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Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Jon Bon Jovi entertains the crowd during Monday's performance in Murphy Center.

Ingram: MTSU affirmative action director named soon

By DENA MASH
Staff Writer

MTSU should have a new affirmative action director in about a week, according to President Sam Ingram.

"I have a person I can offer the job," said Ingram. "We're waiting for some additional information right now."

Six applicants have been interviewed for the position. Ingram said he probably would not conduct any more interviews if the prime candidate works out. The director will begin work as soon as possible.

The desired qualifica-

tions for the position are a master's degree and experience as an affirmative action officer, or related experience such as a personnel director, Ingram said.

"There should be no trouble finding someone with these qualifications," he said.

An affirmative action director has three major duties, according to Ingram.

The first duty is to ensure that each new employee is paid the proper salary.

"We must have a salary schedule that can be defended when the Department of Labor comes in to

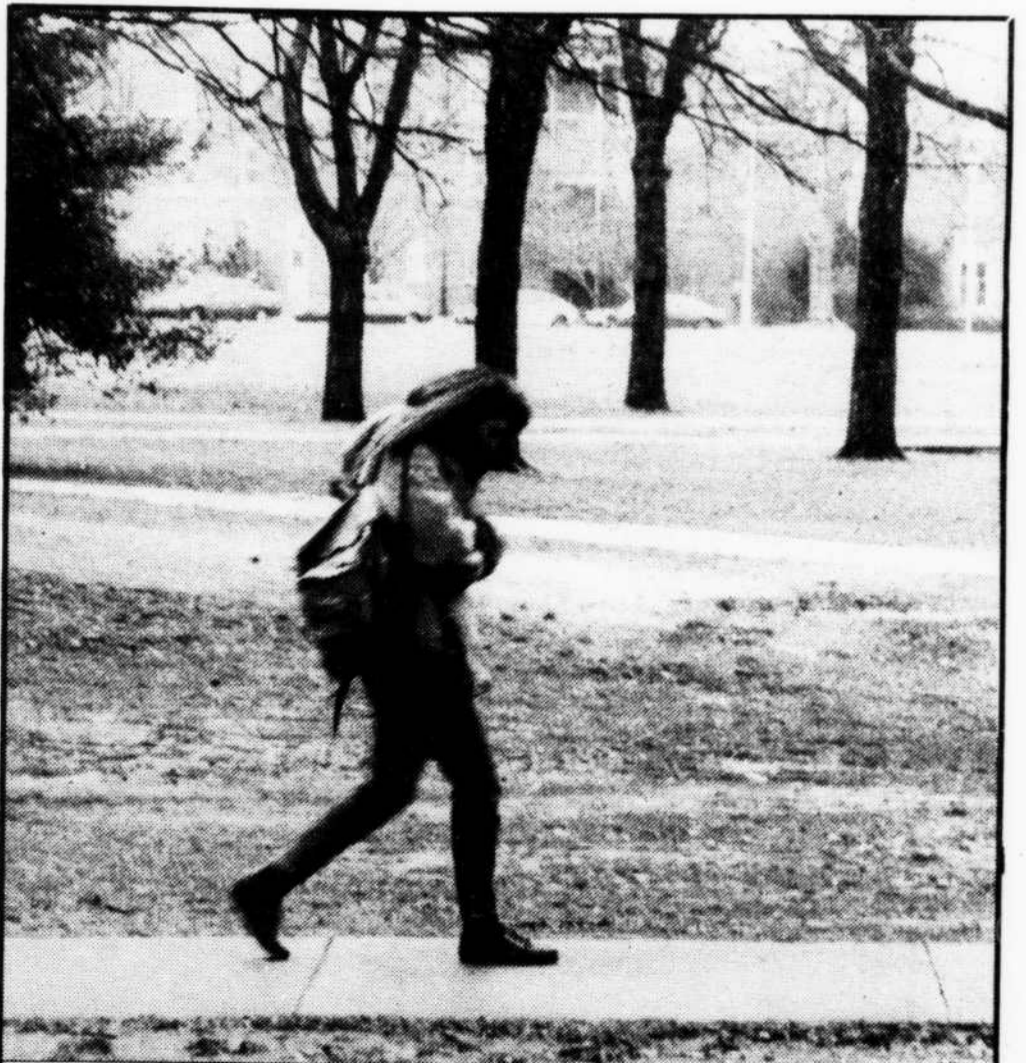
check," he said.

The director must also examine each department and set goals for minority involvement, as well as assist in employment procedures.

Sexual harassment investigation is another major task of the affirmative action director. Complaints are made directly to the director, and then an investigation is started.

Two or three budget categories fall under the director's authority, according to Ingram.

"It's a position that is essential," said Ingram.



Sandra Rennie • Staff

Bundling up...

Nicole Burton, a freshman photo-journalism major, rushes home to avoid the cold damp weather yesterday. After days of rain, snow hit campus yesterday.

Funds sought for IR award

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

Fundraising for a Harry Horne International Relations Scholarship is in full swing, but short of the 7,500 needed to provide a semester's tuition for an incoming freshman, organizers said.

Work on the scholarship, named after MTSU political science instructor Harry Horne, began last year, said David Grubbs, chairman of the political science department.

However, fundraising for the award just recently began in earnest, said Jack Turner, political science professor and fundraising director for the scholarship.

Prior to teaching at MTSU, Horne served as a career diplomat for the Canadian government — finishing his term of service as Consular General Atlanta and Consular General

San Francisco.

Horne could not be reached for comment.

Horne teaches just one class each year, International Relations in the fall, but has proved to be an indispensable addition to the faculty in the five years he has taught at MTSU, both Turner and Grubbs said.

"He is a valuable addition to his department," Turner said. "He has brought a lot of contacts with him and gives the department non-academic experience we would otherwise not have."

"He's done so much for the department," Grubbs said. "He is just a really great colleague for us. He also relates to his students very well."

"He only teaches one course, but it is one of the most popular on campus," Turner added.

Since Horne has met many of the world leaders

and prominent figures in world politics during his career, he has proved to be a great contact for guest speakers.

"He's brought in a lot of speakers from the state department and the defense department — personal friends of [former Defense Secretary] Caspar Weinberger and [former Secretary of State] Dean Rusk," Grubbs said. "He's met just about everybody and is still on good relations with them."

One of the more prominent guest speakers Horne was able to bring to campus was former Canadian Ambassador Kenneth Taylor, who helped sneak six U.S. diplomats out of Tehran during the Iranian Hostage Crisis in 1979. Taylor provided Canadian passports and identifications for the

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Mentor program helps minorities adjust

By JENNIFER BAILEY
Staff Writer

It's like being beamed down into an alien society, but there's a serious problem — the mother ship forgot to give out a survival kit.

Such is the plight of a black student at a predominantly white university. Even when the school work is no problem, your social life can be in ruin and this can create chaos in your academic life.

So when things get too rough, the black student flips out a communicator and it's "Beam me up, Scotty" time.

MTSU has an enrollment of 1,030 black students and the university works hard at beaming them in. Now MTSU has turned its attention toward keeping the black student from immediately beaming right back home. Officials are attempting to improve the retention rate for black students, which is approximately two and a half to three times "lower" than that for white students.

"I think it's terrible to get

students in school, keep them a year, and lose them," MTSU's former affirmative action officer, Phyllis Montgomery, exclaims. "More must be done."

And more is being done. In order to help students who feel lost and ill equipped for survival, the director of minority affairs, Ted White, and a psychology professor, Forrest Toms, have developed a Multi-Cultural Adjustment and Development program (MCAD).

White explains that MCAD is a unique program designed to help black students make the academic, social and cultural transition into the mainstream of the educational institution, while assisting them in maintaining a positive sense of their heritage. Through a support network, involvement programs and the Minority Student Advisory Program (MSAP), black students should be able to make a more comfortable transition into their new college life.

MSAP provides incoming black freshmen with upperclassmen who guide them through their first year. The mentors oversee the students' campus life and help them through any roadblocks.

But mentors are not required, and they are not forced on anyone. This semester there are 80 proteges and eight mentors in MSAP. The program is not limited to freshmen. It also seeks to help transfer students, students on academic probation and

\$550.

