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Accounting professor wins national award

By FRANK LANNOM
Staff Writer

An MTSU accounting professor was recently awarded the honor of being named Outstanding Faculty Vice-President of the Year by the Beta Alpha Psi national accounting fraternity.

Larry Farmer has been a professor at the university

since 1980 and has been affiliated with the fraternity as a student member, charter member or faculty adviser since 1973.

Farmer gave credit for his award to the students and alumni who have worked hard over the past five years to earn the award.

"I look upon it as an honor for the chapter and

not myself," Farmer said.

He challenges prospective members of Beta Alpha Psi to reach the same high standards the fraternity has achieved in earning this award.

The award was given based on the number of points the chapter earns throughout the year. Points are earned by entering na-

tional and regional competitions, attending meetings, hosting guest speakers, and other related community and professional activities.

For the past four years, the Beta Alpha Psi chapter of MTSU has received a superior rating from the national organization, the highest rating a fraternity can earn.

U.S. education sub-par: speaker

By JOHN WHEELER
Staff Writer

America's educational system is in need of improvement, a member of the Education Commission of the State of Tennessee said Tuesday.

Frank Newman, who served as president of Rhode Island University for 10 years, said part of the country's educational problem lies in keeping the interest of students.

"The prime reason for high school dropouts is boredom," Newman said. "We are not uncorking the basic creativity in kids."

Instead of presenting

monotone, dry lectures, Newman suggested that teachers should act as coaches and get students to participate in active, hands-on learning when possible.

"Telling isn't teaching," he added.

In addition, schools in America do not need to compare themselves with each other, Newman said.

"In fourth grade, Americans do equally well on international tests," Newman said. "By the ninth grade, however, we are almost on the bottom of the list."

"The question is not if Nashville schools can compete with schools in Mem-

phis," he added, "but can we compete with the schools in Korea or Japan."

Newman also expressed concern that American students are not learning to think independently.

"Are students being educated," he asked, "or are they being drilled? Are they learning to think, or learning to memorize?"

Newman suggested a reform in testing procedures.

"We are using the wrong kinds of evaluation. We need to use clinical evaluation."

"Test scores and grades," he added, "do not predict success in life. I believe we

are often testing for the wrong things."

In conclusion, Newman called for better education of future teachers.

"The number one way teachers learn to teach is by watching the way they were taught," said Newman. "In

reforming our education system, we must look at the way we educate our teachers."

Newman's lecture was presented as part of the Roy Nicks Lecture Series, which is part of the MTSU education department.



Sandra Rennie•Staff

MTSU accounting professor Larry Farmer talks to Anita Hill, a senior accounting major, in his office yesterday. Farmer won a national award from the Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity.

Women's month funds scarce

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

While organizers of MTSU's Women's History Month say they have to "scramble" for monetary support, the struggle can be seen as rewarding, a co-director for the month said yesterday.

"We have a terribly limited budget," said Linda Badley, co-director of the women's history activities which begin in March.

Support does exist for the month, but it comes from numerous sources, Badley said.

"We do appreciate the support we get," Badley added. "We get a lot of bits and pieces ... but we have to scramble around for it."

Extensive use of networking has basically kept Women's History Month alive, said Ayne Durham, fundraising chairwoman for the Women's History

Month Planning Committee.

"We use a lot of networking," Durham said. "The university per se does not fund us except through the Fine Arts Committee."

"We are not budgeted with the university," Durham said. "We've done a real good job networking. But the money raised through the foundation only covers publicity expenses."

However, Badley said some advantages exist to networking, or getting many people to contribute what they can.

"But there are advantages to that over having all



Michael Johnson•Staff

MTSU Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens walks by the new banners earned by past Lady Raider and Blue Raider basketball teams for OVC championships. Bivens coached the Lady Raiders to a stunning 82-61 victory over the Lady Mocsins of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga last night in Murphy Center.

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 13 issue of *Sidelines*, a reference was made to "Smith's" attorney in the lead story. This was an accidental insertion of a pseudonym which the writers chose not to use and neglected to delete. This name was in no way connected to the identity of anyone in the article.

In the Feb. 9 issue of *Sidelines* it was incorrectly reported that the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity donated the profits from their annual barbecue to charity.

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World In Brief

From the Associated Press

Super computer chip unveiled

NEW YORK (AP) — Intel Corp., on Wednesday introduced the fastest microprocessor in the world, the equivalent of a "supercomputer on a chip."

The N-10 chip, introduced at the International Solid State Circuits Conference, the industry's biggest research meeting of the year, was hailed as a technical marvel by engineers.

Crammed with a million transistors, the chip runs at up to 150 million operations per second, Intel said. A senior Intel executive said it will be offered as the basis for a new line of high-speed computers.

Report: Elderly abuse drugs also

WASHINGTON (AP) — Improper use of drugs, misdiagnoses by doctors and inappropriate dosage levels are a "widespread problem" among the elderly, according to a government report released today.

The report by the Health and Human Services Department's inspector general said that in 1985, an estimated 243,000 older Americans were hospitalized for adverse reactions to drugs.

Americans over age 60, who comprise 17 percent of the total U.S. population, account for 39 percent of all hospitalizations and 51 percent of deaths from drug reactions, the report said.

The report said that the problem will worsen without an effective drug utilization review system under the Medicare program.

Soviets end Afghan intervention

The Soviet Union ended its costly nine-year intervention in Afghanistan on Wednesday when the last soldier — the commander of the Red Army contingent — walked across a border bridge clutching flowers.

"I wasn't looking back," said Lt. Gen. Boris Gromov after leaving Afghan soil where 15,000 Soviet troops had entered Afghanistan-closed a painful chapter in Soviet history that Mikhail Gorbachev once called a "bleeding wound."

But it did little to silence the critics who said the Kremlin's December 1979 intervention to aid a Marxist government against U.S.-backed Moslem guerrillas was a costly mistake.

About 200 cheering, windburned soldiers clutched automatic rifles as they rode mud-spattered armored personnel carriers across the Friendship bridge over the Amu Darya River on Wednesday — the U.N.-mediated deadline for all Soviets to be out of Afghanistan.

In last week's lecture

Speaker raises important issues

By SHANTELL KIRKENDOLL
Staff Writer

Facts presented by Molefe Asante concerning the exclusion and minimization of African contributions to basic knowledge warrants serious consideration by students, faculty and administrators.

"Very few people educated in the Western tradition of any American university or college come through those institutions with any appreciable knowledge of the African continent or African people," Asante, professor and chairman of Temple University's Department of African Studies, said.

His lecture was part of the Black History Month lecture series. His ideas and assertions should become a part of the study of the basic structure of knowledge in the national educational system.

covered a civilization more monumental than those of the Greeks and Romans combined.

"Africa was the cradle of human civilization as well as human life," Asante said.

Archeologists, anthropologists and biologists say all people living today descended from one African woman 250,000 years ago. Asante noted that the origins of man go back farther but some lines died out.

The people of Zaire built an abacus in 6,000 B.C. and the pyramids were complete in 2,500 B.C. These accomplishments were cited by Asante to illustrate that true civilization existed in Africa.

At the time of Napoleon's invasion, thousands of Anti-African books had been written in Europe and in

NEWS ANALYSIS

Asante vividly explained in his lecture last Thursday evening that the reclaiming of African history and culture is essential to the development of the Afro-American people.

The "maligning of African people and its reputation" dates back to the 16th century," he said.

Asante asserted that the structure of knowledge became a problem after Napoleon invaded Egypt in 1799. Napoleon's army dis-

covered a civilization more monumental than those of the Greeks and Romans combined.

covered a civilization more monumental than those of the Greeks and Romans combined. Asante's presentation of these facts strongly contradicted the traditional argument for Christian enslavement of Africans: that they were justly enslaved on the basis that their civilization was inferior.

"The first line of defense was to say that Egypt is not in Africa," Asante said. This geographical argument lasted until about 1920.

The second argument against African civilization

was to deny that the ancient Egyptians were Africans.

Asante countered this argument by explaining that the early Greeks described the ancient Egyptians as having black skin and wooly hair.

These early Greeks, Asante notes, studied in Egypt. Socrates, Pythagoras, Hippocrates, Theoclastus, Solon, the giver of laws, and Plato - who wrote of his African educational experience - all studied with African priests.

"After you get down to about 800 B.C., that's the first time we hear of something that may be called civilization in Europe," he said.

Long before this time, the Africans had pondered the subjects of medicine, science, and the heavens and had developed a calendar, Asante said.

The professor surprised many when he credited Mandingo King Abu Baker as the first to make a voyage to the Americas in 1311. Christopher Columbus' voyage in 1492 was a feat already conquered, he said.

"These facts are part of the history books, but aren't a part of the curriculum," Asante said.

"Consequently the African child educated in this system comes out destined to be miseducated and dislocated," he added.

The professor explained that the black person walks

around with, as King would say, "little clouds of inferiority in their heads," because they don't know their history. The white person walks around with a superiority complex because they don't know their history either.

Asante said he feels the denial by Black Americans of their African heritage stems from thousands of years of the continent's malign. He explained that the early Africans understood their heritage and gave their institutions names such as the African Free School and the African Episcopal Church.

Only after so many years of hostility has the Afro-American no longer wanted to be identified with Africa, he said.

Asante also asserted that "If you accept all the things that you learn in the educational experience ... you will definitely be anti-African."

Asante ended his lecture by stating, "until we have in the fabric of our children's everyday existence an understanding, an appreciation of the contributions of Africa in this country as well as to the world history and civilization, we will always be creating racists."

Acting on the insights of Asante would better our educational system and, by extension, our social system. Such action would certainly make our education more valid.

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Campus Briefs

Long-time High Rise worker dies

From Staff Reports

MTSU's High Rise Cafeteria workers were saddened by the loss of a long-time worker and friend last week.

Ruby Davis, 67, died after suffering a stroke.

Davis, originally from Alabama, had worked at the High Rise for 26 years.

WMOT gets laser printer

MTSU's radio station, WMOT-Jazz 89, was recently presented with a laser printer donated by Delker electronics.

Thomas Delker, president of Delker Electronics, made the presentation.

Delker said he "was pleased to donate the laser printer to the radio station, which would complement the NCR computer system previously contributed and further enhance WMOT's administrative functions."

This new equipment benefits the station with the day-to-day flow of business management, said Laura McComb, WMOT's development coordinator.

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Students hang a banner prior to Monday night's Middle Tennessee vs. Austin Peay game.

ASB petitions available

From Staff Reports
Petitions for the senior Associated Student Body positions and class Senators can be picked up in the ASB office beginning Feb. 21 at 9 a.m., election officials said.

The offices of ASB president, ASB vice president, speaker of the House of Representatives, ASB vice president, and speaker of the Senate will be filled during elections March 14

and 15, ASB Election Commissioner Joan Brooks said.

In addition, five senators from the freshman, sophomore and junior classes will be elected, Brooks said, adding that two graduate senators will also be elected.

The deadline to return petitions is Feb. 28 at noon.

Any candidate for the speaker positions or for ASB president must be a

full or part-time student, have at least 45 semester hours, have completed at least two consecutive semesters at MTSU and must have maintained at least a 2.00 grade point average, election documents state.

For further information, please contact the ASB office at 2464. The office is located in Keathley University Center Room 304.

General interest classes offered

From Staff Reports

The Office of Continuing Education at MTSU is offering some interesting classes during March. The following list includes the dates and times of the classes which are open to the public.

