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Ingram: Students, faculty improve as does university

By MICHELLE MATHES
Assistant News Editor

Over the past 10 years, MTSU students have changed as much as the university itself, President Sam Ingram said Wednesday.

Students at MTSU today have a different attitude than those students who attended during the past decade.

"They are coming better prepared," Ingram said.

Overall, the SAT and ACT scores for incoming freshmen are higher now than they have been in the past, Ingram continued.

According to Ingram, today's students seem more serious about completing school and getting a good job in their chosen field. There are also a higher number of students enrolled at MTSU.

There have also been changes in the university during President Ingram's term. Perhaps one of the best known changes is the addition of the remedial, or "developmental" studies program to the curriculum. This program was designed to help students who need to develop reading, writing, or mathematics skills before taking required courses.

Another major change for MTSU was the accreditation of the mass communications pro-

gram and the move from a mass communications department to the School of Mass Communications.

This university now has the largest mass communications

done better than some, if not most, of our sister institutions, we still have not done as much as we have had the resources to do," Ingram said.

Also, Ingram would have liked

"Although we (MTSU) have done better ... we still have done as much as we have had the resources to do."

MTSU President Sam Ingram

program in the state.

The quality of the faculty is also greater, Ingram said. The professors are more highly trained and are therefore better prepared for the classroom.

President Ingram expressed feelings of disappointment concerning certain issues. One issue was increasing the faculty members' salaries. As far as Ingram is concerned, there is no wiser expenditure of money than investing in people.

"Although we (MTSU) have

to have seen more of an increase in the percentage of minority students and faculty members. He feels that the university is "not where it should be" in this area.

President Ingram has tentatively accepted the presidency of Education Enterprises of America, a Nashville-based consulting firm. In the future, this company hopes to work on contracting with both state and local governments to assume partial or

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Jump ball...

MTSU forward Quincy Vance (33) and MTSU point guard Gerald Harris (14) attempt to out-position Wright State guard Chris Wampler (34) during last night's game in Murphy Center. Middle Tennessee destroyed Wright State 83-51 to avenge an earlier defeat in Ohio. Please see related story on page nine.

Cable 33 premieres talk show

By EVANS DONNELL
News Editor

MTSU's Cable Channel 33 will have its own version of Oprah! beginning Feb. 19.

The Carla Moore Show, which will provide audience members with a chance to question guests in the same way that Winfrey does on her show, will run three times a week, co-producer Tracey Moore (no relation to the show's host) said.

"We have seats for 20, but we can fit more in if we have to," she said.

The show will be taped Thursday nights at the Learning Resource Center's Studio A from 6:30 until 8 p.m., producers said.

The new talk show is an all-stu-

dent effort. Tracey Moore is a sophomore in mass communications and co-producer Bart Thau is a junior in the same school. Carla Moore is a junior public relations major.

Tracey Moore said the idea for the show came from a skit Carla Moore performed when both were training to become Resident Assistants at MTSU.

"She did a takeoff on Oprah that was just like her," Tracey Moore said.

"I came up with the idea (for the show) at the end of last semester ... so I guess we've been working on it for about a month, she said."

The new show's host is very enthusiastic about the project.

"It's one of those once-in-a-lifetime things that I'm really looking forward to doing," Carla Moore said. "I hope we can really take this to the top ... it's going to be a lot of fun.

"I really want the audience to take part in the show," Carla Moore said.

The show's taping tonight will deal with domestic violence.

"Some other topics we'll deal with (on the show) include pornography and abortion," Tracey Moore said. "We also have a show on homosexuals and gay rights."

The new program is tentatively scheduled to be cablecast Sundays from 6:30 until 7 p.m. and

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MTSU President Sam Ingram

Black historian to speak

From Staff Reports

Noted author and black historian Molefi Kete Asante will speak tonight as part of MTSU's observance of Black History Month.

He will speak in the KUC Theater beginning at 7:30 p.m., officials said.

Asante is a professor and chairman of the African American Studies Department at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. He holds a PhD from the University of California at Los Angeles.

He is the author of 24

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Fraternities schedule philanthropic events

By DEANNA KALAS
Staff Writer

MTSU's Greek fraternities are currently highly visible and active on campus, as they hold charity fundraisers, leadership conferences, sports tournaments, anniversary celebrations and parties.

According to David Yenzler, president of the Intra-Fraternity Council, most of the fraternity events will be aimed at raising money for charity.

"Spring is a good time for fraternities to raise money . . . mostly because they have more time," Yenzler said.

Beta Theta Pi will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year, and has plans to assist the Health Care Center.

Delta Tau Delta has plans to set up projects to benefit Murfreesboro JCs.

These projects will include such events as car washes and doughnut sales.

Kappa Alpha will be involved in a 5-kilometer run to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy.

Members of Kappa Sigma will participate in the "Mid-South Conclave" in which approximately 600 Kappa Sigs from all over the South will meet at MTSU Feb. 10 - 12 for a leadership conference.

The fraternity will also be involved in a "mud volleyball" tournament for charity in April.

