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Mass comm dean finalists named

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

Three finalists for the new Dean of the School of Mass Communications have been selected after an exhaustive, two-month search, officials said yesterday.

Ed Kimbrell, MTSU mass communications professor; Joel Persky, of Southwest Missouri State; and Vernon Keel, of the University of North

Dakota, will be on campus during the next two to three weeks for a series of meetings and interviews, said Larry Burriss, chairman of the search committee.

A new dean is expected to be in place by July 1, Burriss said.

"These men exhibited the best combination of administrative experience, professional experience and relationships with professional organizations along

with some intangibles in the resume, cover letters and what not [than the other applicants]," Burriss said.

The committee began meeting weekly during the first week of school this semester to begin sorting through the 23 applications, Burriss said.

After looking at each application in depth, the committee made the decision on the three finalists Thursday, he added.

Now, each candidate will meet privately with the search committee, individually with the acting department chairmen, with the president and vice president for academic affairs and with the mass communications faculty.

Kimbrell will begin the meetings tomorrow.

The meeting with the faculty will take place during a luncheon, after which the candidate will make a

presentation, Burriss said.

"They will give a half-hour or so presentation discussing where they think the school is headed and their personal philosophy," Burriss said.

Every candidate should be on campus before Spring Break, said Burriss, an MTSU mass communications professor.

After each candidate has been on campus, the search committee will meet and

receive input from the faculty prior to ranking the three candidates, Burriss said.

MTSU President Sam Ingram will then meet with the Search Committee to ask why the candidates were ranked in that particular manner, Burriss said.

After Ingram decides on the new dean, the State Board of Regents will make a final decision, Burriss said.

ASB presidential debate set

From Staff Reports

The first televised debate of the 1989 Associated Student Body presidential campaign will be taped Wednesday in Studio A of the Learning Resources Center.

The second annual *Sidelines* debate will pit members of the MTSU student media against the ASB

candidates, said D. Brian Conley, *Sidelines* editor.

MTSU Mass Communications Professor Larry Burriss will be moderating the event for the second year, Conley said.

After a brief statement by each of the candidates, the media will question each prospective student leader on a variety of positions.

Then, the studio audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

"This will provide an excellent opportunity for the MTSU student body to learn where each of the candidates stand," Conley said.

"It should prove to be a very interesting forum for discussion."

Joining Conley on the

media panel will be Carlos Johnson, assignments editor for Channel 33, MTSU's student-run cable television station.

Taping of the show will begin at 7 p.m.

The names of the candidates for the position will not be known until Tuesday — the deadline for submission of petitions.

Concert security more than black T-shirts

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

[Writer's note: The following article is compiled from personal experiences gained while riding in unmarked campus security cars during concerts held on the MTSU campus. In addition, I spent one concert observing MTSU Chief of Security Jack Drugmand backstage.

While the story is fictionalized, all events portrayed actually occurred during a concert at MTSU. For security reasons, many details have been left out.

The names of all security officers in this article have been changed. The characters in this story are not actual people. They are drawn from real people who worked MTSU concerts.]

For most people, a concert begins at 7:30 p.m. when the opening riffs from the support act vibrate from the speakers and the teenyboppers scream at the long-haired lead singer.

However, preparations for concert security begin hours, sometimes days, before the first chord is played. Security at a concert extends far beyond several ex-football players pushing teenagers away from the stage.

Behind the lines of large men with SECURITY emblazoned on the backs of black T-shirts are dozens of uniformed and undercover policemen doing their best to protect the concert-goer from car theft, violent crime and other nastiness prevalent in society on any given day, but

made worse by the massive influx of people crowding into a concert hall.

MTSU security officers, backed up by several Rutherford County Sheriff's deputies and Student Patrol officers, have the unenviable task of performing the duties associated with a non-concert night shift — jump starting cars, preventing rapes and other violent crimes, and observing parking lots for the "creeps and dregs of society" who are out lurking in the dark waiting to pounce on a car or person.

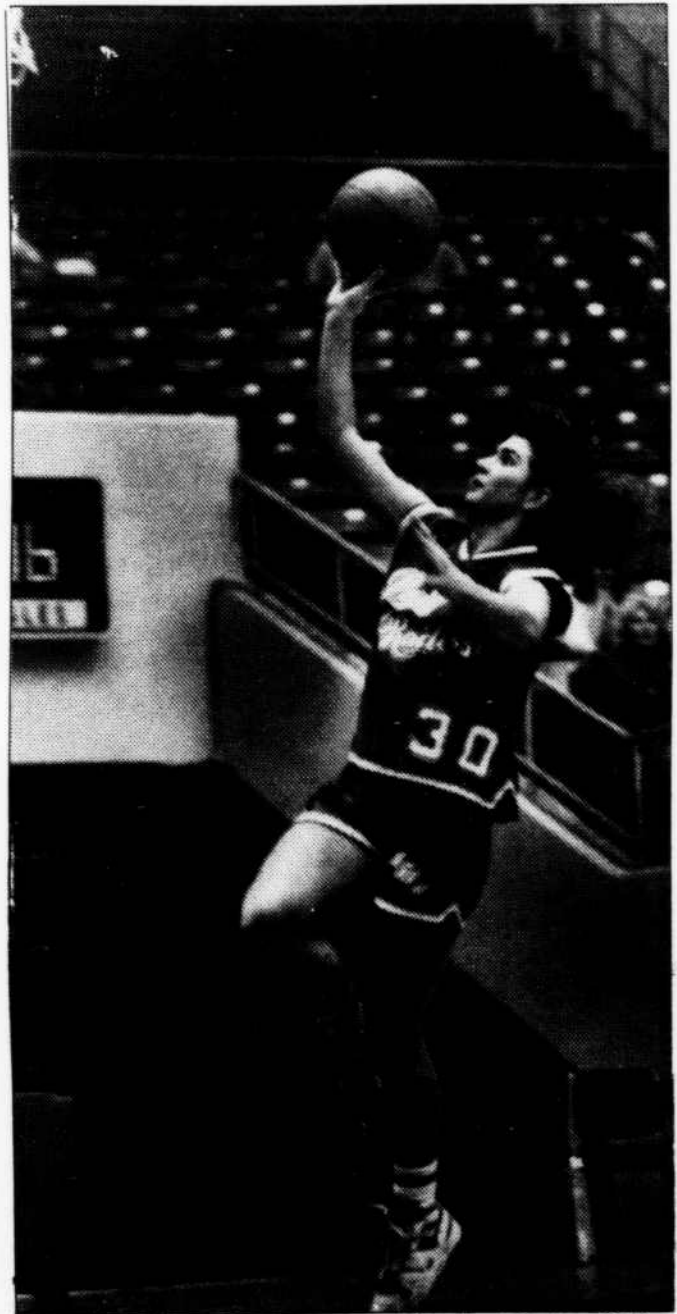
What follows is a chronological look at what goes on behind the lines of the black T-shirts.

5 p.m.

Several members of the MTSU Student Patrol enter the station house located behind the maintenance complex off Greenland Drive.

During a concert (and during their regular shifts), the Student Patrol walk a lot. They patrol Murphy Center looking for disturbances. They patrol the rest of campus looking for crimes. They provide escort services for females after dark.

"Tonight's going to be fun," Gene sarcastically remarks to another Student Patrol officer in the station house. "With the clear weather and type of band playing tonight, the freaks will be out."



Frank Conley • Staff

MTSU Lady Raider senior guard Sandy Brown takes a shot during the game Saturday night. See page 11 for more details.

Security faces tough job at concerts

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Neither person is anxious to begin patrolling. While they love the job they are doing and are extremely proud of what they accomplish, no human looks forward to handling "scum and dregs."

A Motorola portable radio and common sense are the only protection the Student Patrol has against the criminals armed with guns and knives.

6 p.m.

Back in the station house, the last of the county and MTSU security officers who will work the concert arrive. They clock in, get their Motorolas and talk strategy before leaving for their posts.

These officers are the first, and only, line of attack against drunk and obnoxious fans. When a person gets too out of hand after drinking too much, these are the men who get to "cuff 'em and stuff 'em."

"We don't get too picky," one officer comments. "As long as they don't get too rowdy and obnoxious we let them go."

"If we really wanted to be jerks, we could arrest a lot more people than we do."

This night would prove to be one in which the officers did not have time to be picky — the crowd made sure of that.

"The crowd will probably be rowdy tonight," an officer remarks to a colleague. "This band will bring in a lot of drunks and dopers."

Shortly after clocking in, the officers begin walking to Murphy Center. Everything will be quiet until the doors open at 6:30. When that happens, things will get exciting very quickly.

6:30 p.m.

The doors to Murphy Center are opened.

Sgt. David Ford picks me up at the station house in the undercover vehicle. He is wearing a pair of faded jeans, a sweatshirt with "Oklahoma Sooners" and the Boomer Sooner Wagon on it and an MTSU baseball cap.

6:30 p.m.

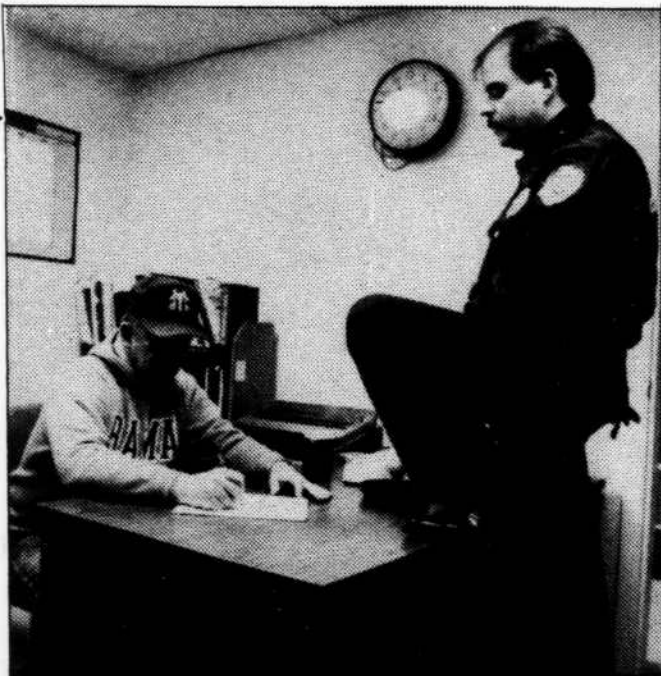
"Is your life insurance paid up?" he asks.

We leave the station house in the unmarked car and Ford begins to relate an experience he had once in an unmarked van.

"We confiscated a van from a guy who was using it to run drugs," Ford began. "I had it parked in a lot watching this guy walk across and begin checking to see if car doors were unlocked."

"I was laying down in the van and had a window propped up because it was hot as hell. The guy walks over to the van and looks in it to see what he can grab."

"He puts his chin inside the window I was lying under. I put my gun right under his chin, but where he couldn't see it. If he had reached in, I would have put it right



Sandra Rennie •Staff

MTSU security officer Brian Grisham props a foot on Sgt. Larry Nixon's desk.

against his chin right here," Ford continues as he puts his finger under his chin.

"He leaves and breaks in a car while I watch him," Ford said. "Then Brad (a fellow MTSU security officer) takes him down while I watch."

During the storytelling, we drove around campus — mainly staying in the loop from Faulkenberry Drive to Tennessee Boulevard to Greenland Drive to C-Street and back to Faulkenberry.

A call comes over the radio.

"Central to nine," the dispatcher calls asking to speak to Ford.

"Nine, go ahead."

"Nine, the lead singer wants a racquetball. Do you know where we can find one?"

"Central, call Mary (an off-duty dispatcher). I think she plays racquetball."

"10-4."

"Can you believe that?" he asks.

I just shake my head.

Another call for "nine" comes through the radio.

"Central to nine."

"Nine, go ahead."

"Nine, are you available to pick up the racquetball and deliver it to the involved party?"

"Central, yes. Where is it?"

"Nine, Miss Mary Hall. Mary will meet you in the lobby."

"I can't believe this," Ford says as soon as he unkeys his mike.

We drive over to Miss Mary and pick up the racquetball. It takes us 10 minutes to drive back to Murphy Center.

"Here's the racquetball," Ford says to Nancy Weatherley, director of administrative services for security. She is the number two person with security and always stands in the corner of Murphy Center next to the dressing room for the main act.