Dates given are for the first class. Call 2462 for more information.

Karate for Boys and Girls Ages 6-13
Section 1: Beginners
March 1: 6-7 p.m.
Section 2: Advanced
March 3: 6-7 p.m.

Pricing Residential Properties
March 1: 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Yoga I: Beginning Section B
March 2: 5-6:30 p.m.

Yoga II: On-Going Section B
March 2: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Managing Your Money-Wealth Accumulation
March 2: 7-9 p.m.

Yoga III: Beginning Section B
March 4: 10-11:30 a.m.

First Time Home Buyers Guide
Section A
March 4: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Section B
March 5: 2-5 p.m.

Wardrobing and Make-up Seminar
March 4: 9 a.m.- 12 noon

Hand Coloring and Retouching Photographs
March 4: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Karate/Self Defense for Adults and High School Students
March 5
Sun.: 3:30-6 p.m.
Wed. and Fri.: 7-9 p.m.

Baskets-Easter Basket
March 6 and 13
7-9:30 p.m.

Jazz-Contemporary Dance Section II: March 7
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Rhythm and Dance Section II: March 7
3:30-4:15 p.m.

The ABC's and F of Real Estate (second 30 hour required pre-license course for affiliate candidates)
March 7: 6-9:15 p.m.

Test-Taking Techniques: For Children (grades 5-12)
March 7, 9, 14, & 16
5-6 p.m.

Easter Egg Dyeing for Children
March 11: 9-10 a.m.

French for Fun - Adults
March 14: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

French for Fun - Children
March 14 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Self Defense for Women
March 15: 5-6 p.m.

Management Series II: Leadership Skills
March 15: 7:30-11 a.m.

Municipal Clerk Institute
March 20-22

Back to Basics: Fixed and A.R.M. Loans
March 23: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bi-Weekly and Six-Month A.R.M.'s
March 23: 1-5:30 p.m.

Business Start-Up Series III: Bookkeeping Do's and Don'ts
March 23: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Gymnastics for Children Gym I: Ages 5-7
Section B: March 27: 4:15-5 p.m.

Gym II: Ages 8-10
Section B: March 27: 5-5:45 p.m.

Gymnastics for Toddlers (Ages 3-4)
Section B: March 27: 3:30-4 p.m.

Microcomputer III: Beginning Lotus 1-2-3
March 28, 30, April 4 & 6
6-8 p.m.

Decorating with Confidence: Space Planning
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the money coming from one source," Badley said. "This way we can get more of the university into the events."

However, Badley said the organizers would appreciate any money which could be donated.

Approximately \$3,000 will be spent on Women's History Month this year, said Durham.

As of yesterday, the Fine Arts Committee has donated \$1,000 to bring two groups of speakers to MTSU, Badley said, adding the Ideas and Issues Committee is going to donate \$200 for another speaker.

"We are working on a (\$500) grant from the Tennessee Humanities Council," she said.

The MTSU Foundation is also giving money to Women's History Month and the June Anderson Women's Center "has supported the celebration all along," Badley said.

"We end up spending a lot of money, but a lot of the money is donated through individual sponsors," she said.

"This year the planning committee had an \$800 budget to work with," Badley said.

Most of the \$800 was raised through private donations through the MTSU Foundation, Durham said, adding the university contributes no money except through Student Programming.

The Fine Arts Committee and the Ideas and Issues Committees are part of Student Programming.

In contrast to the \$3,000 spent for Women's History Month, organizers of Black History Month had over \$12,000 (including over \$4,000 donated by Student Programming) with which to sponsor events.

Badley also said Black History Month officials have timed some programs to coincide with WHM.

"They've done a lot for us," Badley said of the BHM organizers. "We have both made an effort to coordinate events."

Women's History Month could be better with more funding.

"Obviously, with more money we could do a lot more," Durham said. "We could have more creative ways to bring in more nationally known speakers."

Language workshop set

By JOHN WHEELER
Staff Writer

Many elementary school teachers and MTSU foreign language students will attempt to spend an entire weekend without speaking English as part of a two-week workshop.

"The purpose of the workshop is to train teachers to look more closely at newer methods of oral work as opposed to grammar in foreign language," Rita Maisonneuve, foreign language professor, said.

A similar program which took place at MTSU last summer was considered a great success by everyone involved.

"It was probably the best thing I ever did as far as improving my French. Anyone who plans to be a French teacher should participate in the workshop," MTSU graduate Carol Dudinetz, a former participant, said.

This summer's workshop will take place at MTSU from July 10-22, and will feature immersion pro-

grams in both French and Spanish. The workshop is open to all MTSU foreign language students and elementary school teachers.

The workshop is sponsored by the Nashville-based Foreign Language Institute.

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EDITOR

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New sorority approved here

By CHRIS DRUMRIGHT
Reporting Student

Zeta Tau Alpha has been selected to become the newest sorority on campus after meeting several times with university officials this fall.

Of the three sororities under consideration, the Zetas were thought to be most impressive, Judy Smith, associate dean of students for women, said.

The sorority has done extensive work on various educational topics ranging from eating disorders to acquaintance rape.

Zeta Tau Alpha is the third largest sorority in the National Panhellenic Council, said Smith, who is also the advisor for the

MTSU Panhellenic Council.

Zeta Tau Alpha was founded at Longwood College on Oct. 15, 1898.

Four MTSU transfer students and several graduate students are already members, Smith said.

The new sorority will be the ninth sorority on campus.

The two sororities which did not receive bids were Phi Nu and Gamma Phi Beta.

In a related matter, sorority rush begins Feb. 28 with a presentation of information for interested women. The rush party is scheduled for March 1 with invitations to be given.



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Honors scholarship offered

By **MARK JACKSON**
Reporting Student

A new scholarship for honors students will be endowed by the MTSU alumnus who first graduated with honors, said Ron Messier, director of the honors program.

Paul Martin, Jr., his mother, and his brother will contribute approximately \$7,500 to establish the scholarship fund in memory of the late Paul Martin, Sr.,

Messier said.

The MTSU Honors Council is preparing award criteria for the scholarship to be approved by Paul Martin, Jr.

Messier said he expects the scholarship to be awarded for the first time in the spring of 1990. The scholarship fund will allow an annual award of about \$500 to one student.

Martin, Jr., a finance major in MTSU's '75 class,

was the first student to graduate with honors.

Messier said the recipient of the award will probably be an active honors student with academic achievement, associated with the TVA, married, and a veteran.

These are the criteria in order of importance, and reflect both Martin senior's work for the TVA and military service, Messier said.

Student patrol gives escorts

By **MICHAEL JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

MTSU student patrol officers, "the eyes and ears" of campus security, logged 75 personal escorts and three preventive assists during January, security records show.

"Members of the student patrol act as the eyes and ears of the full time officers," said Nancy Weatherly, head of security's adminis-

trative services.

The student patrol provides escorts after 6 p.m. for students walking on campus.

According to Weatherly, the number of escorts fluctuates with the season. As the days become shorter in the fall, requests for escorts rise until the longer days of spring return.

Weatherly stressed that the service can be used by

anyone who calls the department and makes a request. The number to call is 898-2424.

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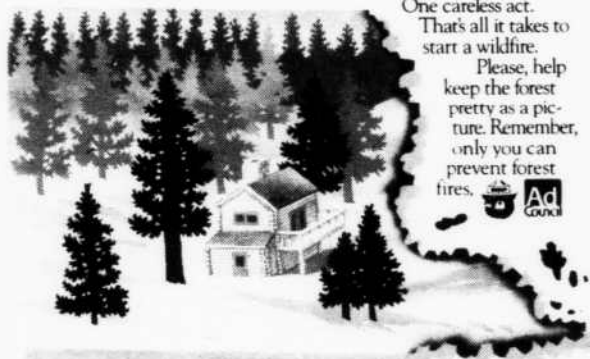
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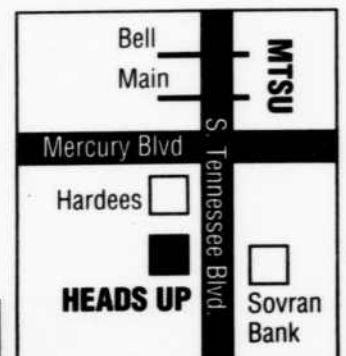
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Opinion

March is Women's history month

Sidelines, in recognizing that February is Black History Month, would like to congratulate the students, faculty and administration for the support and hard work which are making the month's activities a smashing success.

We sincerely hope this support will continue through March for Women's History Month activities.

As always, *Sidelines* expects great things from the students and faculty involved. However, we certainly hope the university will follow the example set forth by student programming and lend its support to further the celebration of Women's History Month.

The university, on the whole, has done nothing to support Women's History Month and does not promise to do anything extra in March. University funds would further these causes greatly and help educate the public about the large role women have played in this country's history.

The small band of organizers who put on the activities can do only so much without the aid of the university. This help should be given without apprehension. If it is important to the students and faculty, it should be important to the administration.

Reed's idea of Utopia — Mack Bolan and old Coke

Our world is an imperfect place. The way we live in it and the things we do while we are here are imperfect. There is no reason to ponder on this fact because there is little we can do to perfect things. However, we all have our personal Utopian values and since mine is a public forum, I can share mine without argument. So here it is: Mike Reed's perfect world (clip and save).

I want to live in a world where a person can take up smoking one day, drinking the next, and infidelity the third without everyone pointing at them and wondering "what pushed them over the edge?" Despite the belief in the "Global Village" theory, there are private things people should not have to account for. Perhaps boredom is the main cause of dramatic change in one's personality. Okay,



Mike Reed
Tales of the Velvet Elvis

so infidelity is out (I was just kidding about that anyway, Granny). It just seems logical that people can change without trauma and reason (suggested reading: anything by Anton Chekov).

I want to live in a world where people who replace the letter "g" with " " (i.e. lookin', pokin', and eatin') are publicly humiliated. Maybe they should be forced to pick up garbage on the side of the road wearing a jumpsuit that says "I am an illiterate puddin' head". I cannot stress how much it turns my stomach to pass a billboard that says "Exit here for good eatin'," or "last stop for good country cookin'." I realize that this is the way many people (including myself, on occasion) speak. But, you will never see me write like that. The seventh letter of the alphabet is sacred to me.

I want to live in a world where people write reviews of plays, books, albums, or society in general without cute icons like stars or numbers. If a performer/author/artist works on a piece and is lucky enough or talented enough to get the attention of professional critics, they should get more than a "thumbs up." Capsulized movie reviews are another thing that sticks in my craw. It is disturbing to see commercials for movies that include things like "... captivating. . .", "... the feelgood movie of the year . . ." and probably the worst of all, "... spine tinglin' . . ." It insults the intelligence of the learned consumer.

I want to live in a world without the *Time/Life* vampire. The only redeeming attribute these magazines have is glossy paper. I really dig glossy paper. It urks me to no end when every issue from the political unrest in Chad,

to the romantic life of Brigitte Nielson is treated with equal enthusiasm. *USA TODAY* is another example of this phenomenon. With the Reagan/Gorbachev summit meetings dominating the world news, the lead story in *USA TODAY* was something like "Americans are smoking less!" It is the journalistic equivalent to fuzzy puppies painted on velvet.

I want to live in a world where I can buy a cigar that I like. I have tried, at this writing, about 14 brands of drugstore cigars. The closest I have come to perfection is Muriel Coronelas with pipe aroma. If any of you have suggestions along this line, mail them to me.

