staff Writer

Since the mid-1970s, Australian cinema has provided one of the world's most vital national cinemas. None of the movies of this period are masterpieces, but they suggest a nation of natural filmmakers with respect for narrative form and a way with actors.

Bruce Beresford's "The Getting Of Wisdom," one of the finest of these films, is set at the beginning of the 20th Century, when the country was approaching federation and its citizens were struggling for an identity apart from England.

Laura Tweedle Rambotham (Susannah Fowle) is the new girl at the Ladies' College, where the daughters of Melbourne's elite pass their time honing their disdain for anyone not of a good family. The school is a microcosm of colonial society: the Anglified girls lording it over a poor Aussie with a quick wit. Laura doesn't fit in—she is too thin and gawky, too smart and eager.

BERESFORD TURNS the other girls into vaudeville minxes and betrays a weakness for the visual cliché. But the film sparks to life when Laura falls into hero-worshipping love with Evelyn (Hilary Ryan), a beautiful senior who is everything that Laura hopes to become. In one lovely scene, Evelyn beckons Laura to join her in bed. They pull the covers up and embrace in a moment of



delicate sensuousness, chastely observed as if through the veil of memory.

Beresford's film is also naive. Laura is intended to seem enterprising, exuberant, variously talented and appealing, yet the director and the actress have not discovered how to derive these virtues from within the character.

LAURA'S excellence seems, rather, to be demonstrated by set pieces made up for the purpose: a bit of virtuoso piano playing, a few lines of Latin, an inappropriately memorized passage from the Bible, a spurious flirtation with the presiding clergyman. These are more feats of acrobatics than a development of personality. Laura acquires less wisdom than

a knowledge of how to get along in the world.

She makes her way against a company composed almost entirely of stereotypes and simpletons that wither in the glare of Laura's ego. The viewer is left in the end with a packet of quaint postcards, each of them dominated by the pretty yet inexpressive face of the heroine.

MTSU jazz band concert 'exciting'

By JULIE GEE
Sidelines Staff Writer

The sultry voice of senior Becca Killebrew added excitement to an already fine performance Tuesday evening by the MTSU Blues Crusade directed by music professor John Duke.

Mellow and laid-back through the first of "Come in From the Rain," a Melissa Manchester song, Killebrew shone throughout the piece and added exceptional power at the end of the tune. Piano interludes simulating rain intensified the song's effect.

Under the direction of student pianist John Stoecker, a junior from Columbia, the group opened with a Cole Porter tune, "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To."

Moving into contemporary American sounds, new music faculty member Jim Smith was featured on xylophone in "We're All Alone." The xylophone added a soft melody to the song's modern jazz-rock theme.

In a Keith Mansfield arrangement for jazz great Maynard Ferguson, the Crusade performed "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Tullahoma sophomore Mike Haynes played solo trumpet in this rendition of the old Simon and Garfunkel tune with clear tone and phenomenal range.

The tuba was featured in George Gershwin's "Summertime." Fred Barlow, a junior from Louisville, took honors in this piece with very mellow soft tones dominating the score.

The Crusade also played tunes by Stan Kenton and Duke Ellington, along with other jazz standards.

Returning recently from a five-school tour, Duke complimented the group on its hard work.

"This is a team effort," Duke said. "As long as the future of the 'older' generation is in the hands of these young men and women, we have nothing to worry about."

Six English students to receive awards at presentation Monday

Six outstanding English students will each receive \$1,000 scholarships Monday at a presentation by The Peck Fund Committee.

Those receiving awards will be Sheila Gray and Laurie Miller, undergraduate students majoring in English, and Moira Judas, Jill Ross, Jean Yarbrough and Amy Lynch, graduate students in English.

The Peck Fund, a part of the MTSU Foundation, was established in honor of Dr. Richard C. Peck, chairman of the English department for many years, Charles Dean, chairman of the committee explained.

"Dr. Peck died seven or eight years ago, and the fund came into being at that time," Dean said. "The interest from it is used primarily for English

majors to receive scholarships.

"Mrs. [Virginia] Peck, who is also Dr. Peck, has also worked to build up the fund, and a large fund has been the result," Dean said.

The seven-member Peck Committee considers scholarships for students who are recommended by faculty members, who nominate themselves and whose records indicate a strong interest and excellence in English, according to Dean.

"The winners of the scholarships are determined by academic performance, recommendations and need.

"As the fund grows, we have a little more money each year. Last year, we presented five scholarships; this year, six," Dean said.

Choirs to perform Baroque, European music

The MTSU Concert and Chamber Choirs will present a concert Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the new Wright Music Building.

Conductor Dale Voelker, assistant professor of music, will lead the choir through music from the Baroque period. There will be "instruments doubling the voices in order to give distinctive colors of sound from each choir," Voelker noted.

"Psalm 121" by Shuetz involves four soloists and harpsichord accompaniment with cello, two choirs, four stringed instruments and four brass instruments.

The concert choir will perform a Christmas Motet by Poulenc and the Chamber Choir will sing a variety of European originated music, including a French Chanson, an English Madrigal, and German Motet.



Assistant professor of music Dale Voelker leads MTSU's Concert and Chamber choir through practice before their concert Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The choir will present music from the Baroque period.

Murphy

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league's Coach of the Year, and he was one of the finalists for the national Coach of the Year honor. His team had posted a perfect 10-0 campaign that year.

"I've enjoyed my years here as a player, coach and administrator more than mere words can describe," Murphy said. "I'm delighted that I'll be able to make a continuing contribution to the athletic

program as an advisor for the years to come."

MURPHY WILL move into his new role as advisor on July 1 and will keep an office in the MTSU athletic complex that is named after him.

"I'll still be spending a lot of time on campus," Murphy said. "I've told all the coaches that I'll be glad to help them with recruiting or anything else they need, and my wife's already told me I can't stay at the house all day."

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from the editor

Mail: Campus service for the holiday season

Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"— Inscription on the Main Post Office in New York City.

The recent brouhaha over campus mail service during the holiday season should serve as a catalyst for university administrators to reassess the need for holiday postal services by various student groups.

Married students and some foreign students are especially affected by the loss of delivery days during the Christmas break. Most of these students are unable to go home to their parents for an extended vacation during this time because of job commitments, excessive distances to travel, or because they maintain their only family unit on campus.

In addition, many married students receive government checks from prior military service that are much needed, especially during the Christmas holidays.

Perhaps a solution could be worked out with the city post office, or within the MTSU post office, in order to solve this problem.

It seems that many people involved with the direction of the post office may be insensitive to the inconvenience facing students who will be unable to receive mail for the six-day period.

Perhaps if post office officials had to go six days without mail service, they would understand that this is more than a mere inconvenience.

During the holiday season, mail is particularly important to students who have been separated from their families and won't be able to visit them during this special time of the year.

If new arrangements could be made by either the campus post office or the city post office, these students would at least be able to pick up their mail and stay in touch with their families.

When the administration renews the campus post office's contract with the federal post office authorities they need to consider better coverage during this time period.

Many students would appreciate the administration's concern in this area.

Burriss: MTSU instructor and the FBI clash

What began as a doctoral dissertation for MTSU Mass Communication's Instructor Larry Burriss has now turned into an issue much more important and larger in scope.

Last year, under the Freedom of Information Act, Burriss attempted to gain information from the FBI concerning that agencies' investigations of newspapers that have printed "national security" information.

However, the original intent of this piece of legislation has apparently been lost or forgotten, as Burriss has run in a monetary deadlock in his search for information.

He asked for information on 17 newspapers he felt were being investigated by the FBI, but rather than gaining access to this information, he was told it would cost him \$992 in "search fees" for that information.

So it appears that individuals have the right to gain information in this country only if they have the right amount of money.

