

# Football dormitory postponed for a year

by Faye Hale

Beasley Hall will be converted into a dorm especially for football players in one year, according to MTSU President Sam Ingram.

The decision to wait one year was made for several reasons, according to Ingram. "For one thing it's too late in the school year to ask students who have already made a housing preference to

move. Secondly, after Coach Donnelly and I went to Beasley the other night we decided that we need more student support for football, not less, and we felt that it wouldn't be in the best interest of the students or the football team to make a decision to run the students out of Beasley."

Ingram said he felt the decision to wait one year would be fair since

the number of Beasley residents wanting to return in one year would be substantially reduced and that a year would give them time to find adequate housing.

"While the move will still be unpleasant in a year, there will be a smaller number of students affected and I hope that these people will be willing to make the sacrifice," Ingram said.

Ingram said he felt a special dorm for football players would be beneficial to the university in that it would be one among a number of positive factors it takes to build a winning football team. "Beasley can offer some of those positive factors," Ingram said.

Donnelly said that he felt the decision was a "good move."

"I'm not upset with the move at all," Donnelly said. "I don't think that it is a move for students or a move against the football team but a move for the good of the student body."

Donnelly said that he didn't think that the lack of a dorm for one year would affect the performance of the team in any way.

"We're not going to quit just because we didn't get our way," Donnelly said.

He said that in a year he would have to step back and look at the situation and that possibly a different route could be taken. "We'll eventually get what we need," Donnelly said, adding that he did not know when that will be.

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## Sidelines

### Dorm residents are happy with Ingram's delay

by Faye Hale

Residents of Beasley Hall expressed happiness and appreciation at President Sam Ingram's decision to postpone the turning of Beasley Hall into a football dorm for one year.

Charles Akers, head resident of Beasley, said that he was "pleased that the decision has been made to keep Beasley Hall as it is for the coming year." "I have complete confidence in Dr. Ingram's ability to make decisions that are in the best interest of the total university community," Akers said.

Bill Geisenhoffer, resident assistant at Beasley, said that he was "overjoyed" at the decision. "I would like to thank President Ingram for seeing the decision in our favor," Geisenhoffer said. "We hope that we have set an example for other people to stand up and be heard."

Taylor Martin, Beasley resident, said that he was very pleased with the decision. "I'm especially happy of the support of students in general and we appreciate the concern of all students who showed interest."

"I feel it's something the guys over here will be pleased with," Jim Walsh, resident assistant said. "The decision proves that the administration listens to student input."



photo by Pat Casey Daley

### Bragg gets into the act

Housing director David Bragg yesterday had an opportunity to learn of some of the difficulties confronting handicapped students as he and other

university officials maneuvered about campus on wheelchairs. Here Bragg attempts to scale a ramp. SEE RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 5.

### Handicap Awareness Day

## Dignitaries tour the campus on wheelchairs

by Angie Galloway

ASB President Mike McDonald today presented Sigma Delta Sigma, the campus handicap organization, a proclamation signed by Governor Lamar Alexander declaring April 12 Handicap Awareness Day.

Early yesterday morning Sam Ingram, president of MTSU; O. E. Reece, director of vocational rehabilitation; Dale Wiley, director of the Tennessee State

Planning office; McDonald and others, toured campus in wheelchairs to show the inaccessibility of some of the facilities on campus.

During the speeches that followed, several people expressed astonishment at how hard it is to get into a building, or even using the water fountain in the NCB. After the tour, many speakers said they felt more appreciative toward

handicapped students and the problems they face in their everyday lives.

Wiley talked about handicapped people playing sports on the local, national and international competition.

"Success in handicapped sports is a basic human need," Wiley said. Handicapped sports have become a community enterprise and there is a constant progression of growth in

### Actions at joint meeting may be unconstitutional

by Janet Hyatt

Action on several pieces of legislation at Tuesday's ASB joint house and senate meeting may have been unconstitutional, according to Kent Syler, speaker of the senate.

Although there was no quorum in the house, the meeting was conducted following the passage of a motion to suspend the rule that a quorum is needed to vote, made by Syler.

The body's action on the legislation may be a violation of the ASB constitution which states that "a majority of all members of the senate and the house of representatives shall constitute a quorum to do business."

"At the time of the motion I perceived it as being legal," Mark Floyd, speaker of the house, said. "It was my duty to allow the motion to be discussed, debated and voted on. I did not interpret it as a suspension of the constitution because it (the constitution) makes no provision for joint sessions."

Syler said that at the time the motion was made he had not considered that it might be unconstitutional but when contacted Wednesday he said in his opinion the action that took place at the meeting "would not be ruled as legal in a court case."

The decisions made at the meeting could be easily overturned if challenged, Syler said. He added that he did not think they would be challenged since the resolutions

passed were not controversial.

Although Syler was unsure whether the suspension of the rules was unconstitutional, he said it is not a good idea and should not be used except in "have to" cases.

Syler said he thought this was a "have to" case since some of the legislation was timely. Because the house has been unable to get a quorum at its past two meetings and "for the fairness of everyone," Syler said he made the motion as a "last resort."

Paul Cantrell, ASB advisor, said the interpretation should be made by the ASB Supreme Court and that the matter "probably should be brought to their attention."

Legislation calling for a referendum on the proposed campus recreational facility, requesting that Beasley Hall remain an open housing dormitory and asking that written syllabi be issued for all classes was passed at the meeting.

The resolution states that "The Associated Student Bdoy (sic) through its constitutional powers the (sic) support the MTSU Office of Campus Recreational (sic) in their request for a comprehensive campus recreational facility."

It asks the election commission to "be prepared to take our pledge of support to the student body of MTSU through a referendum." Although the referendum does not state a specific date a special election will be held this semester, [continued on page 6]

### ASB act violated because budget was not submitted

by Janet Hyatt

By not submitting his proposed budget to the ASB House at their Tuesday meeting, President-elect Kent Syler is in violation of an ASB act requiring submission of a proposed budget within three weeks after the spring elections.

A bill requiring that the president-elect submit a proposed budget within three weeks after the spring elections was passed early in the fall semester. The bill also states that the president will still be required to present the approved budget in the fall.

Syler, who said he did not want to present the proposed budget to a "lame-duck" house, said he thinks the bill is unconstitutional.

However, as speaker of the senate, Syler signed the bill after it was passed.

Syler explained that he thinks an amendment would be needed for the change. He said he would be presenting the budget on April 24, "before a vice president that is going to be working with the money."

"The time frame shouldn't have been put on the bill," Syler said. "Things are so jumbled around from year to year. You can't use the same time frame for each year."

Tom Duncan, speaker pro-tempore of the house and sponsor of the bill said the bill was not unconstitutional. "The speaker asked him (Syler) for the proposed [continued on page 6]

### Briefly

Bulletin

Sharon Steakley won last night's Miss MTSU contest. See Tuesday's edition of *Sidelines* for the complete story and photographs.

The Sigma Chi fraternity will sponsor its 12th annual Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the President's house Sunday at 1 p.m.

The annual event for the children of administrators and faculty members will feature refreshments for the parents and prizes for the children.

A reception honoring the new officers and steering committee members of the Faculty Senate for the 1979-80 year is scheduled for today, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the faculty lounge of the JUB. Everyone is invited.

Ruth Ann Leach, anchorperson for WTVF-channel 5, will be the guest speaker for the annual spring banquet of the student member section of the Tennessee Home Economic Association, April 17 at 5:30 in dining room B of the JUB.

The cost will be \$5 for members and guests.



# News Digest

## Solar devices exempted from tax

NASHVILLE (AP) State officials who say Tennessee government shouldn't let the sun set on development of alternative energy sources are backing cash incentives for such projects.

A Tennessee House committee approved legislation Wednesday to exempt the sale of solar and wind energy devices from the sales tax. Such devices can often run into the thousands of dollars, making the savings potential substantial.