I wish to live in a world without diet cola. It really upsets me that people would buy this stuff on purpose. Nutrisweet does not help, either. In fact, Nutrisweet is the big lie of 1988. It is amazing how much garbage the people of this nation will listen to on the tube. I am amazed at how quickly people took to Nutrisweet. It seemed too good to be true that something could have no calories and taste as good as sugar. I am sure that something will bring down this myth soon.

I want to live in a world without the 70s. This includes bad 70s music like the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac. I have never understood this campus' devotion to such sounds. Musically, I could do more with a paperclip scrapped across a chalkboard. In my world, the blues, jazz, and Elvis would dominate the airwaves and Turtle's stores. Men at Work's "Dr. Heckyll and Mr. Jive" would be the national anthem.

I want to live in a world where Coke is not a classic, but is still the real thing. If it is true (and it is, according to the pro-lifers) that abortions are killing an entire generation of Americans, then I hope it is the next Pepsi generation.

I want to live in a world where the works of Patrick Nagel (pronounce Nay-gull), Robert Blue, and Dennis Mukai (pronounced Moo-kai) are recognized for what they are — graphic design. Art in our decade is no longer a vision. It is, rather, window dressing for a product. Impressionism is out, twentieth century reproductions of Japanese woodblock art are in. Norman Rockwell is dead and Salvador Dali left his estate to the government of Spain.

I want an all Elvis channel on cable. I don't just mean movies and videos. I mean interviews and selected readings and in-depth profiles of Red, Sonny, and Cilla. I want Lisa Marie to host.

I want to live in a world where there is no such thing as a timeless classic novel, movie, or song. I want anyone who has determined that they are qualified to label something a classic held accountable for every child forced to read *Catcher in the Rye*. Let the people read about Remo Williams and Mack Bolan without ridicule. Let them sit

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up all night with a bowl of Oreos and a novel called *Silken Savage* or *Renegade Ninjas in Heat* if they want, without having some tight-nosed professor cramming Ralph Waldo Emerson (a half-bright mystic) down your proverbial throat.

In my world, a director would have to have more than two films under his belt to get a retrospective.

I want to live in a world painted by Hopper, not Rockwell. I want people to realize that Monet was not the genius everyone thought, but he had bad eyesight.

I want to live in a world where the overwhelming population would not buy a *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, no matter how clever the slogans on the cover were. L. L. Bean would be cheaper in my world, as would Eddie Bauer, Banana Republic, and J.C. Penny.

I want to live in a world without hockey, Texas, Central America, Lucille Ball, and the plays of Tennessee Williams (all of which are too cumbersome to the mind).

I want to live in a world where the man who told Robert Klein that he was funny would be drawn and quartered in a public place. I want to shoot out the television every time I see that man. He is a disgrace as a comedian and a lousy singer. I would just as soon watch Yakov Smirnov.

Looking back, I guess I have created quite a list. I am sure many of you have lists of your own and I would love to read/plagiarize them. This is my Utopia, but no man is an island.

Where is everyone going and why are they rushed?

MTSU students, it seems to me, are constantly rushing around. Simple acts are committed with such haste that one actually becomes convinced they are important. Just look around.

Many MTSU students drive, regardless of their destination, at the highest possible speed their vehicles can muster. They accelerate toward cars that are slowing down. They plummet toward stop signs as if

T.L.R.P. (Todd Library Research Paper) bomb on you and the rest of your unsuspecting classmates; 352,000 pages, due (of course) in a heartbeat. Rushed as always, you enter Todd and run with outstretched, gleeful arms toward the index and abstracts sections. After an eternity of reading, you finally find the article you so desperately need.

Understandably, you wish to retrieve it and exit

then page... Warning! Warning! Data not found! Large void where page 96 would be! Absence of pages 94 through 99! Analysis: Pages ripped out by hurried student! Additional analysis: Problem! Problem! Needless to say, this does not fill your heart with pretty music.

(Writers note: Incidentally, I would pay a high price indeed for the missing 1968 review of the book Grendel).

MTSU students are so rushed by their agenda that they cannot possibly be detained one millisecond beyond the "official" ending point of a lecture. At 8:45, or 10:45, or 2:50, thousands of notebooks spawn a cacophony of distractions with complete disregard for a professor's desire to finish a sentence. Pity indeed the instructor who miscalculates and tries to communicate a thought in the last five minutes of a time that is rightfully their's. Perhaps no one has told them of the

hurry students are constantly in. Perhaps they simply want to use every available second to share their experiences. Bad, bad professor. How dare you do your job.

One question haunts my mind. I would dearly love to be told the answer, though I doubt a legitimate rationale exists. If, in fact, MTSU students are in a constant state of rush that

dictates they speed towards fixed objects, tear out library articles, and pack up classes early, where, may I ask, are all these overly stressed MTSU students rushing to?

If we weigh our options

Is marijuana worth the risk?

By GEORGE LANNOM
Guest Columnist

A major decision faced by high school, college and sometimes even junior high students is whether or not to use marijuana.

General arguments against its use hinge on both health effects, and the possibility that its use may lead to an addiction to harder drugs. In opposition, many feel that marijuana is no more dangerous than alcohol. Some also feel that it is only outlawed because it is the drug of the younger generation, and not popular among those who write the laws.

These arguments are all open for discussion on their validity. However, one factor which is cut and dried is the illegality of possession or use of marijuana.

Our country is commonly referred to as a "nation of laws, not of men," a reference to the fact that no man is above the law. Following such a doctrine would lead one to think that there is no excuse for breaking the law.

However, history shows us that some of our greatest leaders saw fit to violate the laws of the land for the good of the people.

George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both committed acts of treason by signing the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

They did so because they felt it was wrong for the people of America to be ruled without representation by a king thousands of miles away.

Martin Luther King was arrested many times for

breeches of the law during his fight to help people gain equal footing in our nation where all men are created equal.

Still, all of these men realized that in order to have a nation, laws are an essential ingredient. Only when man's basic rights are threatened, and no other course is open, can one take the responsibility to violate those laws which govern our nation.

Those who choose to violate the law through the use of marijuana should compare their reasoning to the reasoning of such men as Washington and King. If we do so honestly, we will see no reason for violating the law by using marijuana which can be compared to Washington or King's motivation.

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there exists considerable doubt regarding the need to stop. They race toward speed bumps so they can slam on their breaks merely yards away, only to zoom off again at top velocity.

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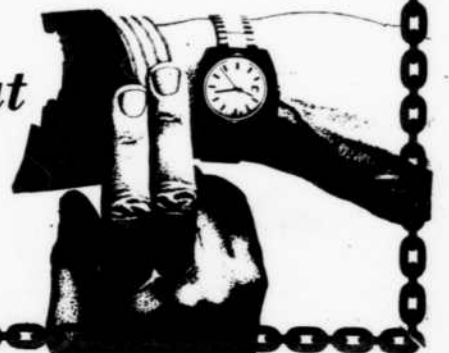
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Robinson explores the trivia of education

By DAVID ROBINSON
Guest Columnist

Knowing how February can be a real bore, and knowing that the majority of what we learn at this university is completely irrelevant to our life outside of these hallowed halls, I offer below a brief list of 39 little known facts. These facts are dedicated to all who believe in the Hirschian "Trivial Pursuit" approach to higher education (after Ed Hirsch, author of the best-selling book, *Cultural Literacy*).

Here are a few things you won't need to know in order to graduate and become a contributing part of Western Civilization:

1. Live mice cannot be shipped via U.S. Mail.
2. A frozen sandwich requires about three hours to thaw at room temperature.
3. Mosquitos prefer blondes to brunettes.
4. Potato chips and doughnuts were invented by accident.
5. Narcotic addiction is 40 times greater among doctors than among other professionals.
6. A female dog is more likely to bite than a male.
7. The capital of the state

of Texas has been changed 15 times.

8. More than 15 percent of all married couples never bear children.
9. Doctors say that if you go to bed hungry, you'll live seven years longer.
10. 95 percent of all prison inmates in the U.S. have eaten tomatos.
11. The air space in an egg is never at the small end.
12. In Thailand, classical music is played as background to all boxing matches.
13. The greatest number of eclipses possible in one year is seven.
14. Cypress wood outlasts granite.
15. In Greece, 50 percent of the dentists are women.
16. 54 percent of American farm families don't keep dogs.
17. There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet.
18. The RX on a doctor's prescription means "take."
19. Dogs perspire through pads in their paws.
20. The gum on the back of a postage stamp contains about one-tenth of a calorie.
21. Only 12 out of every 100 Italians buy a daily newspaper.
22. Only male crickets chirp.

23. Mongolians rarely become bald.
24. What you are really hearing in a sea shell is not the ocean, but the sound of your own blood rushing through the vessels in your ear.
25. In Japan, most of the golf caddies are women.
26. The customary Christmas Eve dish in many parts of Italy is roast eel.
27. There are 16 differet ways to tie a cravat.

28. Iceland boasts of having the world's oldest surviving parliament.
29. Anne Boleyn had 11 fingers.
30. In the Bible, the word "heaven" is mentioned 12 times as often as the word "hell".
31. The average man's beard has 13,000 whiskers.
32. Reno, Nevada is further west than Los Angeles, California.
33. Joan of Arc, a french re-

- ligious crusader of the 15th century, was condemned and burned for her convictions at the age of 19 (in 1431).
34. The Pacific Ocean contains 46 percent of the earth's water.
35. The Great Pyramid of Khufu is the only one of the seven wonders of the ancient world still standing.
36. A brandophile is someone who collects cigar bands.

37. Washington State leads the world in Sasquatch (Big-Foot) sightings with 347 reports in the past 25 years (followed by California: 325; British Columbia: 274; and Oregon: 199).
 38. Five-card poker has 2,598,960 possible hands.
 39. The flush toilet was invented by Thomas Crapper of Seattle, Washington.
- (Sources include *Wittenberg Door*, *The Bible*, and *Global Pursuit*)

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All letters must include the author's name, MTSU box number and telephone number. Telephone numbers are for verification purposes only. When warranted, requests to withhold names will be honored.