Lisa Bass, student mentor, comments that the job is no easy task. Mentors have many required duties:

- Monthly reports on each protege
- Weekly appointments with each protege
- Weekly meetings with the MSAP coordinator
- Weekly meetings with the other mentors
- Monthly meetings with the director of minority affairs
- Tutoring proteges and

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Former Affirmative Action Officer

others who are not surviving at MTSU.

Before becoming a mentor, a student must have a 2.7 grade point average. If a student's application for the MSAP mentor position is accepted, there follows an intense interview. If the interview is a success, the student becomes a mentor and is awarded a scholarship of

other students in problem subjects

- Monthly tutorial reports
- Participating in minority recruitment

All of these duties are in addition to the development of a rapport with their proteges. The mentor is the protege's rock of wisdom.

Gloria Jordan, admis-

sions officer, praises the program. "I know it's working well because I've checked with some of the proteges."

MTSU is making a concentrated effort to recruit and retain more black students. Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions, records and information systems, says the admissions office is very sensitive to this need.

"I'd like to see our black student population approximate the population in our service area, which is somewhere around 15 percent," Gillespie notes.

MTSU's President, Sam Ingram, agrees there should be an improvement in the percentage of minority students attending MTSU and that the university is "not where it should be" in this area.

But MTSU isn't fighting a losing battle. Black student enrollment was 8.4 percent in fall 1987. "Right now we're somewhere around 9 percent," Gillespie asserts.

So the number of black students at MTSU is rising.

But what can explain the fact that nationally, black student enrollment in universities is declining? In Tennessee the number of black students fell in 1988 from 15.9 percent to 13.1 percent. Meanwhile, in the past 12 years there has been a 94 percent cost increase in public colleges' tuition.

White wonderingly says, "When you look at the inflation adjustment trend during the time between 1980 and 1985 you find that, nationally, white student aid has increased 7.9 percent, hispanic student aid has increased 6.4 percent, but black student aid decreased 4.7 percent."

"Tuition goes up, yet black students receive less help."

Fortunately, this is not true at MTSU.

Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid, is a very busy man. But once he settles down for a chat, he is a fountain of information.

"During the past four to seven years the principal

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"I can't wait to see what you 'plop' into the Spring Collage." —

Rod Willis
Larry Underwood
Roy Epperson
Letter to Sidelines
Nov. 14, 1988

Submissions now being taken

Written submissions must be accompanied by a title page including the author's name, address, and phone number.

Artwork and photography must be mounted in a manner appropriate for display and must be tagged with the artist's name, address, and phone number.

Please send or bring submissions to the Collage office, room 310 of the James Union Building, Box 61, MTSU.

Deadline is Thursday, March 2, 1989, 4 p.m.

Co-op education program a constant winner: director

By RONALD ROBERTS

Special to Sidelines

[Editor's note: This is the first of a four part series on the MTSU cooperative education program].

Wayne Rollins, director of the MTSU cooperative education program, describes the program as a "win, win, win situation."

The participants win because of the valuable experience gained. The business wins because of the enthusiastic workers who are willing to work hard and learn. And the university wins because it gives the business world a chance to see the type of quality education MTSU students receive, explained Rollins.

The cooperative education program provides students with the opportunity to work in a business related to their major field of study and receive academic credit.

When a student applies for a position, he makes a commitment to work for three semesters, only one of which can be in the summer, said Rollins.

There are three choices in the co-op program. The first, and most popular, is an alternating schedule: one semester in school and the next, on the job training. The second choice is to work for three straight semesters, and the third choice is to work part-time and go to school part-time during the semester. This third choice requires six semesters of participation.

The primary reason students co-op is to "gain experience in order to progress in a chosen career at a faster rate," Rollins said.

The program is open to all students. In order to enroll in the program, interested students must consult with and get permission from their adviser, talk with the co-op coordinator in their educational area, and then talk to Rollins.

Currently, there are 35 students "on the job." There are approximately 80

students involved in the program. Those students who aren't working are in class this semester.

The co-op program began in the fall of 1982 under the direction of David Hatfield. In 1983, 16 students were working in the co-op program. In 1988, a total of 65 students were working in the program.

"The program is moving in the right direction," said Rollins. "We have so many good students at MTSU, so many good academic programs, and we're located in such a good location, that I think we're really going to grow."

Those who participate in the co-op program must be a degree seeking student at MTSU. In addition, they must have completed two semesters of college work (at least one semester at MTSU), with a grade point average of 2.5 or better.



Larry Burriss

Sandra Rennie • Staff

Guard honors professor for recent lifesaving efforts

By DOUG STULTS
Staff Writer

An MTSU Mass Communications professor was awarded the Tennessee National Guard Ribbon for Valor last Friday for helping save the life of an accident victim last summer, a guard officer said.

Larry Burriss, a five-year guard veteran received the award for treating a young woman for shock and massive bleeding after the bike she was riding collided with a car last August, said Hooper Penuel, director of public affairs for the guard.

"I never saw the accident," Burriss said. "I just saw the girl thrown up over the hood of the car and land in the road."

Burriss moved the woman to the side of the road and instructed bystanders to call an ambulance while he administered treatment, he said.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Clark and Jones boulevards near Mitchell-Neilson School. Burriss was driving up to the intersection at the time of the incident.

"It wasn't anything special," Burriss said. "Anyone could do it. I just happened to get recognized for it."

Guard officials became aware of Burriss' actions after a witness noticed Burriss' National Guard license plate and wrote a letter to the guard headquarters praising Burriss, Penuel

said.

Burriss and two other guard personnel were honored for their respective actions at the award ceremony at the guard headquarters in Nashville last Friday, Penuel said.

The awards were presented by Major General Carl D. Wallace, Penuel said.

The Ribbon of Valor is presented to soldiers or airmen who distinguish themselves by saving or attempting to save another person's life in an emergency situation, Penuel said.



The Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for 1989-90 MIDLANDER EDITOR

Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA, must be full-time MTSU students this semester, and must enroll for at least nine hours of coursework in the spring semester.

Applications are available in Room 306 of the James Union Building. A transcript and letters of recommendation are required. Deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, March 17. For more information please call Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator, at MTSU ext. 2338.

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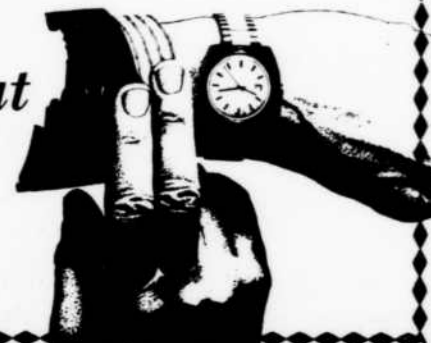
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Time IS Running Out





George Walker • Staff

An MTSU student walks out of Peck Hall during the recent rain.

Professor studies French policy

By FRANK LANNOM
Staff Writer

Professor of political science, George Vernardakis has returned to MTSU from Paris, France, where he has been on a non-instructional assignment for the university.

Non-instructional assignments are given by the university to allow faculty to conduct research in areas of their interest. The assignments are awarded on a competitive basis to faculty members with 15 years or more of service. Normally the assignments are for one full semester at full pay or for two semesters at half pay.

Vernardakis spent his assignment in Paris studying the French government. According to Vernardakis, the object of his study was

to "ascertain how much influence higher civil servants have in making policy."

Preliminary findings have shown that "Civil servants in a department don't have that much input on policy; it is the civil servants attached to the cabinet of the president who have the power, higher civil servants have the highest input," according to Vernardakis.


When questioned about differences between the United States and the French government Ver-

nardakis said, "In France, the president and prime minister have considerable power." He also pointed out that French leaders do not have the unnecessary checks the United States leaders have on their power.

Vernardakis has had a recent article published in the International Journal of Public Administration. Vernardakis plans to write articles concerning his study in Paris with the possibility of a book in the future.

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Tau Omicron will be meeting Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. in Room 324 of the Keathley University Center. Donations for the Battered Women's Shelter will be taken. In addition, new member initiation will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Old members are encouraged to attend, but should be prepared to pay for their own dinner.

Society of Professional Journalists is meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in Room 316 of the Keathley University Center. A panel on "Minorities in Journalism" will be presented with Sherrel Wheeler-Stewart, *Tennessean* education writer, and Karla Winfrey, Channel 4 consumer affairs reporter, will be speaking. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Great ASB Presidential Debate will be held March 1 in Studio A of the Learning Resources Center. Candidates for ASB president will square off against members of the MTSU campus media. Anyone is invited to attend and ask questions of the next ASB president. The event will be televised live by Cable 33 beginning at 7 p.m.