## Pardons upheld; three go free

NASHVILLE (AP) Denying they were embittered by the delay, three state prisoners were released on bond Thursday three months after former Gov. Ray Blanton signed papers saying they could go free.

Armed robber Joseph McKenna and murderers Fred Smith and Roland Harris Jr. were freed after their lawyers arranged to post bond for them. The last of the three to leave, Harris was asked if he was bitter.

"Oh, no. That's the way the system goes," he said.

## Carter declares disaster area

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) President Carter declared this ravaged city a disaster area yesterday, and city officials instituted a dusk-to-dawn curfew and a price-freeze in the aftermath of one of the most devastating tornadoes in the nation's history.

Meanwhile, crews searching the 8-mile-long section damaged by Tuesday night's twister here recovered the body of a 43rd victim, but later boosted the count to 44.

And while the recovery work went on, new tornadoes Thursday damaged several homes at Steens, Miss., and the National Weather Service said tornadoes were spotted at Cave Spring and Rome, Ga., and Canton, Miss. No injuries were reported. Minor injuries were reported in an early morning tornado at Florence, Ala.

## WWII prisoner called imposter

BERLIN (AP) A British surgeon's claim that the man thought to be Rudolf Hess is an imposter adds a bizarre chapter to the saga of a lonely old man who has spent nearly half his life in Spandau Prison here for service to Adolf Hitler.

His wife and son rejected the claim Thursday.

In a book to be published next month, Dr. Hugh Thomas, 43, formerly a member of the four-nation medical team at Spandau, says he has no idea who the prisoner is.

"What I do know is that he cannot be Hess. It is essential that a surgeon ... with the requisite experience should examine the prisoner as soon as possible before it is too late," he said.

Hess will be 85 on April 26.

The man jailed as Hess, who as Nazi Germany's deputy Reichsfuehrer was Hitler's closest comrade, is serving a life term for "waging aggressive war."

## 'Dog's best friend' gives \$70,000

KNOXVILLE (AP) A retired businessman whose pet Saint Bernard is suffering from heart worms has given the University of Tennessee \$70,000 because he loves the dog, university officials said Thursday.

"I'm giving to the animal research program to see if they can't extend dogs' lives," said James D. Gillespie, a retired Nashville airport developer. "After all, they are man's best friend."

Gillespie said his 125-pound dog, Bruno, has had heart worms for several years.

Bob Pentecost, an assistant vice president for UT's Institute of Agriculture, said about \$60,000 of the money will be used for research on the causes and cures of animal diseases.

The balance will be used to establish a \$500 annual scholarship in the art department, Pentecost said. He said \$70,000 is the expected proceeds from the sale of some Nashville property Gillespie gave UT.

# Interior design major proposed

by Angie Galloway

Jack Carlton, vice president for academic affairs, spoke yesterday to over 45 people concerning the proposal for a major in interior design in the home economics department.

The proposal was written by Hattie Arthur, department chairman for home economics. Carlton said the proposal was sent to the Board of Regents Monday.

The request was reviewed Thursday by Arthur and Carlton and sent out by the president's office. From there, Carlton said, if it is passed, it will go to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for approval.

Hopefully it will be considered during the June meeting of the Regents and will be placed on the August agenda for THEC, he said. The board has people who will read, review, research and either recommend or reject the proposal.

If the staff for THEC reviews and approves the recommendation, it will probably "fly through" the committee, Carlton said.

Nancy Woodson, an instructor in home economics, was the original author of the proposal, but had a stroke before the proposal could be written. Arthur, who wrote the proposal, said she had to spend much of her time researching and doing background work to prepare it.

Carlton said the proposal was not before the board at their last meeting because it was not in the proper form for the THEC review committee.

He did not speculate that it would be turned down by THEC because of the cost. "There is a good strong number to demonstrate the need for a major in interior design," Carlton said. The main questions asked would center around the possibility that the program is a duplication of a program at Tennessee State University, or if it was in conflict with another program, he said.

Several of the people there said they were misinformed about the

proposal and were under the impression the proposal was not passed. One person claimed that at the time of freshman orientation three years ago, she was told that there would be a major in the field of interior design and was advised to register for those courses.

Another complaint voiced was the fact there is only one interior design teacher for 75 students. Arthur said if enough students justify hiring a teacher, then one will be hired.

Lambuth College has a major in interior design degree and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville has a major in home economics with an emphasis in interior design.

## Interior Design students are given 'run around'

by Jackie Gearhart

While the Board of Regents has not yet approved the proposal for a major in interior design, many interior design students feel they've been given the run-around.

Most of the students were informed in their freshman year that by the time they were to graduate, the interior design major would be approved, but since the proposal

did not get through in the last Board of Regents meeting in March, the students are beginning to worry about what their future has in store for them.

In order to be approved by the American Society of Interior Design, whether one has taken the allotted hours or not, he or she must have a major in interior design, or must have worked in the field for

eight years.

Being accepted into ASID is a very important factor in getting a job, according to the students. Most firms will not even consider hiring someone unless he or she has passed the ASID examination. "It is as important to an interior designer as passing the bar is to a lawyer," said one student.

Interior design instructor Nancy Woodson worked with the ASID to get May's graduating seniors accepted because of their special circumstances, but as for students who are to graduate next year, "We'll have to do our own fighting," said junior Kelly Berry.

MTSU is the only university under the state Board of Regents system which will offer a major in interior design if the proposal is passed.

Asked what she would do if the proposal was not passed, junior Judy Ries said, "Cry... I really

don't know what I'll do. It wouldn't be a good situation if I had to transfer." If the students transfer, that would mean maybe two more years getting all the credits at another school.

"I don't feel like I've wasted my time," Berry said. "I've been taught well. I've learned very much...but if it doesn't pass, I couldn't afford to transfer. I'd have to graduate with a home economics major and maybe come back later."

"We're tired of waiting around," said Ries. "It should have been approved in March. There's no reason why it shouldn't pass."

About 70 students in interior design who want to graduate with a major in that field seem to be playing a waiting game. And for those who want to be in that field, being accepted into ASID is very important, and all they need is approval from the Board of Regents.

## Ray, Ellis named editors

Bill Ray was chosen as the 1979 summer *Sidelines* editor and Jeff Ellis was elected editor for the fall semester at a student publications committee meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Ray, a junior mass communications major from Knoxville, told the committee he would prefer that *Sidelines* go back to a tabloid-size newspaper for the summer instead of the broadsheet style. He explained that during the summer it is difficult to find enough advertisers to fill a broadsheet newspaper.

Ray said that there will be no

other major changes during the summer.

Ellis, a senior mass communications major from Bethel Springs and 1978-79 editor of *Collage*, said he would return to broadsheet next fall since it allows more room for design creativity.

"There is always room for improvement," Ellis said, "but the changes I propose are not major ones." These changes include more opinion writing, in-depth and investigative reporting and possibly an entertainment page in the Friday paper.



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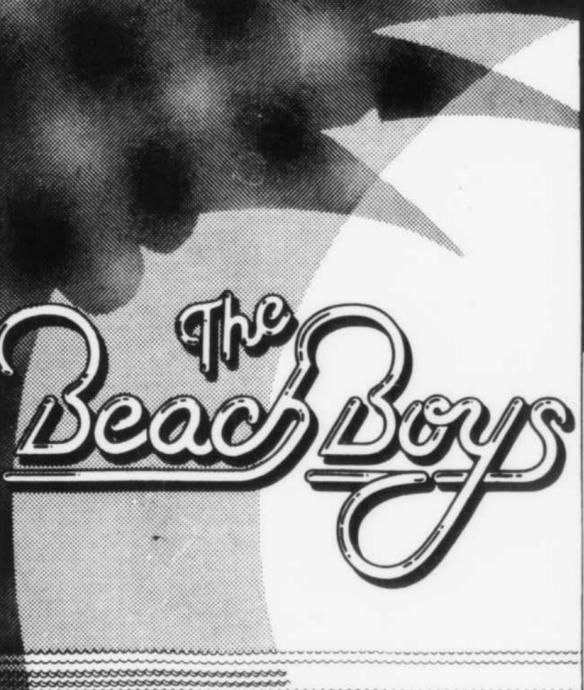
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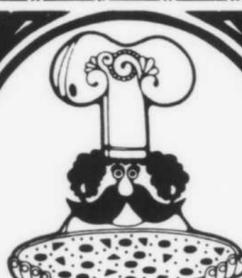


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# MTSU fraternities are vandalized

by Jerry Williamson

Four fraternities were vandalized recently, according to Paul Cantrell, dean of students.

