

Drugmand new campus security chief

By DEE PARKER

Sidelines Staff Writer

After nearly five months of waiting, former Austin Peay State University Police Chief John Drugmand has been named as MTSU's new campus security chief, but will not begin work here until Dec. 12.

Drugmand was unanimously selected by the Search Committee and was the top choice

of the 74 applicants vying for the position, Linda Mason, chairman of the committee and personnel director, said this week.

"HE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY the front runner," Mason said. "We had little debate, if any. He was the first choice."

Although Drugmand was selected for the position

Tuesday, he has not signed the contract, Mason said, pointing out that the contract-signing procedure is usually done the first working day.

Drugmand has 13 years' experience in law enforcement. From 1971-73 he worked for the Secret Service in the White House under the Nixon Administration and has worked at Austin Peay as chief of police

since 1981.

DRUGMAND'S NEW direction for the security department includes setting up a team where all officers are investigators, making security officers more visible, quicker response to student calls and maintaining a low department profile—in connection with Dr. Sam Ingram and his executive assistant, Otis Floyd.

The other top candidates interviewed by the Search Committee were:

- Jefferson Walker, police chief at Kentucky State University;
- William York, Nashville administration police officer who is also involved in community outreach and youth programs;
- Donald Nicholson, state

Highway Patrol and former MTSU campus security lieutenant;

• John Mason, assistant chief of police at Kentucky State.

An advertising campaign for the position started in June before former Security Chief John Bass resigned June 30. The campaign attracted mostly officers who did not have

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Saturday game 'life or death'

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

With MTSU needing a win over Tennessee Tech tomorrow to increase its chances of gaining a I-AA playoff berth, the traditional battle for Harvey has turned into a life or death situation.

The Blue Raiders, currently 8-1 and tied for seventh in the latest NCAA I-AA poll, host the Golden Eagles at 1:30 p.m.

WITH A WIN, MTSU would finish with its best record since 1965 and a share of the Ohio Valley Conference title. A win would also almost ensure the Blue Raiders of an at-large berth in the upcoming playoffs.

Tennessee Tech's lone victory this year came against lowly Morehead State, the league's worst team.

But the long-standing rivalry between the two schools, along with the opportunity for Tech to knock the Blue Raiders out of a possible playoff bid,

should add enough fuel to the fire, MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly thinks.

"THEY'RE PLAYING on that," Donnelly said in reference to the rivalry. "I think they're playing on pride."

"I think they'll be kneelapppin' silly if they get an opportunity to beat us, because it will make their season and spoil everything this football team has worked for, and this football team has certainly worked very hard to get where it is."

Donnelly and his coaches, however, are not playing on the rivalry.

"We're not building the rivalry at all," Donnelly continued. "At this stage, we don't worry about Harvey. We need to beat Tennessee Tech to get a share of the championship and that's our motivation."

TECH, UNDER first-year head coach Gary Darnell, has

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Photo by Mike Poley

Tight security

ASB President Mark Ross prepares "Harvey," foreground, for Saturday's game against Tech, as well as possible totem-polechangers who could stop in before the game to continue the rivalry.

Chapter president: SDX resolution to achieve little

By GINA FANN

Sidelines News Editor

A general resolution condemning efforts to "censor, chill or bankrupt" student newspapers, passed during last weekend's national Society of Professional Journalists' convention, will have little effect here, a local delegate said.

Phil Williams, MTSU Sigma Delta Chi chapter president and delegate to the convention, said last night that the resolution was simply an effort to make both high school and university administrators aware of the Society's concern for possible violations of student press freedom.

"I THINK IT'LL have very little real effect here at MTSU, but it will put the administration on notice that people all over the country are aware of what's going on," Williams said.

The resolution reads in part: "Be it resolved that

the...convention encourages the free flow of information at all schools, both public and private, and deplores attempts by high school and college administrators and student government leaders to censor, chill or bankrupt the student news media."

Williams and the members of the MTSU SDX chapter endorsed a plan last month to request a constitutional ruling on the current selection process for members of the Student Publications Committee. The request, which is set to be submitted to state Attorney General William Leech next week, came after President Sam Ingram decided not to act upon the chapter's request for a reconvening of the Committee on Committees to review the situation.

Frank Gibson, regional SDX director, said earlier this month that the selection process could present a problem.

Win makes MTSU debate team one of nation's top five: Brooks

By LEE ANN REID

Sidelines Staff Writer

When you think of a debate team, it's usually not images of sugar plums that start dancing in your head.

If you're like a lot of people, the vision that most often comes to mind is one of a group of straight-talking bookworms, dressed in tailored, Ivy League suits.

LOOKING AT THE MTSU debate team, though, you could safely say that nothing

could be farther from the truth. The debate team and its impressive success record is probably one of the best-kept secrets on campus.

The varsity debate team's recent win at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville tournament placed MTSU as one of the top five debate teams in the nation, Jim Brooks, chairman of the speech and theatre department and director of the debate team, said.

Brooks said that the South

has always been strong in debate, both nationally and locally, "because we have always been very competitive. For the past 15 to 20 years, MTSU has had teams in the top five across the nation."

SINCE THE UT-Knoxville tournament, the MTSU team has also captured a win at a tournament that took place recently in Boone, N. C.

Like any other team sport, members of the debate team put in a lot of long hours and

hard work. They also have a commitment that most people do not understand.

"A lot of people think of the team as a social group that sits around and discusses brilliant, new ideas," Brooks said.

BUT MOST OF the debaters' time is spent in the library, doing research work on topics for upcoming tournaments, he said.

"It does take a commitment that most people don't clearly understand," Greg Simerly, a

senior speech and communication major, said.

"But it's a lot like football, in that you have a set time for practice, a time to be on the field, and a commitment to the sport itself," Simerly said.

A DEBATER CAN spend over 20 hours a week for several weeks reading and researching topics preparing for an upcoming tournament.

"Five or six hours a week is normal to spend when not preparing for a major tour-

namment...I usually spend about 10 hours a week though," Tom Bickers, a senior pre-law student said.

Both Simerly and Bickers have been on the debate team for four years. Presently, there are about 11 members on the team, Brooks said.

ONE MIGHT WONDER why these people put out so much time and effort when the recognition they receive is almost nonexistent.

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MTSU—Tech rivalry 'clean and wholesome?'

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sidelines Associate Editor

There's nothing like a clean, wholesome rivalry.

And the MTSU vs. Tennessee Tech rivalry is about as clean and wholesome as they come.

FROM GREASED PIGS, to rolling trees with toilet paper, to spray painting, to egging (your typical stunts) to more outlandish trickery, the rivalry is a long and colorful one.

MTSU coaching legend Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy recalled some of the crazy antics the rivalry saw during the 1950s.

"It [the rivalry] started right after World War II," he said. "One time, one of our students stole the eagle off their administrative building."

"The funniest thing they did was when some Tech students came down and painted the Alumni Gym front door. They [some MTSU students] caught these boys and took them to Jones Hall. They cut their hair off and left one strip down the middle. Then they painted

their faces with drawing ink and put the word Raiders on the back of their heads. And they charged them \$1.50 each for the haircuts," he noted with a chuckle.

MURPHY SAID THE rivalry got so out of hand that around 1954 he had to take his football players and keep them in the bottom of Alumni Gym, where they slept on cots the entire week before the game.

Like Murphy, former ASB president David Kessler knows first-hand about the rivalry and the pranks that accompany it.

In 1981, he and some fellow students made the trek to Tech armed with toilet paper and eggs. They were caught and forced to sign admission of guilt forms and pick up the toilet paper.

HOWEVER, THE fast-talking Kessler pulled a quick one on Tech security when he sneaked out with the forms.

"Three or four years ago, we released a blue, greased pig in [Tech's] grill," Kessler added.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said the pranks can get students in trouble if they're not careful. One incident involving Harvey (the 4-foot totem pole awarded to the school that wins the annual football game) sticks in Cantrell's mind.

"FIVE OR SIX years ago, four students absconded with Harvey and were driving down the interstate ramp. They were stopped by the police and charged with grand larceny," he said laughing. "They had to make bond and go to court. I went up there and went to court with them."

Cantrell said Harvey was given by Nashville businessman Fred Harvey in 1960 in hopes of easing the violence the rivalry was provoking.

"There was a time when it got to the point of being physical," he said. "That's when Fred Harvey came in with the totem pole."

AND IF THINGS get physical at tomorrow's game,

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Photo by Mike Poley

Senior Cindy Johnson joins the "Wreck Tech" spirit during the campus chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America's button sale yesterday.

ASB cabinet studies spirit promotion

By CARY CHAPMAN

Sidelines Staff Writer

Various methods of funding the student loan program and completion of a task force study on alcoholism were discussed during Tuesday's meeting of the ASB cabinet.

The cabinet also talked about ways to promote school spirit for the MTSU vs. Tennessee Tech game Saturday. Security for the famed "Harvey" trophy, which MTSU won by defeating Tech last year, was also a subject of much discussion during the meeting.

One idea is to ask the MTSU Forrest Rangers to escort the trophy into and from the game. Apparently, security for the trophy will be tight.

The cabinet set Dec. 2 as the date for a forum at the University Center grill. It is open to anyone who wishes to express their opinion to the ASB.

Campus Capsule

GAMMA BETA PHI and the ROTC Crossed Sabres will co-sponsor the fall Red Cross Blood Drive Nov. 21-22 in Room 322 of the University Center. The goal for Rutherford County is 4,180 units for the year. The MTSU goal is 500 units a semester, one-fourth of the county goal.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL "Italian Feast" will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Activity Center after the MTSU vs. Tech game. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, and include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, drink and dessert. Tableside music will also be provided.

THE RETIRED SENIOR Volunteer Program staff will sponsor a dance on Nov. 19 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Smyrna Country Club on the airforce base in Smyrna. Admission is \$1.50 each, \$2 per couple. You must be at least 18 years of age to attend. All proceeds go toward the annual banquet for retired volunteers.

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for fewer than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors who plan to attend graduate school the next semester following graduation must notify the post office by Friday, Dec. 9, if they desire to retain their present post office box.

APPLICATIONS for student ambassadors are available in Room 205 of the Cope Administration Building. The deadline is noon on Nov. 21. Minimum requirements are a second semester freshman standing and a 2.5 gpa.