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source of financial aid for black students at MTSU has been the MTSU/TSU Matching Scholarship. This is money that's appropriated directly to the school by the state legislature," Wrenn explains.

But he adds that this will soon change. The financial aid office currently receives approximately \$260,000 to \$300,000 a year for minorities. Next year, they should have access to an additional \$200,000.

Where is the additional money coming from?

"Dr. Sam Ingram led the charge and has made the effort of contributing \$200,000 to the Enrichment program," Wrenn points out.

The Enrichment program will be implemented next year and it is still in the infant planning stage. But, Wrenn adds, "The program is designed to get some assistance to the students who are making their grades or who have the potential to make good grades."

All in all, it's good news for black students who will now have \$500,000 set aside primarily for their use.

"Scotty, cancel that beam-up."

The black student at MTSU need not feel like an alien without a life support system. A mentor is on standby with an emergency survival kit. Adjustment to college life is no longer out of the black student's reach, and MTSU is no longer out of touch with the needs of black students.

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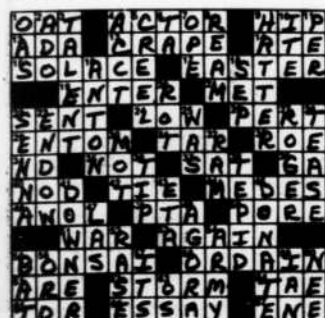
diplomats and passed them off as Canadian diplomats.

The International Relations Club is responsible for fundraising, said Turner, IR Club adviser.

"We just started and we have about \$1,000," he said, adding \$7,500 is group's immediate goal.

"We hope to get a chair someday," Turner said, adding he "doesn't have much hope for that."

For more information about donating to the scholarship fund or about the scholarship in general, contact Turner



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Opinion

Ayatollah's threat affects us all

The Ayatollah Khomeini has decided that the novel *Satanic Verses* by Indian-born writer Salman Rushdie is blasphemous, and therefore he should be killed. If this is to be the standard of freedom for the modern press, one wonders what purpose the First Amendment serves.

As journalists, our hearts reach out to Rushdie. Seldom does a writer publish with the expectation that his works will bring about his death.

Khomeini's reign of terror staggers the imagination. The multi-million dollar bounty he has put on Rushdie's head will endanger far more than the writer himself. What is to stop a follower of Khomeini from destroying a plane full of passengers in an effort to get to him?

We cannot view this merely as a situation occurring half way across the world — it could involve us all.

If novelists, journalists, and social commentators must fear for their lives with every publication, they will not be able to perform their watchdog function, a function that, at times, may serve as the sole voice of truth in a maze of international confusion.



First 'Live as the Other Half Lives' month to hit MTSU

Most problems, I've found, stem from a lack of understanding. Be it among friends, co-workers, terrorists, administrators, or Mongrel invaders, conflict almost always occurs when one group of people fails to appreciate the intricacies of another.

The solution, of course, is to try and appreciate the conflicting perspective. This idea is hardly new.

"Do not put a man down until you have walked a hundred moons in his moccasins" — an American Indian saying.

As always, far easier said than done.

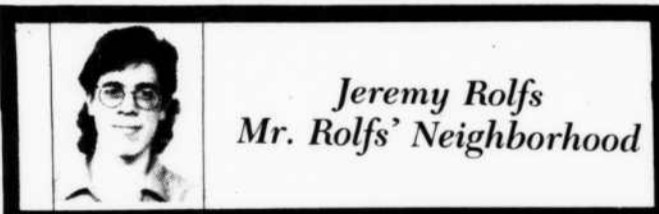
"I don't care one hoot about Redskins, I'd kill 'em all, God willing." Unidentified American Cowboy, from *The Way the West was Won*.

Question: "Oh intoler-

ence, oh misunderstanding, oh cluelessness that abounds on our fair campus. . . how can we combat thee?"

half lives Month — a four week experiment in perspectives."

What follows is a rough draft of some of the ac-



Jeremy Rolfs
Mr. Rolfs' Neighborhood

Answer: First annual MTSU "Live as the other

activities and requirements for this most novel of programs. Further suggestions are welcome; address them to *Sidelines* Letters to The Co-Editors, PO Box 42.

1) All administrators will pledge to Omega Psi Phi Soul Fraternity Inc. International. They will attend daily seminars dealing with subjects such as "Bumping for higher education," "Be white and hip," "Doing the Butt at fifty and beyond," "snap and clap on two and four," and "Social significance of Bobby Brown and the 'My Perogative' movement." All meetings will begin with a group "Yo" and end with a group "Word."

2) In striving for an equal level of understanding, the members of the aforemen-

tioned social organization will listen to *Perry Como's Greatest Hits* for 20 hours of 24 hours in a day. They will also demonstrate their desire to broaden their perspectives by watching *The Tonight Show*, playing intramural miniature golf, and eating quiche three to four times daily.

3) The official MTSU maintenance vehicle during this period will be a black Ford Taurus station wagon, with tinted windows, protective bra, sunroof, and key pad entry.

4) University Housing staff members will call all residents and request that their offices be heated until they are nice and "toasty."

5) ARA Food Services will conduct an investigation of undisclosed length into the journalistic integrity of one *Sidelines* Senior Staff Writer who shall remain anonymous.

6) No University employee shall report for work in a suit, tie, or vest. The official "MTSU Team Understand-

ings" uniform will consist of the following: matching Adidas sweatsuits, orange on yellow Converse high tops, four to seven gold chains, teased hair for women, Nike logo engraved in back of head for men, and a black on black walking stick/umbrella.

A theme party sponsored by the History Department and *Jabbs* will award class registration cards to the best costumed couples. The categories will be as follows: Best dressed Pre-Napoleonic Era revolutionary, "Miss Dark Ages wet garment contest," and

"Most energetic and light-hearted indentured servant look-alike contest." ID's will be required, and anyone caught preaching Marxism will be escorted off the premises.

If "Live as the other half lives Month" is successful, perhaps the following week we can begin "Live as the other half lives Month *History Month*."

One can only hope.

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Reed and Rolfs offer bounty

World politics being what it is, the Ayatollah Khomeini can, and has, put out a multi-million dollar contract on the life of Salman Rushdie. It seems that the leader of Iran felt that Rushdie's novel *Satanic Verses* was sacrilegious. If he can get away with it, so can we. Just because he's the leader of a nation filled with people who look up to him doesn't mean he gets to have all the fun. We have scraped together \$14.26. We hereby call for the execution of the following people:

Joe Isuzu. Your commercials are no longer funny. Get a real job, what kind of name is "Leisure" anyway. Rot, your sweltering bucket of three-day-old goat manure.

The author and creator of the *MTSU Handbook* (probably the most confusing publication the world has ever seen). It is no wonder that many of the students here are not even aware of its existence. Enigmas make our heads hurt. Morton Downey Jr. Your father was an excellent performer. You are, to use your own idiom, "a rat's snot-ball." We are pleased that everyone does not measure their success by how well they incite crowds. You represent everything that is bad about the First Amendment.

Geraldo Rivera. Rent a clue, Jerry, we are laughing at you. Those of us in America with at least a double digit I.Q. realize how bad your show is. You peddle that "investigative journalism" as if it were Pulitzer

material. Grow up. Here's a brilliant idea: try reading the script *before* the show. Then maybe you could avoid such pathetic topics and sensationalism. Oh, by the way, do you think you could have sex addicts on a few more times this week?

The cast of the "New Leave it to Beaver." Your time has come and gone. Barbara, Tony, and Jerry, you need to get your last paycheck and turn in those company cars. Don't go ape or do nothing goofy or we'll give you the business.

Canada. Donald Trump. No one should have as much money as you do, not even . . .

Bill Cosby. Could you be more of a commercial whore? First you plug Coke, then Jello, then Kodak, next George Bush. Which brings us to . . .

George Bush. Please see *Canada* (q.v.).

Emanuel Lewis and Gary Coleman. Gary, its too bad they found a doner. Webster, find your roots, pal.

Rob Lowe. Your too cute to be real. Our guess is that you are a product of genetic engineering to create a master race.