This seems to lend evidence to the argument laid down by Marx that society exists to benefit the rich and powerful, while acting to suppress others. It is blasphemous that this so-called "Freedom Act" is being interpreted by the FBI in such a manner as in the Burriss case.

Another problem that the MTSU instructor uncovered is potentially even more dangerous, as he discovered that the simple fact that newspapers printed "national security" information was not enough to warrant investigation. Instead, those newspapers that were investigated were those that printed the information in a so-called "uncomplimentary" fashion.

So those newspapers who reported the information in such a way as to preserve the status quo were not investigated, while those that served the function of critically analyzing the government were investigated.

Investigations of this type act to divert attention away from the problems of government and focus on the trumped-up problems of the private sector. In this way, the government acts to create clash between citizens and prevent criticism of itself.

Government does not exist to serve itself, but rather to serve the popular opinion. The problems that Larry Burriss have encountered with the FBI tell me that this functional and basic ideal is being ignored by the powers that be.

Sidelines

Nov. 21, 1980

On this day in 1694 Voltaire, French satirist, philosopher, historian, dramatist, poet, and enemy of intolerance, organized religion and superstition, was born. "Liberty of thought is the life of the soul," he wrote in 1776. In Candide, Voltaire hurled contemptuous scorn at the creed "All is for the best in the best of all possible worlds."

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Shoot-out at Dung Heap Corral

"There wants an established, settled, known law, received and allowed by common consent to be the standard of right and wrong, and the common measure to decide all controversies between them; for though the law of nature be plain and intelligible to all rational creatures, yet men, being biased by their interest as well as ignorant for want of studying it, are not apt to allow of it as a law binding to them in the application of it to their particular case"—John Locke, 1688

"Justice is in a state of comatose in North Carolina and across the nation. I urge you to prosecute the Klansmen and Nazis in North Carolina for violation of rights of victims"—Rev. Joseph Lowery, SCLC, 1980

KLANSMEN, Nazis, and the "New" Right Wing seem to be rewriting the fundamental law of this nation. No longer can one speak of "inalienable rights," "equal protection," and "due process" without the scars of Miami, Montgomery, Chattanooga, and now, Greensboro cropping up as blinding reminders that justice is, once again, what those in power wish it to be.

The recent acquittal of six Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis in Greensboro, N.C. gives ample reason for this harsh assessment

of the state of justice in America.

This is especially true when one considers that last month, in Decatur Ala., a black man claiming self-defense in the shooting and wounding of a Ku Klux Klan member was found guilty of assault and sentenced to five years in prison.

John Siegenthaler, president and publisher of *The Tennessean* summed up the recent Greensboro verdicts by speculating as to the outcome of such an injustice:

"IT SEEMS THAT in the view of many juries the Klan is always right and their adversaries in the courtroom are always wrong. This is an invitation to a reign of terror by telling the Klan that regardless of what brutal and outrageous acts it may commit, it has little to fear in the courts."

It appears that the "invitation to a reign of terror" may have already started; Mark Conway, leader of the national Nazi Party called the Greensboro verdicts a "triumph for justice," and vowed to form a White Power Party to promote a racist state.

Harold Covington of Raleigh, N.C., a leader of the American Nazi Party, announced plans for a separate all-white nation in North and South Carolina, and said the two states should secede from the Union, and form one "Carolina Free State." Covington also pointed out that he received 43 percent

of the vote in the Republican primary for attorney general.

In an interesting side note, the Klansmen refused to talk to reporters about their victory unless they were paid \$100 each.

THESE ARE THE people, vowing to destroy our great country, who now run roughshod over justice in North Carolina.

But it is not just the people of this state who seem to be involved in an orgy of hate; the people of Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee have all shown a repugnance to the civil liberties of those who would oppose their reactionary beliefs.

How long can this continue? Are we now faced with the same problems this country almost destroyed itself over in the early Sixties?

Will we let justice take a back seat to the whims, prejudices, and hatred of neo-Nazis and Klansmen?

The all-white Greensboro jury, like an earlier all-white Chattanooga jury, may have let individual prejudices taint their verdict. They claimed there was not enough proof to convict the men of murder, yet they studied film which clearly showed the defendants shooting at the victims.

Is not completion of the act, and intent to murder enough to convict one of murder? Why did these men bring weapons to the rally if they were not set on using them?

IT APPEARS that the United States may be entering a new era—an era intolerant of individual freedoms. The fact that the victims of the Greensboro massacre were Communists lends credence to this notion.

But, the fact that those killed had no bearing on the outcome of the case. If groups like the Communists are guilty of violating our laws, then they should be arrested and brought to trial by the authorities—not convicted in the streets and sentenced to death by vigilantes.

Nonetheless, many pathetic followers of the Klan and the American Nazi Party will take this verdict as a license to slaughter the "enemies" of this nation without a second thought given to due process. They will arm themselves with the weapons of "righteousness" they believe this verdict has given them.

Moreover, the families and friends of the victims will now feel that there is no justice in American courts—they will have no choice but to find "justice" elsewhere. We must pray they don't find it in the streets, like so many others did in decades gone by.

The "Great American Dream" of justice, equality, and liberty-for-all stands tattered and worn by this tainted verdict; an ubiquitous feeling of oppression lingers, stifling the very breath of our nation.

Perspective

guest column

Pentagon should tighten screws

by Bill Ward

AS USUAL, Sen. William Proxmire's Golden Fleece Award has a humorous aspect, but only for those who haven't served in the armed forces of late.

This dubious prize, awarded monthly by the Wisconsin Democrat for some outsized government expenditure for an absurd cause, was awarded most recently to that perennial boondoggle beneficiary, the Pentagon. It seems that that august agency spends more than a half-million dollars mowing and maintaining the lawns of 22 admirals and generals.

But that was only a third of the reason Proxmire presented the Pentagon with the none-too-coveted "Golden Fleece," which he bestows upon the party responsible for "the biggest, most ridiculous or most ironic" example of government waste.

OVERALL, the Senator said, the Pentagon spends \$1.5 million a year making their ranking military officers "feel at home." These expenditures include: \$100,000 or more for repair, reupholstery, and refurbishing before a new officer moves in; \$126,000 for "routine" maintenance of the commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet; and an incredible \$65,000 for repairing 13 gazebos adjacent to generals' quarters.

While Sen. Proxmire's "Golden Fleece of the Month" awards are made in all seriousness, there is a light, tongue-in-cheek touch in the media's coverage of it and the public's response as well. But

this particular "award" should be taken quite seriously, for it points out a problem that President-elect Reagan faces but has yet to address, and may indeed never address.

Throughout this year's presidential campaign, the two major-party candidates seemed hellbent on proposing more defense spending than their opponents. More planes, more ships, more bombs, and occasionally even more pay were among the spending increases suggested. But neither Reagan nor President Carter offered methods for more efficient defense spending as opposed to just more expenditures.

AS ANY present or recent soldier knows, our government is ordinarily generous when it comes to spending the taxpayers' money, with the notable exception of enlisted men and women.

It's a small wonder that horrendous morale is one of the primary problems plaguing our armed forces.

Probably the primary problem facing our armed forces today is the bitterness and low morale brought on by an outlandishly stacked pay scale. Consider this: an ensign or second lieutenant, fresh out of college and with little if any practical experience, makes more money than an E-6 who has spent nine years honing his skills at one particular job, and a captain or Navy lieutenant with 10 years on the job receives a higher salary than any enlisted

person, even a master sergeant or chief petty officer with 30 years on the job.

But many enlisted men, perhaps even most of them, come to accept this absurd situation as a fact of military life (although those who are currently forced to apply for food stamps can certainly be excused for holding some measure of bitterness). What's really grating is observing the many and varied ways in which the powers-that-be see fit to waste countless millions of tax dollars.