Phi Beta Sigma will participate in several charitable events this spring, and will also celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Pi Kappa Alpha will celebrate "Founders' Day" March 20. This is the formal celebration of the founding of the fraternity. The fratern-

ity will also sponsor "Pikes' Peak Week" the second week in April, which will feature a bicycle race for charity.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will sponsor the "Miss MTSU Pageant" in March.

Sigma Chi will sponsor the "Sun Splash Party" later this spring. This is a band party, and proceeds will be donated to charity.

The fraternity will also be sponsoring an easter egg hunt for children of the MTSU faculty to be held the Saturday before Easter.

All Sigma Chi Chapters in Tennessee will have a leadership conference at MTSU Feb. 3 - 5.

Sigma Phi Epsilon will sponsor the "Battle of the Bands" this semester. The bands will play in the fraternity's party barn to raise money for charity.



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Rod Willis
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Letter to Sidelines
Nov. 14, 1988

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MTSU debate club young, but progressing: coach

By EVANS DONNELL
News Editor

MTSU's current debate team may be young, but their recent high finish at a competition in South Carolina has team director Ron Greene excited about their progress.

"I think we have a young but competent program... they did the work they needed to be prepared," Greene said.

MTSU has organized debate teams for intercollegiate competition since 1911, according to Greene, who came to the university's speech and theater department as a teacher and director of debate last fall from Louisiana State University.

"We currently have three members on the team, Martin McCullogh (a junior geology major), Walter Bailey (a sophomore history major) and Mary Flipse (a senior and political science major)," the instructor said.

McCullogh and Bailey participated in a 20-school competition at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., Jan. 27-29. They took second place in the novice category behind the University of Alabama at Birmingham, according to Greene.

"The novice category is for those teams that have been together less than a year," Greene explained.

Flipse has been on the team since the fall of 1987,

with McCullogh and Bailey joining the squad last fall, the debate director said.

Team debating at the Clemson competition involved six rounds of pro and con arguments related to the topic of gun control, Greene said.

McCullogh and Bailey had to be prepared to give two constructive pro or con positions and two rebuttals of the opposing team's statements. The twosome finished with 3 wins and 3 losses, according to Greene.

The MTSU Debate Team will participate in the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensic Association's an-

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Stretch...

Members of an early morning aerobics class stretch prior to beginning their workout.

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By LUCAS JOHNSON II
Staff Writer

It will seem as if the continent of Africa has relocated in Murfreesboro this month when MTSU students get a dose of African culture from an extravagant art exhibit by African-American artist Willis Bing Davis.

The art exhibit is in the art display area of the KUC, located on the second floor.

Davis, 51, will be here Feb. 17-18 to present an African art lecture and demonstration.

He has exhibited his private collections in South Africa, Canada, Germany, Italy, England, and various countries in Africa, according to the literature.

When viewing his sculptures, paintings and drawings, Davis said that people are experiencing his personal growth as a craftsman. This growth stems from his eight visits to Africa.

After graduating from college, it was totally necessary for me to become a student of Africa as a man and

as an artist," said Davis.

"I believe that art is a voice of the people as well as an expression of the individual, and I also believe that art should be implicitly woven into the fabric and texture of community life," he said.

Dennis Smart, a student who is majoring in fashion design and minoring in art, followed Davis' concept of expression when he helped to arrange and put together Davis' art display.

"I thought that the exhibit done by Davis needed a little more life in it.

"The people who set the exhibit up first did not capture the true feeling of motion that Davis depicts in his art.

"So, instead of letting the characters in the exhibit remain in a linear position, which seemed plain, I placed the characters in a circular position, giving the exhibit a portrayal of motion, a bit of life.

"I'm sure Mr. Davis will be pleased when he sees that his art has been understood and appreciated in its depiction of African life and spiritual motion," Smart said.

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books, including *The Afrocentric Idea*, published in 1987 by Temple University Press, and *Afrocentricity*, now in its third edition from Red Sea Press.

These books espouse Asante's belief that the centrality of Africa is the key to restoring balance in the lives of African Americans, according to a press release concerning his appearance at MTSU.

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Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 until 6:30 p.m. on Murfreesboro's Cablevision Channel 33, the show's producers said.

Programming time on the channel will be expanded to run from 5:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. The station currently runs programming from 6 p.m. until 12 a.m., Tracey Moore said.

CAMPUS CAPSULE

Sidelines encourages entries to Campus Capsule. However, due to space considerations no one on the newspaper staff can guarantee an entry will be published. *Sidelines* also reserves the right to edit all entries for brevity, clarity and grammatical errors. Deadline for submission is noon prior to the date of publication. All entries need to be typed on a plain sheet of paper. For information regarding guaranteed advertisements in the paper, please contact Evelyn Dougherty, advertising manager, at 898-2533.

Activity Fee Funds are still available. The deadline for applications has been extended until 4 p.m. Feb. 24. Applications for the funds can be picked up in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center.

Resume Writing Seminar being held on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. in Keathley University Center Room 328. Martha Turner, of the MTSU Placement Office, will discuss resumes for the traditional and non-traditional graduate. Participants are asked to bring previous resumes and a list of special skills and talents.

Tau Omicron will hold its spring interest meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's in Murfreesboro. All old members and prospective new members are encouraged to attend. The organization is picking up the tab.