Menudo. Even in English you guys would sound like a train wreck, or at least a young Violent Femmes. They should lower your age clause to birth, or perhaps you should make a run for the border, you pack of meximelts.

Taco Bell. Overheard at drive through window "uh. . . ah'd lahk ah Tahkow Behll Grahnday, three Mexi-meyults, a steak fajita (pronounced Faj-it-duh)

and a bean burro."

Opryland singers. You guys need to calm down. Take a valium or something.

Easy listening format disc jockeys. You guys just talk way too slow. Try it at 45 rpms.

Rock and Roll disc jockeys. Could you please refrain from giving us the

Cantrell. For not leaving.

ARA. Was the Grill really necessary? Just what exactly *is* a raider burger? a baby raider burger? a grand slam breakfast? quarter pound of what?

Jones Hall. What do you people do in there? No one enters, no one leaves, yet every morning there are five empty cans of vienna

See *Canada*.

Tracy Chapman. Can you look and sing a little more like Freddy Fender? We don't theeenk sooo, Ceeeeesco.

Michael Jackson. This one should be easy, just yank the chord on that oxygen chamber. Burn, baby, burn. Which brings us to . . .

Disco. "Feel the city quakin' and everybody's shakin' we're uh... stayin' alive." When word of our bounty gets out, you won't be much longer.

Stratomatic players. They're just numbers, guys, just numbers. Get a social life or something.

Michelle Mathes — News Editor at *Sidelines*. Pocket trout — 'nuff said.

France. French fries? French toast? French kissing? 1914? 1940? How about those surly Hessians?

Italy. Make up your mind.

USA TODAY. "It's right here in pink and torquoise, Marge!" "Hey, American's are eatin' more cheese!"

Elvis Presley. Just in case.

The Deathship *Midlander*. If you bother to read the consensus editorials, you know we need their office space.

Rev. Al Sharpton. Man cannot live by hair spackle alone. Try some mousse, amigo.

Captain 6-pack. Naaah, just deport him.

Anyone who bought *Freedom Rock*. Turn it down, man.

Jeremy Rolfs — cub reporter. A mind is a terrible thing to waste. His epitaph (trimmed in duckies and black cats) should say something like "his new neighborhood — hope he has hot water."

Mike Reed — Elvis addict. Just what is a velvet Elvis? Why are your columns so long? Could you look any more pleased with yourself in your staff picture? Could you wear Bolos any more often? His epitaph should read "While Mike lived, the world mourned."

Anyone who makes death threats. Kiss our collective Ayatollah.



Our Adidas

Mike Reed
and Jeremy Rolfs

Opinion Page Editors

weather, news, sports, Dow Jones industrial average, and horoscope during the first fifteen seconds of our favorite Bon Jovi tune?

Bon Jovi. "I'm ah Cowbowah. . . on ah steeeuill hoss ah rahd." You're wanted dead — period.

Anyone who went to the Jovi concert (who wasn't a designated driver for some cheese-eating high school kids). Grow up.

Jeff, a student at Oakland High School who cheats on his Achievement tests. Stop reading *Sidelines* while you are still young enough to quit.

Jackie Solomon — student publications coordinator. She made this column possible.

Dr. Sam Ingram. You could take us with you when you leave, but nooooooooooooo. Besides, you still owe us money.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

George Lannom wrote in last weeks' *Sidelines* that people should not smoke marijuana because it is against the law and the only time anyone should ever violate the law is when human basic rights are threatened. Since smoking marijuana is not a basic human right, one should not partake.

My argument focuses on

two aspects of this question. The first is whether people should just blindly obey the law with a few exceptions and the other is what are some more relevant questions a student might want to ask themselves before "toking" than am I a bad citizen or does this mean I don't support my government anymore.

Mr. Lannom dismissed

the alcohol-marijuana comparison as "open for discussion on their validity," yet one comparison between these two reveal striking similarities. Both are intoxicating, they are used often for personal pleasure (parties, social interactions) both are potentially damaging to the individuals psychology and alcohol was at one time illegal just as

marijuana is now.

So why is one illegal and the other legal? Laws are made by men (often corrupt men) whose intentions have nothing to do with the preservation of our nationalistic ideas. More often than not, they reflect the special interest of certain segments of society. Prohibition failed because in part, one segment of society could not maintain its dominance over the other.

Thus laws are not by themselves right or wrong as neither is alcohol or marijuana. It is important to look at the motives of the law and what the results

are. In the case of marijuana laws, it is in part responsible for the overcrowding of our jails and the "flushing" of millions of dollars as the law enforcement agents destroy far fewer crops than are planted. If the single criteria was to never disobey a law, then we would all fail since everyone out there at one time or another has broken a law, however minor.

This brings us to the question of, if it is not a matter of a loyalty to the government or blind obedience to every law and statute, why should I not do whatever I

want whether it is against the law or not (i.e. smoke marijuana). My answer is that since those in power have decided that marijuana will remain illegal, the potential user should decide whether the potential for pleasure, fun and not getting caught outweighs the cost of getting caught (i.e. jail, fines, loss or denial of employment). These are very real and relevant questions one should ask oneself on whether or not to break any law, including smoking "pot."

Steve Johnson
Box 4149

Just what is an education?

I set my feet upon a rock, and make my footsteps heard; many will see, many will see and hear; I will sing, sing a new song."

-"40"-

-U2-

What is a truly educated person? Is it someone who gains notoriety by merely duplicating acts that have

tory has tended to repeat itself, this need not always be the case.

Great civilizations have seemed to rise and fall in a never-ending pattern. This does not imply, however, that everything you could do has already been done, and that it is pointless to strive for something differ-

learned to develop and communicate his own ideals. This often enables him to reach goals far beyond all others. A truly educated person can make an impact on society by expressing himself through a variety of media.

To say that it is impossible to create something new is merely a cop out — a lame excuse that only a person with low self-esteem would use. On the other hand, if you claim to be an educated person, but all you can do is regurgitate facts and figures, the only reward you deserve is a banana for you are nothing more than a trained monkey, a puppet waiting for your strings to be pulled. Do you want to be manipulated? My point is simply this: **THINK FOR YOURSELF, NOT FOR OTHERS!**

I'm not condemning learning from others. After all, you have to start somewhere. If you do your own thing and never settle for being merely "lukewarm", you will find the genius inside yourself.

It is then that you will be truly educated.



Brice Minnigh
Frontside Grind

already been performed?

To be a truly educated person, one must be brave enough to go beyond established thought and develop something unique. A truly educated person can transcend all societal barriers and shine above the norm.

I know there are those of you who think that there is "nothing new out there," that "history repeats itself," and that "life is nothing but a vicious circle."

If you really believed these things with all your heart, things would probably go ahead and jump out the window of a 20-story building, or commit Hari Kari on your golf club.

While it is true that history. My heart bleeds for the unfortunate people who believe such nonsense. To rise above the "norm" as both creator and individual is a feat worthy of reverence, one that signifies great personal strength.

Education, as you should hopefully know, is a building block which allows you to deal with problems you will encounter long after you are out of school. To stop at the mere absorption of rote learning that our educational system demands, is to reach only the upper crust of mediocrity. In contrast, a truly educated person can use what he has

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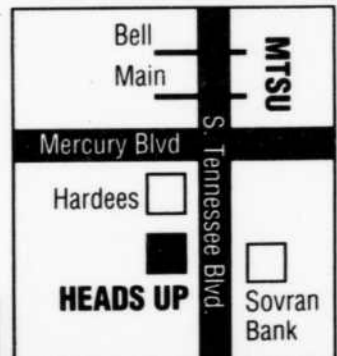
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Lifestyles

Bon Jovi lives up to early promise

Crowd receives money's worth

By **MARLA CARTWRIGHT**
Senior Staff Writer

"So this is Murfreesboro, Tennessee, huh?"

"Well, when I get through with you, you're going to sleep good to-night!"

So said the reigning bad boy of rock 'n roll standing center stage at Murphy Center Monday night — Jon Bon Jovi.

And you know, he was right.

Perfect execution of sight, synchronization and showmanship characterized the group's "American Brotherhood Tour" performance. From the moment the blue backstage lights sliced through the fog, Bon Jovi was in total control.