Sigma Nu and Alpha Tau Omega had paint thrown on their houses, windows were broken out of the Pi Kappa Alpha house and Kappa Alpha had paint thrown on their cannon, Cantrell said.

"Sigma Nu had brown paint put on the inside and outside walls of

the house and on the couch," Murfreesboro Police Capt. Walter Gooch said. "ATO apparently only had white paint put on the front porch and a glass broken out of the front door."

Cantrell said that there were no clues as to the identification of the vandals. "There have been some rumors going around, but they may be ill founded," he said.

Gooch said that the culprit was

probably another fraternity. "Those kids like to do little funny things like that," he said. "It was probably just a joke."

Cantrell said that other fraternities from Tennessee Tech, Western Kentucky and Austin Peay have been known to "come down sometimes and play a prank on another fraternity."

Cantrell added that the paint cans left at the houses were "likely to be traced back to the owner" because of identification numbers on the cans.

Estimates of the damage to the fraternity houses are expected within the next few days, according to Cantrell.

## Fraternity experiences genuine animal house

by Jerry Williamson

Something different is always going on in fraternity houses, but even the members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were shocked when they awakened to find a shetland pony in their house last week.

"I was in bed when I heard someone say, 'oh wow man, there's a horse in the house,'" Tom Frost, SAE house director, said.

Frost was even more surprised to

find "he had gone to the bathroom an awful lot--all over the carpet."

"I imagine he had been given something (to make him use the bathroom), but there was no way to tell," Frost added.

The pony was claimed by Fred Kemle, superintendent of the Good Shepard Home.

"We called him (Kemle) three or four times and the police came and called him also," the SAE member

said.

"It seemed like to us that they (the owners) didn't care about what happened to the horse," Frost said. "We called him and told him that we had his pony and that we had brushed him down and got him some hay, but he acted like it was our responsibility to return the horse."

The pony was stolen from the Good Shepard Home between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. April 4, according to Kemle's wife.

"They called him (Kemle) a number of times telling him to come and get the pony," she said,

"but he felt like it wasn't his responsibility."

She added that Kemle would have to rent a trailer in order to transport the pony back to the Good Shepard Home.

"The first night he was here, he got loose and left," Frost said. "We don't know what happened to him."

The small, tan pony was donated to the children of the Good Shepard Home. "I'm sure someone stole the pony and took it to the fraternity as a joke," Mrs. Kemle said. "But I'm sure that we won't file any charges if the pony is returned."



Hallie Coppedge and Lisa Davis in "A Curious Savage." photo by Gary Long

## New theatre production to open Thursday night

by Teresa Looney

Hilarious, warm, refreshing, eccentric and subtly insane are only a few words used to describe John Patrick's *The Curious Savage*, which will be presented April 19-21 at 8 p.m. in the DA.

The three-act comedy will be directed by Dorethe Tucker, assisted by Carolyn Jones and will feature several very familiar faces as well as some talented new ones.

A private mental institution is the setting for the story, which centers around Ethel P. Savage, a wealthy elderly woman whose family has her committed to the home because they believe her over-generous gifts to charity are rather insane.

When Mrs. Savage's money-hungry children realize that the better part of her wealth is still in

her possession at the institution, the true insanity begins and the audience may even question the sanity of those "on the outside."

Lisa Davis, a senior theatre major, will portray Mrs. Savage. The eccentric guests at the institution will be played by Kina Steed, Cindy O'Brien, Shirin Sohrabi, David Johnson and Allan Barlow. The doctor will be played by Gerald Dunn and nurse Wilhelmina will be portrayed by Laura Leopard. Bob Forsythe, Hallie Coppedge and Bill Jones will play Mrs. Savage's children.

Reservations may be made beginning April 12 by calling 898-2716 from 2-5 p.m. Tickets may be obtained now by sending a stamped, self addressed envelope to: Box 473, MTSU, Murfreesboro, 37132.

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# Newsroom Comment

## Raising drinking age is a ludicrous proposal

The compromise bill which may come before the legislature to raise the legal drinking age to 19, in the wake of the attempts that failed to raise the age to 21, is ludicrous!

The original bill was pushed by juvenile court judges and school officials in order to curb the problems of young people drinking liquor that they have obtained from their older friends.

Whereas a valid argument could be made on behalf of the original bill, who can reasonably think that raising the legal age by one year will have any significant affect on the ability of under-agers to obtain liquor?

Should such a bill pass, it would just serve to further confuse the roles and rights of the young person in Tennessee. The bill, if passed, would be added to Tennessee's various other regulations which essentially provide that the "adult" status can be achieved, at best, by degrees.

\*Age 14—A "hardship" driver's license may be obtained by teenagers who have no other way to get around. (Example: if both parents are blind).

\*Age 16—A driver's license may be obtained. Therefore, a teenager by this age can be trusted not only with his own life, but also with the lives of everyone else on the highway.

\*Age 17—A person is allowed to get married without parental consent.

\*Age 18—A person generally graduates from high school and may claim his or her right to vote. In other words, teenagers can now help in the selection of the persons that will ultimately make the laws that govern

their lives. In addition, a person is eligible to join the armed forces, and in times of war, deemed old enough to die for his country.

\*Age 19—A person is deemed old enough to drink a beer or buy liquor.

If it seems slightly awkward that you can get married and give birth to a legitimate child at age 17, but you can't celebrate that child's birth, or your graduation, or even buy a bottle of wine for a friend at Christmas, you aren't alone.

There is no logical reason to up the age one year. High school students who obtain liquor through older friends aren't necessarily limited to friendships with persons 18 and younger. Indeed many high school students find that they don't even have to have an older friend in order to obtain liquor. Many juniors and seniors in high schools look older than their actual age and therefore are seldom asked for their IDs.

If the legislators are concerned with the teenage drinking problem, why don't they press for stricter enforcement of the legal drinking age? Some places are lenient about checking IDs. In fact, most high school students probably know where they can buy beer without a hassle.

Raising the drinking age by one year should not be allowed to serve as a substitute for stiff enforcement of the existing law. Whereas the former would indeed be a compromise for the original bill's supporters and its opponents, the latter would probably lead to the more looked-for decline in under-age drinkers. By the means they choose, we shall see which end the legislators deem most important.

# Winnowing



## Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

As a student at the "laughing stock of the OVC" I have a few questions. Who does Donnelly think he is?

What kind of attitude does our new coach have? Certainly not one of a man who expects to have a winning season. He also did very little in raising my school spirit. Okay, so our football team isn't the greatest in the OVC, but calling it the "cesspool" isn't going to change things.

If we are going to start having special dorms how about our other teams: baseball, basketball, track, tennis and even the band.

I am sure they have to have special meetings. It sure would be nice if we plain, old, everyday students could have visitation every night, but who are we to complain?

I know Coach Donnelly believes that this situation doesn't concern anyone else but the football team and Beasley Hall, but he is wrong. Calling the football team the "cesspool and the laughing stock" is a reflection on the whole school, and I'm sure I'm not the only one who didn't appreciate it.

How can Coach Donnelly ask the men of Beasley to make sacrifices? What is he going to give them in return? Can he guarantee a winning season? I certainly doubt it.