THE UNIVERSITY Rules Committee will meet to discuss "Rescue" at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 21 in Room 210 of the University Center.

AN INTERVIEWING Seminar will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m. in Room 324 of the University Center. David Emery, personnel specialist from State Farm Insurance Companies will discuss the do's and don'ts for successful interviewing. All students are invited.

Guarantee proposed

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Writer

University departments may be able to make their own decisions on summer school course offerings if university administrators approve a 10-point summer school proposal passed by the faculty senate Tuesday.

The proposal would allow MTSU to guarantee students and faculty that classes would not be cancelled if students could not arrange for a substitute class, Dr. Earl Keese, director of continuing education and a member of the summer school committee, said.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL, faculty members would be guaranteed pay for the number of teaching hours scheduled for the summer. If the class has no students, the instructor would be assigned other departmental jobs.

Keese said that in the summer of 1982, the university offered about 550 summer school courses, while in 1983, about 500 courses were offered.

Increases in summer school funding and faculty raises have reduced the number of summer offerings.

The proposal awaits approval from Dr. Delbert Meyer, vice president for academic affairs, and President Sam Ingram.

"BEFORE I MAKE a recommendation, I want to see how it will be implemented," Meyer said yesterday. "It has to be designed so that it meets students' needs...and [must be] one that is fiscally sound."

Action will have to be taken on the proposal within a month, Meyer estimated, because the summer schedule must be planned.

To some extent departments have been allowed to make decisions such as who teaches summer school, Keese said.

THE OTHER recommendations approved by the committee include:

- Paying summer faculty on a prorated basis for students enrolled in thesis and dissertation courses in the summer;
- Maintaining faculty office

hours to be based on the number of credit hours taught plus one hour each day when the class takes place;

- Changing the graduate student's contract from tuition coverage of 12 hours to tuition coverage for 24 semester hours—fall, spring and summer;
- Requiring all offices and departments to be in operation from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with class hours;
- Placing the rolls and salaries to the chairmen for summer school administration in the study by the summer school committee;

- Retaining the position of summer school director to continue as "staff relationship" to the vice president of academic affairs;
- Continuing to fund summer school on a break-even level as determined by revenues in accordance with THEC rates.

THESE RECOM-
MENDATIONS had to be passed as soon as possible, because the summer school schedule is about to be planned, Walker said.

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ASB President Mark Ross plans on being well-prepared, especially since he's personally carrying Harvey into the stands.

"We'll have our own security force," Ross said. "I'll need an escort. As dangerous as it might

be, we need to take him [Harvey]."

Ross said that the same year the greased pig was released in Tech's grill, some MTSU students walked into another cafeteria addressed as Coca Cola employees armed

with boxes. They then dumped chickens and crickets in the cafeteria.

But the bottom line, Ross emphasized, is a simple one.

"My slogan is protect your president. If I get kidnapped, nobody will negotiate for me."

Saturday

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one of the league's worst offenses, having scored only 85 points the entire season and averaging almost 82 yards rushing. Darnell said his team must execute better than they have in order to beat the Blue Raiders.

"They've been making some mistakes, but most of the time, when those things start you don't know why they start and it usually ends up staying the whole season," Donnelly said.

"If they cut down their mistakes drastically, it's gonna be a heck of a football game."

"But," he added, "if they give us turnovers early, we will certainly appreciate that. We will take a turnover any time they so choose to give it to us."

MTSU DEFEATED Tennessee Tech 10-3 last year in Cookeville when the Blue

Raiders blocked a punt in the closing seconds and scored a touchdown.

"I think the game's gonna be very, very physical," Donnelly said. "They manhandled us last year defensively and we did not accept the challenge."

"But we're not a bad offensive football right now. It's gonna be pretty interesting to see how our offensive football team decides to redeem themselves and continue to keep a good offensive football team through 10 games instead of just nine games."

Photo seminar is 'adventure'

Six MTSU photojournalism students recently participated in an "Atlanta adventure," Veita Jo Hampton, assistant professor of photojournalism in the mass communications department, said this week.

The adventure was a photojournalism seminar sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association and the Atlanta Press Photographers Association.

Ken Swartz, 1983 Television KRON-TV, San Francisco, shared his documentation of the Vietnam Memorial dedication in Washington, D.C., "the most moving presentation" by any of the TV photographers at the four-day

seminar, Hampton said.

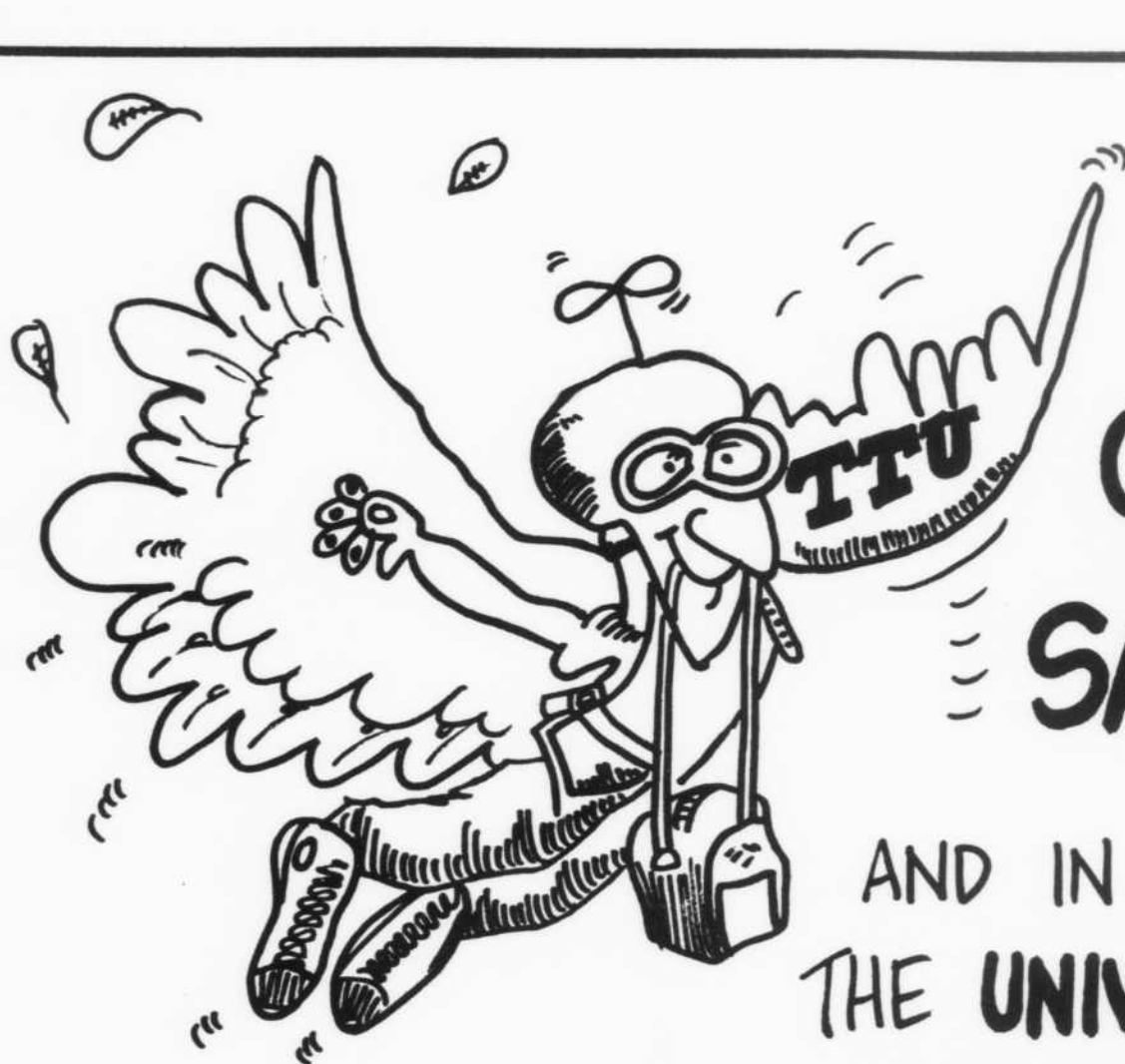
"The weekend was worth several days of classroom instruction," Hampton added. Students watched the judging of the print competition, visited with students from other photography programs and sat through portfolio reviews of student and professional work.

Jerome McClendon, chairman of the Atlanta Seminar, invited MTSU to send photography students to the seminar next fall to serve as part of the team that coordinates the print judging and seminar sessions. McClendon is a staff photographer for the *Atlanta Constitution* and *Journal*.

MTSU STUDENT Callie Snell of Nashville was invited to take a short-term assistantship with Jim Brandenburg. Brandenburg has recently completed work for National Geographic on China and Russia and will be going to Sweden soon to complete an assignment.

Snell completed her undergraduate degree in South Carolina and is enrolled in two photography courses at MTSU this semester. She has worked as a freelancer for *The Tennessean* for five months.

Other MTSU students attending the seminar were Alan Buck, Delores Delvin, Jeff Bressler, Lesley Collins and Brent Evans.



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MTSU men looking to overcome weaknesses

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

There were two glaring weaknesses in MTSU's basketball attack at the end of last season, and as spring rolled around Stan "Ramrod" Simpson went about trying to build some strength.

The recruiting trail was hit with a vengeance to help those two areas: outside shooting and inside strength.

SIMPSON, ALONG with assistants Phil Hopkins and Coleman Crawford, scoured

the southern part of the United States in search of guys who could put it up long range and those who could muscle it up inside.

They would be needed to help better a 7-20 overall slate from 1982-83.

The Raider coaches struck quickly the first allowable day of signing, picking up four players: Howard (Texas) Junior College guard Leon Isaac, Wren High School in Piedmont, S.C., guard Andrew Thompson, Gainesville (Ga.)

Junior College forward Lonnie Thompson and Mississippi Junior College Player of the Year Anthony Anderson.

ANDERSON, HOWEVER, became disoriented with school and left before fall practice.

Added to the Raider roster were Russell Smith, a 6-foot-7 junior college transfer out of Calhoun (S.C.) Junior College; Tracy Curtis, a 6-foot-7 freshman from Van Buren County High School in McMinnville and Bryant Woodford, a 6-foot-3 freshman

out of powerful Louisville Male High School.