Blue Raider Soccer Club is meeting Monday, Feb. 13 in Room 121 of the Davis Science Building. Spring season play will be discussed, so all interested soccer players are invited to attend. For further information contact coach Mark Hodge extension 2847 or at his home number, 896-2333.

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full responsibility to operate schools.

Ingram has also expressed an interest in working to include an adolescent drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in these programs.

President Ingram is confident that MTSU will continue to flourish after his term is over.

"MTSU is fortunate enough to be located in a growing and dynamic area," he said.

Its faculty continues to increase in quality, which will continue to attract even more students, Ingram said.

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Channel 33 cablecasts other programs of interest to the campus, including a news program Mondays through Thursdays live at 5:30 p.m. and on tape at 7:30 and 11:30 p.m., Tracey Moore said.

Persons wishing to be a part of the "Carla Moore Show" audience can make reservations by calling 898-2218 or 898-3401 weekdays during normal business hours.

annual debate competition this Friday and Saturday at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City.

Persons interested in joining the debate team should contact Greene at 898-5607 or by calling the speech and theater department at 898-2640.

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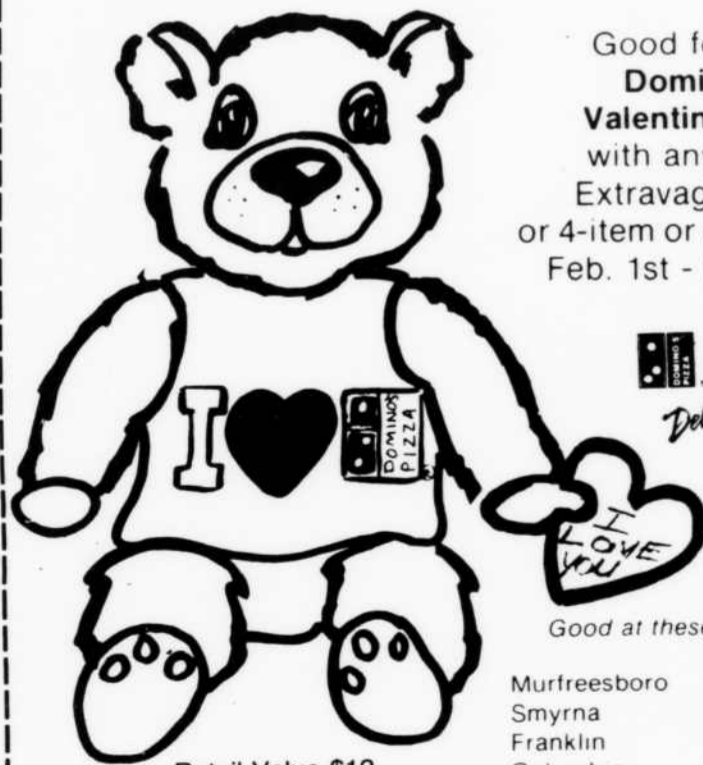
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Older students have big role: ANTS

By **RENE SPICHER**
Staff Writer

Non-traditional students are becoming a bigger force on campus, Association of Non-traditional Students (ANTS) President Jackie Haskins said recently.

"With the increasing number of older and returning students, a good college administration must

begin to pay attention to their special needs," Haskins said.

ANTS was founded in the fall of 1987 by MTSU students Lorraine Hardison, Pat Darrel and Marlyn Cuppell with the support of Faye Johnson, an assistant professor of the Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Department, Haskins

said.

"It is an organization for all students who feel, for whatever reason, that they are different from the typical profile of a college student," she said.

"There are many students who tell me they feel out of place. They need to identify one another and get in touch with each

other," Johnson, the group's faculty advisor, said.

"A primary goal of ANTS is to build a network of service for the non-traditional student," said Darel, the group's vice president. "Many students who live off campus or must juggle school, job and family re-