He has asked for "dedication and loyalty from the men of Beasley" but this should come from everyone in the student body. All I can say is prove yourself and your football team; then we will talk about sacrifices. Name withheld by request

To the editor:

This letter comes in reply to the two articles which were printed in the April 10 issue of *Sidelines* concerning the football team and the residents of Beasley Hall.

First of all, let me say that I have been a student at MTSU for four years. I have been to quite a few football games. Yes, I have frozen at homecoming and roasted at homecoming and at many other games. I've cheered with everyone else and been upset if we didn't win.

Personally, I'm not at MTSU for a football team; I'm here for an education. Visitors from other schools to whom I have spoken don't even care about the football program. This school excels in so many other areas other than sports.

There are outstanding academic programs and opportunities that are unlimited if one will only look for them.

With the revenue that the football program brings in, why couldn't they build their own dorm? A dwelling of this type would certainly be much more suitable as a showplace for prospects. Donnelly asks for "dedication and loyalty from Beasley." Is it possible that Boots can't get this loyalty and dedication from his players and staff in order to have the control he needs over the team?

I, as a paying student, am tired of being considered second to the football players. If Donnelly wants special things for the football players, let them pay for them.

Donnelly said that football at MTSU is the "cesspool and laughing stock of the OVC" and that the students are also. There are many other departments here which make up for the cesspool which stems from the athletic department.

In order to continue the upward growth of MTSU, I propose a dorm for education majors, a dorm for dance club members and a dorm for the band of blue. These sacrifices will have to be made because we "can't survive without it."

Linda Neison  
Box 5539

To the editor:

On Jan. 6, 1979, a group of students began organizing and petitioning the school to get provisional recognition for a service fraternity. We received recognition and were permitted to begin having open meetings.

Several weeks later we began working on our constitution. After it was completed, George David (president) and I (secretary) of Alpha Phi Omega began the correspondence with Dean Shewmake.

After the constitution was corrected and turned in neatly typed, Shewmake let us know that it could not be turned in since there were still errors. After proofreading it three times before I turned it in, there were no errors.

I don't know what he has against our fraternity, but I sure would like to find out.

This is a service fraternity, not a social fraternity. We perform activities that will help make the campus and our surrounding community a better place to live. We help the handicapped, senior citizens, orphan children, mentally retarded and many others.

There was a group of handicapped students who formed Sigma Delta Sigma, and their constitution was approved without a question asked. I feel that somewhere down the line, the school deans do not want us approved.

To the deans, I respect you most greatly, but we will not stop fighting you until we get what we deserve—full school recognition.

We will continue to wear our Greek letters until you approve us and from then on.

Christy Herrmann  
Box 8993

To the editor:

There is a strong movement developing to take away American women's right to not bear unwanted children. No one likes abortion, but here are three good reasons to oppose outlawing all abortions:

1. If abortions are banned many women will die, or be mutilated, in unsafe illegal operations.

2. Wealthy women will still be able to get safe abortions by leaving the country, while their poorer sisters are often forced to have children that they cannot afford to feed and clothe.

3. From the age of puberty on, women in our society must assume all of the medical and social responsibilities of reproduction. The decision to bear a child must ultimately be made by its mother, not the legislators.

The hysterical emotionalism of the anti-abortion forces has done

nothing to resolve this complex problem. For a society truly concerned about unwanted pregnancy, abortion and women's rights, the obvious course of action is to speed the development of contraceptives that are safe, reliable and reversible.

Paula Diana  
David Kennedy  
Murfreesboro

To the editor:

I've been a student here at MTSU in all seasons of the year.

I have seen the brilliant colors of the flowers in summer artistically situated around campus.

In the fall, I've been astounded at the bright array of autumn colors which make even the oldest buildings look attractive. Snow in the winter turns the campus into a fairyland facsimile. Now with spring, has come the pastels and flowering trees which make even a rainy day a little more cheerful.

The MTSU campus is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful in the South. Even though it is often taken for granted, none of us would enjoy attending a school with "concrete lawns" or without trees and flowers of any kind.

Let us not forget to thank the people who assist in the upkeep of these plants. Also, let us not forget to thank "the man upstairs" for fulfilling his vital role in "naturally" making MTSU a more pleasant place in which to be educated.

Name withheld by request

To the editor:

I don't know if this will do any good writing to you, but *hopefully* so. Thursday night while I was sleeping I had a terrible mistake to take place.

While snoozing my brains away (2:15) in the morning, I hear a terribly loud knocking on my door, sounded like the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Luckily it was only our fierce campus police. They had received word that we were making loud noises...It was definitely a prank, the police apologized.

I understand that they are doing their job, but come on men, you are not being paid to wake up everybody when you're trying to do your job! Think!

The resident assistant has keys to everybody's room; quit trying to be Starsky and Hutch and maybe somebody will try to help you out!

Thanks, now I will go back to sleep!

Name withheld by request



photo by Gary Long

## Reaching for a bit of Easter

One young woman stretches high to retrieve an Easter egg from its hiding place in the inner reaches of a tree. Sponsored by women's residence hall programming, the annual event proved to be an exciting and invigorating taste of spring for participants.

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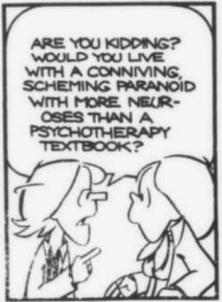
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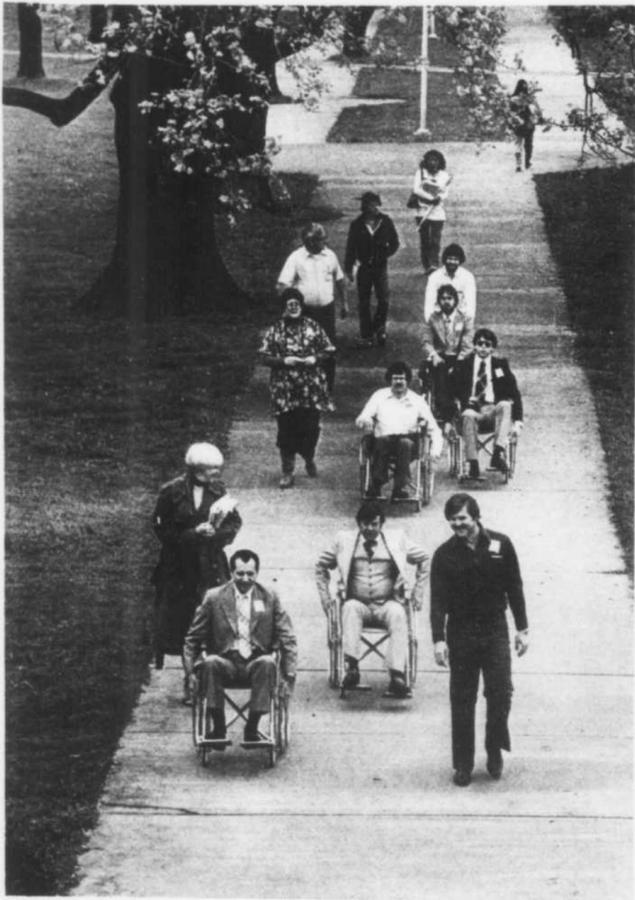
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### downtown

by Tim Downs



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Led by President Ingram, the group makes its way down the sidewalk.

# Handicap Awareness Day

photos by  
Pat Casey Daley



Director of Safety Archie Sullivan (above) looks on as Noel Hays repairs the wheelchair in which Sullivan was riding during Awareness Day activities yesterday. At left, Hal Driver lends a hand as Lester Crisp, field representative for the Tennessee government committee on employment of the handicapped, holds onto the chair in an effort to scale a ramp.



Reaching a building is a difficult task on wheelchair.



## Copeland, Appleton in track meet for blind

by Jane Mier

Melvin Copeland and Roslyn Appleton, two MTSU students, competed in the national track and field championships of the United States Association for Blind Athletes (USABA) during spring break.