I CAN ONLY speak for the examples of dissipation that I observed during my four-year tenure in the Navy, but they are so staggering, both in abundance and scope, that I had no trouble disdaining four more years. Here is what I saw:

- literally tons of food thrown overboard each week because of poor planing and/or preparation (and this was at sea, where there were no alternative food sources).

- countless reams of paper burned and/or sunk because there was no system of recycling at all.

- flotillas of ships cruising around aimlessly, burning up hundreds of gallons of precious petrol per minute, because operations were botched or never organized in the first place.

- at least two dozen incidents of admirals or captains using

their "private" boats for fishing or skiing excursions.

- yardworkers and government technicians earning more than \$8 an hour sitting on their duffs for days on end because no one told them what to do. (once, however, an officer came up with the brilliant idea of having them paint a section of the ship that had just been painted four weeks earlier.)

- enormous quantities of paint purchased (through a long-term government contract) at a price \$2 higher than Sears or Lucite were selling their highest-quality paints at the time.

AGAIN, these are but a few of the examples of waste which I personally observed. How often this goes on in other branches is impossible to gauge, but it's safe to say that at least tens of millions of dollars are flat-out blown by stupidity, slothfulness, and lack of organization or direction.

Thus, we could conceivably build a bunch of bombs, ships, tanks and planes with the money saved from eliminating these abuses, but only if an emphasis is placed on more efficient defense spending. So you can have your tax dollars spent on more weapons, more waste, or both. It's your money, and it's a shame the choice, limited though it may be, is in the hands of Mr. Reagan and the folks who are abusing your money already.

under the rim

Charlie Hunt

Political parable

THERE ONCE WAS a bird. A very beautiful bird indeed. She had brilliant red and blue feathers and a lovely white throat that matched her legs and beak.

This bird was not only beautiful, but had amazing powers as well. Most extraordinary of these powers was her flying ability, as she had been flying nonstop for over 200 years. She flew constantly, climbing to dizzying heights and soaring free on the shifting currents of the wind, never tiring, never bored. It appeared that this wondrous bird would fly forever through the boundless freedom of the skies; self-confident, proud, and an endearing symbol of what was possible to all the other birds.

As beautiful and extraordinary as this bird was, she was not without fault. Like all birds, she had a left wing and a right wing—but these wings were constantly changing. It seemed to the bird that one wing was always larger than the other (sometimes the right wing, other times the left). It was a rare occasion indeed when both wings were equal.

Despite this problem the bird flew with relative ease, for neither wing ever became much larger than the other, and her large tail and the air from which she received her support always compensated for the discrepancy.

ONE BRIGHT DAY the bird was flying along as usual, enjoying life and contemplating the things birds contemplate, when she noticed her right wing had become a little larger than she could ever remember. But she showed little concern, for she had confidence in her stable tail and the air around her, and continued on her merry way. A little later the wing was larger still.

The bird became worried, but she was still flying straight and level, so she dismissed it as "one of those things."

But the wing continued to grow and by late afternoon she became aware of the fact that she was flying in circles. At first, they were very large, almost imperceptible circles, but they gradually became smaller and smaller.

She also felt she was descending. Try as she might, she could not pull out of these circles. Now, truly concerned, the bird looked back at her tail. Her trusted tail that had always been stable and solid, regardless of what her wings did, had now moved to the right. She had lost her stability and was now flying in a tight spiral, ever downward with increasing speed.

The now disfigured and terrified bird called to the other birds for help, but they either turned their heads or watched in silent awe. The bird beseeched the air that had always supported her.

"Oh, dear air," she cried, "all mighty and supportive air, why do you not help me, save me in my hour of need?"

BUT THE AIR only yawned and replied, "Why do you complain so, bird? Am I not here beside you?"

"Yes, you are," screeched the bird, "but can you not see my plight? I cannot fly straight and I am traveling downward ever so fast."

So the wind studied the bird with its one blind eye and said comfortingly, "Relax, friend bird. I can see nothing to cause you such distress. Trust me as you always have and no harm shall come to you."

Upon hearing this, the bird ceased its screeching and complaining and slowly relaxed, feeling safe in the air's assurance that all was right and as it should be, and continued her spiraling descent.

Charlie Hunt is a full-time photographer and part-time columnist for Sidelines.

from our readers

Brooks shall reveal the truth about Walker for us all

To the editor:

Breaking with a semester-long tradition, the *Sidelines* Tuesday last printed two letters that merit reflection and response. One dealt with the impending on-campus water fountain crisis. Equally stimulating, a second letter purported to be a tribute to Mr. David Walker, a close personal friend of mine and a man thought by some to be a professor of Speech and Theatre.

While I could comment with equal enthusiasm on both letters, I will limit my remarks at this time to the disgusting Walker testimonial. Although I personally have only the highest regard for the so-called Professor Walker, I believe this letter was nothing more than a blatant attempt to placate a senior citizen. The letter was full of half truths, outrageous exaggerations, and outright fabrications. Normally, I would find nothing wrong with this, either from a personal rhetorical standpoint or from the general expectations of the *Sidelines* we avid readers have developed.

But this letter was shamelessly attributed to "David Steinberg, Assistant Director of Forensics, and All Members of the MTSU Debate Forum." I object to this inaccuracy, since I am a member of the MTSU Debate Forum and had no opportunity to read and amend the letter prior to its publication—an opportunity I would have welcomed and exercised in a significant and substantial way, as would any of the countless students of MTSU debate history.

At this time, I must publicly disassociate myself completely from the letter. I consider the so-called David Walker a long-time friend and colleague, thus I will have no part of this sickening attempt to patronize an obviously declining older faculty member.

Moreover, if people really want to know the truth about David Walker's past, then the telling should be left to those of us who are most sensitive to history. For those who really want to know, I will publicly reveal the truth about Walker and will in fact do so at exactly 8:00 p.m. in room 220 of the Dramatic Arts Building in a fully developed public address at a date as yet undetermined. At precisely that time, I will without malice or qualification report the truth about David Walker, including his years with the circus, his collection of funny hats, and his desire to be an extremely short person.

Jim Brooks
Director of MTSU Debate

Discrimination rears its ugly head in campus library

To the editor:

I'm writing this letter to inform the students of MTSU about the discrimination being enforced toward some of the students working on campus.

I am a student working for the library. I'm being paid \$2.65 an hour. Some of my fellow employees who are on the work-study programs are doing the same job I am and are getting \$3.10 an hour.

I do just as much work as they do, if not more. I check out books, check in books, shelve

book trucks, type, file, and read the stacks for books out of place. I feel that it isn't fair to make one student work just as hard as another and not get paid the same amount.

The students on work-study have already had their schooling paid for and now are given a raise in salary. I feel we should have the same opportunity of making the same amount as they do. We have to pay for our schooling and need the money just as badly.

I thought MTSU was an equal rights university. I feel they aren't being equal to everyone if they have let this problem arise.

Raising our wages to equal our fellow employees seems to be the only fair answer. We ask for your support.

Marsha Gibbs

Increase in parking fines will be a beast of financial burden

To the editor:

I would like to respond to President Ingram's recommendation that parking fines be increased from \$2 to \$5, as reported in *Sidelines* on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

President Ingram is quoted as saying he believes that the increase would deter violators, and thereby cost the students less money as a result of fewer citations being issued.

Although I appreciate Dr. Ingram's concern for student's welfare, I would strongly oppose any inclination to increase parking fines. In my judgement, a fee hike would do nothing to alleviate the basic problem of inadequate parking students. I became aware of this problem even as a visitor to MTSU, and

have seen it grow worse each year as a student.