Meanwhile, Drugmand is having trouble locating the road manager for the opening act. It seems the wife of the drummer doesn't have any passes.

He walks around the bottom of Murphy Center three times and can't find him. Finally, he escorts the wife and friend onto the floor and tells the ROTC at the gate they are okay.

A few minutes later, the road manager is found and passes are issued.

8 p.m.

We are sitting, looking at a parking lot.

Sometime around 8 p.m., the first call for public drunkenness comes over the radio.

"Seven to central."

"Central, go ahead."

"Seven, we have a 10-58 on the northwest concourse. Subject is sick."

Often, a Student Patrol officer is the first to discover a possible P.D.

"One time this guy was standing on the hill beside Murphy Center next to the football field taking a leak," one Student Patrolman said. "I told him to stop. He tried to run away, but he fell."

"He was too drunk to put it back in his pants."

Usually seven to 15 people are arrested during a concert for public drunkenness.

8:30 p.m.

"Central to nine."

"Nine, go ahead."

"Central, observer reports a subject walking across the Greenland Drive lot checking doorhandles. Subject is small and is wearing blue jeans and a tan jacket."

"Nine, we are on the way. What is subject's last 10-20 (location)?"

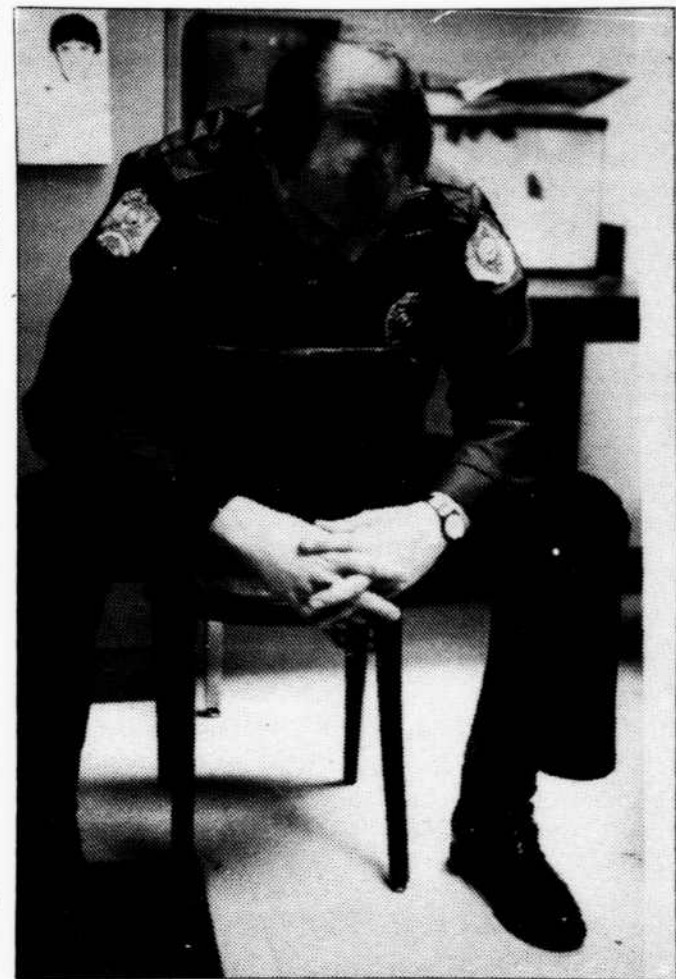
"Central, subject was last seen walking in the middle of the lot."

"10-4."

Ford begins to drive to Greenland Drive lot. Once in the lot, we slowly drive looking for the subject. He is spotted getting out of a car with a blue Chivas Regal bag and a stereo.

Subject then gets into a car which had driven next to him.

When the subjects attempt to drive away, we pull up



Sandra Rennie •Staff

MTSU security officer Brian Grisham takes a break during a recent shift.

behind them and another car stops in front.

Ford walks over to the car. He does not draw his weapon.

When he gets to the car, he asks the subjects to get out. Fred is there as back up. When they get out, Fred searches them and Ford begins to search the car.

The officers motion for me to come over.

While frisking one subject, a juvenile, Fred discovers a semi-automatic .25 calibre pistol and three knives (all of which are over the limit for length.)

In the car, several different burglary tools are found as is the stereo and bag containing money.

The stereo is later identified by the victim.

The subjects are taken to the stationhouse and questioned. We are in the stationhouse for about an hour.

"He was so drunk he couldn't get it back in his pants."

Student Patrol officer

9:30 p.m.

We continue driving around campus.

At stage right, someone attempts to go backstage with an invalid pass. A security officer points out that the pass is invalid. The subject then attempts to cross over a rope and trips. He has a hard time getting back up — resulting in another call about a 10-58.

For the remainder of the night, Ford and I drove around campus. No more arrests are made for auto burglary — unlike the night of the Stevie Wonder concert when eight people were arrested for auto burglary or attempted auto burglary.

Inside, several more people are arrested for public drunkenness.

The concert goes smoothly. Few of the fans at the show come into contact with security. They see the dozen or so ex-football players with SECURITY written in bold yellow letters on an extra-extra-large T-shirt and think nothing of it except to wish they would allow the crowd to rush the stage.

After the crowd finally leaves, and the inevitable traffic jam is untied, the officers return to the stationhouse and relax for a few moments.

The officers joke around and fill out the paperwork. When everything is finished, they get in their cars and drive home knowing they have done the job well — even if no one else recognizes that.

MTSU to get bank machine

By MICHELLE MATHES
News Editor

Banking will be more convenient for MTSU students when Mid-South Bank's automatic teller machine opens on campus today.

The automatic teller machine (ATM) will be located on the second floor of the KUC.

"Tammy, the personal banker" will allow Mid-South customers to check their account balances and

make cash withdrawals," South may use the ATM for a small fee per transaction which would be determined by the individual banks, Dallas Kaudle, a Mid-South representative said.

Anyone with an account at the Third National Bank may use the ATM as well.

Persons with accounts at other banks may use the machine if they have an automatic teller card which operates on the CIRRU network, Hood said.

Those persons who do not have an account with Third National or Mid-

South may use the ATM for a small fee per transaction which would be determined by the individual banks, Dallas Kaudle, a Mid-South representative said.

Mid-South is also in the process of changing its "Harvey II" ATMs to the new "Tammy" machines.

Mid-South Banks are located in Rutherford, Smith Warren, and Franklin counties.

Housing hotline established

By KERRY CASE
Reporting Student

Facilities maintenance records indicate they received 3,800 more maintenance requests this year than they did last year.

The increase was due to Physical Plant cutbacks and deterioration of poorly constructed buildings, said Area Five Coordinator Charles F. Johnson.

Johnson stated that speed was essential in responding to requests.

"If we can do it and do it faster, that is what we should do. Ivan [Shewmake, director of housing] wants some emergency maintenance," Johnson

said.

A 24-hour maintenance hotline will be available soon, Shewmake said.

Shewmake said the department had to do something about responding to a backlog of maintenance requests.

Facilities maintenance is currently responding to 74 percent of residents' maintenance requests, Johnson said.

He added that they are experiencing system problems in poorly constructed buildings. The buildings were not designed to accommodate repair or maintenance, Johnson said.

The purchase of new equipment was necessary for completing some outstanding repairs, sources said.

Facilities maintenance purchased a rotor shaper for woodworking repairs.

"We have more capabilities now. We are doing most of the plumbing work," Johnson said.

Johnson said facilities maintenance was better organized as well, and would like to concentrate on preventive maintenance.

The Reaction Team of facilities maintenance employs more than 31 student workers.

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To all MTSU Students: The Associated Student Body is conducting a survey to find students to fill positions in focus groups. The intent of these focus groups is to help the university understand what you, the student, expect from your food service. Therefore, it is important that you fill out this survey honestly, and promptly return it to the ASB office or to the suggestion boxes located outside Peck Hall or in the Grill.

1. Do you live _____ on campus _____ in married housing _____
commute within 15 miles _____ commute outside 15 miles _____
2. Do you eat _____ in the Grill _____ in High Rise _____ in Woodmore
_____ JUB (Sub). Please check once each cafeteria you have eaten in the
past two weeks, check twice the cafeterias you attend daily.
3. Which meal plan are you currently using? _____ 5 meal _____ 10 meal
15 meal _____ 19 meal _____ Freshman meal plan _____
\$450 budget card _____ \$300 budget card _____ \$150 budget card _____
4. Please rate each cafeteria on a scale of 1 to 4
(1-poor 2-fair 3-very good 4-excellent)
Grill _____ High Rise _____ Woodmore _____ James Union Bldg. _____

Name _____ Social Security No. _____
P.O. Box _____ Telephone _____
Address (if off campus) _____
Male _____ Female _____
Classification: _____ Senior _____ Junior _____ Sophomore
_____ Freshman _____ Graduate

On Wednesday, March 8, 1989 the focus groups will meet. Please indicate the time that would be best for you.

_____ 9:00 a.m. _____ 11:00 a.m. _____ 1:00 p.m. _____ 3:00 p.m.
The survey will only take an hour. You will be contacted by March 3 to let you know if you have been selected

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(i.e. attempt to keep the bloodshed at a reasonable level)

Contest good for debate club

By STACYE LANGSTON
Reporting Student

MTSU's debate team won the Sweepstakes, most debates, and Third place in the novice category, reserved for the first year teams, at the Tennessee State Championship Feb. 9-11.

Team member Martin McCulloch won 4th place novice speaker, and Walter Bailey won 7th place novice speaker.

McCulloch and Baily prepared this semester their topic of gun control for the three affirmative and three negative primary rounds of debate.

Ron Greene, director of the debate team, stated that novices often have difficulties with the debate format.

"It's hard for brand new debaters to get used to debating both sides," Greene said.

The next debate is scheduled for March 2-4 at the University of Florida.

The qualifications for joining the debate team are a willingness to learn debate form, and a commitment to research topics, Greene said.

Debate team meetings are held every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in Room 202 of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Computer services revamped

By KIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

In compliance with a State Board of Regents mandate requiring a centralized account of students, MTSU's Computer Services is working to uniform its system by spring. Director Tom Burks said Thursday.

"The state government wanted a uniform method of reporting information," Burks said. "Each school [currently] has a different method."

The mandate was issued in 1984 and Computer Services has since transferred its Human Resources

and Financial Resources Center from the old Honeywell system to the new Digital Equipment Corporation system, Burks said.

Currently, student information is being transferred in the final phase of the switch.

The Honeywell system will still be used for various campus operations, such as the computer lab.

"I don't want you to think we are wheeling the Honeywell away," Burks said. "It will still be in use."

There will be no transfer costs, Burks added. A new program will be used for student information.

Computer Services is located in the basement of the Cope Administration Building and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of all campus computer terminals.

In addition, Burks also works with campus telecommunications and the Tennessee Venture Capital Network, a service which matches entrepreneurs with investors.

"We're pretty low key," Burks said. "We offer a high-level service, cost effective to students, faculty, and staff."