Appleton captured two silver medals in the javelin and discus, breaking a world discus record by several feet before another girl broke the newly-set record.

Copeland walked off with three gold medals in the discus, 60 meter dash and javelin. He also set a new national record in the discus with a toss of 27'4".

Copeland presented one of his medals to the Gamma Beta Phi society at their annual spring banquet Tuesday night. "I thought I should do it," he said. "They

sponsored me and I wanted to say thank you."

Copeland, Appleton and twelve students from the Tennessee School of the Blind in Nashville represented Tennessee in the competition, which was held in Seattle, Washington. Forty-one other states also participated.

"I had a really nice time," Appleton said. "We rode a monorail through the city, visited an amusement park and toured an Indian village. I was also interviewed by a radio station there. More importantly, I met other students and athletes like myself. It was just great."

Next year's USABA national track and field championships will be held in Illinois, and both Appleton and Copeland plan to attend.



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# Hunger solutions discussed World Hunger forum held

by Marta Warnick

Citing a change in people's political orientation as a major step, panel members discussed solutions to world hunger at a forum Wednesday night in the LRC multi-media room.

In 17 hours the government spends on our country's defense budget what we want for the total food stamp program, Janet Christianson, representative of MANNA hunger coalition, said.

Christianson complained that while there are now 800 full-time employees paid to lobby for the military budget, there are no full-time people lobbying the issue of hunger to Congress.

Dissatisfied with President Carter's proposed reduction in welfare, she pointed out the dramatic change his orientation away from hunger programs has

taken since it was a campaign issue. "The last time he introduced a welfare budget, he was talking about \$20 billion. This year it is \$5.5 billion."

Calling for organization and the use of voting power to demand rights, Christianson said welfare reform could come, and maintained that one person can make a tremendous difference.

"An official in government will only feel mandated to respond to issues that he thinks will get votes," she said. "On the average, Senator Sasser says he receives three letters on each issue he considers of major importance. When he received 100 letters about the food stamp issue, he considered it an amazing response. One letter does make a difference."

"Hunger has never been a question of scarcity, but one of

distribution," Christianson continued. "It is not an issue of charity; it is very much an issue of justice. It is a result of a political process. It is a result of oppression."

Chester Parker, MTSU psychology professor, described his 12 years as a teacher with the American International Schools in India.

Parker told the small group attending the forum about the people in India eating bark off of trees to fill their stomachs. "I was very aware of the agony. I have to admit that I did get hardened to it after a while. But it was an emotional experience."

Panelist Ramona DeBoer, an MTSU graduate student who has done extensive research on malnutrition, invited people to take part in the hunger awareness process and called for a reorganization of lifestyles through pledging participation in activities such as monthly fasting days.

Also participating on the panel was Cynthia Tyler, a representative from the Department of Human Services in Nashville.

## Riding courses will be offered this Saturday

If you spend long hours in a saddle on a horse's back riding the dusty trails, then the MTSU Continuing Education "Endurance Riding Clinic" will help you to cope with all those problems you might encounter while on the trail.

Sponsored by the MTSU Department of Agriculture-Public Service, Horse Science and the Middle Tennessee Trails Council, the one-day clinic will offer a look at medical care for rider and horse, tack and equipment and riding the trail. The clinic will be held on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 10 a.m., in the Stark Agriculture Building, room 125.



World Hunger Week forum participants.

photo by Larry McCormack

## Act violated

[continued from page 1] budget in accordance with the bill and he did not challenge the constitutionality of the bill, he just said he did not have the budget," Duncan said.

Duncan said that if charges were placed against Syler the charges could ultimately lead to impeachment proceedings, but added "I don't see that happening at this time."

Floyd said that by presenting the proposed budget on April 24 the purpose of the bill is lost. "If the house does not like the budget then there is no way he can revise it and bring it back before them," Floyd said.

"I reminded him the day after election that he needed to present the budget and he said he had no plans of presenting it at that time," Floyd said.

## Actions

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according to Syler, co-sponsor of the resolution.

In other action a resolution requesting that the administration halt any present plans to make a change in the status of Beasley Hall was passed.

The resolution stating that the ASB was "not informed of the proposed plan to make Beasley Hall a football dormitory and an evident lack of communication existed along some administrative channels," and that the residents of Beasley have expressed the desire to remain in that hall during the coming academic year.

ASB President Mike McDonald, speaking in favor of the resolution, said it is not just the rights of Beasley Hall residents being

questioned, but those of every student.

McDonald said that if the student government let them (university officials) overlook them now "it won't stop here. Next they'll stop students from eating in Woodmore cafeteria and make it just for athletes."

Also passed was a resolution asking that a syllabus consisting of an outline of the course, a timetable of subjects, tests, quizzes and projects, relative comprehensiveness of all tests and quizzes, the grading scale to be used, all required texts and all outside reading assignments be required for every class offered at MTSU.

The resolution will be forwarded to the faculty senate for their approval at their next meeting.

## Calendar

**FRIDAY**  
Banquet: Credit Bureau of Murfreesboro; 6:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room

**SATURDAY**  
Conference-Introduction to the Future: Continuing Education; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC Theatre and UC 322  
Tennis: MTSU vs APSU; 2 p.m., Tennis Courts  
Concert: Jimmy Buffet 8 p.m., Murphy Center

**SUNDAY**  
Twelfth annual Easter Egg Hunt: Sigma Chi; 1 p.m., President's front yard

**MONDAY**  
CLEP Examination: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 314

Softball Tournament: Campus Recreation; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., High Rise Fields

Foster Parent Workshop: Continuing Education; 10 a.m.-noon, UC 313  
Blood Drive: ROTC; noon-5 p.m., UC 322 and 324

Auditions for Talent Show: Plant and Soil Science Club; 3-4:30 p.m., LRC 221

Movie: Monty Python and the Holy Grail; 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre  
Graduate Exam: 4:30-7:30 p.m., UC 314  
Academic Awards Banquet: 6:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room

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## Students not prosecuted because of court ruling

by Janet Hyatt

Charges against two students arrested in connection with dorm break-ins which took place over last Thanksgiving holidays were dropped, because of the April 6 ASB Circuit Court decision in the case of MTSU vs Alfred Twitty, according to associate dean of men Ivan Shewmake.

Theft, misappropriation or unauthorized sale and misuse of or damage to property charges against Twitty were dismissed when the court ruled that the defendant's rights were violated due to an illegal search by the university police.

According to the ruling one roommate cannot give permission for another's private possessions to be searched.

"The court found the evidence polluted," Shewmake said. "If they won't accept the evidence there is nothing we can do."

Shewmake pointed out that "no determination of whether they did or didn't do it" was made. "The only good thing about it is that we got most of the stuff that was stolen back."

The break-ins involved stereo equipment, a camera, a cassette player, clothing and damage to several windows.

## Job outlook for graduates topic for economic forum

"What can college graduates expect upon entering business?" That question will be the main focus of the second free enterprise lecture day, scheduled for April 18, according to Bobby Corcoran, director of the center for economic education.

The lecture day series is a function of the Center for Economic Education in cooperation with the departments of economics and finance and youth education and school personnel service.

The two speakers for the event will be William Elmer, chairman of the board and Art Coffland, director of economic planning, for Texas Gas Transmission Corporation. They will spend the day on campus and talk with certain classes and in open sessions with students and faculty.

After a presidential reception at 9 a.m., Elmer will have a talk with students in the principles of economics class and Coffland will talk with the unions and collective

bargaining class.