Students that cannot find legal parking spots are forced by necessity to accept illegal ones, and thus a \$2 fine.

I must point out also that of the over \$60,000 generated each year through traffic fines, none is spent in an attempt to solve or alleviate the severe parking problem. Instead, these monies are deposited in the general fund.

Under the present circumstances a fine increase would add to the already heavy financial burden of the student. We must first create more parking spaces in order to meet demand. In my view, this would do more to deter violators than any other method.

ASB Senator Mark Ross

Box 1302

Telling end is a terror; why review if can't be there?

To the editor:

Egads! You did it again! Could we please have at least one movie review without any guys giving away the ending?

I'm referring to the Nov. 11 edition with Julie Gee's review of "Terror Train."

Also, why review a film such as "Being There" that was released at the beginning of the year? Sure, it was a super movie, but why not limit your reviews to movies currently playing in the area?

Tim Loftis

Box 1847

Editor's note: Had Mr. Loftis taken the time to peruse the movie ads during the past week, he would have known "Being There" has been playing in Nashville for the last two weeks.

only in america

by Mike Kopp

It's Mister Rodgers

HIS STYLE is simple and straight-laced. Just like the off-stage presence of Fred Rogers. There's an honest, sincere gleam in his eyes as he speaks to the hearts of young children.

Most of us grew up with Mister Rogers. He took our hands and led us down paths to fantasy lands, close to our lives in meaning, but faraway in our dreams.

As we grew older, Mister Rogers became an embarrassment to watch. He seemed silly, speaking in his slow manner, always smiling while singing those childish tunes. He's become the prey of impressionists, poking fun at his mannerisms. But few ever joke of his character. For Mister Rogers, in his cardigan sweater and sneakers, has become a children's television foundation.

In 1963 Canadian Broadcasting Corporation gave birth to one of the longest running children's show, and Mister Roger's time had come.

A graduate from Rollins College in Florida, he carried a bachelor's degree of music to the steps of NBC in 1951. NBC assigned him as an assistant producer with the "Television Opera Theatre." In no time Rogers was assigned as network floor director supervisor for "The Kate Smith Show" and "Hit Parade." Then in November of 1953 came Rogers' jump to educational television as he signed on with station QED-TV in Pittsburgh.

THERE HE WAS to create, under the direction of Joe C. Clary, the award-winning "Children's Corner." The series began in 1954 and ran for seven years.

While working on the show, Rogers took classes at Western Pittsburg Theological Seminary and in 1963 was ordained by the United Presbyterian Church as a minister.

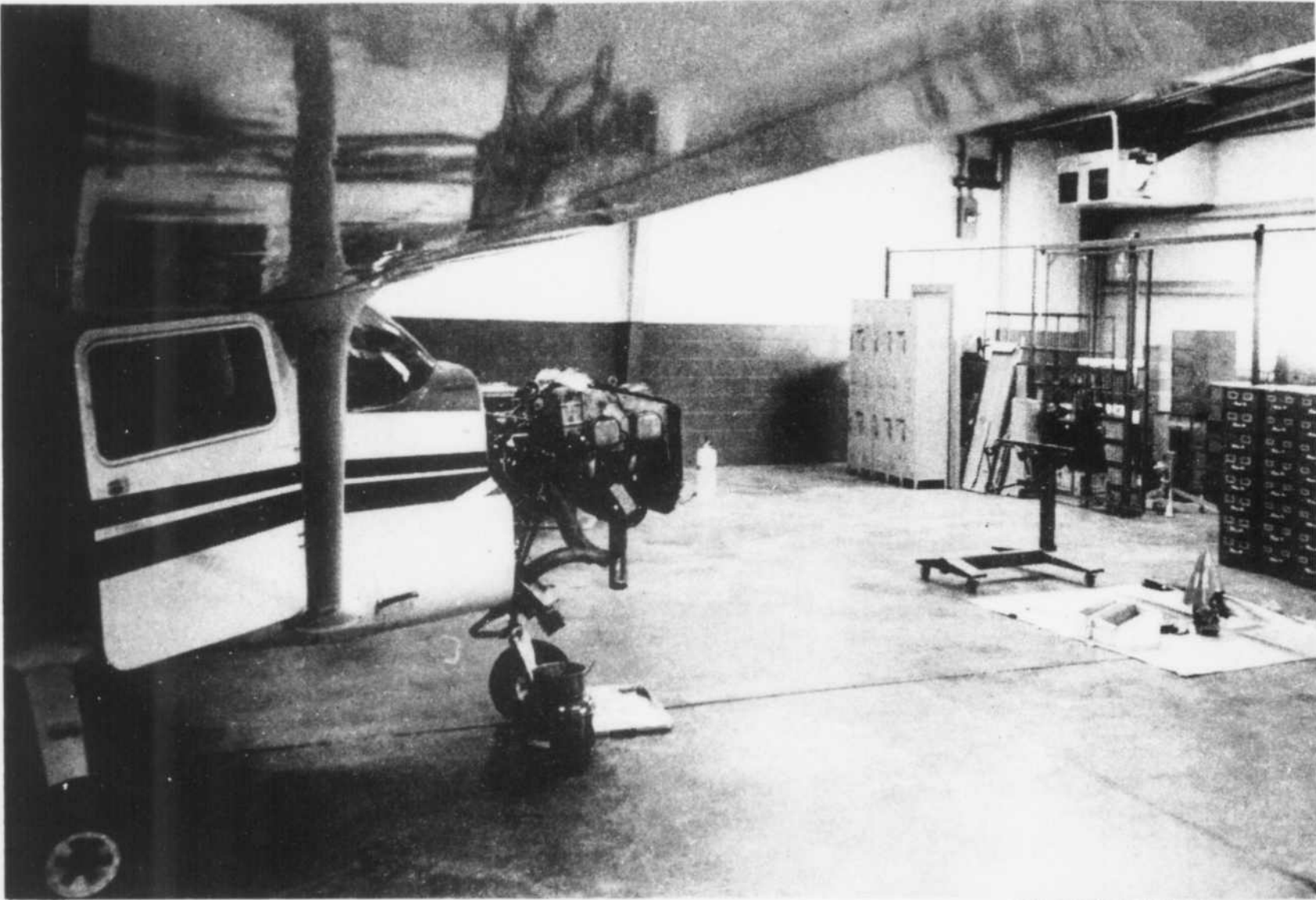
The same year of his graduation, he joined Canadian television to run the first of "Mister Roger's Neighborhood."

At first, 15 minutes seemed enough time to spend each day teaching children to cope with their everyday problems—but the response from parents and children alike was incredible. And by shifting his talent back to the United States through ADC-TV in Pittsburgh in 1964, Mister Rogers expanded to its present half-hour form.