Woodford is considered a steal by Simpson, who said the Louisville product was just a step away from being a major college talent.

AS THE OPENING contest on Nov. 26 with 1982-83 Final Four contestant Georgia approaches, things seem to be working out with the new players, who are blending in with returners Greg Nimmo, Maury Mapes, LaRae Davis, Doug Lipscomb, Raleigh

Choice and Bruce Buck. Sophomore Billy Miller becomes eligible after exams in December.

"Early indications are we definitely improved our outside shooting," Simpson said. "If we had shot the ball better on the perimeter last year we would have had a winning season."

Inside help was also a worry of Simpson's coming into the season, as someone was needed to aid Lipscomb and Choice under the boards. Smith ap-

pears to be the prime candidate to fill that order.

"WE THINK Russell will help us a lot inside, both offensively and defensively," Simpson said. "Tracy Curtis will also help us, we think, but he's still got a way to go."

Another key, Simpson said, is for Davis to be able to get back into the shooting rhythm he lost midway through last season.

"LaRae, I think he and several other people will find (continued on page 8)

New boundaries set for Inman, ladies to cross

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

Coming off a 26-5 campaign in 1982-83, the season ahead for the Lady Raiders looks good in the eyes of Head Coach Larry Inman, although there are some new boundaries to be crossed.

The 26-5 mark included an undefeated Ohio Valley Conference slate and a first round victory over Jackson State in the NCAA tournament. The Lady Raiders bowed out to defending national champion Louisiana Tech on the Lady Techsters home floor.

INMAN LOST TWO of his most highly respected and best players in guards Eva Lemeh and Sherry Smith to graduation. He also lost a valuable rebounding and scoring threat in Patricia Allen, who also graduated.

But to make up for the losses, Inman swept through Tennessee and Georgia, picking up probably the hottest prospect in the Volunteer state in Smyrna High School's Kim Webb, a 5-foot-9 guard. He also picked up guard Janet Ross from Adamsville and towering Kay Willbanks from Ringgold, Ga., the home of current MTSU star Holly Hoover.

In comparing the new squad to the old squad, which also returns All-OVC performer Jennifer McFall and improving center Cyndi Allen, Inman cited a lack of overall playing experience for the newer players, while emphasizing a solid nucleus of returning athletes.

"IF I WOULD make a comparison, I'd say we're bigger, but we're slower," Inman said. "We're a lot more inexperienced team than we were last year. We have a good nucleus coming back to work from, but we lack the overall depth that we need, especially if we get somebody hurt."

Injuries have been a major problem so far in fall workouts, with the biggest loss being a knee injury to Hoover, which required arthroscopic knee surgery. Hoover is expected to be back around the first part of the schedule.

The coach also added that just about everyone on the team requires taping of some sort before practice.

"WE'VE HAD A LOT of problems with injuries," Inman, whose five-year record at MTSU is 99-46, said. "If we can get all the injuries worked out and get a little experience playing together and experience as to what I want done in certain situations, then I think we'll be alright."

"The faster and quicker we can do that, which I'm sure we're gonna get broke in pretty good against Florida State, we're gonna have the opportunity to find out real quick what we're made of."

While the OVC coaches have put the monkey on Inman's back, picking the Lady Raiders to win the conference, the coach is not so concerned early with winning and losing as he is with getting much-needed experience for players like Webb, Ross and Willbanks, who will figure

heavily into the scheme of things.

"THAT'S THE BIG thing," Inman said. "We're not looking so much at winning and losing as much as we are learning as much as we can right now for the OVC schedule."

But so far, the new players have been showing promise in fall practice, and the possibility is there, Inman thinks, to repeat as OVC champions.

"Our newcomers have done a real good job. I feel like potentially we could be a good basketball team," the coach said. "As to whether we do become a good basketball team or not—I really don't know. I think the potential is there."

"I'VE BEEN VERY pleased with girls like Jennifer McFall, Venetia Jones and Cyndi Allen from last year that have come back and shown a good attitude and improved. All three of those players have looked better now than they've ever looked since they've been here."

Inman specifically referred to McFall's improved passing and outside shooting skills, while Jones' knee has healed somewhat, allowing her more mobility.

But Inman is perhaps highest on Allen, who came back with less weight and an improved attitude.

"CYNDI CAME BACK and I think she's maybe wanting to prove something, and that might be that she can score. She averaged almost eight points a game last year, but I

thought she could've scored more. I feel like this year she'll probably score more."

Inman still points back to the lack of overall game experience that is hurting the team currently. With the recent slew of injuries, getting that ex-

perience may not be so easy.

"It's really gonna hurt us when we first start because they're not prepared against game-type situations," Inman said. "I really don't know what to expect out of them, it's hard

for me to say. In experience, we're worse right now than we were last year. People don't realize that people like Sherry

Smith, Eva Lemeh and Patricia Allen are hard to replace."

Nothing can hold back Hoover

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

Not even arthroscopic surgery can hold Holly Hoover back.

Hoover, one of the major forces behind last season's 26-5 Lady Raiders, underwent the surgery on her knee about two weeks ago, and is already itching to get back on the playing floor.

"I WENT TO the doctor today and he gave me the go ahead to start doing some light work on it," Hoover said yesterday, adding that she may be able to play sooner than the normal healing time of about a month. Hoover had been jogging on the knee for the past few days.

The Lady Raiders, a first round winner in the NCAA tournament last year, open their season Nov. 26 at Florida State.

Averaging 17.6 points and 10.2 rebounds per game, Hoover was named to second team All-OVC at the end of last year's season. Though many were shocked at her selection to the second team, she made up for not getting the (continued on page 7)

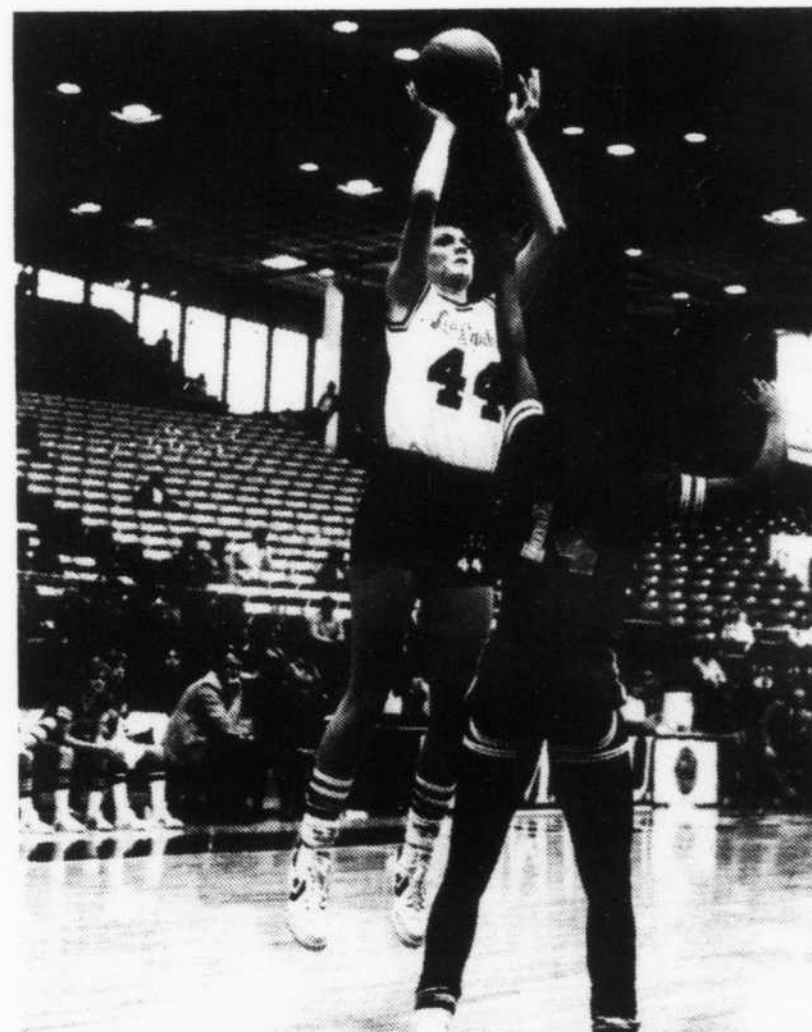
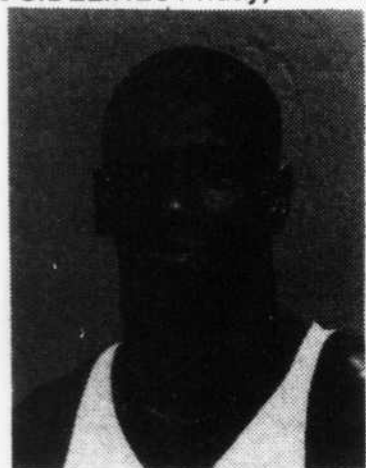


Photo by Keith Tippitt

Holly Hoover, shown here in a file photo, hopes to return to the Lady Raider lineup before the opener against Florida State Nov. 26.

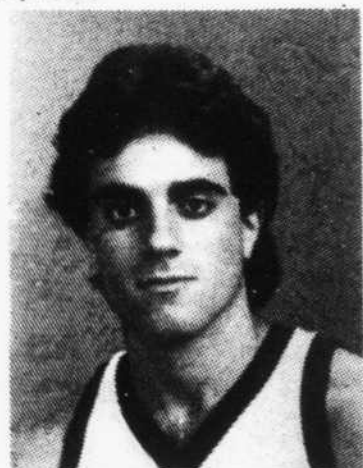
Meet the Blue Raiders



LaRae Davis
6-3 185

Soph Guard
Bainbridge, Ga.

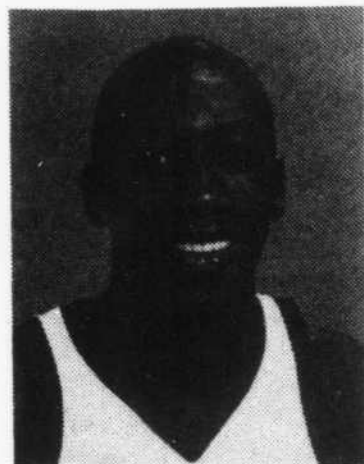
Davis Coach Simpson: "Has all the world ahead of him in basketball. He continues to improve and hasn't reached anywhere near his potential. He is a true athlete. Has a keen sense of what the game is about. The key for him is not to push himself too much and get out of his rhythm. Could develop into one of the finer guards in the conference."