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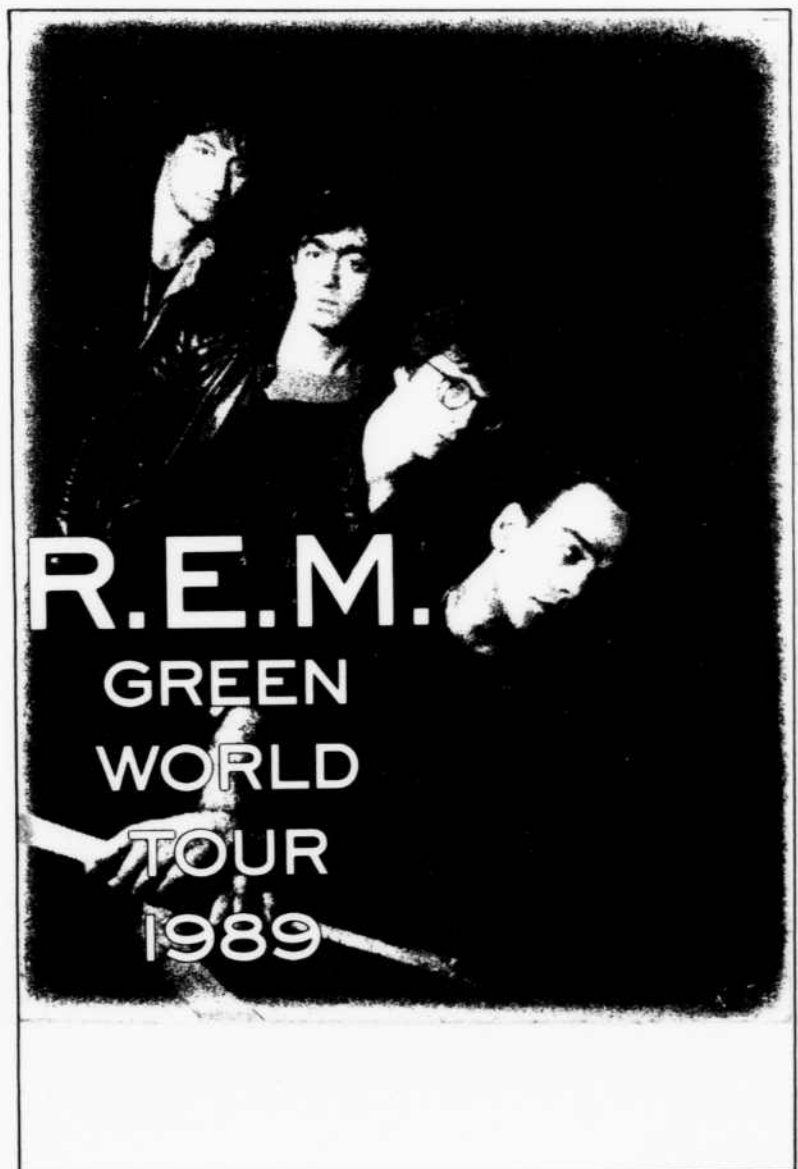
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Co-operative education program helps: student

By RONALD ROBERTS
Special to Sidelines

[Editor's note: This is the second installment of a four-part series on MTSU's cooperative education program. The third part will run in the March 2 issue.]

Ed Cantrell is a strong believer in the saying "experience is the best teacher."

Cantrell is a senior manufacturing technology major involved with MTSU's cooperative education program. Co-op provides students the opportunity to get experience in their field of study while attending school.

Cantrell worked as a trainee engineer in the Manufacturing Engineering Department at the Eton Corporation in Shelbyville. He designed and developed a shift lever for use on assembly line production at minimal cost which cut manpower needs in half.

The co-op student also worked on fixturing for current parts that go across the assembly line, worked in preventive maintenance and got "all kinds of computer experience."

Dennis Holmquist of Eton found the student was easy to work with.

"Judging from Ed, the quality of students coming from MTSU is very good," said Holmquist.

Holmquist also praised the co-op program.

"It gives the students a valuable background, and at the same time, it gives the business a chance to work with some quality students."

"The Eton Corporation has told me that if everything pans out as it has so far, they could put me anywhere in the United States," Cantrell said.

"I already have two years of engineering experience,

and after five years of experience, some day, some way, I want to open my own business," Cantrell added.

Co-op students are students first, and Cantrell is enjoying his educational experience at MTSU.

"The professors take a personal interest in your work and are there to help you when the need arises," Cantrell said.

"The co-op program has given me a head start on my career," he added. "It makes your classes, in or out of your major, easier. It's helped cut my studying time in half. For some reason being in the working world, where you have to deal with stress and decision making, tends to make you more aware in class."



Frank Conley • Staff

(Top) An unidentified contestant watches the action with her pony during a pony show held in the Ag Pavilion Saturday afternoon. (Bottom) Action in the pony show.



Campus Capsule

Entries to Campus Capsule are encouraged for any organization or department on the MTSU campus. No staff member of the paper can guarantee publication for an entry. All entries are subject to editing in the interest of space and clarity. Deadline for submission is the day prior to publication.

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.

The Great ASB Presidential Debate will be held Wednesday 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.

The BSU/BSF Gospel Choir at MTSU will be hosting a pancake breakfast Saturday, March 4, from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Baptist Student Center, located on Tennessee Boulevard across the street from the Alumni Gym. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for students and \$2 for children. Tickets are available from any choir member or call Andre Richardson at 898-4476. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Wesley Players are sponsoring *The Diary of Anne Frank*, a play based on the book *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* March 9-12. Tickets for the play are \$2 for students and \$3.50 for adults. Curtain time for each performance is 8 p.m., except for the dinner theatre on March 11. Tickets for the dinner theatre are \$7. Curtain time for that performance is 6:30 p.m. A special matinee of the play will be shown at 3 p.m. March 12. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Wesley Foundation Office at 893-0469.

The Middle Tennessee Symphony is presenting *With Gusto!* tonight at 8 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, Tucker Theatre. Tickets are \$7 adult and \$2 for children. Laurence Harvin is the music director. Richard Estes will sing tenor and Christine Isley will sing soprano.

Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society will be meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in Room 130 of the Davis Science Building. Guest speaker, Dr. Rickard, will be giving a speech on the transmission of AIDS. Everyone is invited to attend.

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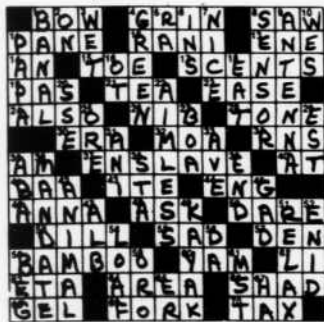
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Opinion

Mayor Boner forgets Tennessee in USA

Nashville Mayor Bill Boner's administration has proposed to the Tennessee General Assembly this week a bill that would close public records on sex crimes and city employee health benefits.

Another bill, proposed in conjunction with the aforementioned stroke of legislative brilliance, would charge a fee for the copying of public computer records.

Pray excuse us Mayor Boner, but have you looked at a map lately? See that funny looking State in between Alabama, Kentucky, Virginia, and Arkansas?

It's called *Tennessee*, and it is part of the *United States of America*, which is a place where freedom of press and information are the cornerstones of a government and of a society.

It is *not*, oh ambitious political upstart, a repressive dictatorship. Better luck next time.

The "Mayor" argues that a closing of records would protect sex crime victims from further harassment from the perpetrator. Yet, Boner spokesman Tom Lee, when asked, was unable to cite a *single* example of someone convicted of a sexual offense found later to be harassing their victim.

Under Boner's bill, entire communities would remain uninformed in times of danger. What if there were a series of rapes in a neighborhood? Public records being closed, no one in the community would have a clue that they were in danger. Good plan, Bill, good plan.

If the media were denied access to public records, how well would they be able to perform their jobs? Case in point: If *Sidelines* had been denied access to police reports and peace warrants, few on campus would be aware of the fact that a tenured English professor had been arrested for physically abusing one of his students. Really good plan, Bill, really good plan.

Nashville's Metro departments benefit from a computer system that was paid for with taxpayer dollars. Boner's plan would charge these same taxpayers *twice* for the same public service by requiring them to pay a fee for access to public records.

"Public," Mayor Boner, most talented of speakers, means ownership by *people*, not your administration. Please do not attempt to charge us for something we have already paid for. It would surely make us regret paying for it in the first place.

And Mr. Mayor — don't you think the public has a right to know if your employees who are receiving disability pensions are, in fact, disabled. Close the medical records, and it will become very difficult for us to tell. We suppose this could be advantageous for some — we wonder how many of your numbers would be stricken with bizarre and serious medical ailments, once public access had been forever barred.

Perhaps, Mr. Boner, you really haven't looked at a map lately. We would strongly suggest it.

Incidentally, the Constitution and a few Amendments might make for excellent reading as well.



Sidelines staff cars cursed



*Lisa Buckalew
One of them defensive
Buckaloos*

The staff of this paper has definitely pissed off someone with connections to the occult.

For the past year, cars driven by *Sidelines* staff members have been under a curse. Some wish for us to be broke and unhappy, constantly annoying friends by asking for rides. Enough is enough — we can't afford this any more.

It was one thing when

one of our photographers was out shooting an assignment at a landfill last spring and a bulldozer ran over his car.

"Son...there's a bulldozer on your car."

It was quite another when the guy who took him home had the muffler fall off his car in the middle of the road.

This was just the beginning.

Last semester, another photographer's truck was totaled when it was rear-ended in the rain.

"Sorry...I wasn't paying attention."

Then things got really bad. The night I turned 21, I ruined my car in the rain on the yellow brick road to that Emerald city of Bradyville, "where deaf, dumb, and blind old people freely roam."

The car I temporarily borrowed from another staff member decided to croak immediately after undertaking a long journey to Nashville. (He did, however, get \$50 for it.)

Yet another staff member's car perished during the month of January,

forcing it to spend weeks in a Hickory Hollow Mall parking lot. Although he tried to blame the car's demise on evil skateboarding mall rats, it was towed none the less. (While this vehicle's fate may be attributed to owner neglect, it certainly adds to the story.)

Earlier this month, the **BIG GUY** (our editor-in-chief) slammed his car into the side of some fool back-

planing Chevy Citation. "Look, Ma, no brain." Hmmm.

I believed for a while that all cars hated me. I almost made the decision to shoot mine and buy a horse. (Then I figured, what's the use? The horse would hate me within hours.) The rational part of me, however small, told me that cars hold no grudges, and hate no one (this rational part of

"Son . . . there's bulldozer on your car."

ing out of his driveway on Highway 96. Needless to say, his car was declared dead (though we prefer to say it was "put to sleep"). It really is illegal to back out onto a highway. D. Brian checked.

Then I got this call Monday night from three *Sidelines* sportswriters. While on authorized travel by the University to cover two OVC games in Kentucky, they met with some truck drivers who decided to create their own carnival ride (similar to the Tilt-O-Whirl) using several inches of water and their hydro-

me does, incidentally, believe in voodoo.)

Evidence, however, does not lie. This thing is much bigger than just one person. It is much bigger than just occasional bad luck. There is a deity out there in MTSU Land carrying a grudge. I, along with several others here at *Sidelines*, can't take it anymore.

Deity: Please believe me when I say that *Sidelines* staff members do not *intentionally* offend (well, maybe Rolfs, but he doesn't have a car).

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Reed lists steps to 'hipness'

We all need to be a little more aware of what is going on around us. The world is a great big place that cannot be ignored. Things that happen halfway around the globe affect us on a daily basis.

"But, Mike," you say, "I read *Sidelines* twice a week during history class." Thank you. However, believe it or not, it takes more than that. I want all of you out there to be more aware of your surroundings. Therefore, I have compiled a list of things to do to become socially conscientious. As always, clip and save.

Read newspapers, lots of newspapers. I suggest reading *The Tennessean*, *The Nashville Banner*, *The Daily News Journal*, *The Antioch Beacon*, *The Shelbyville Times Gazette*, and, of course *Sidelines*. Notice, if you will, that *USA Today* is not included in this list. The reason for this is simple enough. *USA Today* is no newspaper. Newspapers are black and white, with maybe some colored comics on Sunday. *USA Today* is mauve and chartreuse, and has no comics section.

Now that you have spent your hard earned quarters on about twelve pounds of newsprint, where do you start reading? Say no more. I'm here to help ya, son. First, read the comics. Second, skim the Metro/State, Lifestyles, and News sections. Throw the rest away. Notice, again, that "the rest" includes the classifieds and Sports. No one needs to read classifieds (unless you want to buy someone's used furniture). Sportswriters are some of the most unaware people around (Can you say tunnel vision, boys and girls?).

Magazines will help immensely. Try *Harpers*, *Atlantic*, *Vanity Fair*, *Consumer Reports*, and *Spin*. These mags will help take you along on your road to self-improvement. Avoid *Cosmopolitan*, *Ms.*, *Soldier of Fortune*, *Black Belt*, and *People*. The best magazine in the world today is *Spy*. I hope that one day I am half as

creative as the staff of *Spy* magazine. Avoid *Rolling Stone* at all cost. Never read a magazine that has more scent strips than pictures.