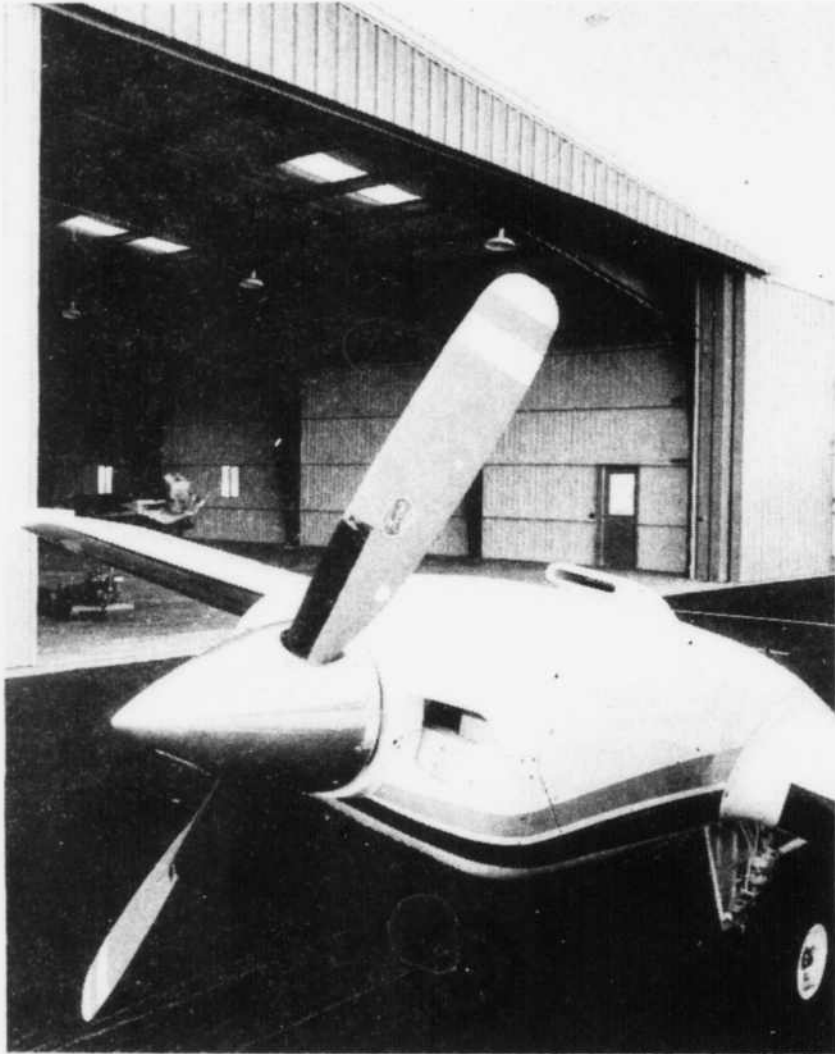
THERE'S LITTLE dispute over Rogers' experience in children's television. His gift of capturing the attention and enhancing the imagination of kids for the last 27 years speaks for itself. His reach knows no racial or ethnic boundaries.

Rogers should be an example to all parents as he delivers his message with painstaking patience—take time out of your busy day and spend time with your little ones.

Airport hanger 'magically' transformed



The hangar located at the Murfreesboro Airport houses a laboratory setup for students in the aerospace program.



Already being discussed is the possibility of an addition to the hangar which will enlarge the laboratory area.

By DONNA SMITH
Sidelines Staff Writer

One day soon, an ordinary airport hangar in Murfreesboro will be transformed, as if by magic, into a laboratory for students in MTSU's aviation maintenance management program.

This hangar at the Murfreesboro Airport was leased this summer and is now being remodeled for use as a student aerospace lab.

TWO LAB classes are being held there this semester, and three are planned for next semester. As more equipment is added, more classes will be offered.

The laboratory is expected to be set up inside the facility, with manufacturers donating airplane components, engines and aircraft hardware. More donations are expected, including the landing gear of a C-58 that will be sent from Wichita Falls, Texas.

"The landing gear is so large they will have to cut it up into three pieces to transport it here," said Jay Sloan, public relations director of MTSU's Flying Team.

Eventually, according to Billy Cox, lab instructor and manager of the hangar facility, other equipment should include a helicopter and a single-engine and a multi-engine plane.

A CLASSROOM and office have been constructed in the hangar, as well as a microfiche reader and printer and technical library.

"Plans are now being made for another facility to be built adjacent to the hangar," Cox said. "The State Bureau of Aeronautics has been approached for financial assistance."

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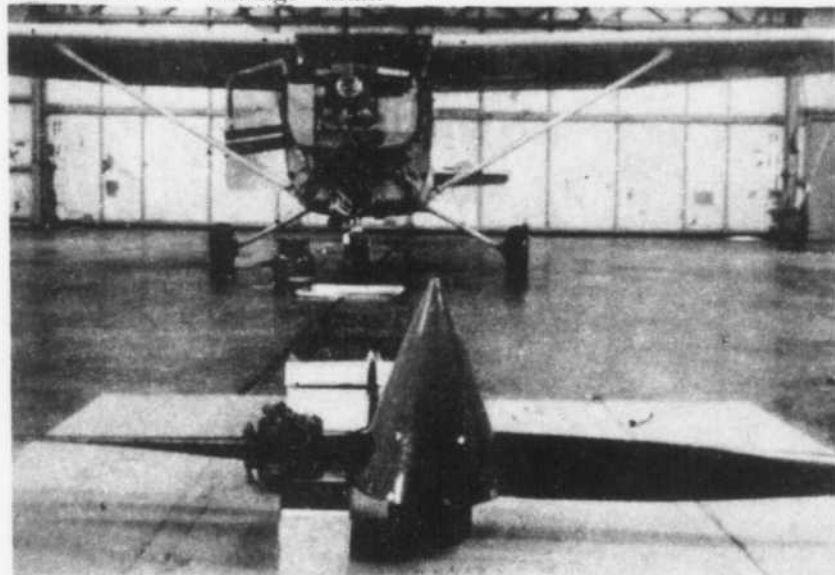
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management is a new program in the Aerospace Department and is the only program of its nature in the state on the university level. Graduates of the program will be issued a certificate by the department, which will qualify them to take the Federal Aviation Administration's test for a mechanic's license.

THE CURRICULUM, however, must first meet certain FAA requirements with regard to what is taught and what facilities are used. It will probably take at least two years for the new program to meet all the criteria, according to Cox.

"With a four-year bachelor's degree in maintenance and management, students can not only learn to be mechanics but can learn to manage main-



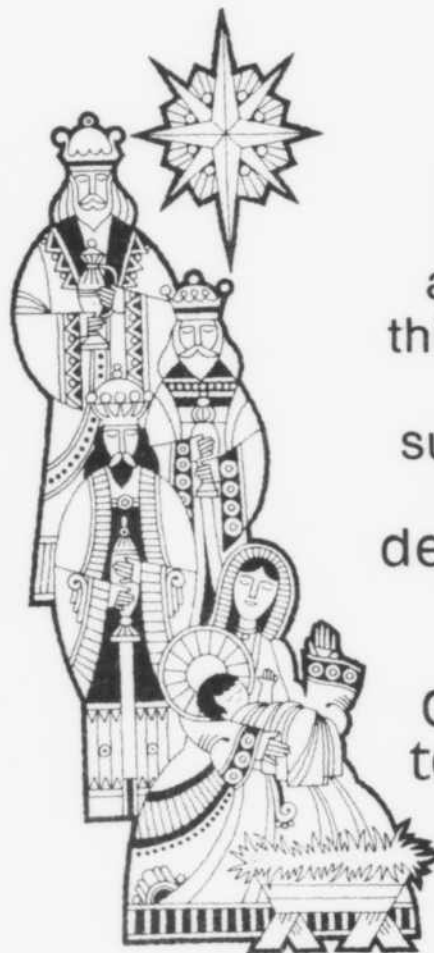
The purpose of the hangar is to house lab classes in aviation maintenance.

Photos by Greg Campbell

tenance shops too," Aeronautics Department Chairman Randall Wood said. "It's the only program of its kind in Tennessee and probably in the South."

According to Cox, equipment is being ordered daily, and the new facility being planned should enlarge the area.

"The program will give the graduate the opportunity to work as an aviation maintenance technician or aviation maintenance supervisor or manager," Cox said. "And with the opportunity for both a license and a degree, graduates of the program should be well prepared to work in this field."