Maury Mapes
6-2 170

Senior Guard
Knoxville, Tenn.

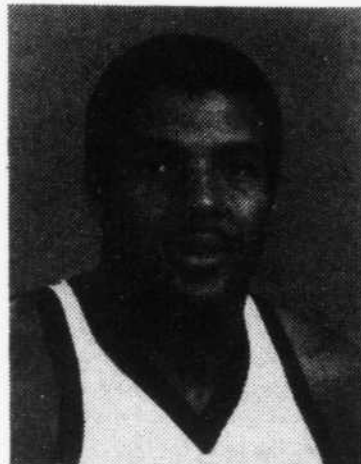
Mapes Coach Simpson: "He's a good, heady, steady player. A better offensive player than he's shown. Has to overcome getting down on himself and become more of an offensive player. He's strong defensively and knows the game, anticipates a lot."



Raleigh Choice
6-10 200

Soph Center
Bainbridge, Ga.

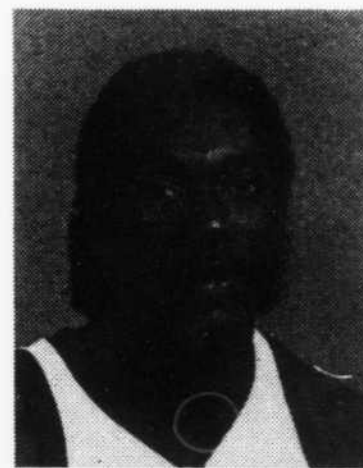
Choice Coach Simpson: "He's now right at 6-11. Can run the floor and handles the ball well for a man his size. Has a good touch. For him, it comes down to 'how hard does he want to push himself?' We hope we can find the thing that will kick his transmission into gear."



Lonnie Thompson
6-4 195

Junior Forward
Woodbury, Ga.

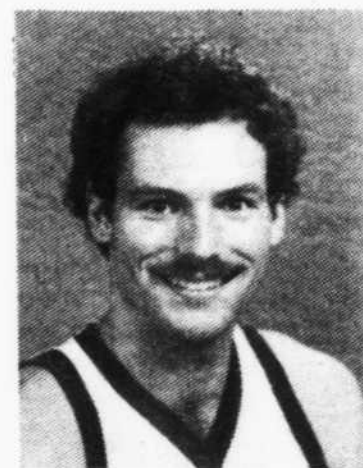
L. Thompson Coach Simpson: "He's still learning our system of play, but has the potential to be a real fine player. Could start for us before the year's out. He has great shooting ability and goes to the offensive glass hard."



Russell Smith
6-7 195

Junior Forward
Pinewood, S.C.

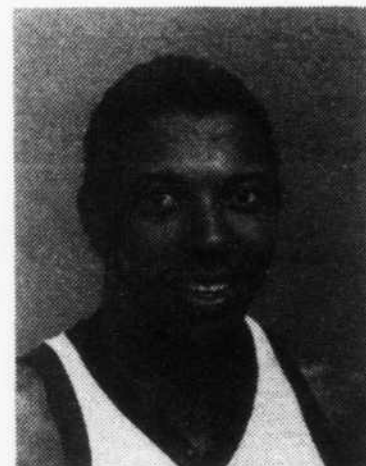
Smith Coach Simpson: "He's in a touch-and-go battle to start right now. We're counting on him to be a tremendous help on the boards. He's extremely fast up and down the floor, but has to get what he can get shooting. Can be very intimidating."



Bruce Buck
6-5 190

Junior Forward
Atlanta, Ga.

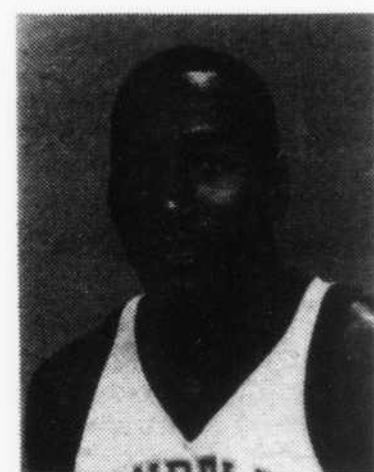
Buck Coach Simpson: "You won't find anyone in the country who plays harder. He was hurt last year, so it was hard to judge him. He doesn't seem to have the knee problem. A player that you can see improved. It was a relief to know that Bruce would go in and play hard every minute. He will play this year. He most improved his perimeter game."



Doug Lipscomb
6-6 200

Senior Forward
Gainesville, Ga.

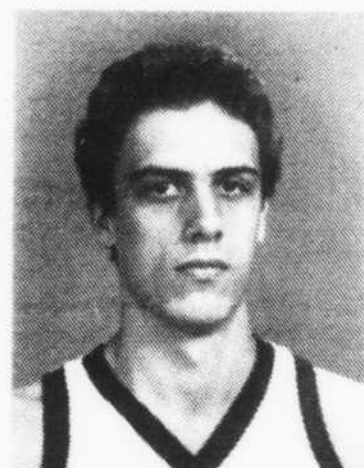
Lipscomb Coach Simpson: "The only player we had last year who was consistently good. Has a tremendous number of basketball skills; he's quick and physically strong, as well as being a very intelligent player. His leadership has been a guiding force in the earlygoing. He's a strong cog in our plans."



Bryant Woodford
6-3 180

Freshman Guard
Louisville, Ky.

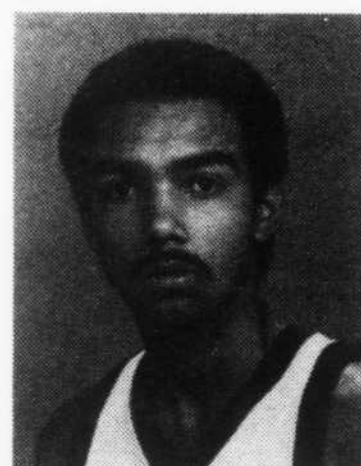
Woodford Coach Simpson: "I may be proven wrong, but I have to call Bryant a steal. Two inches taller and a step quicker and he would be somewhere other than the OVC. He's got a keener floor sense than any player we've had in a while. A strong, stable basketball player."



Greg Nimmo
6-6 180

Junior Forward
Cincinnati, Ohio

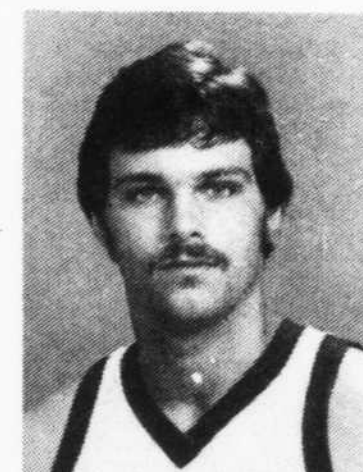
Nimmo Coach Simpson: "He helped us the first part of last year and would've continued to help if he could have continued to shoot better. He has the skills, but had a stamina problem. He's having a good fall. He needs to continue to work hard on defense and loosen up on offense. He's potentially such a good shooter."



Andrew Thompson
6-1 160

Freshman Guard
Piedmont, S.C.

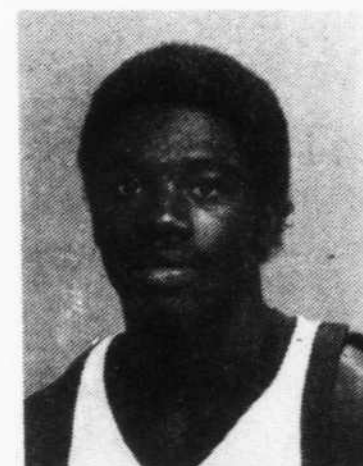
A. Thompson Coach Simpson: "His two greatest skill assets would be quickness and passing ability. He needs to improve his defensive play. He has the skill to develop into one of our top players."



Tracy Curtis
6-7 220

Freshman Forward
McMinnville, Tenn.

Curtis Coach Simpson: "He's one of our four freshmen. We're going to go slow with him. He's got the physical size to be a great help."



Leon Isaac
6-1 175

Junior Guard
Clarksdale, Miss.

Isaac Coach Simpson: "Will help outside, but his forte is his defensive ability with his quickness. We will need him to apply strong defensive pressure outside."

Can't overuse 'winner' on Doug Lipscomb

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

The term "winner" may be overused in sports, but it is the perfect description of Doug Lipscomb.

The MTSU forward out of Gainesville (Ga.) Junior College took charge for the Blue Raiders last year during a dismal 7-20 campaign and became the team's leading scorer and rebounder, as well

as leading the Ohio Valley Conference in field goal percentage.

LIPSCOMB HAS already been selected to second team preseason All-OVC honors, but in the eyes of Simpson and many others around the conference, Lipscomb is first team material.

"Doug is a winner," MTSU Head Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said. "If that term is overused, I never get tired of it

for describing Doug.

"He sees things differently than other players. He's constantly studying the scheme of things and even our overall game plan. He even gives pointers to guards and they listen, because they know he's there to pick them up and remind them.

"IN HIS POSITION, it would be hard to find a player as versatile as Doug Lipscomb."

The 6-foot-6 senior said he enjoys the role of a team leader, being one of only two seniors on the MTSU roster. Prospects for improvement on the team this year are very good, he added.

"I think it will be a whole lot different," Lipscomb said. "A whole lot better. Everybody's improved a lot. I'm looking forward to it."

SIMPSON AGREED that things will definitely be different this season, and Lipscomb's attitude as a leader will make him play better, as well as everybody else.

"He hasn't reached his full potential yet and I think Doug will play even better this year

than he did last year. His leadership ability will tend to push him or drive him to greater heights," Simpson said.

Lipscomb added that getting a winning mesh between six new players and the seven returners will be a key to the success of the 1983-84 Blue Raiders.

"YOU HAVE TO have everybody's attitude on wanting to work," Lipscomb said. "And we've got that. The gel is not totally there, but it's forming."

Simpson pointed to Lipscomb as the most consistent of MTSU's players from last year, as well as being probably the player who showed the most heart.

"About last year's team problems, I really can't say that well because I don't know the game that well to say 'if we did this and we did that we would have won so many games,'" Lipscomb explained. "We wanted to win. We had people want and everything, but they wanted to win. It just didn't happen. It was my first year in the league, and I did everything I could have done."