Fiction, though it may seem to be false, often reflects life's truths in a more understandable way. Try reading Lewis Grizzard, Piers Anthony, Stephen King, Ian



Mike Reed
Tales of the Velvet Elvis

Sholes, and the *Destroyer* series by Richard Sapir and Warren Murphy. Do not read diet books, poetry, or any book by Clive Barker. Run away from any books by Gloria Steinem, Norman Mailer, Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, or Judge Wapner. The classics are also off-limits. Do not listen to books on tape (unless they

"To look hip, one must dress hip. To be hip, one must look hip."

are read by the author). Retention and comprehension are near zero if you listen to a book while cruising I-24.

Many of you do not have time to read five or six newspapers or thirty magazines. Have no fear, radio is here. Probably the greatest thing to happen to this medium is *National Public Radio*. NPR is a great tool for becoming aware. They play music, syndicated shows, news and commentary, and comedy. The best part is that you can listen to it while you're driving, instead of "Twisted Sister." You might try the AM side of your

radio every once in a while and listen to the talk shows. People all over Nashville and the surrounding communities are telling us what is going on. If you can wade through Billy Joe Jim Bob calling in about his prostate trouble, you might find out about a few relevant things.

Television is a great medium to learn from. It mesmerizes and advertises. Stay away from talk shows. (that's right, boys and girls, no Geraldo, Sally Jesse, Morton, Phil, or Oprah). Only watch *Late Night With David Letterman* long enough to see the top ten list. More information about current events is included in Dave's top ten list than in the Library of Congress. No one should watch *L.A. Law*. It is full of yuppies or guppies or something like that.

Once you become aware of the world around you, the next logical step is to look the part. To look hip, one must dress hip. To be hip, one must look hip. "Mike," you're asking, "how can I, the lowly reader, become hip?"

Wear bolo ties. Go out and buy a lot of them while they are cheap. Also, whether you have a bolo on or not, button the top button on your shirt. This is not a suggestion; it is a law. Blue jeans are out. Replace them with cotton slacks (polyester is reserved for the truly unhip, unaware sportswriting, Morton Downey Jr. fan). Tennis shoes (yes, even Adidas) should be replaced by wingtipped leather "Dad-can-I-borrow-the-car-tonight" shoes that you get from catalogs. Duck boots are a necessity if it looks the least bit wet outside.

Soon you will be accosted at parties to explain the basics of world policies (and you will know because you watch C-Span). Always end conversations with a forceful "Word."

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MTSU's clueless miss the point



Brice Minnigh
Frontside Grind

"Intelligence remains incomplete without tolerance." — Letter to the Editor, *Sidelines* Nov. 10, 1988

Hey, wait a minute! Are we not students of Middle Tennessee State University, an institute of higher education to further their education and open their minds? Do we not come here to make important decisions about our lives, and, in doing so, determine our identities? Is this not the optimum time to expand our horizons and grow intellectually by at least *considering the ideas of others?*

Indeed, the college experience can be all these things, if not a great deal more. Yet, in my two semesters at MTSU, I have found that many students here have little or no tolerance for opposing viewpoints.

Every country, society, and culture can be expected to sub-divide into various groups. People with similar tastes often relate better to each other than to those with whom they have little in common. This is perfectly logical and, on the surface, is no cause for concern.

When any of these subgroups closes its collective minds to the thoughts of others, however, problems arise. If college is meant to be a forum for the discussion of ideas by "open-minded" students, then why do mere conflicting opinions cause so many disputes that could otherwise be maturely discussed?

These intolerant subgroups deny themselves the chance to grow, limiting themselves instead to the "popular" beliefs of their immediate peers. When this happens, the intellectual and thought-provoking atmosphere of the group begins to stagnate. Many MTSU students, I believe, have doomed us to such a fate.

Let me ask you a few questions: Is there a set hairstyle that everyone should keep? A code of dress? Can someone say the music they listen to is "the best" when they have never exposed themselves to other types? Can a person claim his political views are the god-sent truth and refuse to listen to the arguments of others? Can one say that his religious denomination is the only "true faith," if he is, in fact, completely ignorant of the basic principles of other religions?

These questions seem simple enough. It is only when we leave the theoretical arena and enter reality that our actions begin to contradict our ideals.

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Physical appearances, just like opposing viewpoints, should not be stereotyped. Some of you may know me as the mutant whose notorious daily skateboarding escapades have often endangered the slow of pace. I get a gas out of people who, judging by my somewhat overbearing appearance, think I have "about one-half the mental capabilities of a retarded tapeworm." They ask if I was "dropped on my head as an infant," or if I am the proverbial "test-tube baby experiment gone astray." None of these statements are true, and I would like to think that I am at least semi-clueful. Of course, what could a lowly second semester freshman, who still wears pink "Chucks" when he grinds his trucks on every MTSU curb possibly have to offer in the vein of cluefulness? (Writers note: Beware of "skater" jargon: It may become contagious.)

People from Northern areas of the country have told

me that all "rednecks" are close-minded; hence I should not be surprised by the closed-mindedness that abounds here at MTSU. I disagree with this theory wholeheartedly. The Northerners who blantly stereotype Southerners are simply showing the smallness of their own minds. They are no more intelligent than a Southern rural farmer who refers to Northerners as "cityslickers." Preconceptions such as these, based totally on the superficial, are nothing less than a "BIG DUD"

Opinions make the world go 'round. There is nothing wrong with having a set of beliefs — this is, in fact, desirable. Intolerance of beliefs not completely congruent with your own, however, is simply the mark of immaturity.

I hope the above need not be used to describe the students of MTSU.

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Lifestyles

Beasley retires after 32 years with MTSU

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

A special concert and reception will be held March 5 to honor Horace Beasley, who is retiring after 32 years of service with the MTSU music department.

From 1957 until 1974, Beasley directed the MTSU Concert Band. Since 1974, he has taught low brass with the department.

"He is still an ardent supporter of the band, and he works with the Contest of Champions," said Joe

Smith, band director. The Contest of Champions is an annual high school marching band competition which attracts bands from across the Southeast.

"He is well respected in many areas," said Tom Naylor, music department chairman.

"He's such a valuable teacher in so many ways . . . it will be hard to fill his shoes," he said.

Naylor also praised Beasley for his excellent relationship with students

over the years.

"He's been an excellent teacher and adviser," Naylor said. "He has been very active in the music education circles."

During the reception following the March 5 concert, Beasley will be presented with a collection of letters from friends, colleagues and students.

Anyone desiring to write a letter, should send it as soon as possible to Linda Mitchell, MTSU Box 63.



Frank Conley•Staff

Four members of the MTSU pep band give it their all during Saturday's MTSU vs. Tennessee Tech basketball games.

KAs sponsor MD benefit concert

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

"Jerry's kids" will benefit from a Muscular Dystrophy Charity Concert sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Order at the City Limits Club Wednesday night, officials said.

Four bands — Domestic Geoffrey, Expedition, the RBM Band, and Dealer's Choice — will be performing that night beginning at 9 p.m., Craig Smither, Kappa Alpha spokesman, said. (There is a \$3 cover charge.)

"It is our national philanthropy and 100 percent of the money taken at the door will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association," Smither said.

In addition, the club is making a special "M.D. Punch" to raise additional funds, Smither said.

Anyone over the age of 18 will be allowed to enter the benefit, but no one under 21 will be allowed to drink, Smither said.

Smither added the management of the club is being very helpful with the benefit.

"City Limits is not charging us for the building," he said. "They're doing a real good job for us."

"We believe it's a worthwhile cause," said Gary Campbell, City Limits general manager. "It's a situation where we're selling drinks to customers so we are letting them keep all the proceeds from the door for the benefit."

Student programming committee brings fine arts to campus: chairman

By MICHELLE McCOY
Staff Writer

[Editor's note: This is the first of a five-part series on the different facets of Student Programming. The next installment will appear March 2.]

Getting students involved outside of the classroom is the main purpose of Student Programming and its five committees.

One of the most utilized [of these] committees has to be the Fine Arts Committee, officials said.

From a sitar player to an influential black artist, an entire ensemble of the more cultural aspects of art is provided for the MTSU community.

Outstanding performers

from every field of dance, art, drama, and music are brought to campus every semester by the Fine Arts Committee.

Special events are sponsored during both Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March.

All of this is brought to the MTSU campus by a committee comprised entirely of students.

This committee tries to program events that students would not usually think about when they think of fine arts, according to Michael Timme, committee chairman.

"Students tend to think of fine arts as music and things," Timme said. "We

try to program things that students wouldn't normally see.

"We want to broaden their art outline, expose them to different kinds of art," Timme added.

One of the biggest events for the Fine Arts Committee occurred last year, when the committee sponsored a show by sitarist Ravi Shankar, who is world renown for his influential style of Indian music.

Timme said the show was one of the committee's greatest successes and one that garnered a wide audience.

Later this semester, the committee hopes to sponsor a performance by jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie.

In addition to the concerts, the committee also sponsors the Fine Arts Film Series, which brings five or six classic movies a semester to campus.

They are shown on Sunday nights and range from foreign films to 40s classics.

The movies chosen for the film series, as well as the performers and exhibits sponsored by the committee, are selected by the all-student committee and are presented at no cost to the students and community.

Since the committee has only ten student members and one chairman, they would welcome any student who wishes to join.

The committee is funded by the university.

American quintet slated to play in Friday concert

From Staff Reports

The Quintet of America will give a concert in the Wright Music Building as the final event of this seasons MTSU Concert Series.

Ranging from Baroque to Contemporary, the ensemble's recital features a blend of woodwind classics including Latin American folk and ethnic music.

For 12 years the quintet has toured North America. They will stop at MTSU for a Friday performance, March 3 at 8 p.m.

The ensemble has re-

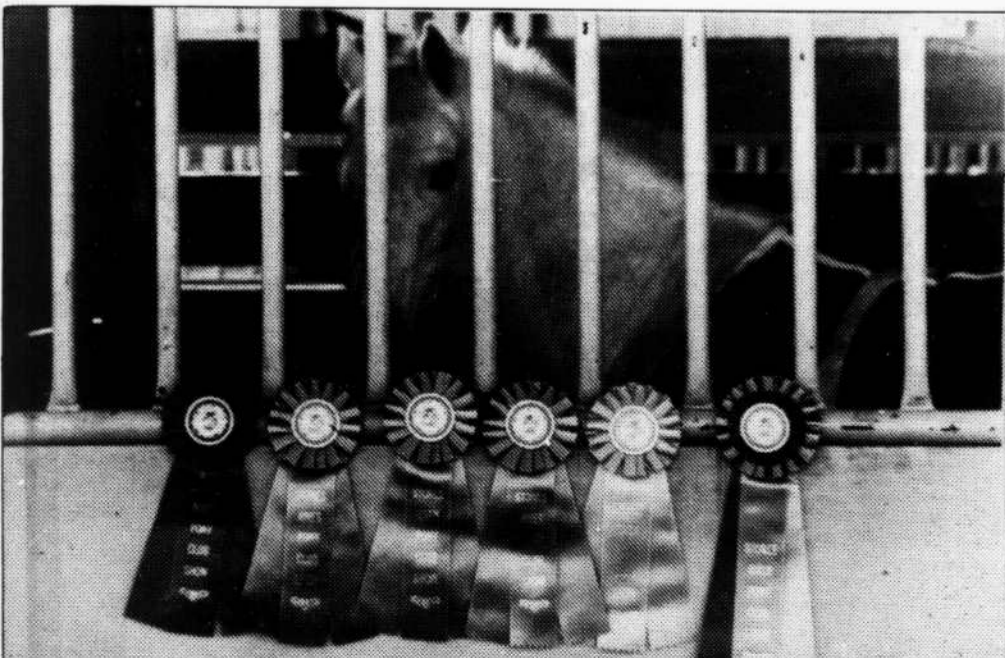
ceived many rave reviews for its performances.

"The Quintet, a well-matched group of talented young musicians, played with disarming self-assurance, polished ensemble precision and a lively response to the individual musical character of each score," states *The New York Times*.

The Quintet is made up of five U.S. musicians: Barrett Cobb on flute, Matthew Sullivan on oboe, Joseph Stone on clarinet, Edwin Alexander on bassoon, and Barbara Oldham on horn.

The Quintet of America is currently in residence at the Center for Inter-American Relations in New York City. The Group conducts masterclasses and residencies at Austin Peay State University, Ohio State University, the University of Richmond, Corpus Christi State University, and many other institutions of higher education.

Tickets for the show are \$5, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2 for children. Admission for MTSU students is free.