Hitting hard with their opening song "Lay Your Hands on Me," Jon Bon Jovi skipped across the stage, neatly packaged in a pair of skin-tight black spandex(?) pants. He looked like a mischievous child, cocky and thoroughly enjoying himself.

The band didn't 'play' a single song — they attacked all of them with gusto, giving the audience all they had.

Jon, in particular, seemed to take pleasure in teasingly leaning way over

the barricade. Adoring hands reached out, like hungry children screaming for food.

And the fans didn't go unnoticed. Jon Bon Jovi continuously gave of himself. He touched the hands of fans, played to all sides of the stage and ended up wringing wet.

"Everyone here has a front row seat," exclaimed Jon.

This was true because of an impressive catwalk which was lowered to only 25 feet above the enthusiastic audience as the guys lashed out "Let It Rock."

Bon Jovi kept up the pace with "I'd Die for You" and "Wild in the Streets," both hits from the *Slippery When Wet* album.

The crowd reaction? Everyone in Murphy Center went wild and not just those lucky souls on the floor.

As they thundered out "You Give Love a Bad Name" and "Born to Be My Baby," Bon Jovi kept the crowd in a wild frenzy.

But the thunder inside Murphy Center was unmatched even by the thunder outside, accompanied by massive amounts of pelting rain.

At one point in the show, the problems created from the quick set-up time were

apparent.

When Alec, Richie and Jon joined Tico at the drum set, stagehands, hidden in a trap-door, had to partially hand-turn the circular riser.

However, this along with somewhat fuzzy sound quality were the only problems of their performance.

During one of the several blackouts during the show, cigarette lighters flickered all over the crowd, revealing a sea of dimly lit, but ecstatic, faces as Bon Jovi led into their current hit "I'll Be There For You."

The non-stop, high-energy party continued with "Living on a Prayer" and "Raise Your Hand." Fans threw a huge yellow flag onstage and Jon draped it across his shoulders, cavorting about like a rock 'n roll superhero.

Even the end of the show was loud. Thunderous clapping and bleacher stomping prompted the band back onstage to play "Steel Cowboy," "Wanted Dead or Alive" and "Bad Medicine." The band ended the show with hands joined, bowing to both the front and back stage.

Good show guys. Come back soon, OK? Consider Murfreesboro your home away from New Jersey.



Jon Bon Jovi

Wayne Cartwright•Staff

Hanks stars in new flick

By **BRIAN WILLIAMS**
Senior Staff Writer

You have entered into a new dimension — one of sight, sound and imagination. You have entered into... *The Suburbs*.

Fresh from his Oscar-nominated performance in "Big," Tom Hanks returns to the screen with star presence in "The Burbs," a new comedy from the production team of Rollins-Morra-Brezner who are responsible for last year's box-office success "Good Morning Vietnam."

Hanks stars as Ray Peterson, who lives in a suburban neighborhood with his wife

Carol (Carrie Fisher) and his neighbors: Mark Rumsfield (Bruce Dern), a wacky patriotic retired Army officer, Art Weingartner (Rick Ducommun) who eats and schemes, and Ricky Bulter (Corey Feldman), a heavy metal, party teenager.

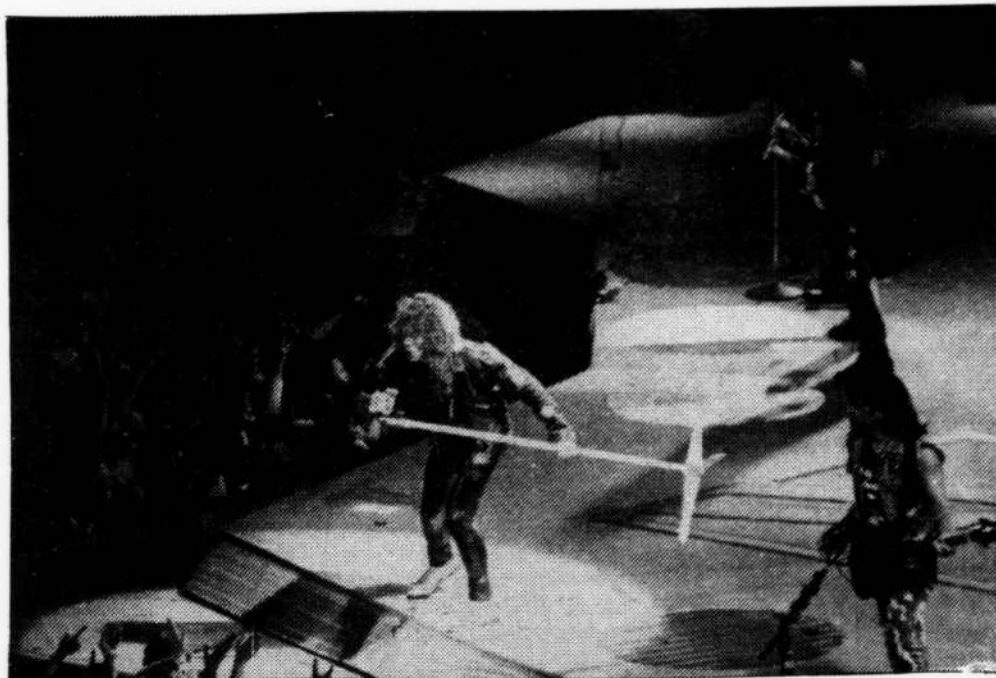
The movie's plot is like a comedic Twilight Zone episode. It resembles the Dan Ackroyd-John Belushi comedy "Neighbors." The

film centers on the Peterson's new neighbors, the Klopeks, whose house and lifestyles are something like The Adams Family. Peterson, as well as his other

neighbors, want to know why they are strange and what to do about them.

"Burbs" is mainly a basic movie with old ideas. It works on star power alone. The script, written by Dana Olsen under the direction of Joe Dante, doesn't quite hit the spot with good humorous material. It really takes the last half of the film to come alive with Hanks, Dern, Ducommun, and Feldman carrying the laughter load. The movie is definitely not the perfect comedy, but at least it doesn't hit the fan.

"The Burbs" is now showing at the Carmike 6 at Jackson Heights Square.



Frank Conley•Staff

Members of the band Bon Jovi perform during Monday's sold out concert Monday.



Rossi Turner Fashion show set

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity will sponsor "Back Down Memory Lane," a historical fashion show, this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-media room of the Learning Resource Center.

Dennis T. Smart, a fashion merchandising major, will host the fashion show.

Singing entertainment will be provided by Pierre Womble and Todd Suttle with a special appearance by the MTSU Dance Team.

Smart is responsible for starting the DeVonci Monet line in 1988.

Proceeds from the show will go to the Good Shepherd Home for Children and MTSU Handicapped Student Services.

Wesley puts on 'Frank' play

By KIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

Student director Joe Raney wants to make a statement with his upcoming play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which is billed for March 9-11 at the Wesley Foundation.

The play is based on the book, which is a collection of entries Anne Frank put in her diary as she reached puberty in hiding during the Holocaust of World War II.

"Most people don't have a sense of history," said Raney, 19. "I plan to interweave what's going on in the rest of the world with the dates in the diary. Two-thirds of an entire race was wiped out during the Holocaust.

"The Holocaust is something that could happen again," the radio/TV major said.

The play consists of the following five man/five woman cast: Michelle

Master African dance class offered

By AMANDA CANTRELL
Staff Writer

A master class in African dance featuring a Rossi Turner, the founder and artistic director of Nashville's Sankofa Dance Theatre, is being offered Feb. 28 by the MTSU Dance Club as part of Black History Month.

The Sankofa Dance Theatre is a company which seeks to share African-American culture through dance and theatre.

On his own Turner has danced in and choreographed several local pro-

ductions such as African Dreamland's "Apartheid (We Can't Take No More)."

Currently, he is involved in a program with the dance theatre to extend exposure of African culture to interested communities through dance classes, workshops and lectures.

"African music and dance are intricate parts of the entire philosophical fabric of African culture," Turner said. "To discuss the history, to remark on the rich heritage without experiencing the movement and the

sound of the drum which is the heartbeat of the people, would be like reading about Bach or Beethoven without hearing their music.

"I am looking forward to sharing the earthtone sounds and linguistic movements of West Africa with the MTSU community."

In addition to his devotion to African dance, Turner also gives workshops in modern dance, jazz and ballet. Earlier this month, he gave a master class in jazz dance at MTSU.