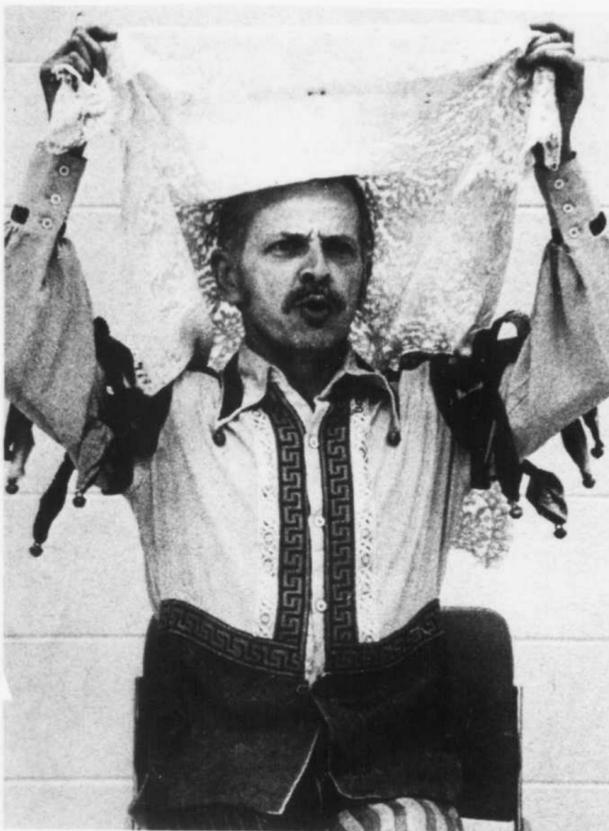
From 11 a.m. until noon there will be a symposium on "Free Enterprise and the Energy Problem" in the political science conference room in Peck Hall. Coffland will be the speaker.

At the same time, an honors section will be given on principles of economics by Elmer in KOM 324.

The main focus for the day will be at 1 p.m. in the UC 322 when Elmer will discuss with students what college graduates can expect when entering business. Coffland will talk with honor students on "Free Enterprise and Quality of Life" in UC 304.

At 2:30 p.m., both Coffland and Elmer will talk in an open session on what is right and wrong about free enterprise. This will be held at the faculty senate-lounge area in the JUB.

At a dinner at 6 p.m., Elmer will give the address on the critics and future of free enterprise with a focus on energy.



Poet-entertainer Donald Sidney-Fryer.

photo by Gary Long

## Sidney-Fryer speaks

by Lisa Human

Poetry written 400 years ago is often difficult to understand, but a dramatization of Edmund Spenser's poem, "The Faerie Queene," was presented Tuesday night so that even those unfamiliar with poetry could enjoy it.

Donlad Sidney-Fryer, a poet and performer from the University of California-Los Angeles, presented a 60-minute recitation of the poem using stage props and theatrical skills to illustrate Sir George's battles with Errour and the Great Dragon.

Sir George, the hero of the poem, began his knighthood by fighting Errour, a creature that was half woman, half snake.

Dressed in green and gold pants and a shirt decorated with ties and bells, Fryer played the part of Sir George as he descended from his steed (in this case a chair) and crept into Errour's cave.

Fryer also played the part of Una, Sir George's lady fair by placing a white veil over his face and pleading Sir George not to enter the cave.

After a lengthy struggle with the monster, Sir George "cut her

(Errour's) hateful head without remorse" and went to fight the great dragon who had Una's parent's trapped in a cave.

Fryer recited the three-day fight between George and the dragon, in which George ultimately came out victorious.

It took Fryer approximately half a year to memorize the dragon fight, which he has performed in Britain and in various places in the United States.

Although he has been performing for 10 years, this presentation was the "first I have done in quite a while," Fryer said.

Spenser, to whom Fryer referred as an experimental poet, is one of Fryer's favorite poetic mentors.

"In a technical sense he has exceeded all other Elizabethan poets and has called more poets to their vocations than any other poet," Fryer said, adding that during his presentation he attempted to simplify any communication that might have been difficult to understand.

"I think I have demonstrated that Spenser does have a sense of humor also," Fryer said, smiling.

## Donkey basketball will kick-off Mule Week

The first Donkey Basketball Game, scheduled for April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Gym, will be the opening event for Alpha Gamma Rho's Mule Festival Week, according to Ski Hufford, coordinator for the game.

"The first game will be between Kappa Sigma fraternity and the WMOT Roundballers with Sigma Chi playing a team from Channel 2 immediately after the first game. The winners of both games will meet in the last game of the night," Hufford said.

It is just like regular basketball but on donkeys, Hufford said, adding that the person riding the donkey must clean up after it in case of accidents. Five players will be on each team and to make a basket, one must be on a donkey, Hufford said.

The net proceeds for the entire week will go to toward an education scholarship for incoming freshmen, Hufford said.

Tickets are \$1.50 in advance and \$2.00 at the door. Thursday night a

"Big Kick Blast" beer party will be held at the Sylvester's farm on Barfield Pike, five miles from Murfreesboro. "Sweetheart" will be the band with Greeks and independents competing in scheduled events.

Saturday, a parade will start the final day of the festival, beginning

at 11 a.m. and going from Murphy Center to the square. There will be a mule show at the Murfreesboro Agriculture Center at 1 p.m., and a mule pull at 2 p.m.

In case of rain on Saturday, the parade will be cancelled and all events scheduled will be held on Sunday.

## Radio series to premiere Sunday

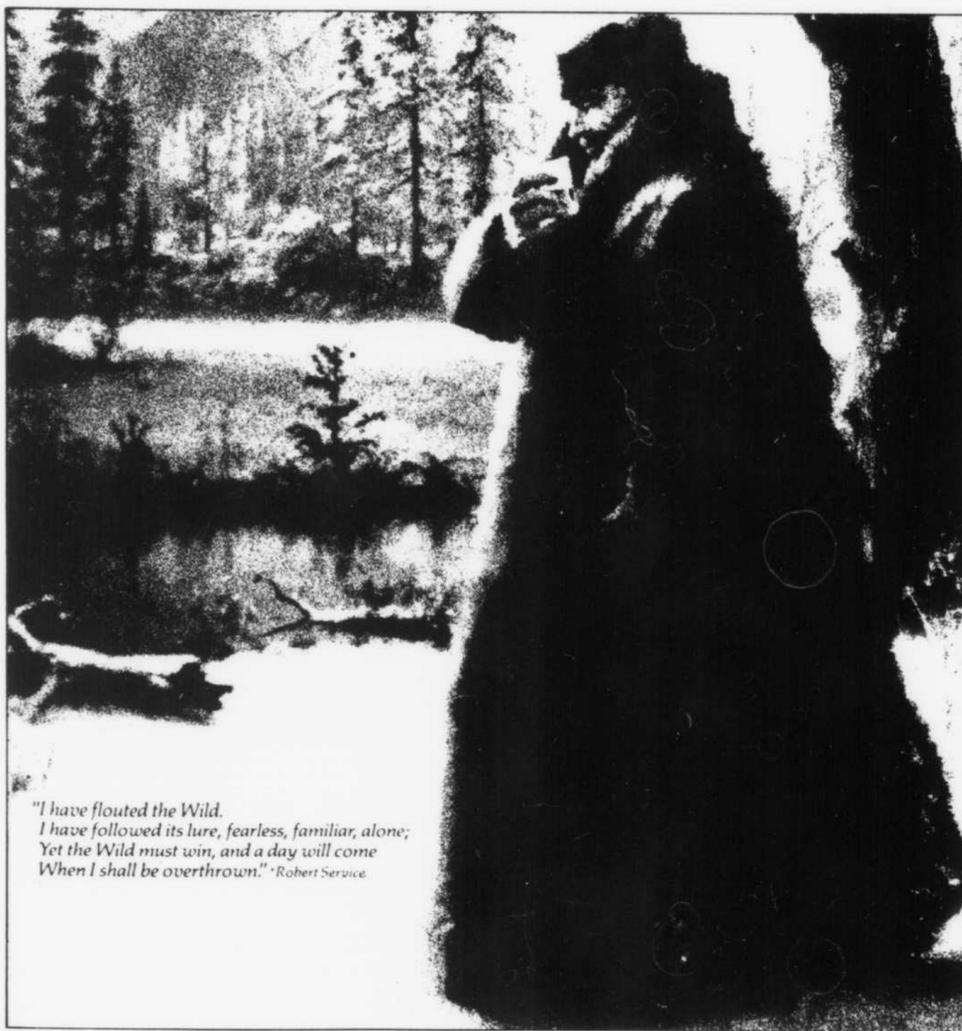
The first series of "Playback," a student-produced radio program will be aired on WMOT this Sunday from 10-10:30 a.m. and will feature guest talent Jeannie Stalcup, an MTSU student.