Frank Conley•Staff

A big winner in the pony show held in the Ag Pavilion Saturday afternoon.

On Campus Movies

'School Daze' shows black collegiate life negatively

By **BRIAN WILLIAMS**
Senior Staff Writer

★★★ Many movies in recent years have reflected life in college.

Two examples are National Lampoon's "Animal House," which depicted fraternity life, and "Revenge of the Nerds," which looked at campus rejects.

Now, Spike Lee's movie, "School Daze," which is about black stereotypes on college campuses.

It is produced, written, and directed by Lee, following his success with "She Gotta Have It."

The story centers on Homecoming weekend at fictitious Mission College, and tells of the problems facing blacks today on college campuses.

It discusses the funding of private black academic colleges through the conflict of the school's president and a school adviser.

Fraternity life is shown by a group of students on line to enter a fraternity.

The movie also discusses the intraracial relationships among students.

The cast, thanks to hard work by casting director Robi Sneed, is a veritable who's who among young black talent. Names in particular include Tisha Campbell from "Rags to Riches" and Jasmine Guy, Daryl Bell, and Kadeem Hardison from "A Different World."

"Daze" is an original of its kind. It mixes comedy

with music while giving a message. Shining parts in the film include a Supreme-type song by the Gamma-Rays, a fraternity step show by Alphi Phi Alpha, and a party sequence with the go-go band E.U. performing "Da Butt."

I have to applaud Lee's effort, for this is a good attempt to share a message with a moral ending. Although this is made in good nature, my only pet peeve is that it takes a two hour film to express these problems without showing at least some positive aspects of blacks in college.

"School Daze" will show Wednesday and Thursday at the KUC theatre at 3:30, 6:00, and 8:30 p.m.

'Presidio' action-packed 'buddy' flick that hits mark

By **BRIAN WILLIAMS**
Senior Staff Writer

★★

'Buddy' movies have long been a favorite among movie-goers.

Now, from D. Constantine Conte, producer of "48 Hours," comes the action-drama "The Presidio."

The movie is directed by Peter Hyams, who produced and directed another buddy picture, "Running Scared."

Set within a military base called The Presidio in San Francisco, the plot deals with the murder of a military police officer during a checkpoint detail.

Investigating the murder are tough San Francisco Inspector Jay Austin (Mark Harmon) and Lt. Caldwell

(Sean Connery), a military provost marshal.

Friction begins to heat up between Austin and Caldwell because Austin was an ex-military cop under Caldwell's command.

To make things a little steamier, there is a love interest between Austin and Caldwell's daughter, Donna (Meg Ryan).

The story, written by Larry Ferguson, is mainly nothing new, but the set has a military tone.

Like many buddy movies, there are the basic

elements: the car chase, the foot chase through a crowded city, the fights and gunplay, the steamy love scene, the soft moments, conflicts and surprises.

Harmon, Connery, Ryan, and Jack Warden, as a museum operator, all give good performances.

Although "The Presidio" is standard military issue, it somehow fares well on film, and I guess that's what counts.

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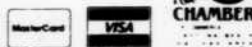
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Sports

Middle sweeps OVC titles

Lady Raiders bag Lady Eagles, 73-65

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders set an NCAA record for consecutive conference championships as they defeated Tennessee Tech 73-65 here Saturday night.

This was Middle's seventh straight OVC title, and no other team has ever won a conference that many times in succession.

"It's incredible that we've won it that many times," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "We're happy to be where we're at, but we've had work hard to keep the title, because everyone is gunning for us."

"Tonight we had a nice show of fans, and we appreciate that, and we hope we have the same support for the tournament."

Winning the title gives MTSU the rights to host the conference tournament March 6-7.

"Even when we were down earlier this season, we knew we could do it," Senior Sandy Brown said. "Beating Tech in the last game for the championship is great."

"We feel good about the tournament, we would much rather play at home than to have gone on the road."

Christy Scruggs hit two free throws with 23 seconds left to give the Lady Raiders a nine point lead, but Tech's Angela Brown hit a three-pointer to pull within six with 14 seconds.

Stephanie Capley then iced the game for Middle

by sinking two more from the charity stripe with 11 seconds to play.

All five starters for the Lady Raiders tallied double figures, led by Brown, who nailed three big three-pointers down the stretch and hit four on the night, with 19. Tawanya Mucker, the teams leading scorer had 16. Stephanie Capley netted 14. Christy Scruggs had 12, and Lianne Beck, despite fouling out with 5:13 left to play, chipped in 10.

"We made the big shots during crunch time," Coach Bivens said. "They were getting the best of us on the offensive boards, but Brown made some big treys when they got within hitting distance."

"We are happy to be in our position of hosting the tournament, but now we have to get back to work to be ready, we know everyone will come in wanting to knock us off."

The Lady Raiders got off to an impressive start, after trailing 4-0, they went on a 20-4 run over the next ten minutes, allowing Tech no points in a six minute stretch, and led 34-26 at the half.

Middle shot 52 percent in the first half to only 38 percent for the Golden Eaglettes.

Tech made a run at the Lady Raiders in the second half, however, as the 12 point lead that Middle had amassed with 14:21 left was whittled down to four with 5:13 remaining.

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Frank Conley • Staff

Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens and his coaching staff celebrate Saturday's OVC title-clinching victory.

Raiders nail Tech, take OVC crown

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

Following an emotional pre-game ceremony honoring their seniors, the MTSU Blue Raiders got down to business and shot down the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles 89-68 Saturday night.

Combined with Austin Peay's victory over

Morehead State, Saturday's victory clinched the 1989 Ohio Valley Conference championship for Middle.

The Raiders will now host the league's post-season tournament in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium on March 8-9.

"In October, we set a goal to win the OVC championship, and we were able to

work hard and reach it," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "But basketball is a tournament sport, so this is not the end of the road."

"Now we have to win the tournament to accomplish our goal."

As a fitting note on "senior night," the Raiders were led to victory by forward Randy Henry and

guard Chris Rainey.

Henry and Rainey, along with fellow senior Kerry Hammonds, played their last game in Murphy Center Saturday night.

"We wanted to win our last game, and we knew what we had to do was run on them," Rainey said. "Once we got ahead, we didn't want to relinquish

the lead.

"We just wanted to go ahead and win the game and the conference."

Rainey led the Raiders with 13 first half points, as Middle ended the contest before halftime by blowing out to a 46-28 margin at the break.

Henry chipped in 11 points in the initial stanza,

despite shooting only 4-of-11 from the floor.

"The shots just weren't there early," Henry said. "But coach said to keep taking them, and I did."

Henry, a 6-9, 205 pounder from East Point, Ga., finished as the Raiders' leading scorer on the evening with 21 points.

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Seniors go out in style

Rainey, Henry, Hammonds end regular season careers

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

The evening began with dimmed lights and tears, and when sophomore Chris Ingram slammed home the final bucket of Saturday night's game, the lights came down on three brilliant careers.

Seniors Chris Rainey, Randy Henry and Kerry Hammonds made their final regular season appearance in Murphy Center something special as they crushed intra-state rival Tennessee Tech 89-68.

"We wanted to go out undefeated at home," Hammonds said. "It's always been tough to beat us in the 'glass house.'"

While playing their final regular season game in a Blue Raider uniform may have been saddening for the trio, perhaps the most emotional moment of the

evening came when they were introduced at mid-court with their mothers during the pre-game ceremonies.

For Hammonds and Rainey, it was the first time either had played a game with their mothers in attendance.

Rainey was visibly moved by his mother's presence, as he cried during the introduction.

"I've got a soft heart," the 5-11 guard from Macon, Ga. said. "I just play the role of tough guy."

"When they introduced me and my mom, it was really emotional. I had to come down so I could play the game."

Henry agreed that playing in front of his family was an emotional lift.

"It was a great feeling, but I enjoyed it even more because Kerry and Chris

got to play in front of their mother's for the first time," the 6-9 forward said.

In their regular season finale, the threesome combined for 48 points, 30 rebounds and six assists.

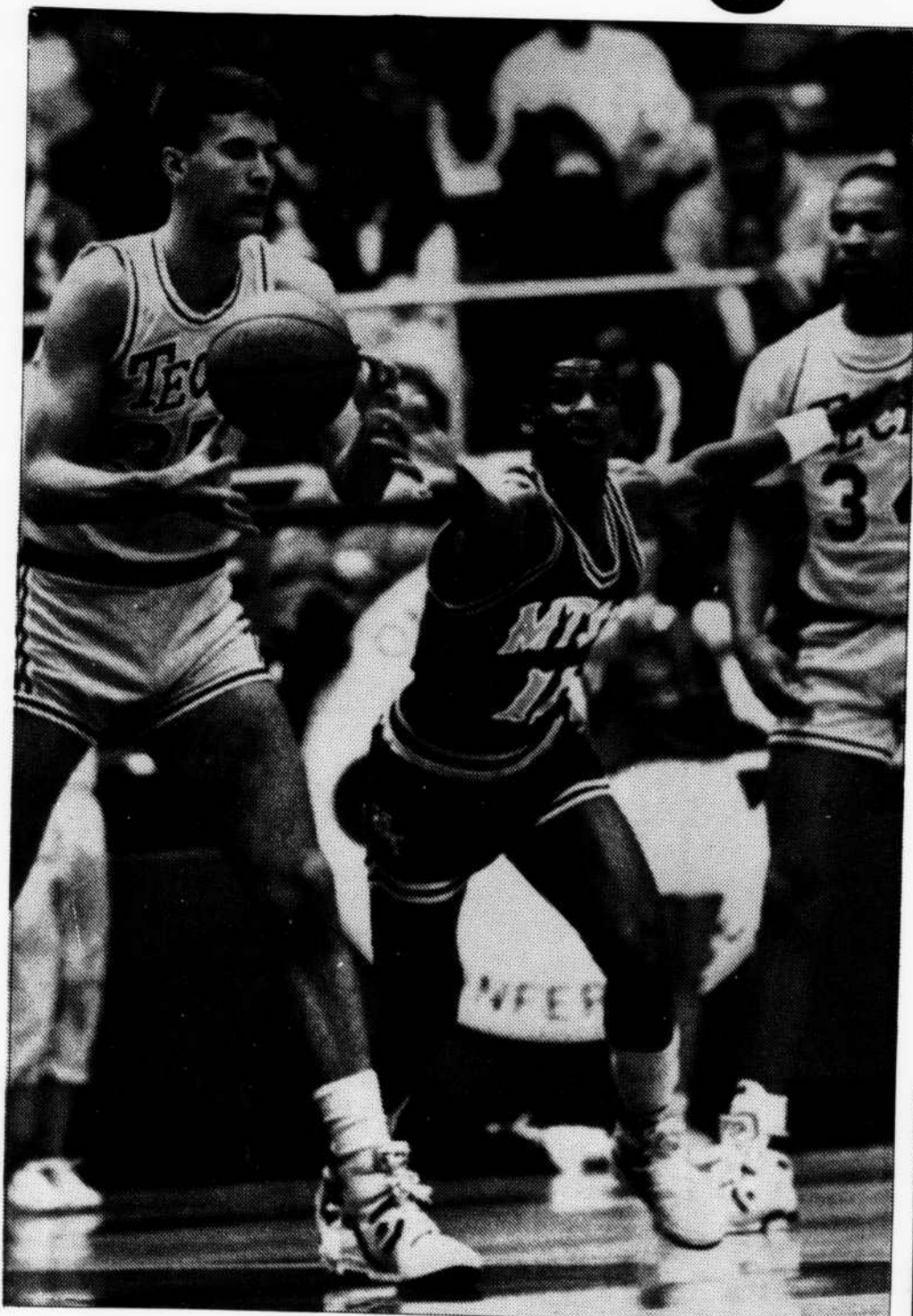
Henry led the team with 21 points, while Rainey chipped in 19 and Hammonds 8.

Rainey also added a career-high 13 rebounds, while Hammonds added 9 and Henry 8.

While their regular season might have ended with an Ohio Valley Conference championship, the trio said their Blue Raider careers were far from over.

"We want to go out in fashion," Henry said. "Our goal is only half accomplished."

"Winning the [OVC] tournament and going back to the NCAAs will ice it."