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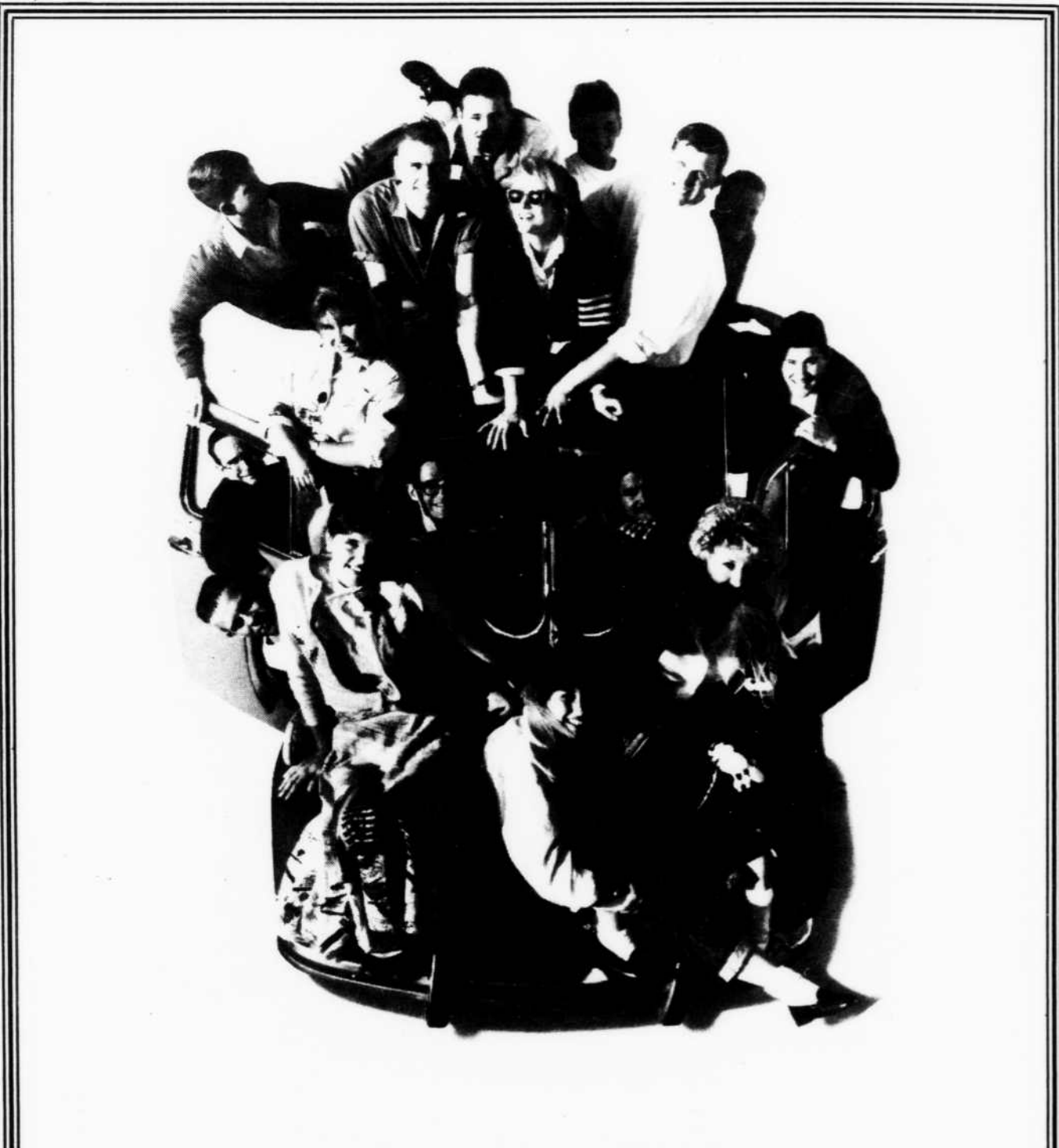
I have been made aware that during inclement weather (rain), our, Campus Security Department lacks adequate staff and equipment to assist persons who are in need of help.

It appears to me that since money comes into the university coffers from traffic or parking fines, some of these funds could (and should) be earmarked for the hiring of extra personnel and the purchase of some sort of emergency vehicle to help in situations not requiring the full-blown dispatch of a patrol car with an

officer performing the otherwise menial task of helping someone whose problem is not involved with traffic flow.

I have paid parking violation fines myself, and it would make me feel better to see some of the money taken in from parking tickets actually going toward improving the services offered by Campus Security.

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Lifestyles

Tucker showing here

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

In a remembrance of famous car builders like Henry Ford and Lee Iacocca, there lies Preston Tucker, whose life portrait is visualized in the movie *Tucker*.

Jeff Bridges plays Preston Tucker, a brilliant, ambitious auto designer and inventor of the 1940's.

Tucker's lifetime dream was to manufacture his version of the car of the future — tomorrow's car today.

However, in order to obtain his dream, Tucker must go through many obstacles, mainly big business and government.

Although his dreams were crushed, Tucker's dream makes him immortal.

Tucker, written by Arnold Schulman and David Seidler, is a really "feel good" movie. It has purpose, direction, and style.

All of this comes courtesy of executive producer George Lucas and director Francis Ford Coppola, two of the best in filmmaking.

It's a nice two hour cruise through time.★★★



Michael Johnson•Staff



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Comic book readers examined

By JON LAMPLEY
Staff Writer

Marshall Mozingo, 24, from Knoxville is a graduate student studying psychology.

He studies marital arts and spends his free time with his girlfriend. He's a voracious reader and among his favorite reading materials are comic books. Marshall is a typical example of the new breed of comic book readers.

Where comics were once read only by young children, the explosion of titles with mature themes and sophisticated methods of storytelling has attracted the older reader.

Children don't put away their "funny books" these days; instead, they choose to continue to read comics until at least college graduation.

In the old days, kids outgrew comics; now, the majority of ex-readers claim financial burdens, rather than maturity, as the cause for their quitting the hobby. Marshall reads several different comics, such as *The Question*, a sort of superhero comic about a reporter who wears a featureless fleshtone mask and

goes about fighting evil.

Unlike typical heroic fare, *The Question* seeks answers — truth — in moody, thought-provoking tales written by Denny O'Neil, one of the old masters of comics writing.

Truly, *The Question*, is an existential comic book. The power and complexity of the stories it tells certainly sets it apart from the less intellectual fare.

Marshall also reads *Grendel* and *Speed Racer*, the latter because he knows the writer.

"Lamar Waldron writes the comic; he and his wife are friends of mine," Marshall said.

Recently Marshall has been very impressed by two limited series, *Black Orchid*, and *Stray Toasters*.

Black Orchid is the story of a superheroine grown from plants. *Black Orchid* has an updated version of an old DC Comics character from the 1970's who never really had an origin or much of a following.

Stray Toasters is from Marvel Comics and it is almost impossible to describe. Suffice to say it combines psychology (which attracts Marshall), mass murder,

the Devil, and kitchen appliances in a very unorthodox tale.

The product is from one of the industry's best imaginations, Bill Sienkiewicz.

"You can do things with comics that you can't do in other media," Marshall said. "The story and the art reinforce each other, and

they can get away with things like *Stray Toasters*."

When asked why he still reads comics, Marshall points out that he's always read them. They taught him how to read.

"Comics are more visual than books, and are subject to more reexamination than theatre or film," he said.

"Besides, they're a lot of fun!"

Jan Bull is another die-hard comics fan. She is a middle-aged mother of three, who owns the Book Stop, a local bookstore which sells comics.

Jan also reads comics; she favors the Batman titles and the fantasy series *Elfquest*,

as well as *Justice League International*, the hilarious misadventures of the world's greatest (?) superheroes — an example of the now rare, funny superhero book.

"I started reading comics again after nearly 30 years



Comic book reading has become a popular pastime for both young and old alike. While children had exclusive rights to comic books in previous years, modern times have seen a trend toward

older people — and, yes, even college students — reading comics. (Photo illustration by Wayne Cartwright).

Mississippi Burning shows '60s hostility

By **MARLA CARTWRIGHT**
Senior Staff Writer

Mississippi. 1964. Raging hatred. First subtle, then rampant.

On the left, a large, metal

drinking fountain plugged into the wall. Cool, sparkling water.

On the right, an ugly, dirty-white porcelain fountain. Lukewarm.

The signs above each: the left one reading: "Whites only" — the right reading "Negroes."

Separate but equal. White-hot, orange, amber

explosions of fire. Rumbling, growling roars. Long tongues of flame greedily devour.

Then the silence. Broken, blackened remains. Of what? A remote country church. Why? Because the congregation consists of black people.

Mississippi in the early 1960s. What drives a community of people, who will be born, live, and die together, to hate so deeply, so vehemently?

More importantly, how can it be stopped?

"Mississippi Burning" earnestly deals with these questions. The action starts when three college-age kids, two

white and one black, are forced off the road and murdered by local law enforcers.

However, these kids are civil rights workers and when they fail to check in, FBI Special Agent Alan Ward (Willem DaFoe) is dispatched to discover what happened.

Rupert Anderson (Gene Hackman) is a tough, gritty Mississippi cop, assigned to assist Agent Ward.

Ward is a button-down, by-the-book FBI agent who is obviously a Kennedy man right down to his close-cropped haircut and pressed suit.

These two men have radically different approaches to ease racial tensions.

When faced with a smart-alec deputy who insists the sheriff is "out," Ward politely replies that he'll wait, however long it takes.

However, Anderson, not accustomed to waiting at all, plops himself on the deputy's desk and addresses him with a few choice words delivered with a smile.

Needless to say, Anderson's technique works best and they see the sheriff pronto.

This movie is a must see. ★★★★★



Gene Hackman and Willem Dafoe star in the controversial film *Mississippi Burning*.

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of not reading them," Bull said. "After I started dealing in them, I realized how good they were."

"Most of them have definite storylines," she explained. "They're not kiddie tales. Most comics are adult reading, not pornographic, but more sophisticated than you would think."

"They're also aided by good popular artwork," Bull explains.

On a recent visit to her store, I noted the diversity of her readers.

It was Thursday, new comics day, and Bull had every conceivable type of reader. There were a few young children, but the majority of her customers were at least in high school.

"Most of my customers are college age, up to about 40," Bull said. "There are a number of female readers, and most of them are avid readers of other literary

forms."

Her customers selected all kinds of comics.

There were fellows who looked like lawyers or other professionals buying *Superman*, a girl of about 20 buying *X-Men*, and some hippie-types reading underground comics by the likes of Robert Crumb.

"There's something for everyone in comics," Bull said. "They're good stories and quick, easy reading for people without much time."

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African Festival scheduled

BRIAN WILLIAMS, Assistant Lifestyles Editor, is part of the celebration of Black History Month. There will be an African festival held this Saturday at the Murphy Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The African Festival is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage of Afro-Americans," Ted White, director

of student organizations and minority affairs, said. "Implicit within the African-American culture is music, food, arts, clothing, jewelry and history." Featured at 10 a.m., there will be a lecture on African Art by Willis Bing Davis. He will also demonstrate techniques in working with clay, as well

as provide an opportunity for the audience to experience the art of pottery. Other activities during the festival include a quiz bowl and special music programs. If you have any questions about the festival, please call the Student Information and Minority Affairs office at 898-2987.

Oscar nominees announced

By **JOHN HORN**, Associated Press Writer
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Rain Man," the Dustin Hoffman-Tom Cruise drama of self-absorbed car dealer learning to love his autistic brother, took home eight Oscar nominations Wednesday, including best picture. In collecting the most nominations for the 61st Academy Awards, the movie that overcame production obstacles also garnered a best-actor nomination for Hoffman and a directing honor for Barry Levinson.

Tyler's novel about the heartbreaks and romances of a travel writer, and "Working Girl," a corporate Cinderella story about a secretary on Wall Street. Sigourney Weaver claimed a rare double nomination for best actress for "Gorillas in the Mist: The Adventure of Dian Fossey" and best supporting actress as a shrewish executive in "Working Girl."

The awards will be presented March 29 at a ceremony broadcast on ABC.

Joining Weaver in the best actress column were Glenn Close, "Dangerous Liaisons"; Jodie Foster, "The Accused"; Meryl Streep, "A Cry in the Dark"; and Melanie Griffith, "Working Girl."

Streep, who won in 1979 for "Kramer vs. Kramer" and in 1982 for "Sophie's Choice," now has eight Oscar nominations in 15 roles. Griffith's nomination was her first.

"Facing Hoffman in the best actor race will be Gene Hackman for "Mississippi Burning," Tom Hanks for "Big," Edward James Olmos for "Stand and Deliver," and Max Von Sydow for the Danish "Pelle the Conqueror."