"Playback," which will be aired for six weeks featuring one guest talent each week, is performed and produced entirely by MTSU

students. A variety of songs and an interview with each guest artist will be part of the program.

Russ Fox, program host and creator of the program, said "we want people to know that talent such as ours is only a small representation of what is to come in the future."

Next year's ASB officers will be inaugurated and a number of service awards will be presented Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Annual Awards and Inaugural Banquet in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. Among the awards to be presented are those for the outstanding seniors, Who's Who, cheerleader awards and the Scarlett-Stegall award.



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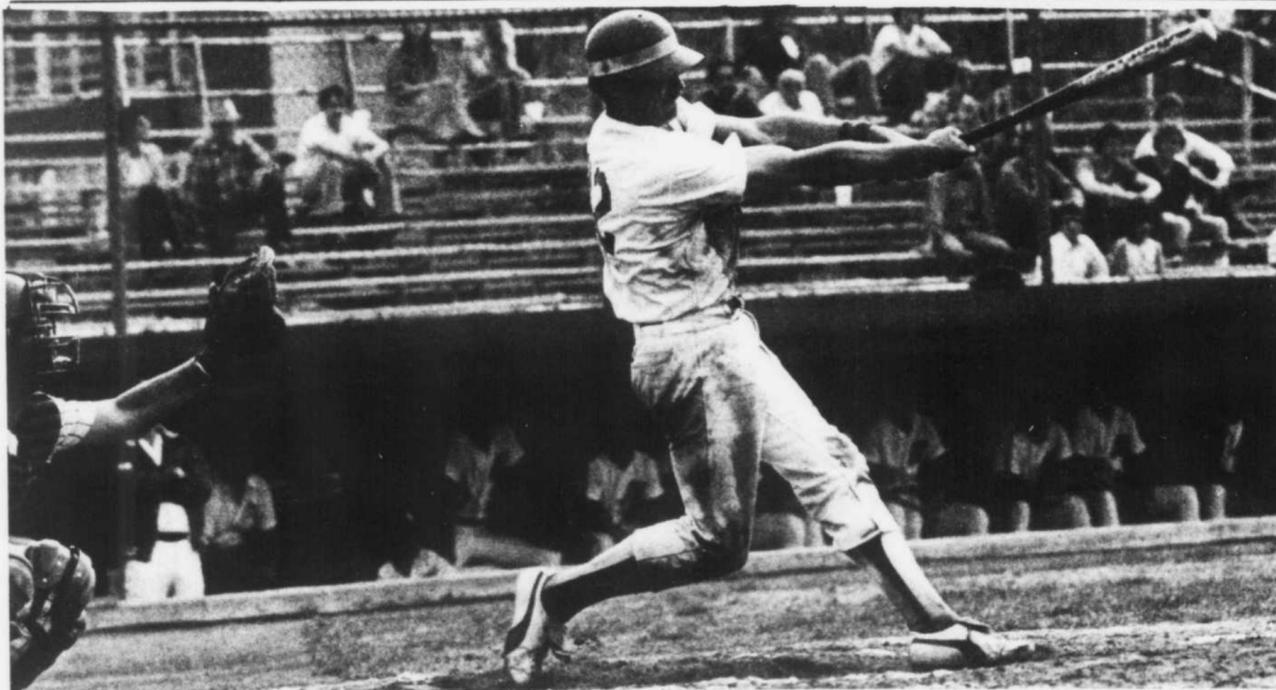


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This swing produced a two run home run for Raider catcher Eric Graves winning the first game 4-3 and losing the second 7-5.

in Wednesday's doubleheader with Austin Peay. MTSU split with Peay

## Raider nine fights with Gov's for split decision at home

by Henry Fennell  
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's baseball team split a pair of Wednesday afternoon games with Ohio Valley Conference rival Austin Peay on a windblown Blue Raider Field. The Raiders came from behind to win the first game 4-3, but fell short in the second game by a score of 7-5.

MTSU had trouble getting the timely hits with men in scoring position throughout the afternoon. "We choked with men on base all afternoon," said head coach John Stanford. Stanford's only other comment on his team's play was "We stunk it."

In the first game, the Raiders spotted Peay three runs in the first inning before coming from behind in the late innings to win.

Austin Peay jumped out in front on third baseman Chris Vinyard's three run homer in the top of the first inning. Vinyard's three run blast was set up when David Booker walked the first two hitters in the game. From that point, Booker shut down the Governors on just two hits, giving his teammates a chance to pull the game out.

The Raiders picked up a single run in the first, leaving the score at 3-1. That's the way it stood until the bottom of the sixth inning.

Mike Tobitt hit a one out single to right to start MTSU's sixth inning comeback. Bert Fuqua followed with an infield single putting runners at first and second. Tommy Blankenship's RBI double pulled the Raiders to within one at 3-2. Peay elected to walk Bobby Hines intentionally. The move loaded the bases for catcher Eric Graves. Graves grounded weakly to third, but Peay failed to turn the double play allowing Fuqua to score from third. Blankenship moved to third on the play setting up the winning run. The decisive fourth run for the Raiders came on a wild pitch that scored Blankenship from third.

Bobby Hines was three for three in the first game as the Raiders picked up their four runs on eight hits. MTSU left 11 runners on base.

The second half of the twin bill started much the same way as the first. Peay got four first inning runs on a walk, an error and three base hits.

The Raiders came back with two runs in the bottom of the first. After Blankenship got on board with a single, Graves pulled a 2-1 curve ball over the scoreboard in rightfield for a homer. Graves shot brought MTSU within two runs at 4-2.

Peay picked up a single run in the third inning when MTSU rightfielder Hines misplayed a line drive to deep right field allowing a Gov runner to score all the way from first base. Hines, however, redeemed himself on the next play, going all the way to the fence to make an over the shoulder basket catch that saved a run.

MTSU tied the contest in the fourth. Leftfielder Bert Fuqua drove the ball 400 feet to wall in centerfield with the bases loaded. Fuqua's shot was good for two RBIs, bringing the Raiders within one at 5-4. Tommy Blankenship followed with a sacrifice fly to right that scored Randy Goff from third and tied the score at five-all.

The score remained knotted through seven, forcing the game into extra innings. The Raiders, however, were in great shape to win the game in regulation. MTSU loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh inning with only one out, but failed to score.

MTSU's seventh began with Bert Fuqua reaching first on an infield error. Tommy Blankenship attempted to bunt three times, but failed to advance Fuqua. Blankenship was called out for fouling off a third strike bunt attempt. Hines followed Blankenship with a walk, putting runners on at first and second. The Govs made a pitching change at that point. The new pitcher, Ray Downing, proceeded to walk Graves on four straight pitches.

The Graves walk loaded the bases for first baseman Doug Hicks. Downing threw Hicks three straight balls and was one ball away from walking in the winning run. Downing caught fire at that point, striking out Hicks on the next three pitches. The Govs' reliever then struck out Chris Faulkner on four pitches to snuff the Raider threat.

Peay took advantage of the Raider's seventh inning fizzle to pull the game out in the first extra inning. The Govs' eighth began slowly. MTSU starter Bill Brantner got two quick outs. Peay shortstop Mike Rippe started things with a two out single. Rippe's single was followed by Lamb's two run homer to right. Lamb's four bagger made the final margin 7-5, as Downing came back to retire the Raiders handily in the bottom of the eighth.