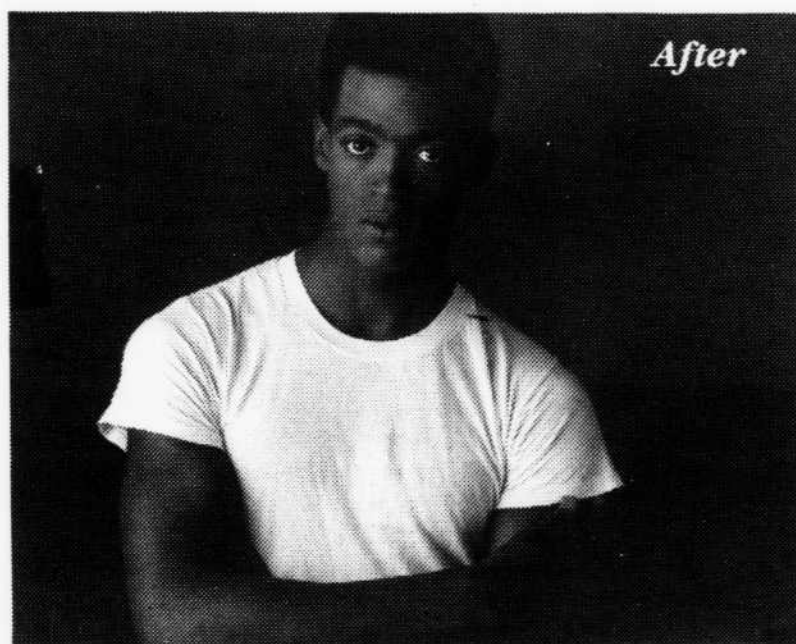
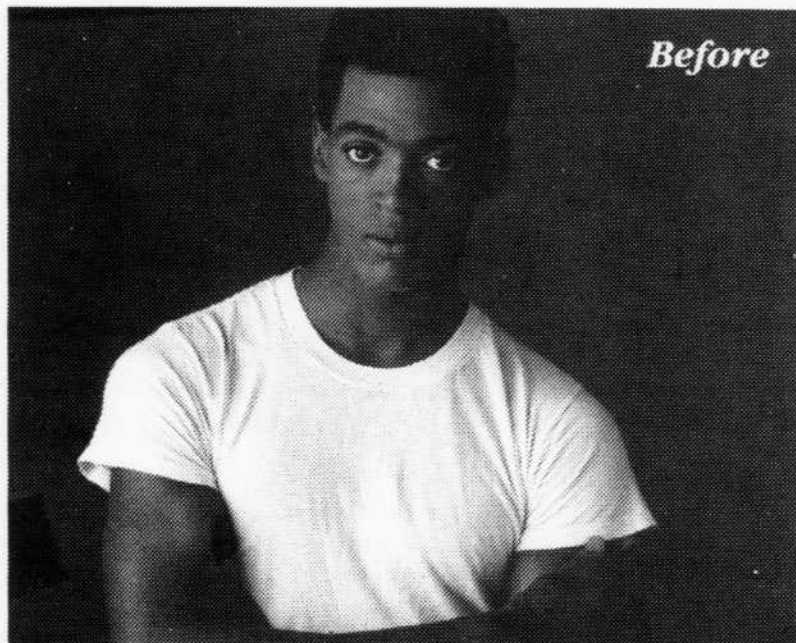
sponsibilities simply can't readily find the services available to them at MTSU."

ANTS provides programs of interest for the group, including a resume writing seminar today at 5 p.m. in KUC 328. The seminar will be conducted by Martha Turner of the MTSU Placement Office,

according to Haskins.

Membership in ANTS is open to all students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact the organization at MTSU P.O. Box 646.

Alpha Gamma Rho will be sponsoring their bi-annual barbeque party. All proceeds will be donated to charity.



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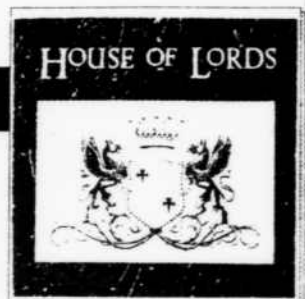
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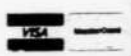
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Opinion

Bingo ban bad stricter regulation better solution

If the Tennessee Supreme Court, in its infinite wisdom, succumbs to pressure suggesting the state's bingo laws are unconstitutional, then it will be making a blunder of biblical proportions.

Opponents of the bingo laws in Tennessee cite increasing illegalities surrounding operators and the fact most bingo money never sees the charities it is supposed to go to.

At least one state legislator has been accused of accepting a loan for his vote for bingo. A lobbyist has been indicted on charges relating to the industry.

Tighter controls of bingo are needed. Banning bingo is not the proper solution.

Currently, many members of the General Assembly are considering passing legislation to repeal the laws which legalized bingo for charity. Again, this will be a mistake.

The presence of a few bad apples among the many people involved in legitimate bingo practices is not just cause to repeal the bingo laws.

Many of the people who regularly play bingo are average folks who want to have some fun. Winning money is a consideration, but few people expect to get rich playing bingo.

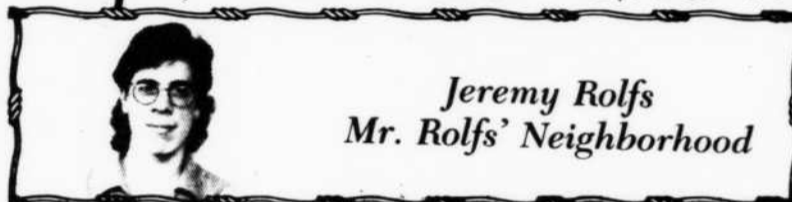
On the other hand, repealing the bingo laws may be truly inspired fiscal genius. After all, prisons are bound to be less expensive than retirement condos.

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Capt. Six-Pack and masochism



Jeremy Rolfs
Mr. Rolfs' Neighborhood

Two things bother me lately: Captain Six-pack hate mail and masochism. Oh sure, the national budget deficit and other such circus plays heavy on my mind, but I'll leave commentary in that vein to someone who actually gets paid money for newspaper writing.

I just finished typing in more Captain Six-pack hate mail, which

brings the grand total of death threats and assorted complaints to approximately one mole (6.023 X 10 to the 27th power). Now that's a lot of oranges. Who is this offending cartoonist from Hell who causes so much hatred?

Due to a *Sidelines* breakthrough in two-dimensional fantasy communications, I was able to interview the essence of Captian 6-pack. The following are excerpts from my upcoming thirty-nine volume book series, "Meet the Hated."