Best director nominees

included Charles Crichton for "A Fish Called Wanda," and Alan Parker for "Mississippi Burning."

Nominated for best supporting actress were Joan

Cusack for "Working Girl," Geena Davis for "The Accidental Tourist," Frances McDormand for "Mississippi Burning," Michelle Pfeiffer for "Dangerous Liaisons" and "Working Girl's" Weaver.

Veteran actor Alec Guinness, co-star of "Little Dorrit," received a nomination for best supporting actor, as did Kevin Kline for "A Fish Called Wanda," River Phoenix for "Running on Empty," Dean Stockwell for "Married to the Mob" and Martin Landau for "Tucker: The Man and His Dream."

"It's a wonderful way to wake up," said Landau, upon learning that he had received his first Oscar nomination. "As a kid in Brooklyn, I dreamed of this. I think everyone does."

Among multiple nominees, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," the inventive comic blend of animation and live action, drew six nominations, all for technical achievements. "Working Girl" also collected six nominations.

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Sports

Raiders' fans provide inspiration



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By KEVIN SPAIN

Assistant Sports Editor

Anyone who has been attending MTSU Blue Raider basketball games lately knows what a difference a large, excited crowd can make.

The intensity in which the players play the game is increased when screaming fans cheer loudly for the team.

But sometimes a fan can help motivate a team without saying a word.

Sometimes his mere presence can do wonders.

Such is the case with Steve Hayes.

Steve and his mother, Thelma, attend every MTSU home game they can.

But Steve doesn't roam the stands — jumping up and down, screaming his desire for a Blue Raider victory through a megaphone.

He isn't able to.

Since 1978, Steve has had cancer.

While working as a production manager at Total Communications in Nashville, Steve was stric-

ken with an astrocytoma tumor on his brain.

A painful struggle ensued for Steve, in which doctors removed a recurring tumor three times between 1978 and 1980.

In 1980, the doctors who had worked so hard to save Steve painted a dark picture of his chances for survival to his mother.

They gave him only a few months to live.

"After the last tumor returned, the doctors said Steve only had about two or three months to live," Thelma recalled. "But he is a fighter, and you see it is 1989, and he is still alive and still at the ballgames."

Steve and Thelma's relationship with the Blue Raiders goes far beyond that of the everyday fan. Coach Bruce Stewart and his players are like family to the pair.

Steve's room is decorated with team pictures, a signed basketball from the 1981-82 Blue Raider team that defeated Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, a ball signed by the

1988 squad, a picture of Chris Rainey dunking the ball against Austin Peay this season.

And a picture of Coach Stewart and his family.

"Coach Stewart is like a member of the family, and has been real good to Steve and I," Thelma explained. "Before each game he pushes Steve right up next to the bench beside him."

"This is a great thrill for Steve that he can feel like part of the team."

Not only is the team's success a means of enjoyment for Steve, but his brother for life has had a definite influence on the team.

"There is no doubt that Steve is a big inspiration to our team," Stewart declared. "We're just battling to win ballgames; Steve is battling for his life."

"This puts everything into perspective, and if our winning games gives him happiness, then that's great."

Stewart is not the only one who feels this way —

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Above: Thelma Hayes hugs Blue Raider senior guard Chris Rainey, while her son Steve looks on, following Middle's 85-84 victory over Murray State Saturday night. Below: In his room, Steve keeps a display of his favorite memorabilia, including a ball signed by members of the 1981 MTSU team which defeated Kentucky in the NCAA tournament, a ball signed by the 1987 Blue Raiders, a ball signed by the 1988 NCAA Women Champion Lady Vols of Tennessee and a team picture of the 1988 Blue Raiders, which included Steve.

ASB to sponsor beach party night

From Staff Reports

MTSU's Associated Student Body along with other organizations will sponsor "Beach Party Night" during the Blue Raider-Tennessee Tech game on Feb. 25, ASB President Harry Hosey announced yesterday.

The ASB along with the university's Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, and Camp Beverly Hills, a local specialty store, will sponsor the event which will be highlighted by a halftime appearance by the Bud Light Daredevils.

"We want to set an attendance record in Murphy Center," Hosey said. "It's the last game of the season, and it's against Tech. So if things go well, we can do it."

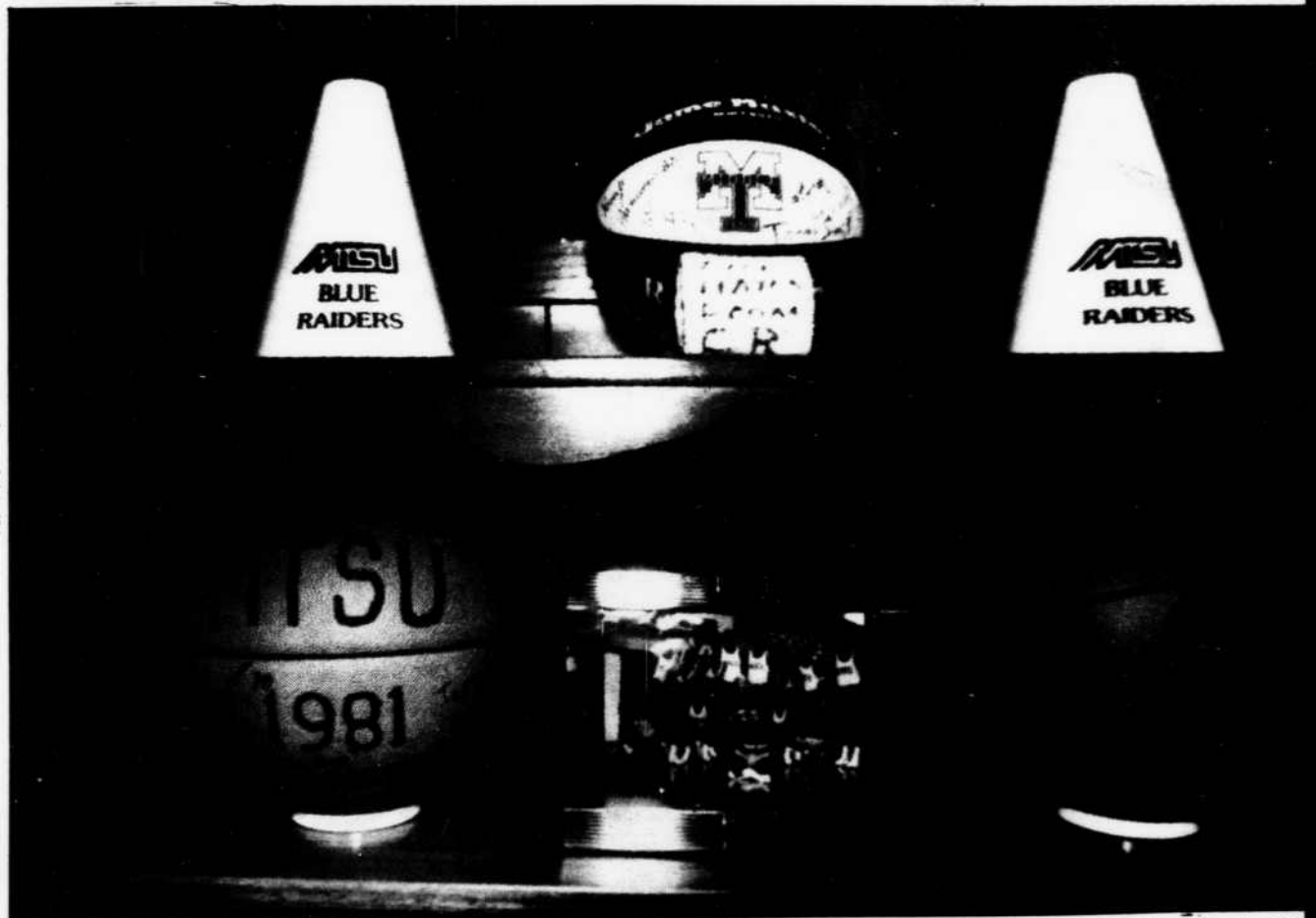
The Daredevils, billed as "the most unique slam dunk act in the country," put on a show which consists of various dunks performed through the use of trampolines.

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The first 2,000 fans entering Murphy Center will receive free leis, Hosey said.

The final event of the evening will be the giveaway of a "spring break survival kit," which consists of towels, suntan lotion and posters.

Fans attending are asked to come dressed in proper beach party attire.



Frank Conley•Staff

Blue Raiders take Peay in overtime

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

Powered by a balanced scoring attack, the MTSU Blue Raiders held on to their one-game lead in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 111-105 overtime victory over Austin Peay Monday night.

The Raiders placed five players in double figures, led by seniors Randy Henry and Chris Rainey with 19 each, as they ran their OVC record to 8-1. Middle is now 8-6 overall.

Guard Donald Tivis led the Governors' losing effort with a game high 25 points. With the loss, Austin Peay fell to 13-11 overall, 5-4 in the OVC.

"Beating Austin Peay was important for us staying on top," Rainey said. "Its like coach [Bruce Stewart] told us all week, this was a tie breaker game."

The Raiders are currently one game ahead of Murray State with three league games remaining.

If Murray and MTSU finish the season tied, OVC rules designate that the tie breaker in such an event would be the teams' record against the third place finisher.

Austin Peay is currently ranked third with a 5-4 league mark. MTSU is 2-0 against the Governors while Murray is 1-1.

"This game was vital. We knew if we lost we would be in trouble," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "For all practical purposes, this game was the tie breaker. If we lose one now, it won't matter."

More than once Monday night, it appeared the Raiders were going to lose, and it would have mattered very much.

The Governors, perhaps charged by the 7,500 fans in Murphy Center continu-

ally chanting "Shut up Lake!" at their coach, Lake Kelly, jumped to an early 6-0 lead.

Kelly's charges held Middle scoreless for the first 3:22 before Henry canned a six-footer to start the Raiders on a 6-2 run to tie the game at eight.

The lead flip-flopped between the teams for the remainder of the half, with the Governors holding a slim 48-47 margin at the

break behind Tivis' 17 points.

Led by Henry and Rainey, the Raiders went on a 10-2 tear to jump out to a 57-50 lead after 3:03 minutes of play in the second half.

The Governors refused to die, however, and fought back to take a 75-74 on a Keith Rawls three pointer with 8:49 remaining.

Once again, the Raiders went on a run, outscoring

the Governors 12-2 over the next 2:18 on three pointers by reserves Mike Buck and Malandruck Webb, two jumpers by center Kerry Hammonds and a Rainey lay-up.

After the Raiders built their lead to 94-81 with 4:09 to play, Stewart decided to attempt to run out the clock, but he ran out his offense instead.

"When we started eating up the clock, we broke our momentum," the coach said. "We should've known the best way to take time off the clock is to score two more points."

The Raiders managed to score a mere point on a Henry free throw with :19 remaining over last four minutes.

The Governors, on the other hand, ripped off 14 points over that span to knot the score at 95-95 on a Javin Johnson jumper as time expired in regulation.

Johnson's 10-footer came after a controversial out of bounds call on Middle's Buck with :05 left to play. Buck appeared to be

fouled, then pushed out of bounds by two Governors players.

"I got fouled a little," the freshman from Clarkrange said. "But I should have just tucked the ball up."

Things did not look well for the Raiders in overtime. Not only were the Governors on a roll, but for the first time in his MTSU career, Rainey fouled out of a contest. He did so when he picked up his fifth personal with 2:22 left.