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Senior guard Chris Rainey steals the ball from Tennessee Tech center Milos Babic as Eagle teammate Rod Manuel looks on during Saturday night's Blue Raider victory.

Beck, Brown, Mucker finish with title-clinching victory

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

For three Lady Raiders who participated in Saturday night's game, the saying "All good things must come to an end" hits home.

In an emotional pre-game ceremony, seniors Sandy Brown, Lianne Beck, and Tawanya Mucker were recognized for their contributions to the Lady Raider program.

As the pep band played the "Tennessee Waltz" and under dimmed lights the seniors were accompanied by their parents to center court to receive their awards.

Sandy Brown, who transferred from Walters State Community College last

season, was recognized for her record of 54 consecutive games with at least one three-point shot.

"It's a great honor to be on a team that has won the OVC the two years I have been here," the senior from Morristown said. "It's something I will always remember, I didn't think I would be sad, but I had to fight back the tears."

Lianne Beck, who was recognized as an Academic All-American last season, got a surprise in the ceremony.

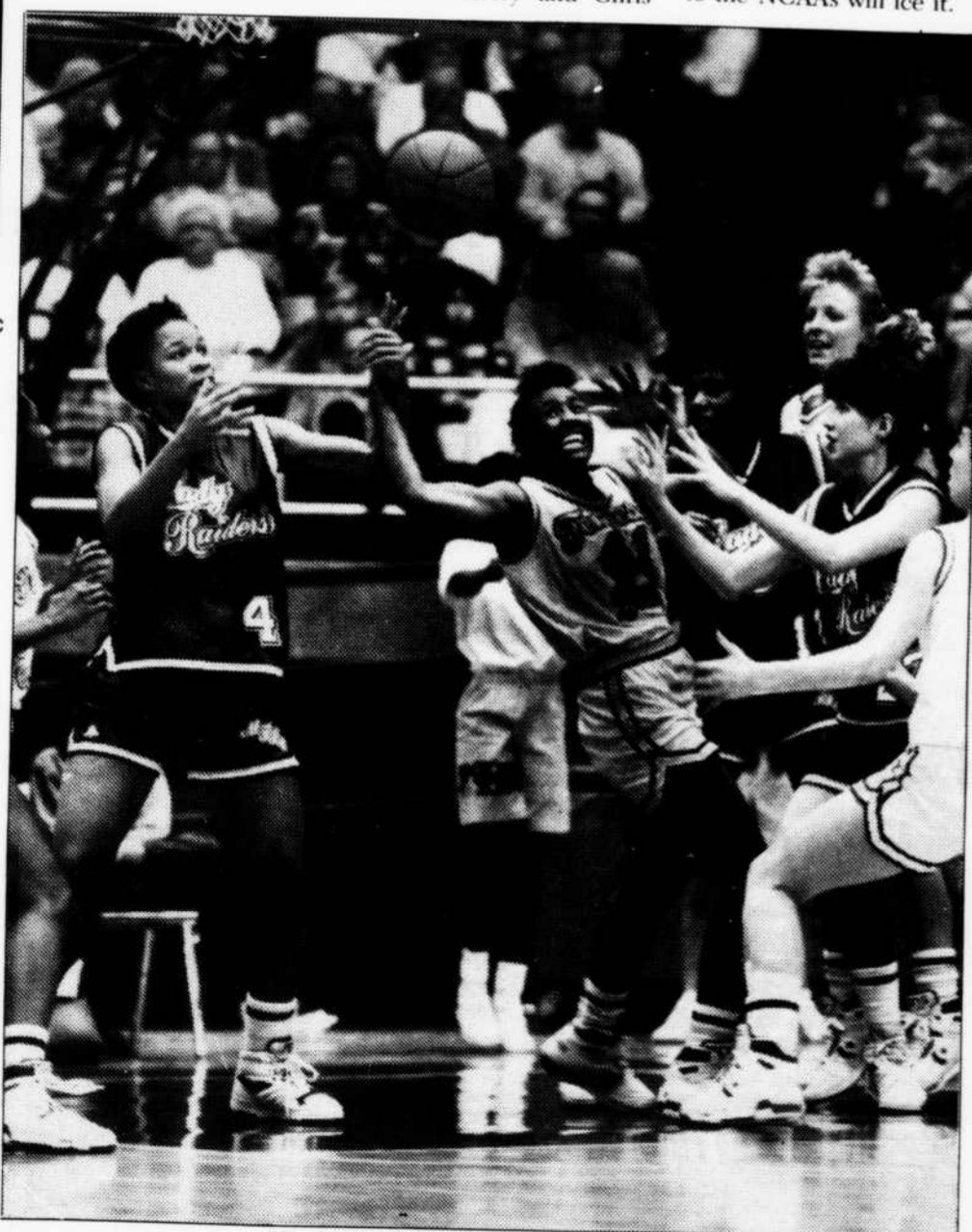
"The special part of the ceremony was that Coach Bivens had arranged for my parents to come without my knowledge," the Fort Knox, Ky. senior said. "They

haven't seen me play very many times so this is something I will never forget."

"The last four years have been some of the best of my life and I owe coach 'C' [Dianne Cummings] and Coach [Larry] Inman a lot for making it possible for me to come."

Tawanya Mucker was recognized for being the second all time leading scorer in Lady Raider history game and as a candidate for OVC player of the year and All-American honors.

"I didn't think about this being the last game until the ceremony. I didn't feel the impact of it until after the game. It's really sad," the senior from Macon, Ga. commented.



Frank Conley Staff

Senior center Tawanya Mucker goes for a loose ball along with Tennessee Tech's Angela Brown in action during Middle's 73-65 victory Saturday night.

Baseballers split weekend games

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

MTSU's Blue Raider baseball squad did their best Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde impersonation this weekend as they split a season-opening doubleheader with Cumberland University.

Dr. Jekyll showed up Saturday as Middle blew an 8-3 lead in losing to the Bulldogs 10-9.

The Mr. Hyde Raiders took the field Sunday as they bounced back to blast the visitors from Lebanon 11-3.

"Back in September, I told the guys we won't win 'em all and we won't lose 'em all," head coach Steve Peterson said. "After this weekend, they know I'm not a liar."

In Saturday's affair, the Blue Raiders built an 8-3 lead after six innings behind the pitching of lefthander Scott Duff and righthander Tom Wegmann.

Duff, a senior from Franklin, allowed six hits and three earned runs in five innings in his first start of the season.

Wegmann relieved in the sixth, fanning six of the first seven batters he faced.

However, in the ninth, everything came apart for the Blue Raiders.

Trailing 9-6, the Bulldogs rallied for four runs with two outs in the inning to steal the victory.

After Bill Hutsell, the third Raider pitcher of the day, fanned the lead-off hitter in the ninth, freshman shortstop Phil Edwards booted an easy ground ball to start the Bulldog rally.

Hutsell then struck out left fielder Jon Bradley be-

fore walking second baseman Tommy Smith.

Centerfielder Gary Dayhoff promptly spanked an RBI-single to left, followed by another walk to Tim Hall to jam the bases.

Cumberland rightfielder Jon Franklin hit a roller to freshman third baseman Dwight Robinson, whose throw to first sailed into the rightfield bullpen, allowing all three runners to score.

"They're freshman and they're going to make freshman mistakes," Peterson said of Edwards and Robinson. "I've seen us have problems on the left side of the infield for years, but I'm not saying we'll still have problems."

"They just have to suck it up and learn from their mistakes."

Hutsell took the loss for the Blue Raiders, while Steve Robbins picked up his first win of the season for Cumberland.

Middle collected 10 hits in the contest, led by first baseman George Zimmerman's two.

Cumberland also had 10

hits, led by two from Dayhoff.

The Blue Raider defense took a sharp turn for the better on Sunday, however, as they turned five double plays in an 11-3 victory over the Bulldogs.

"We work hard on the double play, and we always try to turn one regardless of the situation," second baseman Darryl Steakley said. "The young guys are great, and they're coming along really well."

Aside from being involved in all five twin killings, Steakley also contributed at the plate, going three for five with two runs and two RBIs.

"Steakley had a great game," Peterson said. "The offense makes him feel good."

"He's the glue that holds the infield together."

As far as the double plays go, Steakley said he and Edwards had a personal goal to reach in that department.

"Me and Phillip agreed at the beginning of the season that we were going to

break the Middle Tennessee State record for double plays," the junior from Southaven, Miss. said. "So we were counting them out there today."

Steakley also said that turning five double plays on a team with the speed of Cumberland was a good sign for the future of Middle's pivot combination.

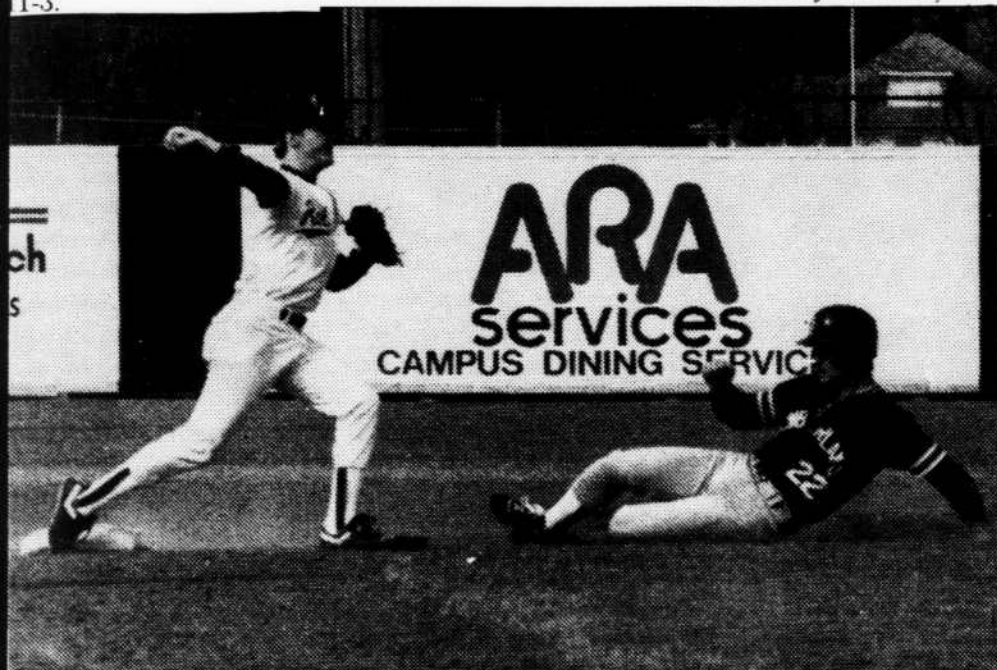
"This helps our confidence. If we can turn the double play on them, we can turn it on anybody," he said.

Senior lefthander John McCormick got the win for Middle in Sunday's contest, while Cumberland's Todd White took the loss.

"We still have some things to work on," Peterson said. "Our attack is a little sporadic, and we need more consistent defense."

"We can't expect our pitchers to strike everyone out. We have to throw a few groundballs, and we can't dictate that they will be easy ones."

The Blue Raiders will next face Western Kentucky at Reese Smith Field Tuesday at 2 p.m.



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Junior second baseman Darryl Steakley turns the pivot on one of the Blue Raiders five double plays Sunday as Cumberland's Mike Brenner attempts to take him out.

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Scruggs overcomes odds to find success with Middle

By **KEN SALTER**
Senior Staff Writer

Most athletes who aren't recruited out of high school usually finish their prep careers and attend college for the sole purpose of getting an education.

Most do, but not Christy Scruggs.

Christy played in the shadow of former Lady Raider standout Alice Lawrence when she attended Oakland High School and never had the opportunity to excel in the program.

"In high school, Coach [Ben Cates] decided that we were going to go inside to Alice and that's what we did," Scruggs recalled. "I didn't look to shoot much and only averaged about eight or nine points per game."

Though it appeared she had little chance of making (let alone starting) for a college team, Scruggs had a long talk with her father and decided to take a chance as a walk-on at MTSU.

"My dad and I talked and he told me I had to look at it realistically," Scruggs, who leads the Lady Raiders in assists and steals, remembered. "He said that a walk-on might not play at all. I thought it over and decided to go ahead."

"I didn't know if I would be any good, and I honestly didn't think I would ever get to play much and especially not start."