J. Rolfs: *How old are you and where were you born?*

Cap.: I was born a poor black child in the projects of LaVergne, Tennessee. And this is cartoonland, baby, I'm ageless. I'm old enough to ... !!;)Q'&\$\$ with a stick.

JR: *How do you feel about all the hate mail you've been getting?*

Cap.: I love it. I only wish someone intelligent would send some in.

JR: *Many people find you highly offensive. Do you try, or does it come naturally?*

Cap.: It comes totally naturally, 'cause everybody sucks.

JR: *What are your plans after graduating from MTSU?*

Cap.: I...have a dream. I someday hope everyone will be able to take multicultural classes. I envision total personal freedom, since Ted Bundy took the rap. I want to own Beatrice, Donald Trump, and

Sam Ingram's car. I want total continental domination.

JR: *Anything in closing?*

Cap.: I love you, I love you all. Word.

So there you have it, the quintessential Captain Six-pack. Why did I print this? About that masochism...

People send in letters saying they read Captain Six-pack every issue, and they hate him with all their little hearts. You and I have both read the letters that were clean enough to print. My question to them, or to anyone who complains about any regular feature, is quite simple: Why do you continue to read it?

Logic works like this: I do not like pain; therefore I do not step in front of a speeding garbage truck. I do not like stupidity; therefore I do not watch Punky Brewster. I enjoy reading marginal student newspapers; therefore I read *Sidelines*. It also works like this: If you don't like Captain Six-pack, you should not read it.

"But Jer, I think he's a total waste of space, and I know *Sidelines* could do much better!!!"

I hate people who find plenty of time to complain, and no time to help. If Captain Six-pack is wasted space, give us something to fill it with. The next person who bothers to send in a letter regarding the poor quality of this paper had better bring a pencil with them to fill out an application.

Was my column a waste of space? Perhaps. Certainly no more than Captain Six-pack hate mail. Have a nice day.

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Selection of prospective jurors in the impending trial of Lt. Col. Oliver North has confirmed one of the most insidious threats to the American free press society — Apathy

The scarlet letter won figuratively by these people is testament to one of the weakening bonds between public and press. The free flow of information, a cherished hallmark of democracy, is a banner that is being waved and not read by some Americans

With the torrent of information that deluged the public about the Iran-Contra scandal and Oliver North in particular, jury selection is an obscene reminder that the people exist who simply did not care.

These individuals are the weak links in the chain of government/press/people that exists for the purpose of fulfilling our self-proclaimed density of world leadership.

Without the input and feedback of the people, the press is virtually impotent. It is a powerful, and necessary, tool of democracy, but it cannot stand alone.

There is no plausible excuse for the prospective juror who could not select Oliver North from a group of people, during the nationally televised and world-publicized hearings in the summer of 1987,

people complained that the whole thing was drastically overplayed. One had to purposefully ignore the constant flow of information not to at least know who Oliver North was.

And yet, it is these individuals who will be responsible for maintaining track of the most complicated and far-reaching investigations of the government since Watergate. There is no doubt that jury selection should be made up of ordinary American citizens, but it is questionable that these particular citizens will be able to comprehend the nuances of the charges and the complexity of the legality involved.

In a murder trial, the jury has only to figure out whether or not the crime was committed by the individual on trial. In the case of Oliver North, one of the key issues will be not whether or not he did the things in question, but how wrong they were. How does one determine degrees of guilt?

Yet, that is exactly what this group of people will be asked to do. And the outcome will be one of the most publicized jury decisions in history.

The nation, during the trial, will await judgment vicariously, through the press, who will no doubt make errors. They will probably overstress it; they might poll and second guess

it to death, but the information needed to keep the chain going will be prominent.

And it is still a sure bet that, in the end, there will be those who do not know the outcome.

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Americans together

By **LUCAS JOHNSON II**
Staff Writer

We, as Americans, are truly a powerful people when we stand together. Only when we stand apart, does there exist the possibility of failure and the death of dreams.

During black history month, it is essential that we forget about individual differences and come together. Even though this month is dedicated to black culture, it is, in my opinion a dedication to all cultures.

There are other cultures, much like that of Afro-Americans, which have had

to press their way through rigorous trials and tribulations so that they, too, could escape the captivity of discrimination.

It is indeed essential that we, as a people, not forget the men who gave of themselves for the sake of unification. Mahatma Gandhi, for example, brought his people together in order to overcome their oppressive government. Gandhi, unlike leaders before him, was able to use nonviolence as his most effective tool. The harsher the government became, the more Gandhi's people worked as one.

In much the same way that Gandhi used nonviolence, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. unified his people in a nonviolent movement for equality.

As a young black man, I am compelled to seek powerful and meaningful thoughts during black history month. Yet, at the same time, I will be relating my culture to the cultures of others. And hopefully, others will be doing the same. Through this perpetuation, we can expand our individual understanding, and build a stronger, more unified society.