Everyone who participated in the class were eager for his return to teach a class in African dance.

The class will begin at 7 p.m. in Dance Studio A of Murphy Center. Admission is \$2 and everyone is welcome.

Whether you are a dancer or not, this is a great opportunity to learn about and experience African culture. Participants in the class will learn basic steps in African dance and will be dancing to the rhythm of African drums performed live.

'Tourist' reunites 'Body Heat' trio

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

In 1981, the now-famous sexy drama "Body Heat" starred two little known actors, William Hurt and Kathleen Turner, and directed by first-time director Lawrence Kasdan.

Since the success of "Body Heat," the three of them have received academy awards and nominations, box-office hits and numerous critical praises.

Now after eight years, the three are reunited in the new romantic comedy-drama "The Accidental Tourist."

Based on the best selling novel by Anne Tyler, it stars William Hurt as Macon

Leary, a writer who pens a series of travel guides for reluctant tourists like himself called "The Accidental Tourist."

The film starts after the death of Macon's son. His life is turned upside down when his wife Sarah (Kathleen Turner) leaves him.

Then, he falls for another woman Muriel (Geena Davis) a quirky dog trainer who changes his ideas about himself and discovers who he really is.

Macon is then torn between Muriel and himself when Sarah returns to his life and he must decide between Muriel and Sarah.

This is a near flawless

movie. Brilliant performances by William Hurt and Kathleen Turner really light up the screen. It is Geena Davis that is the big surprise in the film. She is funny and enjoyable in every scene she is in.

It has been nominated for four academy awards including Best Picture, Best Supporting Actress (Geena Davis) and best screenplay adaptation.

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Sports

Raiders romp past Colonels, claim role as OVC leaders

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

RICHMOND, Ky. — The Lady Raiders, led by a 21-point performance from junior Gerald Harris, rebounded from Monday's loss to Middle Tennessee State to defeat Eastern Kentucky 81-63 on Tuesday night.

In the victory, the Raiders regained sole possession of first place in the Ohio Valley Conference by a 17-point margin in their first game over Murray State.

The Raiders are now 9-2 in conference play, 19-7 overall. Middle Tennessee is 8-2, 16-9 overall, and Eastern Kentucky is 1-10, 10-16 overall, including a non-OVC victory over Southern Illinois on Monday night.

"Gerald was the key to our offense tonight," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "He was pushing our fast

"Tonight our intensity level was higher.

"Coming off a loss will turn things up a notch."

The now 6-19 Colonels managed to hang with the Raiders throughout the first half, trailing Middle by only four points, 32-28, at the intermission.

The second half was a different story, however, as the Raiders came out of the lockerroom with fire in their eyes and blew the Colonels off the court.

Harris, in particular, was hot as he canned 14 of his career-high 21 in the second stanza.

For the night, Harris also dished out seven assists and pulled down five rebounds.

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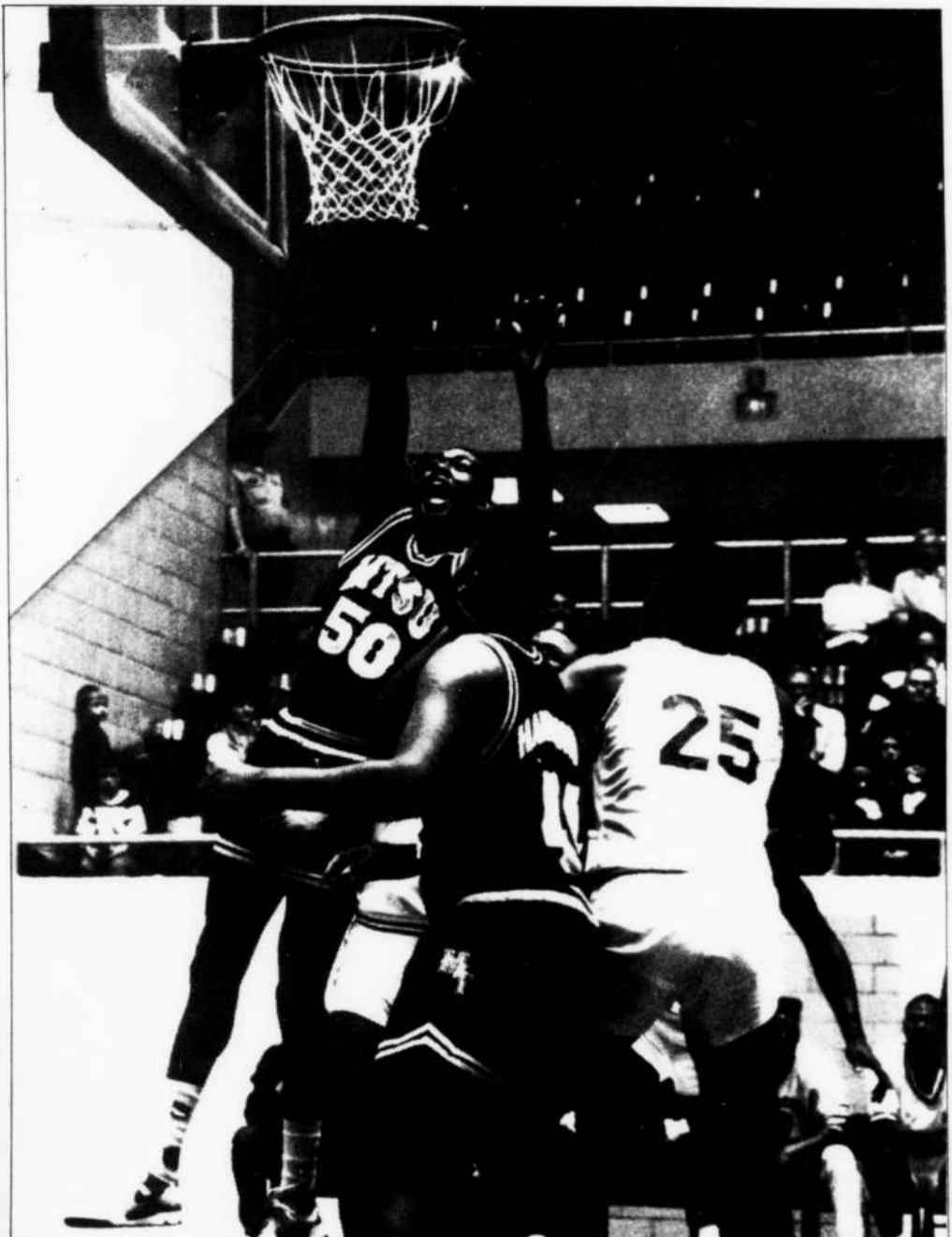
break, which created scoring opportunities for Chris [Rainey] and Randy [Henry]."

"Then when they started guarding his passes, he just nailed the shots."

Harris was joined in double figures by Rainey, Henry and center Kerry Hammonds with 13, 12 and 11 points respectively.

Eastern was led by All-OVC candidate Darrin O'Bryant with 22. Teammates Nelson Davie, Kirk Greathouse and Mike Smith chipped in 12, 11 and 10 points.

"No road trip is ever easy," Stewart said of his team's split during their weekend gauntlet through Kentucky. "We've done well for a team that was picked to finish second in the OVC."



M.A. Brown/Special

Senior forward Randy Henry goes up hard for a lay-up over Eastern Kentucky's Mike Davis as teammate Kerry Hammonds comes in for support during action Monday night.

Lady Raiders stay atop OVC, avenge earlier loss to Eastern

By KEN SALTER
Senior Staff Writer

RICHMOND, Ky. — MTSU's Lady Raiders put themselves in position to win the Ohio Valley Conference championship as they posted a hard-fought 81-75 victory over Eastern Kentucky Monday night.

Led by senior Lianne Beck's 23 points, the Lady Raiders overcame a 60 percent shooting performance by the Lady Colonels in the first half to set up a showdown for the OVC championship with Tennessee Tech in Murfreesboro Saturday night.

"This win got us in position for Saturday night," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "That's what we've been working for since October 15."

The combination of

Beck, who hit 7-of-11 from the field, and Christy Scruggs, who scored 15 points, including 4-of-11 from three-point land, helped take the pressure off center Tawanya Mucker, who finished with 21 points.