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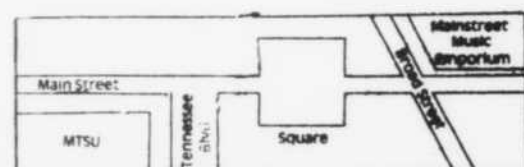
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MTSU head football coach Boots Donnelly will face Tennessee Tech coach Don Wade again tomorrow in the Blue Raiders' biggest rivalry contest. Middle Tennessee edged by Tech last year in Murfreesboro 17-14 for Donnelly's only win of the season. Both teams have 1-5 OVC records going into tomorrow's match.

file photo by Don Harris

Raiders to visit Tech

Donnelly can be hero

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

Tomorrow's rivalry gridiron contest between the Blue Raiders and host Tennessee Tech could be a chance for Boots Donnelly to be a hero.

The retirement announcement of MTSU legendary athletic figure Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy yesterday gives the current Blue Raider coach criteria to guide his team in a farewell salute to his former coach.

"I guess one of the best moments I had here," Murphy said, "was when we played Tennessee Tech the first time that first year I coached. In 1947, they were picked to beat us by 30 points, and we beat them for the championship."

Murphy's feelings toward the Golden Eagles is perhaps one of the many signs of rivalry between the two schools. Thirty-two times in the last 33 seasons, the two squads have met on the final day of the regular season.

In this 55th meeting of the two schools on the field, the winner gets the totem pole known as "Harvey" to MTSU students and "Shinny-Ninny" to the Tech student body, and the loser claims last place in the OVC standings.

Middle Tennessee is coming off its first win of the season, a 13-9 shelling of the Akron Zips. Tennessee Tech, however, fell to red-hot Austin Peay 13-10 on the road last week. Both teams hold 1-5 records in the OVC, while Tech has a 4-6 overall mark and MTSU stands at 1-8 for the season.

"We've got one under our belts, and I'm sure

that will help," Donnelly said. "but Tennessee Tech will be tough at their field. They are a lot more physical than we are, and I'm sure they will want to go out with a win at home."

Tech's offense will be aided by the return to action of James Aaron and Reggie Bazel, who were out before the Peay game with injuries. Aaron, the Tech quarterback, is the top passer in the league, having thrown for 1300 yards and seven scores while completing 50 percent of his passes. Bazel, a multi-purpose back, has rushed for almost 400 yards and caught passes for close to 300 more yards.

Golden Eagle freshman running back Marvin McClennon had his best game of the season last week in the losing effort to Peay, rushing for 139 yards and a touchdown in 18 carries. Tech leads the league in passing offense, averaging 175 yards per game, but is last in rushing, getting only 90 yards per outing.

The MTSU defense, meanwhile, played superb against Akron, as safety James Griffin had four tackles-for-loss and broke up a couple of passes, one of which would have been a touchdown.

Sammy Bryant leads the MTSU running attack with 552 yards gained and is the number two receiver, behind Kolas Elion, with 20 catches for 176 yards.

Kickoff for the game is 1 p.m. in Cookeville. MTSU won the matchup last year 17-14—its only win of the season.

Sports

Blue-White game to be unique

By BOB GARY
Sidelines Sports Writer

The curtain will rise on Middle Tennessee's 1980-81 basketball season Saturday night at 7:30 with the tipoff of the annual Blue-White intrasquad game.

The contest promises to be an interesting one, as head coach Stan Simpson and assistants Larry Slaughter and Austin Clark have not exactly adhered to conventional methods in splitting the team for the game.

"Usually, what you'll do for a game like this is to try to split the team as evenly as possible," Simpson said. "We didn't do that because we want to see how well most of the returning guys play together."

The lineups for Saturday night look like this:

WHITE: According to Simpson, Pancakes Perry will probably open at point guard. He'll be joined in the backcourt by junior college transfer Rick Campbell, a 6-4, 180-pounder who was Tennessee's junior college Player of the Year at Hiwassee Junior College last year.

In the frontcourt, look for either senior Curtis Fitts or another juco transfer, Lucious 'Buck' Haley, who was Georgia's top junior college performer a year ago, at a wing position. Haley stands 6-5, but is a tremendous leaper.

Finally, the two "power positions" in the front line will be occupied by two players who should be very familiar to Blue Raider fans—junior center Chris Harris, and junior forward³/₄ center Jerry Beck, MTSU's leading scorer a year ago with a 15.5 average. The white team will also have the services of Willie Johnson, a 6-9, 230-pound bruiser from Chicago, who sat out last year due to eligibility requirements.

BLUE: The Blue squad will be younger and not as experienced as their counterparts, but they should be exciting to watch. Opening in the backcourt will be 6-2, 170-pound freshman Maury Mapes and junior Robby Randolph.

One of two freshmen will get a starting assignment at a wing position. It will be either Greg Nimmo, a 6-5, 165-pounder from Cincinnati or Greg Smith, 6-3 and 175 pounds from Macon, Ga.

In the power positions for the Blue squad will be two performers who have become popular with Murphy Center crowds over the last couple of years—6-8 center³/₄ forward Raymond "Zoom" Martin and 6-11 junior Mike Frost.

In offering insights as to what to look for during the course of the game, Simpson says that personnel switches from one team to another will probably take place, mainly during the second half, and mainly among guards.

"We'll probably switch some guys around in the second half; we've only got thirteen guys between the two teams," (center Wardell "Poundcakes" Perry and guard Danny Mayfield are not yet eligible and cannot play) "plus, we would like to see how somebody like [Robby] Randolph, for instance, works with Jerry Beck, Chris Harris and that bunch," Simpson said.

One of the unique characteristics of this game will likely be that it bears very little resemblance to a usual intrasquad scrimmage.

"We're not going to try to make this look like a championship game," Simpson said. "We're going to play two, 12-minute halves. The situation will not be one where Coach Slaughter will have one team and Coach Clark another, and me in the press box. We'll be sitting together, and we'll all make corrections on both sides."

If Simpson's analysis of his team's preseason practice means anything, and why shouldn't it, the fans who attend tomorrow night will not be starved for great action, even with the shortened playing time.

"All of the returning players have improved greatly," Simpson said. "Robby Randolph had a good preseason. Jerry Beck has been outstanding so far— but I could go on and on, because they all have looked good."

And what about the new players?

"They've come along very well," Simpson said. "They've had to adjust, as all freshmen do, and they've looked good."

And, along with all the action provided by this year's crop of Blue Raider roundballers, the alumni game will be held prior to the Blue-White game, featuring such former MTSU greats as Bob Martin, Sleepy Taylor and George Sorell.



photo by Lisa Gwin

MTSU standout transfer Willie Johnson lays up the ball in one of the Blue Raider practices as Mike Frost awaits the action. The 1980-81 edition of the MTSU squad will be unveiled here tomorrow night at Murphy Center.

Ward's Weekend Winners

by Bill Ward

MICHIGAN at OHIO STATE—The well-coached Wolverines have pitched three straight shutouts and have not lost a regular-season tilt by more than a field goal in the last four years. The Michiganders used six DBs in stifling Purdue last week and have a young, swift secondary and a fearsome defensive line. The Buckeyes' Art Schuster (fourth in the NCAA in passing) is likely the best QB in the country, but the only time he's faced a great defense this year, against UCLA, he stunk up the field, and OSU lost 17-zip. The Wolverines' bevy of fine RBs and superb WRs, headed by the phenomenal Anthony Carter, will enable the visitors to play ball control, and that should be enough to get them into the Rose Bowl in this week's UPSET SPECIAL: MICHIGAN BY 4.