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Letters to the Editor

Capt. 6-pack desperate
To the Editor:

Since the Fall of 1984, I have witnessed many changes in *Sidelines*. Some have been positive, while others have not. I was a big fan of the infamous Clyde Crawley's "Clydelines," those cutting satires which spared none (except the Chi-Os, whom Clyde loved) and did so in a socially acceptable and tasteful manner. I have watched the cartoons swing back and forth a few times from funny to dumb, but never to the de-

sperate-to-be-cute and beyond dumb garbage I've seen in "Captain 6-Pack." It brings to mind a 1960s-era TV show:

"Gee Dad, this guy is really smart! He thinks that a 'Tour of Community Service' would include all the ROTC cadets goin' out and eradicating those poor hapless souls who don't click their heels, sport preppy haircuts, wear greek letters, and whistle dixie. Do you think he's onto something?"

"Well Beaver, my son, in this world there are those

who are easily misled by the appearance of things in the world around them. These folks frequently do not see the Big Picture and take perverse pride in casting little dungballs at the time and effort investments that others have selflessly made in things larger than themselves."

"So are you saying this guy shouldn't take cheap shots at any organization he wants to, Dad?"

"No, Beaver. It's his right to do this, as long as he or she does so in a manner

which is conductive and representative of the group in question. For instance, when have you ever known any ROTC troops commit any act of violence towards any 'bleeding liberals'? Outside their intramural sports teams — which are perennial powerhouses — you won't find any instance of ROTC cadets imposing their will upon anybody!"

"But Dad, if they are being trained to serve as leaders in possible future conflicts, why don't they get in some practice now on people who don't represent the same values as they?"

"That's exactly the point, Beaver my boy. In this great Republic, we value the individual's freedoms of expression. All American military leaders recognize that it takes all sorts of different people to fill the complex niches of our society, and that democratic principles are in jeopardy only when those who disagree are prevented from voicing their dissent. Above all, these future military leaders are trained to tolerate the insults spitefully thrown at them by those who profess great knowledge, but who, in reality, know nothing nor

have the experience to justify their insults."

"But Dad, what about when this guy is obviously full of crap?"

"The same still applies, Beaver, the same applies. Now get busy doing your homework."

Now abideth Chris Smith with no hard feelings from anybody you've so carelessly insulted. You'll grow up one day, just like the Beaver did. I only hope that for your sake you don't end up like Tailgunner Joe...

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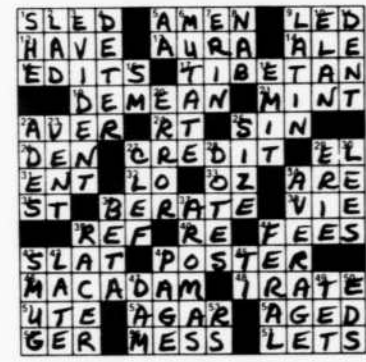
Quote out of context

To the Editor,
For purposes of clarity, the quote that has been, and probably will continue to be, used for the advertising purposes of *Collage* is taken entirely out of context. ["I can't wait to see what you 'plop' into the Spring *Collage*."] The original letter of Nov. 14 was in reference to the poor quality of the Fall *Collage*, and the quote (or something similar) was sarcastic in its intent. Since the *Collage* staff has chosen to use this quote away from its original meaning, their professionalism must be questioned, as must the potential quality of the Spring *Collage*.
M. Queen
Box 9779

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Lifestyles

Midler, Hershey star in 'Beaches'

By BRIAN WILLIAMS

Assistant Lifestyles Editor

This movie review is rated under the new SIDELINES Lifestyles rating system which is as follows:

- ★poor
- ★★fair
- ★★★good
- ★★★★excellent

It is almost Oscar time and in the rush to be considered by the Oscar selection committee, many movies of a serious nature are being released. One such release is the friendship comedy-drama "Beaches."

"Beaches" stars Bette Midler in her first dramatic role since "The Rose." She plays C.C. Bloom, a brash and streetwise New Yorker opposite award-winning actress Barbara Hershey as Hillary Whitney, a proper young lady from San Francisco. The two meet as children on an Atlantic City Beach. The personality contrast is stark from the beginning.

The movie centers around the enduring relationship between C.C. and Hillary with their ups

and downs, marriages and romances, and crises that bend their friendship.

The screenplay, written by Mary Agnes Donoghue, is based on a novel by Iris Rainer Dart. for Midler's All Girls Production Company.

Under the direction of Gary Marshall ("Overboard"), the movie follows a standard for many "friendship" movies by showing how the women meet, grow, and develop.

Unfortunately, the movie tends to force you to enjoy the soft and tender moments by placing them at specific points in the film instead of letting the relationship flow through emotionally.

Hershey and Midler, however, really shine through the whole movie. Their performances as C.C. and Hillary are very appealing. Each displays the marks of very good acting. This alone makes "Beaches" nothing to be buried in the sand. ★★★.

"Beaches" is currently showing at the Carmike 6 at Jackson Heights Square.



Bette Midler stars in "Beaches", her first dramatic role since "The Rose," with award-winning actress Barbara Hershey.

Selleck provides an innocent 'Alibi'

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Tom Selleck has promise in obtaining star power. He's had problems making the transition from the small screen to the big screen in some of his earlier work ("High Road to China," "Lassiter," and "Runaway"); but since his success with "Three Men and a Cradle" his star power may have come into full bloom. Now comes his new romantic comedy, "Her Alibi".