"Christy's shooting was big. She played real well," Bivens said.

"Everybody shot well from the outside," Mucker, a senior from Macon, Ga., said. "That made it a lot easier for me to get open inside."

Scruggs attributed her shooting to persistence.

"They were leaving me open," she said. "So I just kept shooting."

After losing by a hefty 84-65 margin to the Lady Colonels in Murfreesboro on Jan. 21, the Lady Raiders

felt they had something to prove this time around.

"We're just glad to beat them after the embarrassment we suffered in Murfreesboro," Beck said. "We had no doubt that we would play better here."

EKU coach Larry Inman felt that MTSU played better than the first time the two teams met, but he also felt his defense was not as effective as it was in Murphy Center.

"They did things they didn't do the first time, he said. "Our defense was more effective last time. We gave up too many open shots."

Inman also cited a technical foul called on junior center Sherrie Clark with 17:11 remaining to play as being instrumental in pre-

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M.A. Brown/Special

Raider reserve center Chris Ingram slams over Eastern Kentucky's Mike Davis and Mike Smith (25) in first half action during Middle's 81-63 victory Monday night.

Murfreesboro says good bye to spectacular threesome

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

As the Blue Raiders continue their quest for the Ohio Valley Conference crown against Tennessee Tech Saturday night, most Middle fans will probably feel a twinge of sadness when the final buzzer sounds.

Saturday's contest will be the last regular season home game for perhaps the greatest trio to ever play for one Blue Raider squad.

Seniors Randy Henry, Chris Rainey and Kerry Hammonds will perform their swansong in Murphy Center at 7:30 p.m., and each said they hoped to go out on a winning note.

"It's a sad situation," Hammonds noted. "I don't want to lose in my last home game."

"We're ready, and I want to win."

"I expect the three of us will be fired up," Henry added. "It's our last time out, and we want to put out our best effort."

"I want to play hard," Rainey said. "College here has been nice, and I'm going to miss it."

In a gesture that is sure to be the most special part of the evening for the three seniors, head coach Bruce Stewart and the MTSU athletic department are attempting to bring each player's mother to the contest.

"Kerry and Chris' moms have never seen them play," the coach explained. "We hope we can get them here because we know it will be a big thing for them."

With the graduation of the threesome, not only will Middle lose three exceptional young men, they will suffer the loss of three tremendous athletes.

During their Blue Raider careers the trio has unofficially accumulated 4,200 points and 1,812 rebounds in 307 games, for an average of 13.6 points and 5.9 rebounds a contest.

"We appreciate the effort these guys have put out, but it happens every year," Stewart said. "We're always sad, but losing seniors is a part of big time college basketball."

Each player has left his mark on Blue Raider basketball history, and each had a special moment he said he would always remember.

Hammonds, who set the all-time Blue Raider career scoring record against Morehead State Saturday, said the magnitude of the record had not yet set in on him.

"I haven't really thought about it, but it does feel good to know I accomplished that," he remarked.

For Hammonds, playing against the Soviet National team earlier this season was something special.

"Stepping in against the best center in the world, [Arvidas] Sabonis, was something special," the 6-7, 240 pounder said.




For Henry and Rainey, winning the team's trip to the NCAA tournament in 1987 was their most memorable moment.

As for the future, the

Blue Raider's main combination said they all had one thing in mind — winning the OVC tournament and returning to the NCAA's.

"We expect to win the tournament and go back," Rainey said. "If we do, I'll have gone to a tournament every year at MTSU."

"We have a lot at stake," Henry said. "We're looking forward to hopefully returning to the NCAA's."

		
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Weather strikes out Raider opener

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

While head baseball coach Steve Peterson and the MTSU Blue Raiders were ready to kick-off their season yesterday against the University of North Alabama, Mother Nature had a different plan.

A combination of inclement weather combined to

force Middle to indefinitely postpone yesterday's game which had been scheduled for 2 p.m. at Reece Smith Field.

"I guess you can't say we got rained out. We got weathered out," Peterson said. "We got hit with rain, sleet, snow and the whole package."

Peterson said the teams

would attempt to re-schedule the game later in the season.

"We're disappointed, as any baseball team would be," the coach commented. "Like I told my players, the only thing worse than losing on opening day is to not get to play."

However, Peterson said he and his team were fo-

cused on Saturday's match-up with Cumberland University.

"We're ready to get going. This game is our season's opener now," he said. "We want to get off the practice field and start playing."

As of press time, the game is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Lebanon. However,

Peterson said the game may have to be moved to Reece Smith Field.

"They [Cumberland] have been trying to get a new fence put up, and the weather has hampered them," he said. "We'll know [Thursday] afternoon where the game will be

played."

Anyone needing information concerning the game site should contact the sports information department at 898-2450.

Peterson also said that season tickets were still available at the Murphy Center ticket offices.

Netters face final test of preseason

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's tennis team will be competing in the East Tennessee Winter Invitational this weekend in their last trial run before the regular season begins.

The Blue Raiders will be playing East Tennessee State University and Lee McCray College Friday before taking on Jefferson State, the national junior college champions in 1988, on Saturday.

"This will be our last look at the team before the season starts," Coach Dale Short said. "We will be looking to see what we will

have to improve on and how we think we stand on the upcoming season."

The team has only three seniors and hopes to fare well this season in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Chris King, a senior from Marietta, Ga., is the team captain. He has come close to winning his division several times and is very talented, Short noted.

"I think the world of Chris, he is a good team captain," the coach said. "He has come close to winning so many times."

"I hope that no matter what division he plays in, he can win it and can go All-

OVC."

Jeff Raper, a senior from Monroe, La., was the Blue Raiders 1988 Most Valuable Player. He should play a major role in the coming season, Short said.

"Jeff came in maybe not as talented as some, but he has worked harder than anyone on improving his game," Short added. "His improvement won him the MVP, and we expect him to improve even more this season."

Chris Coffee, a sophomore from Maryville, is an extremely hard worker, his coach said. He is also a good backhand and volley man.

"Chris sometimes has been up and down," Short remarked. "If he works on his consistency, he will play a lot this year."

John Delcarmen, a senior from Virginia Beach, Va., is a transfer from Old Dominion.

Short said he has a fine all-court game, and if he works on his consistency, he will vie for a starting spot.

Brian Duncan, a freshman from Hickson, is a fine prospect and comes in highly ranked, Short declared.

"Brian probably would start for any other OVC school," the coach added.



Frank Conley/Staff

Junior college transfer Tommy Wegmann works out on the tee after the Blue Raiders' season opener was postponed indefinitely due to inclement weather.

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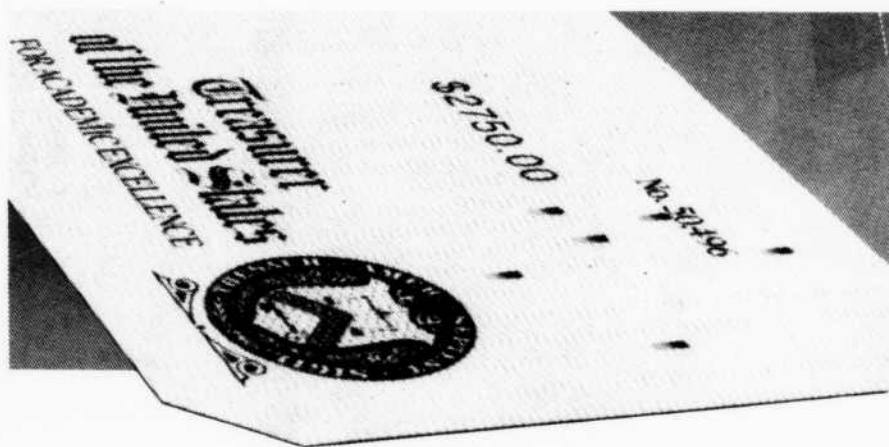
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Moosemen roll in season's opener

From Staff Reports

MTSU's Rugby Club began their 1989 season in grand fashion Sunday scoring an impressive 40-0 victory over Mid-South Union opponent Memphis State.

Six players scored goals, led by junior Ryan Reid's three, as the Raider ruggers completely dominated their intra-state rivals.

"The 40-0 win shows that the Moosemen are going to be a different force in the Mid-South this year," Reid said.