"It felt bad to sit and watch," Rainey said. "My last foul I don't know about, but whatever the ref calls counts. You just have to live with it."

Even without Rainey, the Raiders blew the overtime open, scoring the first six points of the extra period and holding on for the final 111-105 victory.

"They hit us with a haymaker. They were definitely on top of their game," Stewart said. "But you have to give our guys credit for their mental toughness and grit. They refused to quit."

"If you want to be a

champion, you've gotta win the close ones."

"They had some good plays down the stretch, and Johnson hit the shot to tie it, but things like that happen. When it does, you have to be prepared, and we were tonight," Henry said.

Along with Rainey and Henry, Hammonds, Gerald Harris, Buck and reserve center Chris Ingram scored double figures with 18, 16, 15 and 10 points respectively.

The Governors had also had six players in double figures, led by Tivis. Keith Rawls added 19. Myron DeVoe hit for 16, including his first two three pointers of the season. LaMonte Ware and Johnson chipped in 15 apiece, and senior Vincent Brooks added 13 from the bench.

The contest was the first time this season that the Raiders had allowed an opponent to score 100 points.



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Senior guard Chris Rainey puts down a lay-up in the face of Austin Peay's Myron DeVoe during Middle's 111-105 victory Monday night.

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Raiders travel to 'Death Valley'

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

Fresh off a sweep of their nearest competition in the Ohio Valley Conference, the MTSU Blue Raiders head off to "Death Valley" this weekend with a chance to clinch the league's regular season championship.

The Raiders will carry an 8-1 OVC record and an 18-6 overall mark into Saturday night's match-up against the conference's fourth ranked team — the Morehead State Eagles.

Following Saturday's contest, Middle will move on to Richmond, Ky. to face the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky.

"I think we have to exercise some extreme caution

on this trip," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "It's always tough to play at both places and Morehead, especially, seems to just be gaining some momentum right now."

The Eagle's, 3-5 in the OVC, 13-13 overall, enter the contest riding the crest of a four game winning streak.

The last time the two teams met, the Raiders blasted Morehead 108-68 behind the 17 point, 16 rebound performance of senior center Kerry Hammonds.

However, the easy victory was slightly misleading, according to Stewart.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that their

best player, Darrin Hale, was injured that game and didn't play," the coach explained. "They have also been playing a lot better since then."

With their sweep of Murray State and Austin Peay last weekend, the Raiders remained the only team in the OVC with an undefeated record at home, having posted a 12-0 mark.

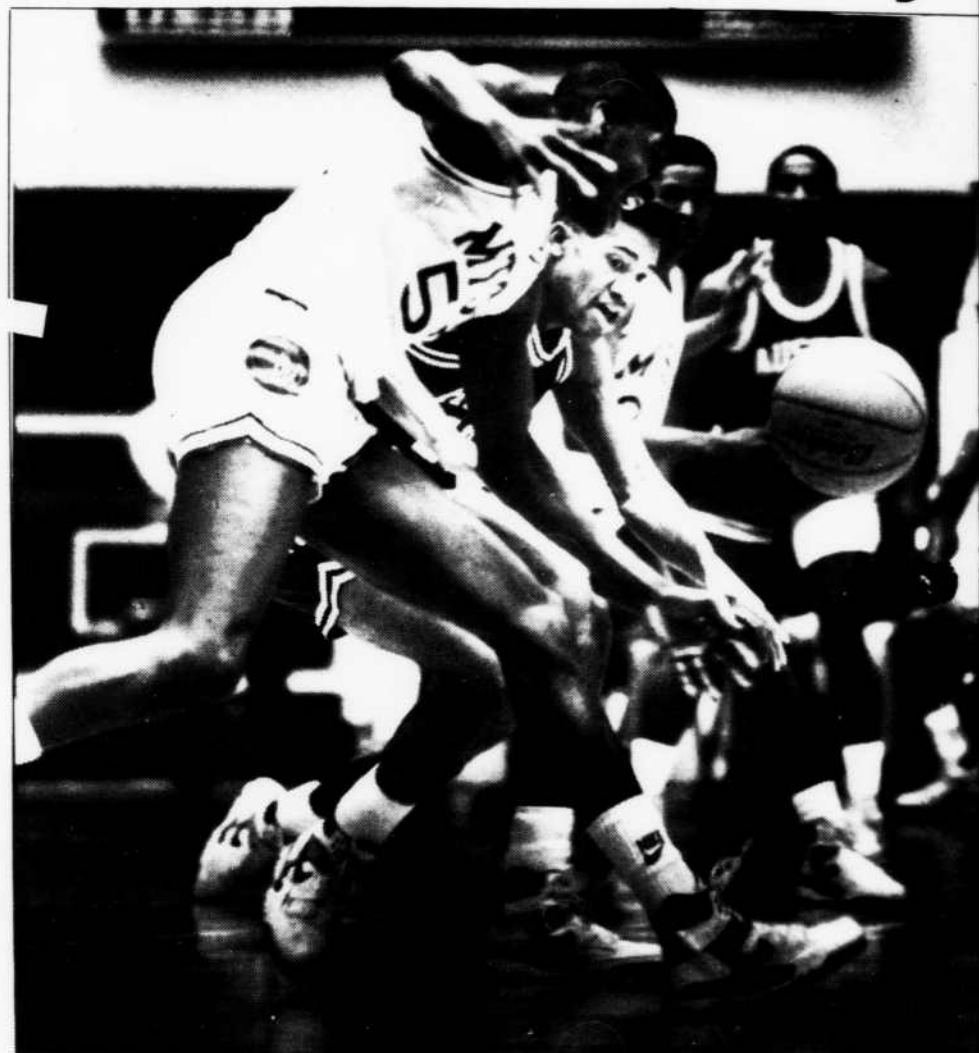
On the road, however, the team is only 4-5.

"We're a little scared going on the road," senior guard Chris Rainey said. "We don't have such a good record on the road, but we know what we have to do."

"We just have to dig in and do it."

Senior forward Randy Henry agreed that the road trip would be no cake walk for himself and his teammates.

Henry, named co-player of the week along with Murray State's Jeff Martin, led the Raiders to a 3-0 record last week, scoring 70 points, while pulling down 24 rebounds and dishing out eight assists.



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Blue Raider forward Randy Henry fights Austin Peay's Keith Rawls for a loose ball during action Monday night. Henry was named Co-OVC Player of the Week yesterday.

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Mother, son provide inspiration with presence on, off hardcourt

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his players share their coach's sentiment.

"Steve is the team spirit, he gets excited with us when we win, and he cries with us when we lose," senior Chris Rainey said. "He's like a player on the team, he loves us a lot, and we love him a lot."

Of all the Blue Raiders they have known, Thelma and Steve have shown special interest in Rainey.

"I have sort of 'adopted' the players and I love them all, but Chris is my favorite," Thelma said as she held an album full of Blue Raider photos. "He is a sincere person and is so good to Steve."

"He calls a lot to check on Steve, and goes out of his way sometimes to see us. We really think he is a special person."

To Chris, going to see Thelma and Steve is like going home. Their time together is more like a family gathering than a social visit.

"Thelma is like my mom

away from home, she takes care of me," Chris explained as he relaxed in Thelma's living room. "I really appreciate everything she does for me and if there is anything I can do for her and Steve, I will."

The Blue Raiders have only one regular season game remaining, on February 25 against Tennessee Tech, and barring anything unforeseen, Thelma and Steve will be there.

Thelma will be in the stands behind the bench, and Steve, with the best seat in the house, beside the team.

The only game the mother and son have missed this season was the Jan. 21 match-up with Eastern Kentucky, when Steve suffered severe headaches during the day.

"I had to give him some medicine, and I was afraid that he wouldn't be able to stay awake for the whole game. If he had gone to sleep, I wouldn't have been

able to get him in and out of the car," Thelma explained.

The absence of his number one fans prompted a phone call from Rainey immediately after the game.

"Chris called and the first thing he said was 'What's wrong with Steve,'" Thelma recalled.

According to Webster's *New College Dictionary* a fan is "unreasonably enthusiastic, having zeal beyond what is reasonable."

In spite of the fact that he must sleep for several hours to remain awake during a game, Steve displays his zeal for the Blue Raiders by his mere presence next to the bench.

"We want to go see our boys," Thelma said.

"We want them to know that they can count on us."



Title hopes at stake when MTSU invades Morehead turf Saturday

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders will be facing the toughest road trip of the season this weekend when they leave for the place affectionately known as "Death Valley."

They will be travelling to Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky for an all important series that will determine whether or not they will repeat as Ohio Valley Conference champions for the seventh straight year.

The Lady Raiders go into the game with Morehead Saturday night at the Academic Athletic Center clinging to a one-half game lead over their opponents, sporting a 7-2 conference record to a 6-2 record for the Lady Eagles.

"We will definitely have our work cut out for us this weekend," head coach Lewis Bivens said. "We had to play super hard to beat Morehead the last time (68-64) here.

"This is a challenging weekend, to say the least."

In the last meeting at Murphy Center, Tawanya Mucker had 27 points and 11 rebounds in the victory over the Lady Eagles, who were undefeated in the conference play at the time.

Then, the Lady Raiders were struggling with a 1-2 record and had just come off two big losses to Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky.

Since the Morehead win, the Lady Raiders have gone 6-1 with their only loss coming at the hands of a non-conference opponent, the Western Kentucky Lady Toppers.

MTSU comes into the game with four players averaging in double figures, led by Tawanya Mucker, who is also leading the OVC averaging 23.5 points a game, and Sandy Brown averaging 15.3 points a game and a league-leading 67 three-point shots made.

Morehead is led by Druicilla Connors who averages 13.7 points a game and 8.5 rebounds, and Kelly Downs who has a 12.1 average.

"This will definitely be a tough game, and we know we will be in for a dogfight," Senior Lianne Beck said. "The last time we played them, we were not playing very well, and they haven't seen us since we've been playing better, hopefully they won't be ready for us."

Middle has greatly improved on its shooting and hitting the outside shots has been making it easier for

them to dominate the inside game.

"I believe that Sandy has turned the corner and broken out of her slump," Bivens said. "She does her best when she shoots first and asks questions later."

"Maybe if everyone quits reminding her about her 3-point streak, she won't think about it and just shoot the ball."

MTSU standout Tawanya Mucker was named OVC player of the week last week, scoring 83 points, gathering 28 rebounds, blocking five shots, and getting three assists and three steals.

"Tawanya has been a definite force inside," Bivens commented. "And if our outside shooting continues to improve, she will become even more unstoppable."

Tip-off for the game is slated for 4:15 central time.



Frank Conley ● Staff

6-year-old first grader Jennifer Hamilton sings the National Anthem prior to the Blue Raider-Austin Peay game Monday night.