Smith dominates scrimmage

HARTSVILLE, Tenn. — The Blue team hammered the White team 84-50 last night in an MTSU intrasquad scrimmage.

Senior forward Doug Lipscomb scored 22 points for the Blue team, while junior transfer Russell Smith had 20 points and 21 rebounds for the winners.

Sophomore guard LaRae

Davis added 20 points for the Blue team.

Freshman Bryant Woodford out of Louisville led the White team with 14 points, while junior transfer Leon Isaac had 12 points. Tracy Curtis, a freshman from McMinnville, had 10 points.

Sophomore Billy Miller, who becomes eligible in December, had 10 rebounds for the White



Photo by Mike Poley

To The Hoop

Doug Lipscomb drives for a reverse lay-up in heavy traffic.

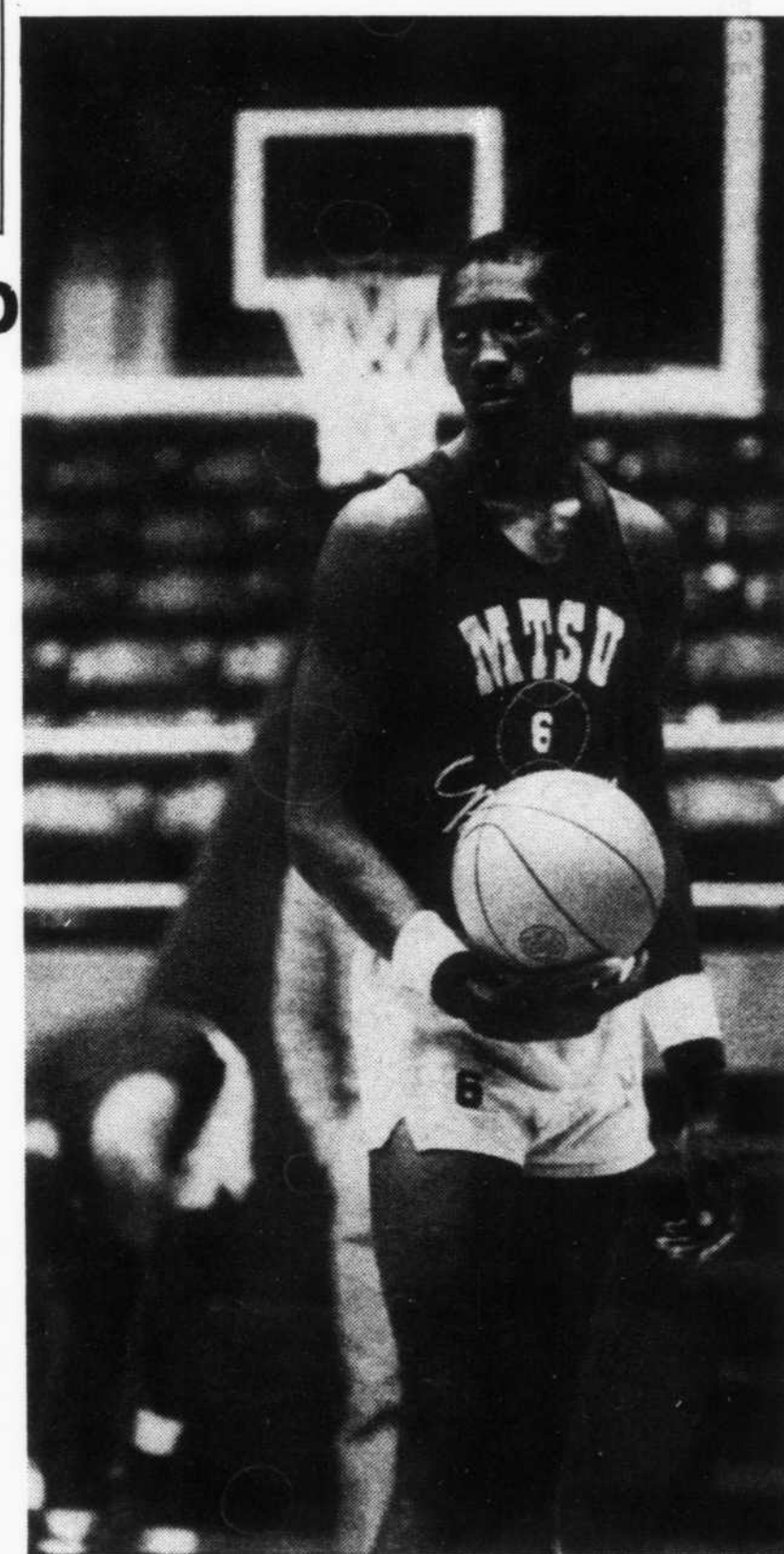


Photo by Mike Poley

Aw C'mon Coach, Not Again

Sophomore center Raleigh Choice casts an appraising glance during a practice session.



Cyndi Allen
6-2
Junior Forward
Haleyville, Ala.

Allen Coach Inman: "Tree has come back, she's much improved, she's much more of a scoring threat and she wants the ball more. She's got her weight down, she's sleek and ready to go. She's the kind of individual that has all the tools. She could play outside if we had to have her there. She continually gets better."



Venetia Jones
6-0
Junior Forward
Winchester, Tenn.

Jones Coach Inman: "One of our more improved players from last year. She's made up her mind to want to play. She'll be counted on this year more than she's ever been counted on. She'll play at inside forward, outside forward. She's a much improved player, much stronger this year, more confidence. She moves better, her knee is better. She has as much ability as anyone on the team."



Kim Webb
5-10
Freshman Guard
LaVergne, Tenn.

Webb Coach Inman: "Has the talent and ability to be a great one. As a freshman, she will be counted on heavily. One of the better all-around athletes on our team. She lacks experience at the position she plays, so she's gonna have to gain a lot of experience playing the wing area. I look for her to have some problems at first, but I feel like she will fit what we want. She can jump with the big ones. I think people at Middle Tennessee can see some great things from Kim Webb."



Jennifer McFall
6-0
Junior Forward
Columbia, Tenn.

McFall Coach Inman: "J is a great player. I think she's proven that the last two or three years. She's been All-OVC ever since she's been here. J is our Dr. J so to speak; she's got more moves than anyone on the floor. She's the kind of player for us that draws a lot of attention from other teams. She's much improved from last year, has a much better attitude as a player and is doing a great job."

Meet the Lady Raiders



Maria Salas
5-6
Junior Guard
Chattanooga

Salas Coach Inman: "One of the better outside shooters on our team. Her upper and lower body strength is a question right now. She will also be counted on in a leadership role. She and Hamilton both carry very high grade-point averages and are very intelligent individuals. In a lot of key games last year, she came in for Sherry Smith and did a good job."



Bobbie Kay Hamilton
5-7
Senior Guard
Savannah, Tenn.

Hamilton Coach Inman: "A real heady type guard, one that's always in the ballgame. She's always thinking. An extremely good passer. Has improved a great deal on her shooting. She will be counted on as a senior in a leadership role. She lacks overall playing experience because she played behind Sherry Smith, but she does have the experience of being on the team. She knows what we want in certain situations."



Janet Ross
5-6
Freshman Guard
Adamsville, Tenn.

Ross Coach Inman: "Another one of our better shooters. She's not familiar with our system. Great little passer and a super shooter; in fact, she probably shoots it as well as anybody on our basketball team. A real heady type player, she's making the transition from high school to college. I think she will be another great one who can come right in and do a great job. She'll be counted on to play a big role as a freshman."



Kay Willbanks
6-4
Freshman Center
Ringgold, Ga.

Willbanks Coach Inman: "In the position she'll be in, she has all the tools and potential to be a great one as a freshman. She's playing the position she's always played inside. She's not had the overall physical game called for in college. She's gonna be counted on to carry a lot of our inside load with Holly Hoover and Cyndi Allen. We'll have a good solid nucleus inside, and one of the reasons is because of her."



Holly Hoover
6-4
Senior Center
Ringgold, Ga.

Hoover Coach Inman: "Been slowed by a knee injury, but we're trying to get her back at full speed. I think everybody knows we'll count on Holly, just like we do J and all of our other people. Holly last year carried our inside load and did an excellent job for us. She's the kind of individual that can do it all. She's big and she's quick, she's a heady ball player. She seems to always find a gap to get open inside and get the ball. That kind of individual makes a lot of things happen for you. She, along with Cyndi Allen and Kay Willbanks will be our intimidators inside."



Tammy Andrews
5-6
Freshman Guard
Franklin, Tenn

Andrews Coach Inman: "Had to miss a lot of fall practice because of injuries. Has a lot of potential, but lacks a lot of experience. Good person to have in your program, is a gritty individual."

Also...

Two other players have joined the Lady Raiders in the last week as walk-ons.

Forwards Kim Easterly and Tammy Richter are now with the team, Head Coach Larry Inman said.

Lady Raiders

Sleek Cyndi Allen may be difference

By ANDY REED

Sidelines Sports Writer

Coch Larry Inman believes the play of Cyndi Allen could make the difference whether or not the Lady Raider basketball squad wins the OVC title this season.

Allen, a 6-2, 170 pound junior forward from Haleyville, Ala., averaged 7.6 points and 6.2 rebounds in 31 games last season for the 26-5 Lady Raiders.

The former Cyndi Lindley is a good inside player whose specialty is defense and is expected to contribute more offense this season.

"My goal individually is to get better offensively," Allen said.

Coch Inman praised Allen as being much improved from last season after having lost some weight.

"She's more versatile in that

she can handle the ball well, much better than before," the Lady Raider mentor said.

The coach also complimented her leaping ability. "She's a great leaper," he said. "She can probably jump as well as any big girl."

The P.E. major expects big things from the upcoming season, which opens Nov. 26 at Florida State.

"Team wise, my goal is to win the OVC, of course, and go on the NCAA's and hopefully go further than we did last year."

Allen said she expects the team to do "at least as good as we did last year, if not better."

Inman further expressed his confidence in her abilities.

"If she will perform up to her capabilities, she could help make a difference whether we'll go back to the NCAA playoffs. She has the God-given physical ability."

Kim Webb striving for the best

By DON TILLET

Sidelines Sports Writer

Lady Raider Basketball Coach Larry Joe Inman is pleased with the attitude of his freshman guard Kim Webb.