MTSU's game with Tennessee State was rained out yesterday, but the Raiders are scheduled to be back in action today, hosting the University of Tennessee's Volunteers at 2 p.m. on Raider field.

## Miller leads team with court consistency

by Scott Adams  
Sports Editor

Who's the first person that comes to mind when you think of Lady Raider tennis? In all probability it is not Karen Miller, a senior from Madison.

Miller is the only senior on this year's squad and has played in relative obscurity at the number five and six singles position for her four year career at MTSU. While she has not made the headlines that a number one player makes, to her teammates and coach she's tops.

"Karen has been one of the most consistent players on the team the whole time I've been here," head coach Sandy Neal said.

Neal, who was a senior on the Lady Raider team when Miller came to MTSU, said that "everyone on the team thinks very highly of Karen, and depends on her for leadership."

"My four years on the team has done me a world of good," Miller said. "I've gotten to go a lot of places and meet a lot of people since I've been here."

Miller was a walk-on her freshman year and played the entire season without any financial aid. After a fine freshman year she was put on scholarship the following year.

"When I came to school here there were only two scholarships available for women's tennis. This year every girl on the team is receiving financial aid and I think that says a lot for the growth of our program right here," Miller said.

Although Miller's singles record is only 8-9 in all matches to date this season, her play on the number three doubles team with teammate Kaye Wraether has been excellent. As a sophomore and junior Miller lead the team in overall singles record at 16-3 and 16-5 respectively. She was also named the most valuable player on the team last year by her teammates.

Miller is a marketing major and hopes to get into management some day.

"I've already been interviewing for a few jobs, but I guess I'll just have to wait and see what comes up," she added. "About the only thing I've got on my mind right now is the tournament this weekend and the OVC tournament next weekend."

The Lady Raiders are currently 10-4 on the season and are participating in a tournament this weekend with Indiana State, Purdue and Illinois State in Illinois. The conference tournament will be held next weekend here on the Murphy Center courts.



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For Lady Raider Karen Miller...

## Netters host Austin Peay

MTSU's men's tennis team will face the Austin Peay Governors this Saturday on the Murphy Center courts in what Blue Raider head coach Dick LaLance says are probably the most important matches of the season.

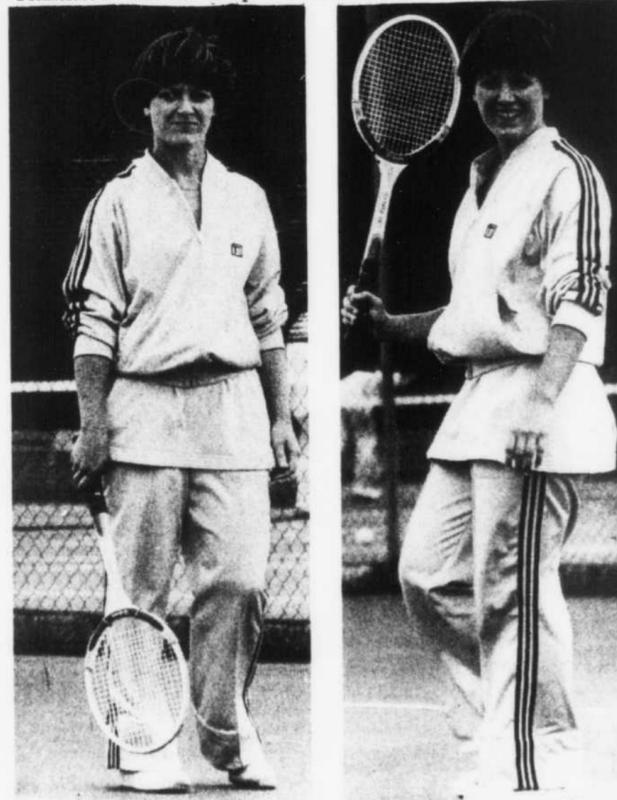
"This is a seed match for us, and to say the least we need to win," LaLance said.

The Raider netmen defeated the Govs last year, but number five singles player Stuart Thompson says that he knows Peay will be tough.

"I think we beat them 7-2 last year, but they have everybody back from last year's team so you know they'll be good."

Austin Peay is 10-8 on the season and, like the Raiders, are in the running for the top spots in the upcoming OVC tournament which will be held at Tennessee Tech this year.

The matches are scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. and LaLance and the Raiders are hoping for a big turnout.



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## Sports Talk

BY Scott Adams  
Sports Editor



It was a crestfallen John Stanford that sat behind the desk in the baseball office in Murphy Center yesterday.

One reason the Blue Raider mentor felt so down was that the team's game with Tennessee State had been rained out, but the main reason was that he was suffering from the after effects of a 7-5 extra inning loss to Austin Peay on Wednesday.

"We had a chance to be in great shape," Stanford said. "To do well in this league you have to win all of your home games."

Stanford was also distraught about the brand of baseball the team has been playing lately.

"I think that fundamentally we should have the best team in the league. In the pre-season we took the guys out and drilled them and drilled them in fundamentals," Stanford said. "And to see them go out and make the dumb mistakes that we made against Austin Peay just makes me sick."

The split with the Governors on Wednesday puts the Raiders' conference record at 6-3 for the season and, in spite of what Stanford says, in pretty good shape in the OVC race.

Morehead currently leads the conference with a 4-0 record followed by Murray and Austin Peay at 2-1, MTSU at 6-3, Eastern at 2-3, Western at 2-4 and Tennessee Tech at 1-7.

The Blue Raiders head for Western and Tech this weekend for two crucial conference doubleheaders. MTSU swept both the Hilltoppers and the Golden Eagles in confrontations earlier in the year but every team is always tougher at home.

"You can't let up against anybody this year," Stanford said. "You have to come with your best every game."

"I guess all I can say is that we'll keep pluggin'," Stanford said. "We really appreciate the crowds that have been coming out for the games. They've helped a lot."

## Inman refills squad with 'Midas' touch recruiting

by Scott Adams

Lady Raider head basketball coach Larry Inman definitely has a midas touch when it comes to recruiting.

Inman's latest achievement has been the signing of Humboldt's Ester Coleman, one of the most sought after high school players in Tennessee, as well as the South.

"Recruiting is going to be the key," Inman said. "We've lost a lot of key players from last year's squad, so we're going to have to have some top-notch people to come right in and play well."

The Lady Raiders only lost one player to graduation in Sharon McClannahan, but lost several other players who quit the team for various reasons.

First, starters Kathy Riley and Bonnie Angus left the team, Riley by Inman's wishes and Angus by her own. Now, after a few weeks of spring workouts, four others have quit.

Last year's starting point guard, Pam Duff, heads the list, along with Cindy Moore, who was a starter after Riley and Angus left, Debbie Shipley and Nancy Bolen.

"Coach Inman was real nice about the whole thing when I talked to him," Moore said. "There's no hard feelings or

anything between us."

Moore said that the main reason she had quit was because "she was tired of basketball." She did go on to say that she thought Inman had a lot to do with her final decision.

"He (Inman) places too much emphasis on winning," Moore said. "Winning is important and all, but it's not everything. Coach Inman treated us like a bunch of machines at times, and I think it broke everybody's spirit."

When contacted about the situation, Inman seemed a little surprised by some of the comments made by the players who had left the team.

"I wasn't really aware that they felt like that," Inman said. "I knew that Pam was unhappy about the situation here, but I thought the rest were just tired of basketball."

"I don't think that I'm working the girls too hard right now. All they do is work some on the weight machine and shoot," Inman continued. "To be competitive in major college basketball these days you've got to practice year round."

With the signing of Coleman, Inman runs his total of recruits to three. Jennifer Taylor of Davy Crockett High School and Lisa Justice of Oliver Springs signed with Inman earlier.