OKLAHOMA at NEBRASKA—The awesome Cornhuskers have a chance to become the first team ever to finish first in the nation in total offense and total defense. The 'Huskers have allowed but 2.0 yards per carry on the season, and Sooner RBs Overstreet and Wilson are hurting, though they will likely play. Nebraska mentor Tom Osborne has only beaten counterpart Barry Switzer once, but his defense this season is by far the quickest in the Cornhusker's storied history. Unless Sooner QB Julius Caesar Watts puts on an unconscious passing show, this could well be romp, as the home team looks to avenge last year's heartbreaking 17-14 loss. NEBRASKA BY 14.

PITTSBURGH at BUFFALO—This clash could well determine which of these outfits makes the playoffs as a wild-card entry, as neither team looks like a good bet to cop a division title. Incredibly, the Steelers have the worst pass defense in the AFC statistically, but a lot of their walking wounded are now hale. The return of Franco Harris could be the key factor here, as Pittsburgh must play ball control to win. The Bills have scored more than two TDs only twice in the last seven games, and have dropped two of their last three at home. Both trends will continue in this one. PITTSBURGH BY 6.

OAKLAND at PHILADELPHIA—The Raiders looked abominable on Monday night, but still managed to win because their punter could run and Seattle's couldn't. But between the missed day of practice and the travel day to the East Coast, where they rarely play well, not to mention QB Jim Plunkett's recent slump, they're likely to be flat here. Not only do the Eagles have the league's best record at 10-1, but they're an incredible 9-2 against the pointspread, and one of the spread losses came when QB "Jaws" Jaworski was speared and missed the second half due to wooziness. Philadelphia ranks first in the NFC in offense and defense and traditionally play well against AFC outfits. PHILADELPHIA BY 10.

Favorite	Underdog	Points
College		
Middle Tenn.	TENN. TECH	by 3
Austin Peay	ARKANSAS ST.	by 7
EASTERN KY.	Morehead	by 10
Western Ky.	MURRAY ST.	by 3
Miss. St.	Ole Miss	by 7
Kentucky	TENNESSEE	by 2
UT-Chattanooga	VANDY	by 6
South Carolina	CLEMSON	by 7
NORTH CAROLINA	Duke	by 11
Maryland	VIRGINIA	by 4
WEST VA.	Syracuse	by 13
NOTRE DAME	Air Force	by 16
PURDUE	Indiana	by 5
MICHIGAN ST.	Iowa	by 14

Pro	by
Minnesota	WISCONSIN by 4
MISSOURI	Kansas by 3
OKLA. ST.	Iowa St. by 2
KANSAS ST.	Colorado by 7
SMU	Arkansas by 1
Houston	TEXAS TECH by 3
BAYLOR	Texas by 5
TEXAS A M	Texas Chr. by 4
Washington	WASH. ST. by 3
Stanford	CALIFORNIA by 24
UCLA	So. Cal. by 1
Arizona	OREGON ST. by 11
Oregon	ARIZ. ST. by 16
Houston	JETS by 11
ATLANTA	Chicago by 3
NEW ENGLAND	Baltimore by 3
TAMPA BAY	Detroit by 11
MINNESOTA	Green Bay by 2
CLEVELAND	Cincinnati by 3
Seattle	DENVER by 4
DALLAS	Washington by 1
Giants	SAN FRANCISCO by 3
Kansas City	ST. LOUIS by 3
Los Angeles	NEW ORLEANS by 7
San Diego(in overtime)	MIAMI by 3

*HOME TEAMS CAPITALIZED

OVC rivalries lead final week's lineup

By STEVE PRICE
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Three OVC traditional season-ending rivalries plus two non-conference games are slated for this final weekend of football in the OVC regular season.

While Middle Tennessee travels to Cookeville to renew their annual rivalry with Tennessee Tech for the 55th time, Western Kentucky, having already captured the conference crown, will visit Murray State. The third rivalry of the day pits Morehead State against Eastern Kentucky.

In non-conference action Austin Peay will meet Arkansas State, and Youngstown State goes against Delaware.

Western needs a victory over the Racers to just about assure themselves of a Division I-AA playoff bid. Murray won its first eight games before back-to-back losses to Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay. This contest will match the league's best offense (Western Kentucky, 368.2 yards per game) against the league's best defense (Murray State, 206 yards per game). Murray won last year 30-20, but the Hilltoppers lead the series 23-17-6.

Besides league-leading Western, Eastern Kentucky is playing the best football in Division I-AA at the moment, having won seven of its last eight games. The Colonels have the highest scoring team in the OVC (26.1 per game avg.) and have compiled a league-leading total of 23 rushing touchdowns.

Morehead, meanwhile, is the league's second leading rusher in Dorron Hunter (93.8 yards per game), who has established himself as an extremely versatile player. Eastern owns a seven game winning streak in the Eagles, and they lead the series 31-15-4, which dates back to 1924.

In the contest against Arkansas State, the Governors will be shooting for their sixth consecutive win which would match the longest one season winning streak in Peay history. Governor quarterback Sonny Defilippis, the total offense leader in the OVC, is responsible by either rushing or passing for 21 touchdowns this season. Peay trails in the series 3-2.

The non-conference battle between Youngstown State and Delaware is a rematch of last year's Division II championship game. However, this year the two teams sport opposite records (Youngstown 2-8 and the Blue Hens 8-2). The Blue Hens hold a 3-0 series lead. This is Youngstown's final game as a Division II member, as they become full-fledged members of the OVC next season and will then be eligible for conference titles.

OVC standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Western	6-0-0	9-0-0
Austin Peay	5-2-0	7-3-0
Murray	4-2-0	8-2-0
Eastern	4-2-0	8-2-0
Akron	2-4-1	3-7-1
Morehead	2-4-0	4-6-0
Tenn. Tech	1-5-0	4-6-0
MTSU	1-5-0	1-8-0
Youngstown*	0-0-0	2-7-1

*Ineligible for title

Eagles lack 'big man'

By BILL WARD
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Morehead State's roundball outfit has enough physically-imposing, skyscraper-type ballplayers to induce a lot of those airport-lobby "Are you guys basketball players?" questions.

Unfortunately, the Eagles may as well respond with the pat rejoinder "No, we're jockeys for dinosaurs," as those taller bodies are not blessed with much talent, and MSU will be solid at every position but center.

Lack of a decent pivot player is the reason the Eagles are pegged to finish fourth in the OVC, even though four starters and four other lettermen return, and the recruits are considered the best here in some time.

Not surprisingly, the one graduated starter was last year's center, Charlie Clay, a smallish pivotman at 6-7 who led the squad in scoring and rebounding.

His replacement will come from among three freshmen and a transfer center, 6-9 strongman Albert Spencer, a defensive specialist who has little scoring punch. Of the trio of towering yearlings, 6-10 Darrell Lyons had the best high school stats but appears to be a year or two away from making solid contributions to an OVC contender.

Otherwise, the Eagles are set. Both guards are two-year starters, 6-3 Glenn Napier, last year's second-leading scorer at 13.1 ppg, providing long-range shooting and ball handling, and

6-2 Norris Beckley, a junior like Napier, contributing 58.8 percent marksmanship.