Scoreboard

OVC Standings

SCHOOL	MEN OVC	ALL
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	8-1	18-6
Murray State	7-2	15-8
Austin Peay	5-4	13-11
Morehead State	3-5	13-13
Tennessee Tech	3-5	10-15
Eastern Kentucky	3-5	5-17
Tennessee State	1-8	3-21

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE	7-2	17-5
Tennessee Tech	6-2	16-5
Morehead State	6-2	15-7
Murray State	6-3	17-6
Eastern Kentucky	3-5	10-11
Austin Peay	2-7	2-20
Tennessee State	0-9	2-20

Women's Basketball

MTSU 82, UT-CHATTANOOGA 61
UT-CHATTANOOGA 61
Marcheta Winton 8-18 0-0 19,
Net Stallings 4-12 2-4 10, Powell
10 0-0 8, Smith 2-7 4-4 8, Cope-
land 2-6 0-0 4, Beightol 2-3 0-0 4,
Marroll 1-2 2-2 4, Blackburn 1-2
0 3, Mayfield 0-2 1-2 1, Wales
2 0-0 0. Totals 24-64 9-12 61

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 82

Tawanya Mucker 13-20 4-6 30,
Christy Scuggs 6-8 0-0 17, Sandy
Brown 5-14 0-0 14, Beck 4-7 0-0
8, Capley 4-8 0-0 8, Newton 2-6
0-1 4, Wade 0-0 1-2 1, Harrison
0-2 0-0 0, Bell 0-2 0-0 0, Wright
0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-69 5-9 82.

Halftime score — MTSU 45,
UTC 24. 3-point goals — UTC 4-
15 (Winton 3-11), MTSU 9-16

(Mucker 11, Assists — UTC 15 (Smith 6),
MTSU 24 (Brown 10). Steals — UTC 5 (Winton 2),
MTSU 3 (Beck, Mucker, Bell). Blocked shots —
UTC 4 (Powell 4), MTSU 2 (Brown, Bell).
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Lady Raiders take two

Lady Raiders maul Lady Mocs, edge closer to 20 win season

By KEVIN SPAIN

Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU Lady Raiders made it three wins in five nights with an 82-61 win over Southern Conference foe Tennessee-Chattanooga last night.

It was Middle's second win over the Lady Mocs this season, having taken the first at Maclellan Gym in Chattanooga, 78-67, earlier in the season.

MTSU started off slowly, falling behind early by four points, but then went on a 24-4 run and built up a 16-point lead with 10 minutes left in the half.

The rout continued as Christy Scruggs hit three out of four 3-point shots and opened up the middle for Tawanya Mucker, who ended the half with 16 points.

"We got off to a blah-like start, but then we got our half-court game going and picked up the tempo,"

Coach Lewis Bivens said. "We needed help from our outside shooters. Christy and Sandy responded and they had to play a man-to-man defense. This left Tawanya open.

"I believe it is impossible for someone to cover Tawanya one on one: She is like a woman among girls."

The second half saw the Lady Mocs struggle to try and keep the game respectable, but the more talented Lady Raiders kept it out of reach, pulling away for the 21 point win.

"I just wanted us to keep giving a good effort in the second half," Bivens added. "We couldn't afford to have a let-down. They were capable of coming back because they have a much better team than the way they played tonight."

Tawanya Mucker finished the game with 30 points and 11 rebounds.

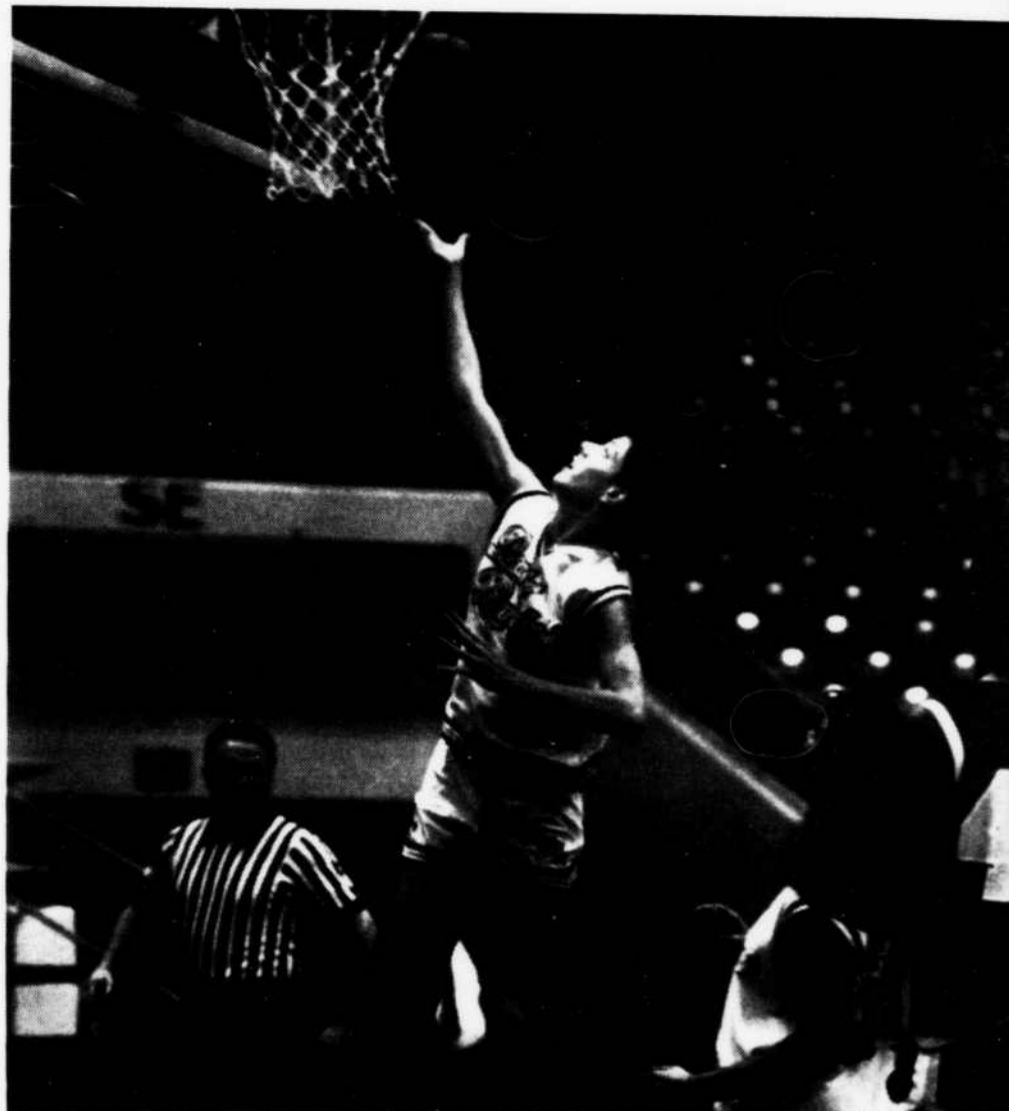
Christy Scruggs, who at one time had five 3-pointers in a row, closed out with 17, and Sandy Brown chipped in with 14.

"I think that if I can hit from the outside, that it can take pressure off the inside," Scruggs said. "I just take them when I have them and if they pay too much attention to Tawanya and Sandy, it might leave me open. I'll just have to hit them when I have the opportunity."

The Lady Mocs were led by their two leading scorers Marcheta Winton, who had 19 points, and Janet Stallings with 10.

The win raised the Lady Raiders overall record to 18-5, giving them a chance for their fourth 20-win season in five years, and Coach Bivens his second in as many years as MTSU coach.

The loss dropped the UTC Lady Mocs to 14-9-



Frank Conley/Staff

Sophomore forward Stephanie Capley nails a break away lay-up as teammate Sanuy Brown follows up during the Lady Raiders' 82-61 of UT-Chattanooga.

Mucker nears 2,000 points, leads massacre of Lady Govs

By KEVIN SPAIN

Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders recorded their highest point total of the season and extended their conference win streak to six games Monday night against Austin Peay, 107-73.

The 107 points were the most the Lady Raiders have scored since defeating Sienna University 103-62 in the Wagner Holiday Tournament at Staten Island, N.Y. on Dec. 28.

"We shot 66 percent in the first half, and you'll score a lot of points when you do that," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "But my philosophy is if you play hard, you will shoot well."

Middle had four players with double figures, and three of them—Stephanie Capley, Tawanya Mucker, and Sandy Brown—had 22 points each. Lianne Beck chipped in 16.

MTSU charged out of the blocks early and with a balanced attack and hot shooting, built a commanding 51-37 lead at halftime.

"I was very proud of our

play in the first half, but I was afraid we might come out in the second half and be flat," Bivens said. "I'm just happy we showed we were still concentrating and running our offense. That's not always easy to do in a rout."

In the second half, the Lady Raiders seemed to get stronger, building their lead to 21 points at the 10 minute mark and never allowed the margin to get under that figure for the rest of the night.

"We played hard tonight, but we'll have to play hard against everyone now," senior Lianne Beck said. "Our problem earlier this year was we weren't playing like we were capable."

"We seniors want to go out winners, so we'll have to worry about one game at a time and give it everything we've got"

Austin Peay was led by Madeline Sparks with 19 points, including five 3-pointers. Tracie Mason had 18 points.

All-time scoring leader for the Lady Govs Shandra

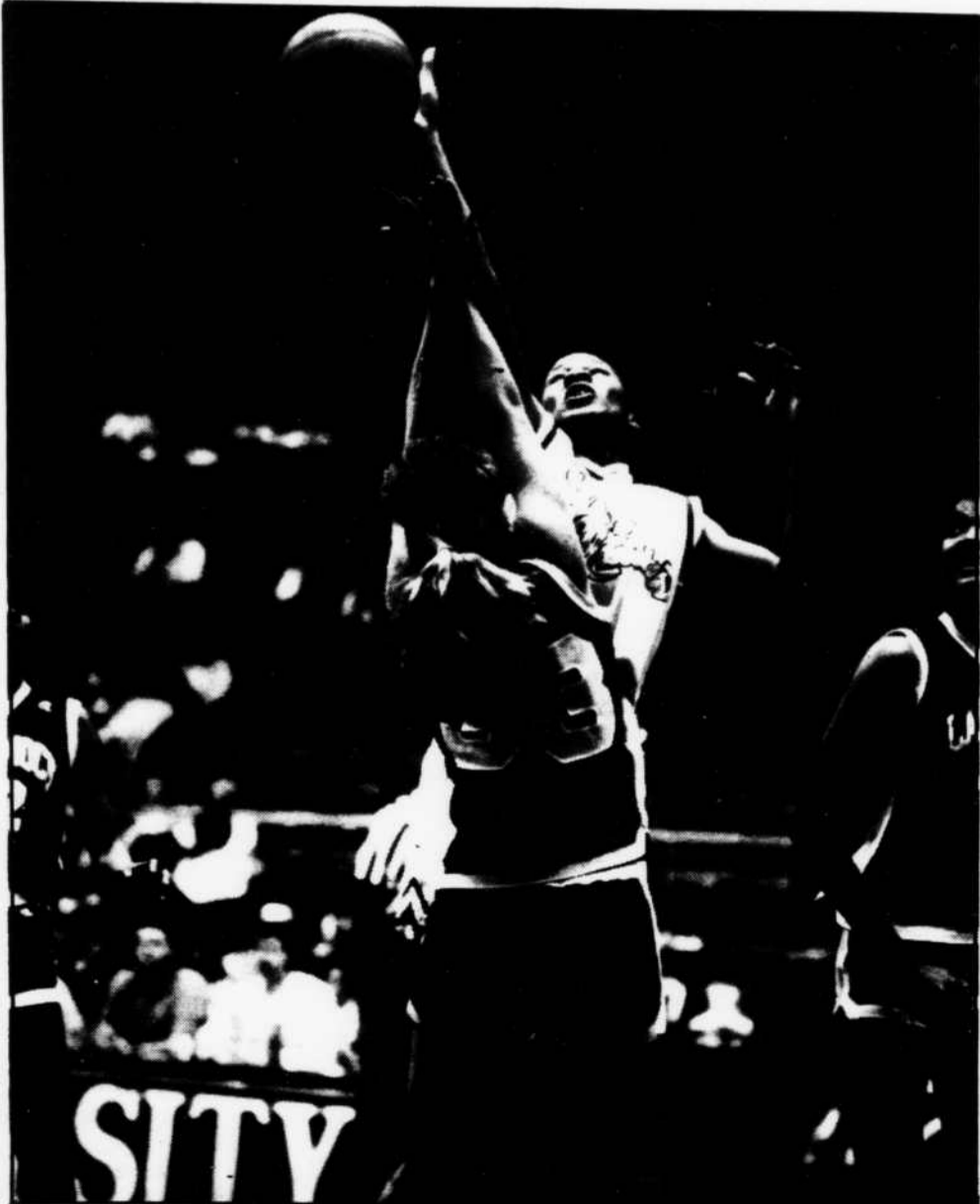
Maxwell had 16 points and 15 rebounds. Maxwell is the only Lady Gov to have over 1,000 points. She has 1,268 and is only a junior.