Selleck plays Phil Blackwood, a successful but now struggling novelist who is desperate for a best-seller. While doing research at a hearing arraignment, he finds Nina Ionescu (Paulina Porizkova) a beautiful and mysterious woman who is accused of murder. Believing Nina to be innocent and thinking her case might make a best seller, Blackwood provides

Nina an alibi.

Blackwood, however, is afraid for his life because he is the victim of a series of bizarre "accidents" such as being run over by his truck, being shot by an arrow, barely being missed by a sharp knife, and almost wrecking his truck—all caused by Nina but he still shows his strong passionate feeling for her.

The movie's story, written by Charlie Peters, is mainly nothing new; however, it is entertaining. It's often humorous, while mixing comedy, romance, and a little intrigue (standard for many romantic comedies).

This is Selleck's movie from start to finish. He looks good and displays slapstick comedy.★★

"Her Alibi" is now showing at the Cinema Twin.



Writer Phillip Blackwell (Tom Selleck) is unsure of Nina Ionescu's motives (Paulina Porizkova).

Florida's Disney World offers Spring Break Savings

From Staff Reports

Excuse me, ma'am? Excuse me, sir? You young folks got any plans for this here break in the spring? I believe they call it a "spring break" or some such.

You say you're going to Florida! Well, step right up here folks.

While you're in the glorious state of Florida, sunning, tanning, and partaking of various physical

pleasures (volleyball, kids, volleyball), why not add to your list of fun stuff?

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no, no, that's Jessica.)

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Capping the day at Epcot is "Illuminations," a 20-minute spectacle of lasers, fountains, lights and fireworks set to a symphonic score.

Call your local travel agent for details.

On-campus activities highlighted

Billiards expert at KUC today

From Staff Reports

Want to brush up on your skills at the pool table?

Today is your chance to watch a pro. At noon today, in the KUC's gamesroom, MTSU's Special Events presents the world's greatest billiards trick shot artist, Paul Gerni.

Although Gerni started playing pool when he was

six years old, he never planned on the game being his life.

Although Paul played and competed throughout his younger years, he studied at Purdue University and landed a marketing job in Kentucky when he finally realized his full potential as a trick shot exhibitionist.

Gerni has been world champion every year since 1974 and has been undefeated in official full-length competition for trick shots and artistic pool.

Paul's show will include some advanced strategies for the experienced players and some exciting shots for beginners and nonplayers, along with some helpful

hints for players and beginners alike.

Paul gives a lively and entertaining exhibition of puzzling situation shots, audience participation, famous and classic TV shots, and exciting new tricks.

This afternoon's show is free and open to the public. For information, contact Student Programming.



man exhibit features unique scenes from Ireland.

Photo exhibit ends today following at LRC gallery

From Staff Reports

Today is the last day to view the internationally-known photo exhibit, now on display in the photo-gallery of the LRC. The exhibition, entitled "That Was: Irish Days," is from the personal collection of Inter-Center of Photography with the generous sponsorship of Eastman Company.

This exhibition of black and white photos by Freedman honors the essential Ireland.

Freedman says, "As soon as I set foot on the land, I feel that I am home. The people often ask me if I'm Irish. Many tell me that I lived there in another life. I tell them, I know," in a moment when this remarkable country is presented all too often through images of violence and conflict.

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Sports

Stewart wins 100th game at MTSU

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

When the Blue Raiders downed Tennessee State in Nashville Saturday night, the win was more than just another triumph over the hapless Tigers.

The victory was number 100 in Bruce Stewart's career as head coach of the MTSU basketball team.

In his just over four and a half seasons at the helm of the Blue Raiders, Stewart has posted a 101-49 record, including a 16-6 mark so far this season.

"The most significant thing to me about 100 wins is the fact that I've had some good players and assistant coaches who have worked hard and poured out a lot of sweat to be successful," the coach commented.

"With good players and good assistant coaches, 100 wins is possible, and I think they deserve as much, or more, credit than I do."

Stewart currently ranks second to Jimmy Earle, who coached the Blue Raiders to a 164-103 record from 1969 until 1979, on the list of winningest coaches in the school's history.

However, Stewart said he had no interest in compiling individual coaching records.

"We're shooting to win the OVC championship. That's what's most important," he explained.

Overall, Stewart has a 238-77 record in nine and one-half seasons as head coach. Other than his MTSU record, Stewart was 73-19 in three seasons at Volunteer State Community College, and 64-9 over two seasons at West Virginia Wesleyan.

In spite of all the victories, Stewart said that a couple of losses he suffered stood out most in his memory.

"The things that stick in my mind are a couple of losses I wish we could have back," he said. "The Murray game here last year, and the Austin Peay game in the semi-finals of the tournament a couple of years ago... I'd like to have those back."

"But there have been a lot of big wins against a lot of big teams."

As for the future, Stewart hopes for more victories as the Blue Raider mentor.

"I'm happy here at MTSU. I like the young players we have here," he said. "As long as we can continually compete for first place [in the OVC], I think this is a good job."



Frank Conley ● Staff

Blue Raider freshman Quincy Vance has found Ohio Valley Conference competition to his liking, as he tries to help Middle win the league championship in his first year of collegiate play.