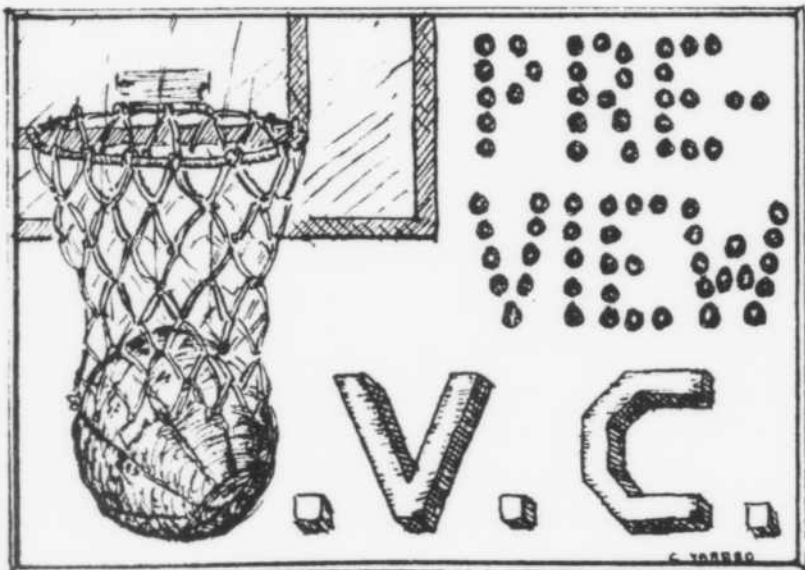
Depth is provided by cagey junior Rocky Adkins, quick senior John Soloman, and slick freshman "Pee Wee" (and with good reason, at 5-8, 155 lbs.) Sullivan.

At forward, Morehead's ace is 6-6 Eddie Childress, a strong, quick, 11.7 ppg scorer who made the All-OVC Freshman team last season; this awesome leaper started every game last year and looks to be a future great. He'll be joined up front by aggressive 6-6 junior Greg Coldiron, who can move to the backcourt if need be.

Morehead mentor Wayne

Martin, in his third year since moving from Oral Roberts University, will integrate a tight defense with a deliberate offense, but should utilize his better-than-average depth to quicken the pace a bit.

But without a dominating, or even a competitive man in the middle, Martin will be forced to work the ball around some on offense and play a collapsing 'D' against teams with a decent center. Of course, that's not a huge (no pun intended) problem in the Ohio Valley Conference, but Martin is in worse shape than most league coaches in the pivot. Still, he's got enough losses elsewhere to have a good shot at the four-team postseason playoffs. But just barely.



Former Valdosta State middle distance runner Mike Rasper has been hired as the women's track coach at Middle Tennessee.

Eastern may not be in tourney

Last year, Eastern Kentucky's basketball team went to the OVC tourney that consists of only the top four league teams. But this year's OVC coaches are giving the Colonels only a 50-50 chance of competing for the title, picking them fifth in the preseason poll.

Missing from the Colonels' line-up will be "Turk" Tillman, an All-OVC choice, who as a senior last year was in the top ten in the nation's scoring.

Starting guard Tommy Baker and Bruce Jones head the list of returning lettermen for coach Ed Byhre's 1980-81 Eastern Kentucky roundballers.

Baker, who scored 30 points in the last game of the year in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, is the leading returning scorer for the Colonels with his 12.8 per game average. He was also the second top assist man last year with 102 for the

season. A 6-2, 180-pound senior, Baker hit 46.3 percent from the field and 66.0 percent from the free-throw line. He was chosen to the All-OVC tournament team last season.

Jones, a 6-0, 180-pound All-OVC senior guard, averaged 12.7 points per game and handed out 157 assists for the Colonels last year. He has now

Rasper hired as new women's track coach

Mike Rasper, a 28-year-old native of Atlanta, Ga., has been named the new women's track coach at Middle Tennessee State.

Rasper, a former trackster at Valdosta State in Georgia, assumes the position which was vacated when former coach Kathy Moore resigned following the cross-country season.

A three-year letterman at Valdosta State, Rasper was a middle distance runner, usually running any distances from the mile to the marathon. At one time during his career, he held both the 20-mile run and the marathon record at Valdosta State.

Rasper comes to Middle Tennessee following a one-year coaching stint at North Florida Christian High School in Tallahassee, Fla. While at North Florida Christian, Rasper served

as men's cross-country coach.

During his college days, Rasper and three other tracksters put together a 16-day, 975-mile run from Lake Park, Fla., to Washington, D.C. For their efforts, which averaged better than 60 miles per day, Rasper and the other runners raised over \$10,000 in money that went to charity.

Rasper received his B.S. from Valdosta State in 1977 and his M.S. in Criminology from Florida State in 1979.

The Lady Raider track team has one indoor meet scheduled for this winter before undertaking the outdoor season in the spring. Last year's fourth place finish in cross country and fifth place finish in outdoor track contributed to MTSU's receiving the OVC women's all-sports trophy.

totalled 534 assists during his career at Eastern, which is second in OVC history to Austin Peay's Norman Jackson who collected 637 from 1974-78.

Another frequent starter, 6-8, 205-pound senior forward Dale Jenkins will be back for his final year at Eastern. He hit 51.3 percent from the field, 85.2 percent from the free-throw line

and averaged 6.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last season.

Part-time starters Donnie Moore and Anthony Conner complete the list of lettermen returning. Moore, a 6-2, 180-pound senior guard, averaged 5.8 points per game, while Conner averaged 5.1 points per contest and is the leading returning rebounder for the Colonels with his 5.8 mark.

Other players returning include 6-6 sophomore forward Dwayne Smith (transfer from Jacksonville University); 6-2 freshman guard Erbin Stepp; 6-6 junior forward Anthony Martin (Allegany Community College); and 5-11 freshman guard Joe Byttle.

Stepp, who was the nation's leading high school scorer as a junior (47.2) and second leading as a senior (53.7), was voted Kentucky's Mr. Basketball for 1980-81 while playing for Phelps High School. Martin, an honorable mention junior college All-American for Allegany Community College, scored 18.2 points and pulled down 9.5 rebounds this past season.

Smith averaged 14.8 points and 13.1 points as a sophomore at Jacksonville before he transferred to ECU. Lyttle averaged 12.8 points and 7.5 assists per game last year for coach Bobby Keith at Clay County High School.

Eastern finished the 1979-80 season with a 15-12 overall record and 7-5 OVC mark, good enough for a third place tie in the final league standings.

O'Laughlin, Dowland run in NCAA meet

MTSU cross-country standouts Joe O'Laughlin and Ross Dowland competed in the NCAA District 3 qualifications last weekend where they ran, what coach Dean Hayes calls, "their lifetime bests."

O'Laughlin crossed the finish line in 26th place with an outstanding time of 30:40. The long distance runner from Ireland missed qualifying for the nationals in Kansas next Saturday by two places, as they took the top six individuals and O'Laughlin placed eighth.

Dowland ran a time of 32:01, putting him back 93rd in the pack.

Hayes said that he was very proud of his runners, while looking forward to a winning indoor track season.



file photo by Don Harris

Eastern Kentucky's Dale Jenkins (44), a frequent starter last year, may be called upon to relieve some slack at the center position vacated by Dave Bootcheck (35), who graduated. The Colonels' berth in the OVC post-season tourney may not be a reality this year since league coaches picked coach Ed Byhre's team to place fifth in the conference.

MTSU baseball field to see changes in '81

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On Jan. 15, Middle Tennessee State's baseball field will have a new look. From lights to signboards, the new field will look completely different for the upcoming season.

Some of the additions to the baseball field will be ticket-booths, a concession-stand area, restrooms and a press box, according to head coach John Stanford. In the outfield there will be a wooden fence eight feet high that will serve as signboards similar to the ones at Greer Stadium [home of the Nashville Sounds]. The side fences will be covered by green mats.

"The stadium will be closed-in to seat more people, which

will promote more fan support for the Blue Raiders," the MTSU coach said.

The biggest and most noticeable difference will be the new lights. The field will be lit by triple-A lights this upcoming season, making Blue Raider Field the only college field lighted by triple-A lights in the state of Tennessee.

Baseball coach John Stanford said that most of the Blue Raider's night games will be played in April. MTSU will be playing Alabama, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, David Libscomb and, in a key OVC matchup, Austin Peay. Stanford also stated that MTSU is trying to lineup games with Tennessee and other big name colleges later in the baseball season.