The win keeps the Lady Raiders one-half game ahead of Tennessee Tech and Morehead State in the Ohio Valley Conference race and gives them an opportunity to win the title outright by winning the next three conference games.

"It's all you can ask for, to do it ourselves, and we have," Coach Bivens added. "We can get beat, but if we play like we have been, we have a good chance to take it."

"I've been having a good feeling about this team lately."

Senior Tawanya Mucker is closing in on 2,000 points, with her total at 1,865 after Monday's game. If she reaches 2,000, she will be only the second Lady Raider in history to achieve this total, coming in second to all-time leading scorer Kim Webb, who played from 1983-87.



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Blue Raider center Tawanya Mucker loses the ball as she attempts to shoot over UT-Chattanooga's Julie Copeland. Mucker led all scorers with 30 points.

Life a challenge for MTSU's Capley

By **KEN SALTER**
Senior Staff Writer

Three years ago, things were going great for Stephanie Capley. She was in her senior year at Mount Juliet High School, and her basketball talents had gotten her offers from colleges like the University of Mississippi, Western Kentucky, MTSU and several other small colleges.

Then she became pregnant.

When the news became known, the offers disappeared and it appeared her playing career might be over.

"I had basically forgotten about basketball," the 20-year old sophomore said. "After I became pregnant, I was going to go to Belmont, but then he didn't need a post player."

But then fortunes began to change for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Armistead.

First, Capley's husband, Tim, decided to attend MTSU and the family moved to Murfreesboro.

Although she wasn't thinking about basketball when she arrived, Capley decided to talk to then Lady Raider Coach Jim Davis.

"I went to talk to Davis, but he wouldn't give me a scholarship," Capley said. "He said all he could do was let me come on the team as a walk-on."

However, a change at the helm of the Lady Raiders brought another change in fortunes for the would-be collegiate forward.

"About three weeks later, Davis quit. When Coach [Lewis] Bivens got the job, he talked to [Mount Juliet basketball Coach [Tommy] Martin, and then Coach Bivens and I got together and he gave me a scholarship."

On the recommendation of Martin, Bivens decided Capley deserved a chance to play for the five time defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Lady Raiders.

"I had heard a lot of good things about her," the coach explained. "And she has never asked for any slack because of her added responsibilities."

Once on the team, the 6-1, 135 pounder found that she had some catching up to do.

"Getting back in shape was the hardest thing," Capley, who is an Accounting major, said. "I had shot during the summer so my shot came back quickly."

During her freshman year, Capley started all 30 games for the Lady Raiders and surprised everyone by averaging 11.2 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

According to her coach, Capley's performance and versatility played a vital role in the team's success.

"She's a 6-0 player that can shoot outside," Bivens pointed out. "She's a finesse player and she can play several positions on defense."

Unfortunately, this season didn't start where last year's left off.

Capley has struggled through most of the season,

and on four occasions she has lost her starting spot in the lineup.

"Stephanie needs to improve her concentration to get better," Bivens remarked. "She's a very smart player."

"It's been real hard," Capley replied quickly.

Through 22 games, Capley has averaged 11 points, 6.4 rebounds and 29.1 minutes a contest.

Perhaps one reason for her erratic play this season, is the fact that Capley must balance the pressure of an OVC title hunt on the court with the responsibility of having a husband and a daughter, Morgan, which demand a great deal of her attention, off the court.

"I have to take care of everybody and sometimes it gets real discouraging," the young mother said. "Sometimes I don't play well because I feel like there are more important things than basketball."

Capley's fortunes have changed of late, however. In wins over Murray St. and Austin Peay, she scored 16 and 22 points respectively.

She was 14-16 from the

field in the two games, and 10-15 from the freethrow line. She also pulled down 17 rebounds.

With the Lady Raiders losing three seniors after this season, including leading scorer Tawanya Mucker, it would appear that Capley would be one of the players Bivens would be counting on to fill the offensive void.

That, however, may not be the case.

"If Stephanie's husband gets a job, she might not be here next year," Bivens said. "That's a very real possibility."

Even if her husband remains in Murfreesboro, Capley's responsibilities to her family have caused her to question the role of basketball in her life.

"Sometimes basketball has become the number one thing, and it shouldn't be," she remarked.

Despite her added responsibility and cloudy future, Capley still gets high praise from her coach.

"She's a classy person on and off the floor," Bivens said. "She's just like one of the kids. She has done everything we ask her to."



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Lady Raider forward Stephanie Capley finds balancing basketball and a family a tough act.

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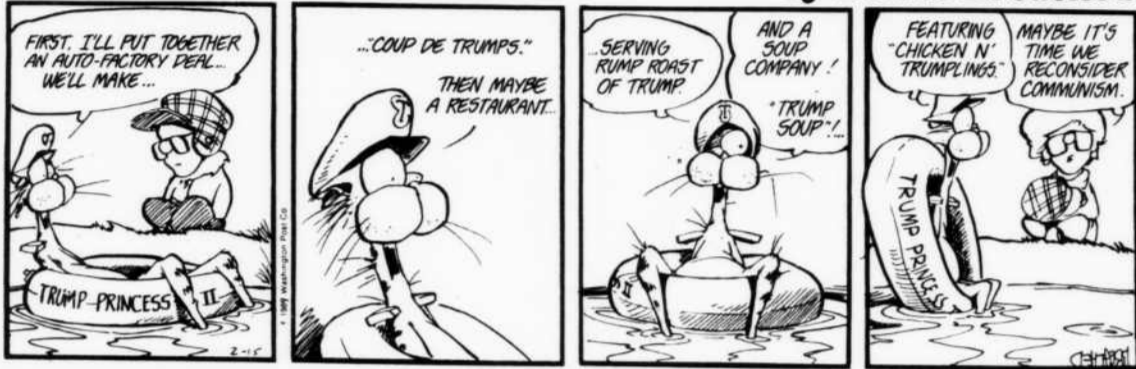
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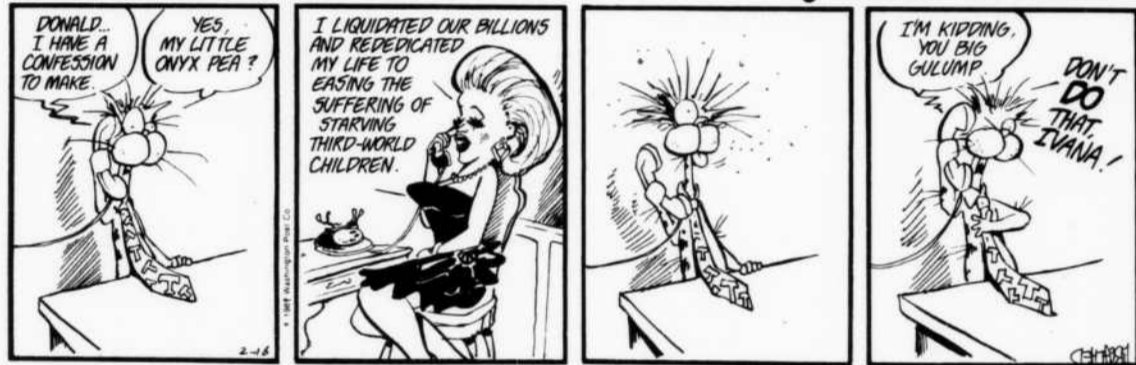
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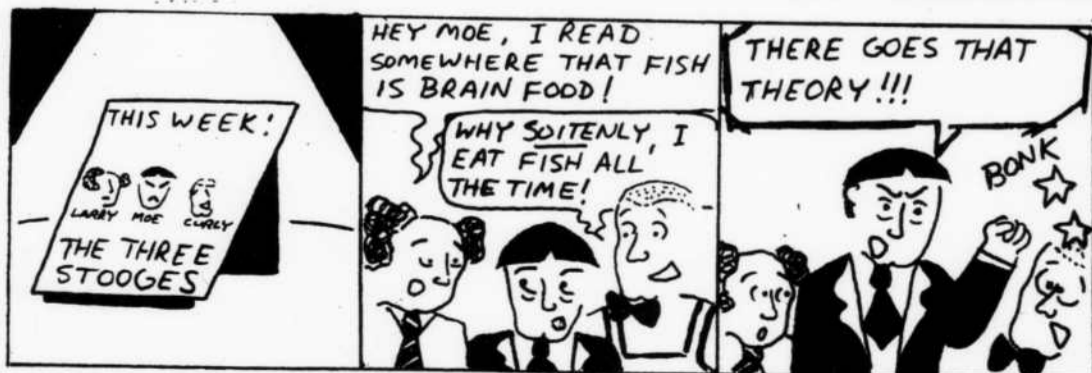
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- 8. Nothing more
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- 13. Fork prong
- 14. Press
- 15. Office holders
- 16. Remove
- 18. Recover
- 20. Not yours
- 21. Position upon
- 22. Rug
- 23. Measured quantity
- 27. Picnic pest
- 29. Pass between two peaks
- 30. Fast
- 31. In the event that
- 32. Place for bathing
- 33. Sun
- 34. Midwestern state (abbr.)
- 35. Station
- 37. Cat sound
- 38. Place
- 39. Change
- 40. Female hog
- 41. Near
- 42. Climb down
- 44. Likeness
- 47. Gradual process
- 51. Fancy shooting marble
- 52. Acute angle
- 53. Always
- 54. Relationship with (suf.)
- 55. Prepared golf ball
- 56. Withered; dry
- 57. Vehicle
- 1. On one's head
- 2. Feminine name
- 3. Good luck symbol
- 4. Walk
- 5. Sesame plant
- 6. Beast
- 7. Cancel a penalty
- 8. Element
- 9. Period of time
- 10. Decompose
- 11. Direction (abbr.)
- 17. Officeholder
- 19. Indefinite article
- 22. Unruly crowd
- 24. Newsgathering organization (abbr.)
- 25. Duration
- 26. Prepare for publication
- 27. Helper
- 28. Want
- 29. Slice
- 30. Aline
- 32. Added
- 33. Mend
- 36. 16th Greek letter
- 37. Reason
- 38. Electricity
- 40. Place of an event
- 41. Be
- 43. Symbol for lutetium
- 44. In the case of (2 words)
- 45. Festive occasion
- 46. Large pitcher
- 47. Time zone (abbr.)
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