"She strives for only the best. Her overall ability for a player her size will overwhelm a lot of opponents," Inman said.

Webb's biggest fear is making the transition from post player in high school to second guard at MTSU.

"Here, I am a second guard. In high school, I was a post player and got to take a lot more shots. As a second guard, I will be the passer to the post," Webb said.

This does not mean Webb will be any less of a scorer than she was in high school, however.

"If I've got the shot, I'm going to take it," she said.

As a highly touted freshman from Smyrna High School, where she was a two-time Most Valuable Player in the TSSAA Tournament, Webb is not afraid of the obvious pressure heaped on every successful high school player.

"I don't try to let it bother me because then pressure can turn into fatigue. When you go in and try hard and don't do well, you tend to press and that can make you tired," Webb

said.

Coch Inman said that Webb is so talented that she is can be as good as she wants to become.

"All the talent is in her hands. She has the potential to be what she wants to be in college basketball. She has the speed to play guard, but she has the strength physically to play inside."

That may be why Webb has made the transition from post player to guard so easily, Inman said.

She's so good that our players have nicknamed her 'the franchise.'"

That is an awful lot of

pressure to put on one individual, so Inman strives to take the pressure off of all of his players.

"The only pressure they have is that pressure they put on themselves. We never want a game to be pressure-packed—we never blame a player for a missed shot in a crucial situation. We don't want our freshman to use the fact that they are freshmen as an excuse not to try hard," Inman said.

Webb and the rest of the squad will get the chance to display their wares on November 26, when the Lady Raiders travel to Tallahassee to battle powerful Florida State in their opening game.

Hoover

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first team honor by dominating the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in Cookeville, taking Most Valuable Player honors.

THIS YEAR, HOOVER'S supporting cast will be somewhat different, as lightning quick guards Eva Lemeh and Sherry Smith graduated. MTSU Head Coach Larry Inman said that Lemeh, Smith and Hoover all worked well together and that the loss of the seniors may make a difference.

"It makes a big difference," said Hoover, who is also known for her speed up and down the floor. "Their quickness helps you when to know when to cut or when to anticipate a pass."

This year's squad, however, is showing signs of improving its quickness already during fall practice, Hoover said.

"AT FIRST I was kind of worried about the overall team quickness when I was watching them practice, but the more we practiced, the better I began to feel about it," Hoover said. "I think we'll be pretty quick."



Junior center Cyndi Allen fires a jumper during practice this week.

Photo by Mike Polay

MTSU Head Coach Larry Inman said that Hoover will be counted on heavily, as will the rest of the returning Lady Raiders.

"Holly last year carried our inside load and did an excellent job for us," Inman said. "She's the kind of individual that can do it all for you and make a lot of things happen."

HOOVER SAID SHE has no problems with her roommate, freshman center Kay Willbanks, who also happens to be from the tiny town of Ringgold, Ga. According to

Hoover, Ringgold consists of only three or four stoplights and a population of maybe five.

The two had never met until Willbanks came here as one of Inman's freshman signees, but are getting along like old pals, she said. Oddly enough, in the Lady Raider program both are listed at 6-foot-4, 160 pounds.

Hoover said she would like Amber Pearce, an MTSU student who started a petition trying to get Lady Raider games moved from a 5 p.m. starting time to a later slot in

an attempt to get more fans. An OVC rule requires all women's games to start at 5 p.m.

"It's good to know someone is out there following us and appreciates the team," Hoover said.



The Schedules... Blue Raiders

Nov. 25-26	at Wendy's Classic (Georgia, Western Kentucky, Georgia State)
Nov. 30	at Memphis State
Dec. 3	at Tennessee State
Dec. 5	Urbana
Dec. 16-17	at Tennessee Classic (MTSU, UT-Chattanooga, Austin Peay, Tennessee State)
Dec. 21	at Georgia State
Dec. 30	at Western Kentucky
Jan. 2	Georgia College
Jan. 7	at Tennessee Tech
Jan. 12	at Morehead State
Jan. 14	at Eastern Kentucky
Jan. 17	Georgia Southern
Jan. 19	Youngstown State
Jan. 21	Akron
Jan. 26	Austin Peay
Jan. 27	Murray State
Feb. 2	Tennessee State
Feb. 4	Georgia State
Feb. 9	at Austin Peay
Feb. 11	at Murray State
Feb. 16	Morehead State
Feb. 18	Eastern Kentucky
Feb. 23	at Youngstown State
Feb. 25	at Akron
Mar. 3	Tennessee Tech

Stan "Ramrod" Simpson
Alma Mater: Ga. Southern '61
Collegiate Record: Four years, 60-50
MTSU Record: Four years, 60-50
1982-83 Record: 7-20 Overall
3-11 (Eighth) OVC
All-Time Record: 599-591
Lettermen lost: Five
Starters lost: Two
Lettermen returning: Six
Starters: Three
Assistant Coach: Coleman Crawford
Alma Mater: North Alabama '75
Assistant Coach: Phil Hopkins
Alma Mater: Gardner-Webb '72

Lady Raiders

Nov. 26	at Florida State
Nov. 28	Belmont
Dec. 8	UT-Chattanooga
Dec. 16-17	Dial Classic at Uni. of Mississippi
Dec. 30	at Western Kentucky
Jan. 5	at UT-Chattanooga
Jan. 7	at Tennessee Tech
Jan. 9	at Kentucky
Jan. 12	at Morehead State
Jan. 14	at Eastern Kentucky
Jan. 17	Vanderbilt
Jan. 19	Youngstown State
Jan. 21	Akron
Jan. 23	UT-Martin
Jan. 24	Austin Peay
Jan. 28	Murray State
Feb. 1	at Vanderbilt
Feb. 7	at UT-Martin
Feb. 9	at Austin Peay
Feb. 11	at Murray State
Feb. 16	Morehead State
Feb. 18	Eastern Kentucky
Feb. 23	at Youngstown State
Feb. 25	at Akron
Mar. 3	Tennessee Tech
Mar. 6-7	Ohio Valley Conference Tournament

Larry Joe Inman
Alma Mater: Austin Peay '70
Collegiate Record: Five years, 99-46
MTSU Record: Five years, 99-46
1982-83 Record: 26-5 overall
10-0 (First) OVC
All-Time Record: 149-75
Lettermen lost: Three
Starters lost: Two
Lettermen returning: Seven
Starters returning: Three
Assistant Coach: Diane Cummings
Alma Mater: David Lipscomb '80

Playing on road early will be key to success later : Inman

Larry Inman isn't fooling around when it comes to scheduling.

"You've got to play good teams to be a good team," he said. "People will not take you seriously when you are playing 'nobodys.' We're playing on the road early to get used to playing on the road."

Inman on the schedule:

Florida State: "They were in the national playoffs last year, played and got beat by Ole Miss, who was one step away from the Final Four."

Belmont: "They won their division last year in NAIA."

UT-Chattanooga: "They won the Southern Conference."

Ole Miss: "They'll be one of the top four in the nation."

Western Kentucky: "They finished runner-up to Old Dominion, who was in the

Final Four. They are ranked 17th in the nation in a lot of polls."

Tennessee Tech: "In a rebuilding year, but they have a good tradition. They'll be extremely tough still."

Kentucky: "Also in a rebuilding year, but they're in the SEC and had a good recruiting year."

Morehead State: "If I were picking anybody in the conference to win it, it would be Morehead State or Eastern Kentucky."

Vanderbilt: "They had an excellent recruiting year and they didn't lose anyone off last year's team."

Youngstown State: "They are new in the league and I don't feel like they'll be a real contender."

Akron: "Akron will not be a contender either. I know their coach (John Street) and he does a great job. He'll

The Lady Raiders open on the road Nov. 26 at Florida State

have a good program though."

UT-Martin: "One of the top teams in the Gulf South Conference."

Austin Peay: "They are much improved. They've got good depth and signed two good little point guards. They are an extremely quick team."

Murray State: "Lost (Diane) Oakley and a couple of others, but they have a good guard corps and some good forwards. They'll be much improved because of experience."

Mapes leads quietly

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sidelines Associate Editor

Maury Mapes is a quiet young man, who leads by example on the basketball court.

No high fives, no shouting at teammates or opposing players, no physical gestures to referees.

The 6-2, 170-pound senior from Knoxville will be counted on heavily by Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson this season, especially during the early going when the many new faces for the Raiders are still "getting their feet wet."

"Maury is a good, steady, heady player," Simpson said. "He's strong defensively. He's knows the game and anticipates a lot."

Mapes averaged a modest 4.0 ppg and 1.3 rpg during last year's disastrous 7-20 campaign, splitting time with now-

graduated point guard Ed "Pancakes" Perry.

"Last year, we couldn't get any breaks," he said softly. "If we had any luck, it was all bad. It was hard to explain."

But this is a new season, a chance for Mapes to go out a winner. With seven new players on the team, new blood has been pumped into the Raiders, and the chance of a winning year is a strong possibility.

"Everybody is working harder in practice," he noted. "They've [the newcomers] all brought a lot of positive things to the program."

Mapes said he wants to improve on his shooting this season, adding that he worked on this aspect of his game this past summer.

"I want to shoot better [this season]," he acknowledged. "For the past two years, I've

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not had much confidence in my shooting. I think I'm shooting better [now]. When the shot's there, I'm going to try to take it."

With a tough December slate that features top 20 powers Memphis State, Georgia, and UT-Chattanooga, Mapes said it will be critical that the young Raiders hit the boards hard and not be intimidated. He added that he hopes the fans are patient with the team.

"Eleven of our first thirteen games are on the road. If we can play pretty good, I sure hope the fans will come out. We need them to come out," he emphasized. "If they come, they're going to see a team that's working hard."

Men's slate starts with tough Georgia, heats up more with Lee and Memphis St.

Not only is MTSU's schedule tough, but it isn't arranged in the best order, Head Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said.

"I think what makes it so tough is not only the quality of the teams we're playing early, but the arrangement of the schedule itself," Simpson said.

The Raiders open with 1982-83 Final Four contestant Georgia in the Wendy's Classic and then travel to Memphis State to face a team many are calling potential national champions.

"The schedule was remade two or three times," the coach said. "We had to reschedule two or three home games to December."