Lady Raider Coach Lewis Bivens wasn't at MTSU when Scruggs was a freshman, but he has been impressed with her positive attitude and good work ethic since becoming her coach.

"Whether she was playing or watching Christy has always been positive and upbeat," Bivens noted. "She has a great attitude and works hard. When her shooting needed to improve, she was there before and after practice shooting the basketball."

"That's just the kind of player she is."

Bivens listed several other reasons why Scruggs has been able to have success with the program.

"She has good quickness and strength," he said. "In addition, she's smart and picks up things really quick. She not only hears, she listens. Not all players can do that."

This season has brought many changes for the 5-6 junior from Murfreesboro.

After playing off-guard and back-up point guard to Kim Collier last year, Scruggs had the opportunity to move to point-guard when Collier left the team to get married.

"It only took me a week or two into pre-season practice to figure out who was going to be point guard," Bivens related. "Christy just stepped up and took the job."

Scruggs' teammates also realized that she was going to work hard to get the starting point guard slot.

"Christy had more experience than any of the other point guards," senior Sandy Brown said. "At the same time, though, she realized she would have to work hard to get the starting job and she did."

The move from off-guard to point guard may have been a difficult switch for some, but not Scruggs.

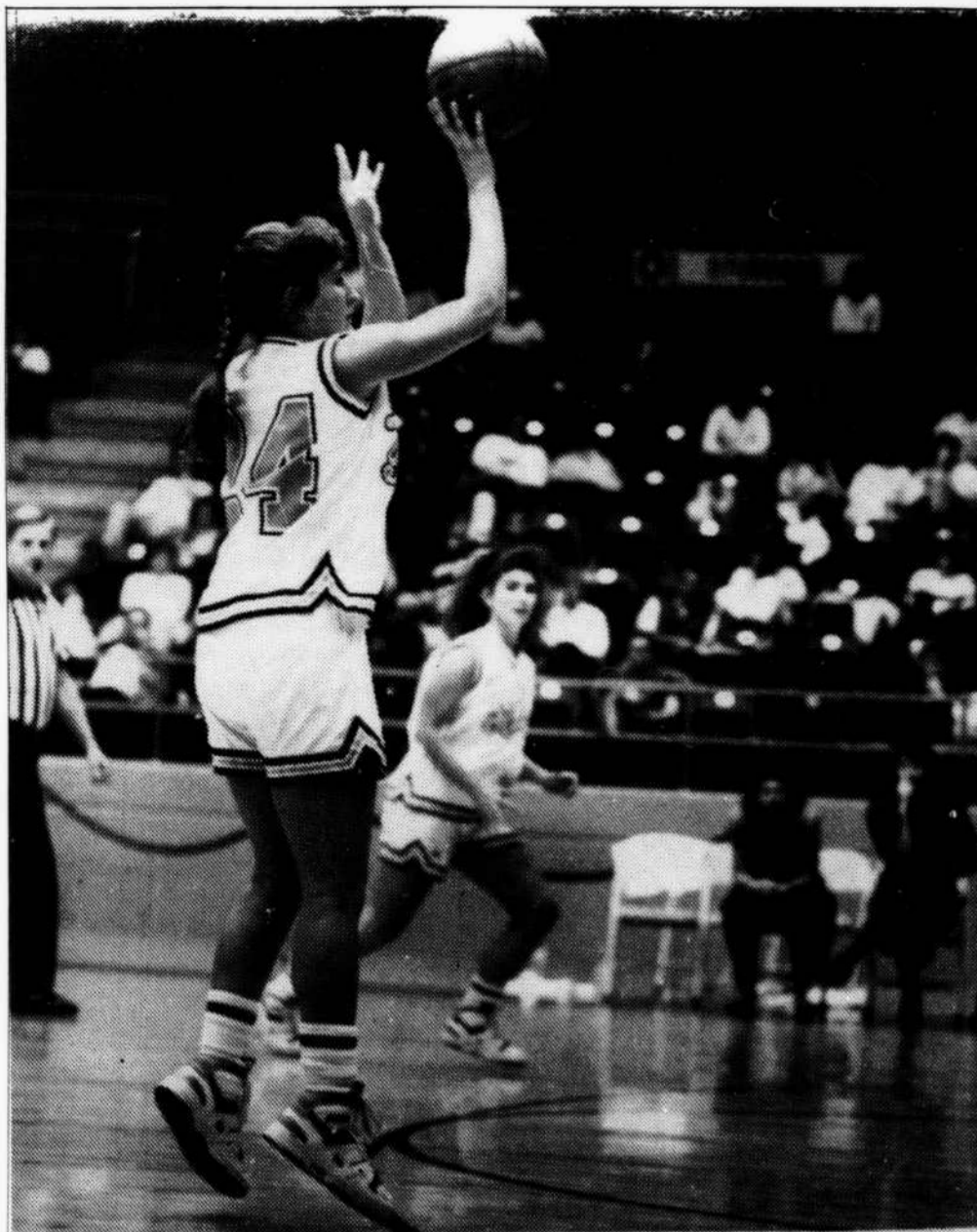
"I ran point in high school so it really wasn't much trouble making the switch," Scruggs, who has seen her minutes per game increase from 14 last year to over 33 this year, commented.

In addition to taking over at point guard, Scruggs has also become more of a scoring threat. Her scoring average has jumped from just 1.4 points per game last season to 8.2 points per game this season.

"I worked on my shooting a lot," Scruggs said wiping the sweat from her sparkling green eyes after practice. "But I try not to force it during the game. I just take the open shots when I get them and hope they go in."

The emergence of Scruggs as a shooter has been a big asset for the Lady Raiders in their Ohio Valley Conference title chase.

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Junior point guard Christy Scruggs has overcome several obstacles in her quest to become a star for the OVC champion Lady Raiders.



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Lady Raiders set NCAA record with seventh consecutive title

By **KEN SALTER**
Senior Staff Writer

When the Lady Raiders defeated Tennessee Tech Saturday night, they not only won their seventh straight Ohio Valley Conference championship, they established an NCAA record in the process.

No women's basketball program in the NCAA can boast seven straight conference titles — except MTSU.

The Lady Raiders have not only won seven straight OVC crowns, they achieved

the streak despite two coaching changes.

Coach Larry Inman began the streak in 1982-83 when he led MTSU to a 26-5 record and an NCAA tournament berth. Inman then proceeded to lead the Lady Raiders to the next three OVC championships.

In 1986, however, Inman resigned and was replaced by Jim Davis.

During his only season at the helm of MTSU, Davis guided the Lady Raiders to their fifth title in as many years. At season's end,

though, Davis resigned.

Current coach Lewis Bivens took the job in 1987 and was presented with the monumental task of winning without all-time leading scorer Kim Webb.

With one legitimate scorer — Tawanya Mucker — Bivens won the crown last season despite being picked to finish fourth in the pre-season.

This season the Lady Raiders managed to win the OVC despite starting their league schedule with two losses in three games.



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Lady Raider assistant coach Dianne Cummings and senior guard Sandy Brown hug after Middle's 73-65 OVC championship-clinching victory over Tennessee Tech.

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Havin' fun on 'Senior Night



There was plenty of action to be found on and off the court in Murphy Center Saturday night during Middle's 89-68 victory over Tennessee Tech. Clockwise: Senior forward Randy Henry shoots over the Eagle's Jerome Rodgers. Three-year-old Aubrey Hornsby finds a new usage for a basketball goal, and the Bud Light Daredevils put on a spectacular half-time dunk show.

Photos by Frank Conley•Staff



Murray State tracksters take OVC indoor championship

From Staff Reports

Murray State's Lady Racers breezed by their opposition Saturday, capturing first place in six of 13 events, to win the Ohio Valley Conference Women's Indoor Track Meet in Murphy Center.

The Lady Racers tallied 81 points on the afternoon, to easily out-distance second place Eastern Kentucky's 56.

MTSU's Lady Raiders finished third with 44 points, while Tennessee

State brought up the rear with 25 points.

Although his team finished third, MTSU track coach Dean Hayes said he was pleased with some aspects of their performance.

"I can't really be disappointed with today," he said. "We are a young team and we had some good individual performances."

"I knew it would be difficult to finish first, but I just can't be disappointed."

Once again, Ursula Langford led the Lady Raiders, finishing first in

the long jump, third in the high jump, fourth in the triple jump, fifth in the 55-meter dash and third in the 200-meter run.

Her appearance in the triple jump was the first time Langford had competed in that event.

"I don't think I ran very well today. I do like running outdoors better than indoors," Langford said.

"Ursula is a real pleasure to deal with," Hayes said. "She goes out there and gives it everything she's got."

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MTSU's Krista Hare soars through the air with the greatest of ease during competition the long jump during Saturday's track meet in Murphy Center.

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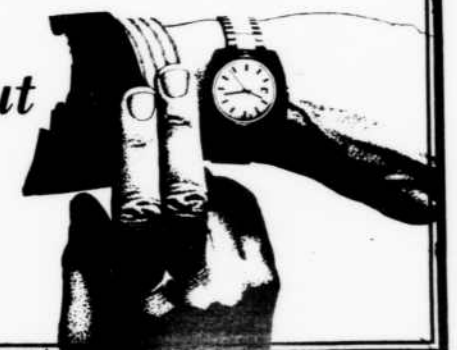
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Time IS Running Out



Tennis team wins ETSU tourney

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's men's tennis team wrapped up their pre-season play by going 12-8 in the East Tennessee Winter Invitational in Johnson City last weekend.

Against individual teams the Blue Raiders finished 6-3 against ETSU, 5-0 against Lee McCray College, and a disappointing 1-5 against junior college defending champion Jefferson St.

"We started slow against East Tennessee, because they have very fast courts

which we had to get used to, and a very fine program," Coach Dale Short said. "But we turned it around and finished strong."

"I was mostly disappointed against Jefferson St. because East Tennessee beat them and we felt we could win. I'm not looking for excuses, but we finished after midnight against Lee McCray and was scheduled to play Jefferson St. at eight the next morning," Short added.

The Blue Raiders'

schedule was against East Tennessee St. Friday at 2:00 p.m., Lee McCray at 8:00 p.m. that night, and the Jefferson St. match was slated for 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Lee McCray and Jefferson St. are junior colleges and the contests against them will be counted as exhibition matches.

The results of the matches against East Tennessee St. were:

Number one division player Nick Sheumack lost to Mark Lipton-Smith 6-4,

6-3.

In the number two division, Chris Haslam lost to John Lucchesi 6-2, 6-2.

Number three man Mike Iffert defeated John Seals 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

In the number four division, Johann Franzin defeated John Shulman, former MTSU player, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Number five Chris King defeated Brett Meyers 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Jeff Raper defeated Rusty Morris in the number six division 5-7, 6-2, 7-6.

In doubles play, number one division team of King/Franzen lost to Smith/Lucchesi 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.

Number two team Haslam/Iffert defeated Seals/Shulman 6-4, 6-7, 7-6.

In the number three division, Shumack/Raper defeated Morris/Hill 6-4, 6-3.

"I was impressed with the play of our doubles teams, because East Tennessee has a good doubles team, and we hadn't played that well previously," Coach Short said. "Individually, Mike Iffert had the best

tourney, going 3-0 in singles matches.

"It's nice to beat ETSU because they have more money and nicer facilities and it feels good to beat them at their place."

The Blue Raiders open their regular season with three home matches beginning with David Lipscomb here on Tuesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m., next will be Trevecca here on Saturday, March 11 at 11:00 a.m. and then UT-Martin comes to town on Tuesday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.

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"Her shot has really improved," Brown remarked. "Now teams have to guard her and that takes some of the pressure off of the other players."

With MTSU losing three starters at the end of the season, Scruggs realizes her role on the team will be different next year.

"I'm going to have to be more of a leader next year," Scruggs, who is majoring in Office Management, said.

"I want to improve even more as a shooter so I can play a bigger offensive role."

Bivens agrees that her offense role will be bigger.

"She will be looked upon to score more next season," he said, "but in order to do that she is going to have to work on shooting off the dribble."

Though she has one year left at MTSU, Scruggs doesn't want people to remember only her shooting after she's gone.

"When people talk about Christy Scruggs five or ten years from now," she said, smiling after a long pause. "I want them to say I hustled all the time and always had a smile on my face."