Also notching scores for the Moosemen were Jim Dudeck with two, and David Robards, Todd Jones, Mike O'Neill and Kevin Cox with one each.

In the second game of the afternoon, the Moosemen once again downed

Memphis State 8-4.

During the closing contest, Middle was forced to allow eight of their players to play for Memphis State due to injuries the Tigers had sustained during the first game.

"We're very excited about the way we began our season," Reid said. "Practices were a lot easier this week, with the players joking around a lot.

"Winning like we did tends to make practice a little easier."

Reid also said the team was excited by the fact that they had 50 players on this year's roster.

"Only 15 play at a time, so we've had some real battles for positions," he said.

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serving Middle's victory.

MTSU was clinging to a 41-37 lead when Clark was whistled for spiking the ball after being charged with a personal foul.

"The technical foul was important in the game," Inman said. "It really cost us. It was a five-point swing."

"If you noticed, she didn't play the rest of the game. We don't do things like that."

With the victory, the Lady Raiders have now won eight straight OVC contests. However, another streak came to an end.

For the first time in her MTSU career, senior guard Sandy Brown failed to get a three-point basket, to end her NCAA record three-point shooting streak at 54 games.

"I would have liked to see it [the streak] go on forever," Bivens said. "But sometimes things like that just happen."

Brown saw the win as more important than losing her streak.

"I just wanted to get the win," Brown said. "They played tough defense on me outside, but it's been that way all year."

Brown scored eight points on the night.

The Lady Colonels were led in scoring by Kelly Cowen who scored 25 points. Cheryl Palmer chipped in 18.

The Lady Raiders are now 20-5 overall and 9-2 in the OVC.

The Lady Colonels fell to 11-13 overall and 4-6 in the conference.

Lady Raiders face Tech for OVC lead

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

The showdown has come.

MTSU's Lady Raiders will be hosting Tennessee Tech's Golden Eaglettes Saturday night for the Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship and the right to host the post-season tournament.

"We are happy to be able to control our own destiny," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "It is fitting to end the season against Tech for the championship.

"This will definitely be a dog-fight."

The Lady Raiders come into the game with a 20-5 overall record and a 9-2 mark in the conference.

Tech enters the contest sporting an 18-5 overall record, 8-2 in the league.

The two teams have met one time already this season, with the Golden Eaglettes winning 74-65.

Tech controlled the contest from the outset and never trailed in the initial meeting.

"We will have to do a

much better job on the boards than the last game," Bivens said. "I feel like we have improved on this, but against Tech we will have to improve more.

"We will have to be more patient on offense than we have been, and our defense will have to work on containing the big girls inside."

Tech is led in scoring by sophomore forward Angela Brown's 18.7 points a game.

Brown was named the OVC Player of the Week last week after scoring 53 points and grabbing 18 re-

bounds in two wins.

Junior center Melinda Clayton averages 14.1 points a game, and junior guard Shawn Monday leads the league in assists, averaging 7.3 an outing.

Middle enters the contest riding a five game winning streak.

The Lady Raiders lead the conference in scoring at 79.7 points per game.

Tech leads the conference in scoring defense giving up an average of 65.7 points per game.

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Lady Raider trio bids Murfreesboro adieu

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday night's game against Tennessee Tech will be the last regular season game of the year, and the last one for three members of the team.

Seniors Tawanya Mucker, Sandy Brown, and Lianne Beck will participate in the final tip-off of their careers in a regular season game.

"The seniors will be sorely missed, it will be sad to see them go," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "Their experience and leadership will be very hard to replace."

Tawanya Mucker is a prime candidate for Ohio Valley Conference player of the year, an honor in which she finished second in last year.

Mucker leads the conference in scoring average, pouring in 23.5 points a game, and in field goal percentage shooting 58 percent. She also leads the team in rebounds, averaging 9.1 per game.

"Tawanya is probably one of the best to wear a Lady Raider uniform," Coach Bivens said. "After playing in the shadows of Kim Webb, she has emerged as one of the finest players in the Southeast."

"She is a sure All-American candidate and is a fine leader on the court."

Sandy Brown is one of the premier three-point

shooters in the nation. She set an NCAA record 54 straight games hitting at least one three-point shot.

Brown is second on the team in scoring with a 15 points per game average, she is fifth in the conference in assists and leads the conference with 75 three-pointers this season.

"Sandy could be the best 3-point shooter in women's basketball, she is a great passer and she can really get up and down the court well," Bivens commented. "She is a hard worker, and does a lot of things which might go unnoticed to help the team."

"But she has added new excitement with her 3-point shooting."

Lianne Beck was named to last year's first team academic All-American team and is a good candidate for the honor again this year.

Lianne is a good pure shooter, hitting 51 percent of her shots, and has 952 career points.

"Lianne is a very intelligent person, she is a very hard worker and an over-achiever," Bivens added. "She is probably the most consistent shooter on the team, and she has the knowledge to know when to shoot and when not to. She is a very smart player."

Game time is slated for 5:30 Saturday and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the seniors for their final game.



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Lianne Beck, Tawanya Mucker and Sandy Brown will play their last regular season home game Saturday.

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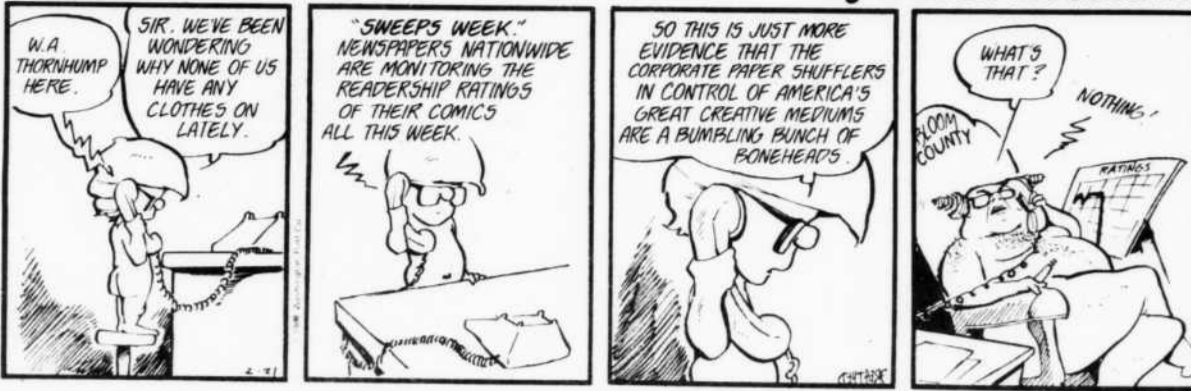
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ACROSS

1. Cereal grain
4. Pretender
9. Portion of body
12. Town in Oklahoma
13. Fabric with crinkled surface (var. spelling)
14. Eat (p.t.)
15. Comfort in sorrow
17. Sunday Christian festival
19. Go in
21. Came upon
22. Convey (p.t.)
24. No relative height
26. Bold, saucy
29. Study of insects (abbr.)
31. Pave
33. Fish eggs
34. Middle Western state (abbr.)
35. Negative word
37. Took a seat
39. Southern Atlantic state (abbr.)
40. Droop head
42. Fasten in rope
44. Natives of ancient Media (abbr.)
46. Absent without leave (abbr.)
48. Education group including parents
50. Hole in skin
51. Altercation
53. Once more
55. Art of growing dwarfed trees
58. Confer holy orders upon
61. Form of be
62. Rain
64. Prong of fork (Scot.)
65. Rocks on Top of mountain
66. Theme
67. Direction (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Organization of American States (abbr.)
2. Bustle; bother
3. Art
4. Accountant (abbr.)
5. Wicker basket
6. Symbol for tantalum
7. Open (poetic)
8. 500 sheets of paper
9. Mad
10. Inhabitant (suf.)
11. Each
16. Susan
18. Unofficial abbr. for 9th month
20. Decompose
22. Plant with compounded leaves
23. Bestow upon
25. Form of be
27. Message received
28. Annoy; pester
30. Clever saying
32. Male sheep
36. Edge
38. Lukewarm
41. Depressant
43. 7th Greek letter
45. Give away
47. Vegas
49. Ancient Greek marketplace
52. To erase
54. One of armed services
55. Night bird
56. Indicates mountain
57. Indefinite pronoun (plural)
59. Belonging to (suf.)
60. Born
63. A bone

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