"Eleven of our first 13 games are on the road. That's too many to be away from home, especially for a young team. But it's probably better to be on the road in December when everyone is out of school, because many of them are not going to draw fans either."

But even with the likes of Keith Lee staring the Blue Raiders in the face, Simpson still managed to find some humor in the schedule.

"It makes it more difficult than what we want," Simpson said. "Playing teams in the Top 20, some coaches would call it a challenge. I call it Russian Roulette. Playing one would be enough."

Simpson on the schedule:

Georgia: "They have a great deal of momentum coming back with a team that went to the Final Four

MTSU opens their schedule against the University of Georgia in the Wendy's Classic at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky.

last year. They have three starters back. It's hard to say how we'll match-up. I don't think it would be to our advantage to run."

Georgia State: "We split with them last year. It was a tremendous game here, but they beat us. They return four starters and have a new coach. They have the personnel to be top four in the OVC if they were in our league."

Western Kentucky: "One of the better games we played the entire season was here against Western. They had perhaps the best recruiting year in the nation for their size. They are one of the more talented teams in number we'll have to face. The MTSU-Western rivalry has developed into one of the biggest rivalries for both schools."

Memphis State: "We're facing a wall, no doubt about it. The prognosticators say they have the experience and talent to win it all. It's obviously going to be very different."

Tennessee State: "It's hard to say what kind of club they will have personnel-wise. They got some recruits late they'll be counting on.

Ed Martin has tremendous coaching ability and he's not down long. We will have to go in and play our best."

Urbana: "They are from the Ohio Conference. They are a small school, but they play good, hard basketball. They are short on personnel, but full on talent. They will come at you as hard as anyone in the country. They'll see us as a big challenge."

UT-Chattanooga: "Another preseason Top 20 who went to the NCAA last year. They return four starters. Some people felt like Chattanooga had one of the two best teams in the state. A world of talent and a good coach. Willie White is maybe one of the top perimeter men in the country."

Austin Peay: "They have a new coach (Howard Jackson), who will get their players to go hard. He returns a great deal of people, but has lost a couple of good ones. They could surprise a lot of people if they gel."

Georgia College: "They are very much like Urbana. I know their coach and program and their coach does a great job. He gets a lot of players who would normally play at a higher level."

Tennessee Tech: "They return four starters and were picked by many to finish first or second in the league. Stephen Kite was a good one last year. If they find someone to come through inside for them, they will be very strong."

Morehead State: "Should

be first or second. They will probably have the strongest inside game in the league. (Jeff) Tipton is starting to come into his own. They got some good junior college players also."

Eastern Kentucky: "They will be improved, although I'm not familiar with their new people. John DeCamillis and Kenny Wilson have been great additions to their program."

Georgia Southern: "Went to the NCAA last year. They have a tremendous amount of junior college players. Comparable to a Morehead-type team. They have 6-7 and 6-8 guys who move well. They play as hard defensively as anybody."

Youngstown State: "They have good-looking, physical athletes. Again, their front line is comparable to Morehead's. They've added to their guard play and could contend for the title. (Ricky) Tunstall's size and rejection ability automatically change your game plan."

Akron: "They like to say they're more than (Joe) Jakubick. I think they have some other people and they will also be improved."

Murray State: "Finally, the major talent that had been together two or three years is gone. They recruited well and they've got something to build on in (Lamont) Sleet. As to how good they could be may depend on a time factor."

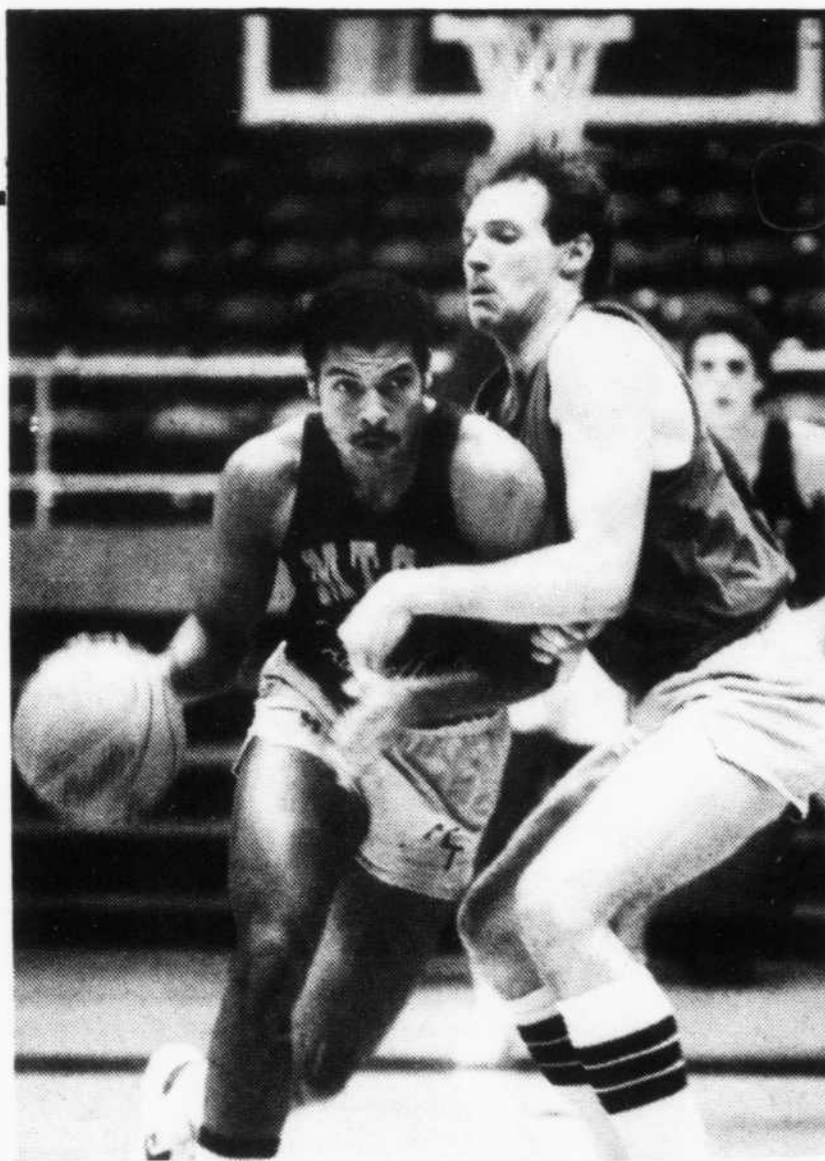


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Lonnie Thompson (with ball) works against Bruce Buck during a practice session in preparation for the Nov. 26 opener against Georgia in the Wendy's Classic.

MTSU men

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themselves this year," the coach predicted.

FIRST AND FOREMOST on the priority list will be getting the new players to synchronize with the current crop.

"I hope it won't be a problem," Simpson said. "With six old players and seven new players, I think we've added to the overall strength of the club."

The program was hit hard in September when a State Board

of Regents audit uncovered several possible NCAA rules violations. MTSU President Sam Ingram forwarded the audit to the NCAA, and a judgement on the situation is still forthcoming.

"Anything along those lines, you can't feel very comfortable with," Simpson said. "You can't dwell on it, but it's always in the back of your mind."

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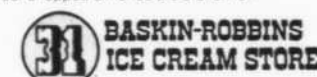
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features

MTSU's psychology lab:

Animal behavior studied for human application

By DEE PARKER

Sidelines Staff Writer

"Psyching up" in MTSU's psychology lab may be a matter of animal magnetism since the lab in its present form is used primarily for animal research.

Starting this semester, students began coaching their pet rats to play basketball—a ratifying accomplishment. This feat, in connection with the Learning Theories psychology class, is paving the way for undergraduates to "get hands-on" experience in behavior modification," Skip

Kendrick, lab director and psychology professor, said.

IN THE PAST, students in the Learning Theory class simply studied theory, Kendrick said.

Tucked away between Stewart Hall Apartments and the old Blue Raider Bookstore on North Baird Lane, the lab formerly was a residential home the university purchased. It has been housing faculty and graduate experiments for four years.

Undergraduates now get to get out of their books and get their hands on the real thing,

Kendrick said.

"IT'S PRETTY MUCH like a chemistry lab," Kendrick said. "They do animal-learn experiments rather than chemical experiments."

Since the lab was already equipped with "rat equipment," Kendrick decided to keep the mice in the house because rats are the "most popular laboratory animal for this type of research."

"Just about any animal you can think of someone at sometime has worked with," Kendrick said.

"WE USE ANY rat as long as

it's not wild. We don't collect them off the street or dig them out of garbage cans," Kendrick joked.

Students are assigned in teams of two or three people and given responsibility for caring and feeding their black-hooded rat, Kendrick said.

The rat is placed in an operant chamber where his behavior is studied as he presses a food bar. Once a schedule of behavior has been established, changes in the code used in connection with receiving pellets of food is altered so behavior effects can be noted.

ONCE ALL THE steps of exercise have been completed, it's time to play "ping-pong basketball."

"Students have to train their rat to put the ball through a little net that hangs up in the chamber," Kendrick said.

The rat must stand up on its hind legs, reach out and take the ball from the student and then roll it across the cage's floor. Then the rat picks up the ball and dunks it in for a field goal—two points and a pellet of food.

GRADUATED GLOBET-ROTTING rats, in this case, went to the biology department for further education.

In reality, little mousing around goes on in the rat lab because the behavior principles that are studied here have practical application on humans.

"Our previous history has

shown a lot of these general principles work with people as well," Kendrick explained.

The principles of behavior modification are used in working with the mentally retarded, psychology counseling, problem children and physical therapy patients, he added.

RECENTLY THE LAB has also become a birdhouse to the eight pigeons that are a part of Kendrick's private research. These birds have begun ruling the roost since the rat project ended several weeks ago.

Planned research for Kendrick's brainy birds includes exploring whether or not pigeons are sensitive to human expressions.

Every day his feathered friends watch color transparencies so Kendrick can study the bird's memory and thought processes.

ANIMAL RESEARCH, however, isn't alive and crawling as much as human research in the psychology field.

Approximately two-thirds of the psychology department is involved in human research

this semester, Larry Morris, psychology department chairman, said.

"You don't have to have laboratories to be a scientist in psychology, but some laboratories are essential for some areas of psychology," Morris said.

Professor Robert Baucer is working on research for brain damaged people, children's cognitive process research and changes in aging with the elderly.