As far as her coach is concerned, players like Scruggs make his job easy.

"She gives you a great effort all of the time," Bivens said. "That's a real enjoyable thing to have as a coach."

"And Christy is nothing but a joy to coach."

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Raiders take OVC championship

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Rainey chipped in 19 points, while yanking down career-high 13 rebounds. Hammonds, a 6-7, 240 lbs. center from Macon, Ga., had an off-night, scoring only eight points and pulling down nine rebounds. "It seems like every time some of my people come up, I don't produce," Hammonds said. "But it still felt good playing in front of my mom."

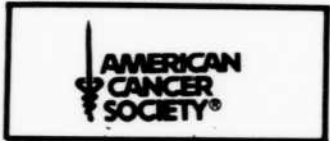
As a special treat to the three seniors, the MTSU athletic department brought each player's mother to the game. "When they introduced me and my mom, it was really emotional," Rainey said. "I had to come down to play the game." However, the emotion caused some problems early in the contest, as the Raider's fell behind the Eagle in the game's opening moments before blow-

ing the visitors from Cookeville away. "The game was a little slopping because there was so much emotion in the opening ceremony," Stewart said. "Chris was out there crying, and Kerry was bear hugging his mom," he added. "By the time the game started, the guys' emotions were spent. "It was sloppy, but it was still a Blue Raider win." With the victory, the

Raiders not only wrapped up their first OVC title since 1986-87, they raised their regular season record to 20-7, marking the fourth consecutive season the team collected 20 wins. "We've accomplished a lot this season," Stewart said. "We are the only team in the OVC to win 20 games. "And we won the championship even though we were only picked to finish second. That's not bad."

However, Stewart and his players agreed that despite the accomplishments, the season would not be complete unless the team won the OVC tournament and gained a spot in the NCAAs. "I think this was the best season of my career, but it won't be complete unless we go to the NCAAs," Henry said. "We're looking forward to going to Nashville," Rainey said. "We're going

to take a couple of days off, and then get ready." Stewart added that winning the OVC tourney would not be such an easy task to complete. "Murray State and Austin Peay are going to be competitive," he said. "If they are on a good night, they are going to be hard to beat. "We're going to have to work hard to win it."



LADIES from page 11

That was when Brown hit one of her three-pointers to push the lead back to seven, and Tech never got within five the rest of the way. "Our strategy down the stretch was to make them shoot from the outside,"

Brown said. "They can all shoot well, but they were scoring more from the inside." The inside scoring came from forward Angela Brown who led the Golden Eaglettes with a game-high 25 points. The other for-

ward Arnetta Peterson and center Melinda Clayton chipped in 14 each. The Lady Raiders end their regular season sporting a 21-5 overall record. Middle's 23-4 finish was the team's best regular season record since 1982-83.

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In highlights of the competition: Murray's Dawn Woodruffe won the shot put with a throw of 40-8½. Teammate Ann Hinds finished second, and MTSU's Tracy Edens finished third. Langford won the long jump with a mark of 19-5. Lady Raider Michelle Welch finished third with a jump of 18-6½. Murray's Jenille Kelly took high jump honors with a jump of 5-9. Langford tied for second with teammate Crista Hare at 5-5. MTSU's Kyieta Beason won the triple jump with a school record 38-9. Langford finished fourth with a 35-8½, and Hare placed fifth. Eastern Kentucky's Lisa Malloy finished first in the

mile run with a time of 4:57.55. Tennessee State's Derica Dunn won the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.03. Welch took second with a 7.07, and Langford finished fifth at 7.18. In the 55-meter hurdles, the Lady Colonels' Robin White finished first with a 8.17. MTSU's Marsha Cleveland placed fourth with a time of 8.59. Murray's Nina Funderbunk won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:09.45. Lady Raider Tracy Robinson finished fifth with a time of 2:19.01. Murray's Stephanie Saleem took the 400-meter run in 53.79. MTSU's Welch set a school record with a third place time of 56.83.

Janu Williams of TSU won the 200-meter run in 24.66. Langford was third at 25.16. In the 3000-meter run, Eastern's Malloy won with a time of 9:56.47.

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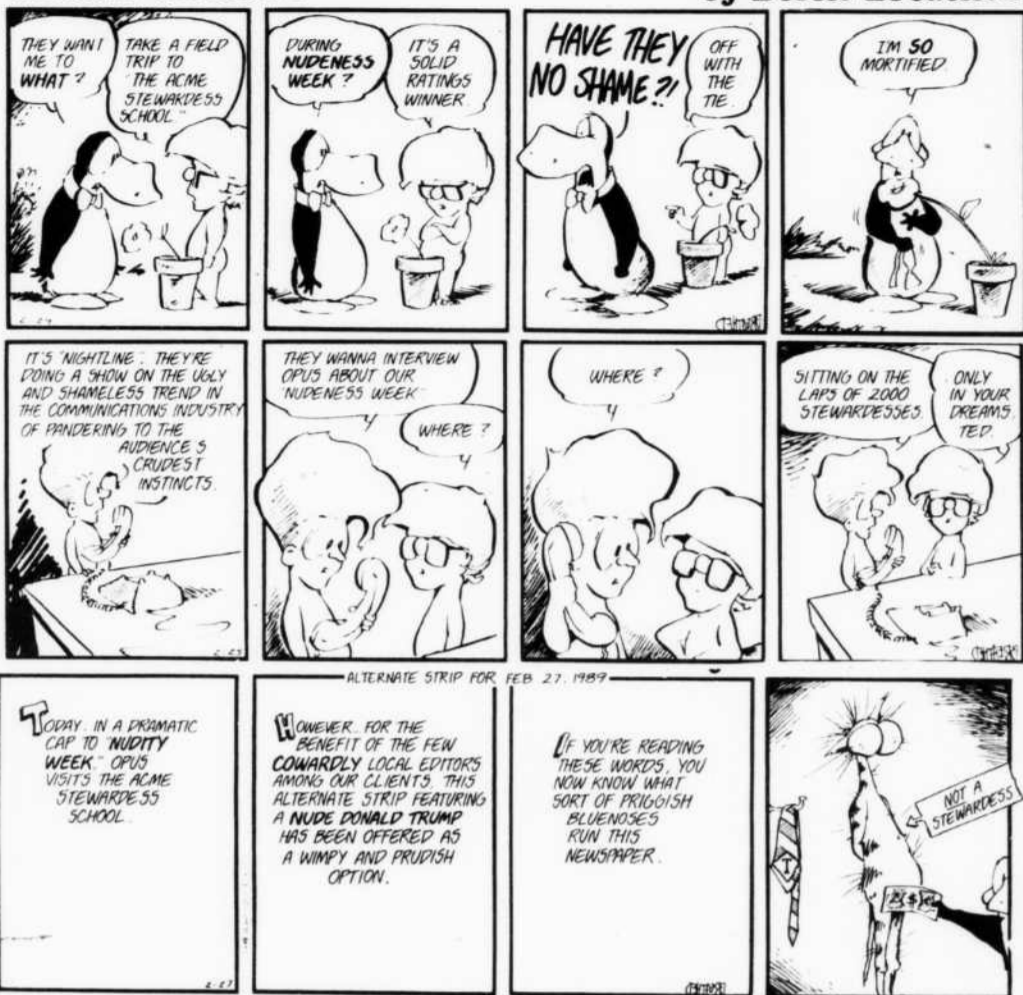
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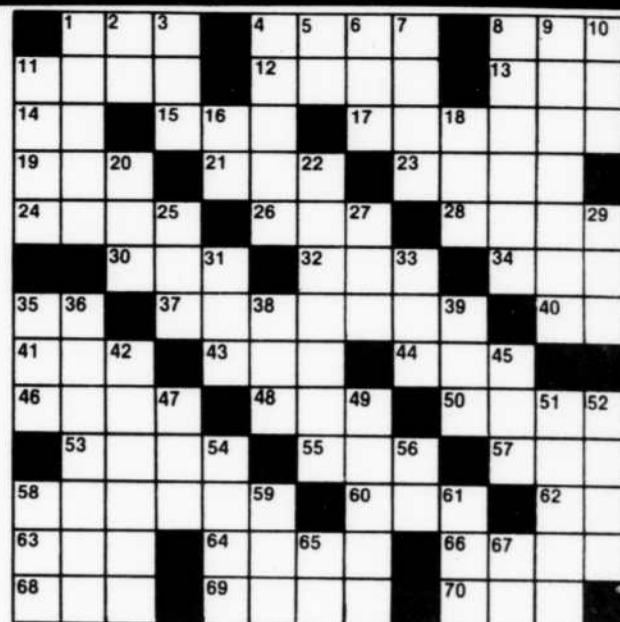


ACROSS

1. Indian weapon
4. Smile
8. Toothed tool
11. Window glass
12. Wife of rajah
13. Direction (abbr.)
14. Article
15. Digit
17. Smells
19. Ballet dance step
21. Brewed drink
23. Without discomfort
24. Too
26. Quill pen point
28. Musical note
30. Age
32. Flightless bird
34. Doctors helpers (abbr.)
35. Form of be
37. Hold in bondage
40. Near
41. Sheep sound
43. Inhabitant (suf.)
44. School subject (abbr.)
46. Former coin of India
48. Inquire
50. Challenge
53. Sour
55. Unhappy
57. Quiet work place
58. Grass with hard-walled stems
60. Sweet potatoes
62. Chinese measure of distance
63. 7th Greek letter
64. Space
66. Food fish, related to herrings
68. Jelly
69. Eating utensil
70. Fee levied by government

DOWN

1. Repetitious
2. Position upon
3. Saturated with liquid
4. Cold color



5. Egyptian sun god
6. Officeholders
7. Good
8. Device that responds to sounds
9. Wire receiver
10. Man's nickname
16. Part of Bible (abbr.)
18. Consume
20. Direction (abbr.)
22. No direction
25. Iron
27. Snake
29. Time zone (abbr.)
31. Picnic pest
33. Hall
35. Fabric from camel hairs
36. Authoritative command
38. Stopping place on route (abbr.)
39. Stopping point
42. Beast
45. Oath (var.)
47. Priest's garment
49. Eskimo canoe
51. Take it easy
52. Town in Oklahoma
54. Goof off
56. Investigator (abbr.)
58. Plead
59. Indicates mountain
61. Time zone (abbr.)
65. Someone who performs (suf.)

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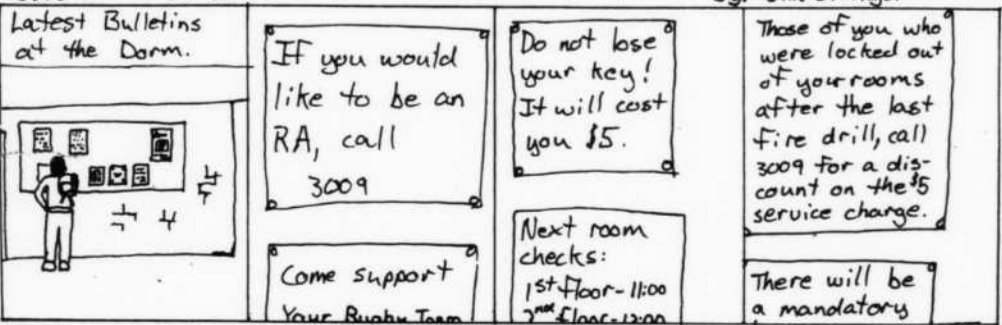


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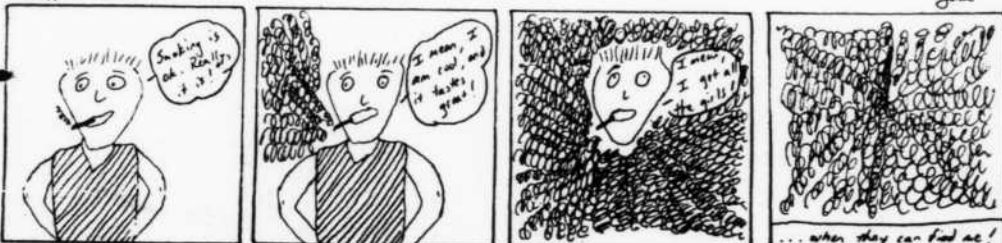


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