"IT'S A LOT easier to move your equipment rather than move your subject," Baucer said, adding that subjects are more cooperative in their own settings.

Although the lab is not equipped for "psyching out" humans, Morris says he hopes to see the lab include facilities for studying human perception.

"It may be a while out in the future," Morris said.

Psychology research, animal or human, tends to be somewhat of a rat race in and of itself—even in the best of pigeonhole societies.

Frazier award correction

In the Nov. 15 issue of *Sidelines*, we incorrectly printed that the deadline for entries for the Neal D. Frazier award—established in 1982, not 1983—would be April 11. The correct deadline for the 1983-84 award is Jan. 30. The \$300 prize is broken down into a \$200 first place and a \$100 second place. Use or influence of the Bible in literature should be included. *Sidelines* regrets the errors.

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'Dead Zone': Carefully wrought tale of man's internal conflict

By DAWN ADKERSON

Sidelines Copy Editor

At long last, a Stephen King novel has been faithfully produced for the cinematic screen.

Dead Zone is a carefully wrought tale of a man's conflict with a newly acquired sixth sense and the power to change the future he foresees.

CHRISTOPHER WALKEN portrays Johnny Smith with an intensity that matches the eerie mood of the film. Limping across the stark winter landscape of King's standard Maine setting, Walken is a striking figure in black slacks and black

coat with upturned collar.

Smith has awakened from a five-year coma with a gift/curse of sixth sense. His girlfriend (Brooke Adams) has remarried and has a child. Even the politicians are new to him. Smith is unable to return to more than a semblance of normal existence.

He reveals to his mentor a closet filled with letters from hundreds of people pleading for him to use his gift to help them find what they have lost. His sight is a curse, he tells the sheriff who requests his help to solve a series of murders, but the curse solves the murders. Finally, Smith realizes

something else about his gift: there is a blank space when he sees things, a dead zone, that provides room for change.

THE FORCE OF this power becomes apparent when Smith mistakenly shakes hands with Greg Stillson (played by Martin Sheen), a politician running for the Senate. Smith's sight reveals the evil and the end of civilization that will occur when Stillson wins the presidency.

The major conflict of the film is revealed: if you met Hitler before World War II and knew the future, would you kill him?

Smith's answer to that

question leads to the film's dramatic finale.

This is no standard horror film. Jack Nicholson doesn't pervert horror with his maniacal sneer. Vampires are not blue lights. For once, a King work is accurately transferred to the visual medium.

WALKEN'S FINE performance brings a life to the character that King's sometimes stilted concerns fail to produce in the novel. In the film, Johnny Smith is a real character who is victimized by a gift of prophecy.

King strives for average middle-class characters in a

middle-class America. Walken personifies the ordinary man somehow caught in an extraordinary situation. His terror is real, his resignation is understandable and the decisions he must make are heroic in a way with which the audience can identify.

King manages to capture the ordinary concerns of middle-class Americans (sometimes to the exclusion of other literary elements). The film *Dead Zone* manages to retain King's details, as well as the spirit of his work. It is, at last, a King adaptation well worth seeing.



'The Color Purple': Characters too real, too complete for fiction

By DAWN ADKERSON

Sidelines Copy Editor

Occasionally, I read a book that is so personally moving I cannot advise someone to read it by a simple plot summary or by listing the accomplishments of the work. I have to try to describe what it means to me.

The Color Purple by Alice Walker is such a novel. I have not yet put enough distance between us to approach it clinically. I didn't put the book down all night after I started to read it, and even now I seem to look at the world with some of Celie's mind, with some of Shug's delight.

WALKER DEVELOPS a semi-illiterate black girl's self-realization through a series of letters. Celie writes letters to God, because she is too ashamed of her life to pray, and there is no one to whom she can speak.

The victim of white supremacy in the rural South and male domination in her own culture, Celie is sexually abused by her mother's husband who also steals the two children their unions

produce. As part of a bargain her stepfather makes, Celie marries a man who equally mistreats her. So hateful is his name to her that she refers to him only as Mr. ----.

Shug Avery brings life to a setting limited to bleak blacks and whites. Resplendent in red and purple, Shug is the key to a new world for Celie. She discovers that the purpose of life is not to survive, but to enjoy. God is not the unforgiving deity of the white male society so alien to Shug's own existence; He is life. Celie learns to appreciate this newfound God in every aspect of life that is actually lived, not merely endured. To Celie, God is the rare purple that sometimes covers the fields outside Celie's home.

ONCE CELIE BEGINS to live, the other characters experience a change, as well. They mature, fight the seemingly overwhelming dictations of their environment and ancestry, reach levels of self-confidence that curiously extend beyond the limits of Celie's rural English on the pages of a book. Mr. ----

becomes Albert, human at last. His son, Harpo, learns to love his strong wife, not to resent her independence.

The reader experiences a similar transformation. It is impossible to look at yourself and the individuals in your environment quite the same way. Somehow you look more carefully. You feel stronger.

The last page of the novel holds one line. "I thank everybody in this book for coming. —A.W., author and medium." It is an accurate note. These characters are too complete, too real for fiction. They are that rare color purple.



Participation essential for Turkey of the Year

By LYNDA TEWELL

Sidelines Features Editor

MTSU participation is greatly needed if Gamma Beta Phi's Turkey of the Year charity event is going to be a success, says chairman Reuben San Nicolas.

San Nicolas, in conjunction with GBP, has sent out letters to organizations, academic departments, faculty and staff members on campus, asking for nominations of someone they felt was "turkey" enough to be Turkey of the Year.

BRAD SHIRLEY and Greg Reynolds, both of Sigma Chi fraternity, are the two nominations that have been

received.

"Anyone who is an MTSU student, faculty or staff member can be nominated," San Nicolas said. "Participation is important, and we encourage all organizations to take part in this fund-raising activity."

To nominate a person for this award, send the nominee's name, \$1 and a written reason of 25 words or less to Reuben San Nicolas, Box 1519, or drop the entry by the Turkey of the Year booth in the University Center basement no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21.

VOTES WILL BE taken at the UC booth for Turkey of the



Year on Monday, Nov. 21, and Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The price is 10 cents per vote, and you can vote as often as you like.

All the money raised from both the nominations and the votes will be given to a charity of the winner's choice. The winner will also receive a special plaque in his honor.

GBP President Mary Mason got the idea for the charity event from the Belmont chapter of GBP which had success with the event.

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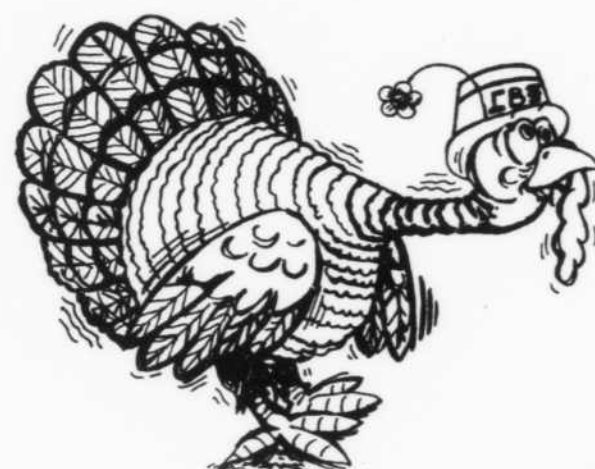


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MTSU Greeks ready for Tech battle

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sidelines Associate Editor

Greek All-Star football teams from MTSU and Tennessee Tech will battle Saturday, in a game that Coach David "I don't have

Blue-White game slated

The annual MTSU Blue-White basketball game will be held Monday night at Monte Hale Arena in Murphy Center, with tipoff set for 7:30 p.m.

Admission will be charged for the game this year to benefit the Johnny Parsley scholarship fund. Parsley was a long-time Blue Raider supporter who died in late August.

Tickets are a dollar for MTSU students and will be available at the door.

time Big Man" Fuqua predicts will be a "bloodbath."

The contest, sponsored by Skoal Bandits and Busch, will be played at 11 a.m. at the Greek field next to Cummings Hall, and the MTSU squad hopes to avenge last year's 18-13 defeat at the hands of the Techsters.

Fuqua and fellow coach Danny Murphy will look for key performances from Elvis Brandon, Mark Dodson, Perry Lynn Holcomb and Tim Herd.

Fuqua said the game will be videotaped and that he's hoping a good crowd will turn out.

"I hope the fans show. We need them," the fast-talking coach emphasized. "We're looking for lots of violence. They [the referees] will allow for full contact."

Fuqua made one final prediction for the game.

"My prediction?" he asked, ala Mr. T in Rocky III. "It'll be a bludgeoning."

Spring Editor-in-Chief

Applications are being accepted for spring editor of *Sidelines*. Forms are available from the publications secretary in Room 306 of the James Union Building. Completed applications, along with current transcripts and a maximum of three letters of recommendation should be returned to the publications secretary by 4 p.m., Nov. 29. Applicants must be full-time students at MTSU, with a 2.5 overall grade point average.

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Ladies face volleyball tourney

By ANDY REED

Sidelines Sports Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball squad takes its 6-18 record to the Ohio Valley Conference championships at Youngstown State this weekend after closing out the regular season on a winning note.

MTSU is seeded seventh in the eight-team tourney, ahead of only Murray State.

TENNESSEE TECH, which went undefeated while winning the OVC Round-Robin Tournament at mid-season, is seeded number one this weekend followed by defending champion Eastern Kentucky.

Akron is the third seed followed by Morehead, Youngstown, Austin Peay, MTSU and Murray.

Though Tech is the top seed, MTSU Coach Diane Cummings feels that Eastern is the team to beat.

"ALL THEIR [Eastern] girls are over six feet tall," Cummings said while discussing the Lady Colonels. "They are all excellent hitters. You can forget about weaknesses. There are none."

The Lady Raider mentor feels that despite her team's dismal record, they could be the surprise team of the tournament.

"If there's gonna be a Cinderella team, it could be us," she said. "People should overlook us because we did so poorly in the mid-season tournament."

The Lady Raiders go into the tournament on a bit of a roll, having won their last two matches over Austin Peay and UT Chattanooga.

The Lady Raiders open tournament play this afternoon. Their first opponent was unknown to *Sidelines* at press time. The finals are expected to begin at approximately 2:30 CST Saturday.

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