No Sweat Vance handles pressures of college

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

For most freshman basketball players, eventually starting for an NCAA Division I team would be a dream come true.

But not for Quincy Vance.

Vance, a freshman forward for the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders, wants to be Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year before his days are through on the collegiate hardcourts.

"I believe I can be OVC Player of the Year before I leave," he declared following MTSU's 95-84 victory over Austin Peay Jan. 28 in Clarksville. "If I work hard and keep my priorities in the right order, I know I can do it."

The 6-7 forward from Fayetteville has begun working toward his goal in fine fashion. He has started 16 of the Blue Raider's first 22 games, averaging 5.8 points and 4.4 rebounds a contest.

"Quincy Vance is one of the best freshmen in the OVC," MTSU head coach Bruce Stewart said. "He is a heck of an athlete, and a great player."

Stewart remarked that he is pleased by the fact that Vance wants to someday be the best player in the OVC.

"I'm all for it, and I hope he makes it," he said emphatically. "Quincy is a heck of a player, and it's not impossible that he could do it. I like to see that he sets his goals high."

According to Stewart, Vance has been a major reason why the Raiders are currently tied with Murray State for the OVC lead with a 6-1 league record.

Although Vance's offensive statistics are not as imposing as those of other players such as Randy Henry or Chris Rainey, Stewart explained that Vance supplies something that doesn't show in the box scores — defense.

"Quincy Vance is the defensive stopper this season that we lost when Ty Baynham graduated," he said. "Quincy is quick. He has good leaping ability, and he plays good defense."

While playing at Lincoln County High School,

Raiders set tourney site in Nashville

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

Head coach Bruce Stewart and the Blue Raiders received a piece of good news yesterday — if they win the Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship, they will not have to go on the road for the post-season tournament.

"If we win the OVC, we're going to host the tournament at the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville," Stewart announced. "So we're not going to send our guys back on the road to Murray or Austin Peay."

Due to a scheduling conflict with the TSSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament, it appears the Raiders would be forced to play on the road even if they win the conference.

The OVC tourney is scheduled for March 8 and 9, while the championship is slated for March 8-11 in Murphy Center.

However, MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford, after holding a telephone conference with league commissioner Jim DeLoach and six other conference athletic directors, arranged for the Raiders to host the tournament at the Municipal Auditorium, provided they win the regular season championship.

"We found an alternative location that seems good for our team," Stewart said. "It's perfect for our players and our coaching staff, and I think it is a good source of support from our administration."

"I think there was a strong commitment to our program, and that means a lot to me."

Stewart added that the conference might find they like the idea of holding the tournament at a neutral site.

"If we can win the league, it will be a great exposure thing for the OVC," he said. "This may be something the OVC is stumbling into. They may think it is a good idea to have the tournament at a neutral site in a big city like Nashville where the media coverage will be greater."

However, the coach said the team must first win the regular season title before it can consider itself with hosting the tournament.

"The monkey is on our back first. We've got to win the league first, and this weekend's game with Murray and Austin Peay goes a long way towards that," he said.

the Murray State Saturday night

Raiders rip Wright State, 83-51

by M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

Senior Randy Henry and MTSU Blue Raiders beat the Raiders of Wright State a painfully one-sided lesson Wednesday

backpacks are hell. Henry's game was a 26-point and 11-rebound performance, the Raiders blasted their visitors from Ohio 83-51 before a Murphy Center crowd of approximately 1,000. "We did what we had to do," Henry said. "They em-

barrassed us up there, so we had to embarrass them down here."

Wright State defeated the Blue Raiders in Dayton 88-71, holding Henry scoreless in the process.

"I think that was definitely the worst game of my career, so I had a personal vendetta against them tonight," the 6-9, 205 lbs. forward said.

Henry's vendetta was obvious from the start, as he came out of the blocks quickly, canning 18 first half points and staking the

Raiders to a 40-30 halftime margin.

Senior guard Chris Rainey got in the act early also, nailing four three-pointers in the first 20 minutes.

Following the break, the Blue Raiders' defense took over, holding Wright State without a field goal for the first 5:50 of the second half.

During that span, Middle put the game out of reach by increasing their lead to 54-33.

"There were several good things about tonight's

game," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "Randy and Chris were in the groove offensively, and our second half defense was outstanding."

The Blue Raiders limited Wright State to only 21 points in the second stanza.

Henry and Rainey led the Raiders offensively with 26 and 21 points respectively, while Kerry Hammonds chipped in 11 as Middle's only other double figure scorer.

Forward Brad Smith, who entered the contest av-

eraging 22.7 points a contest, was Wright State's only double figure entry with 11 points.

Middle also held Wright State center Rodney Robinson to no points. Robinson had been averaging 15.7 points a game.

"Kerry, Quincy [Vance] and Randy did a great job rotating on Smith and Robinson tonight," Stewart said.

The win improved the Blue Raiders overall record to 16-6, while Wright State fell to 11-9.

The Raiders will next face Murray State Saturday night in a showdown of the two teams tied for the Ohio Valley Conference lead.

"If we can make our free throws, play the same defense and rebound, we've got a pretty good shot to win," Stewart said.

"Everyone is up tempo, and we know everything is in our own hands," Henry said.

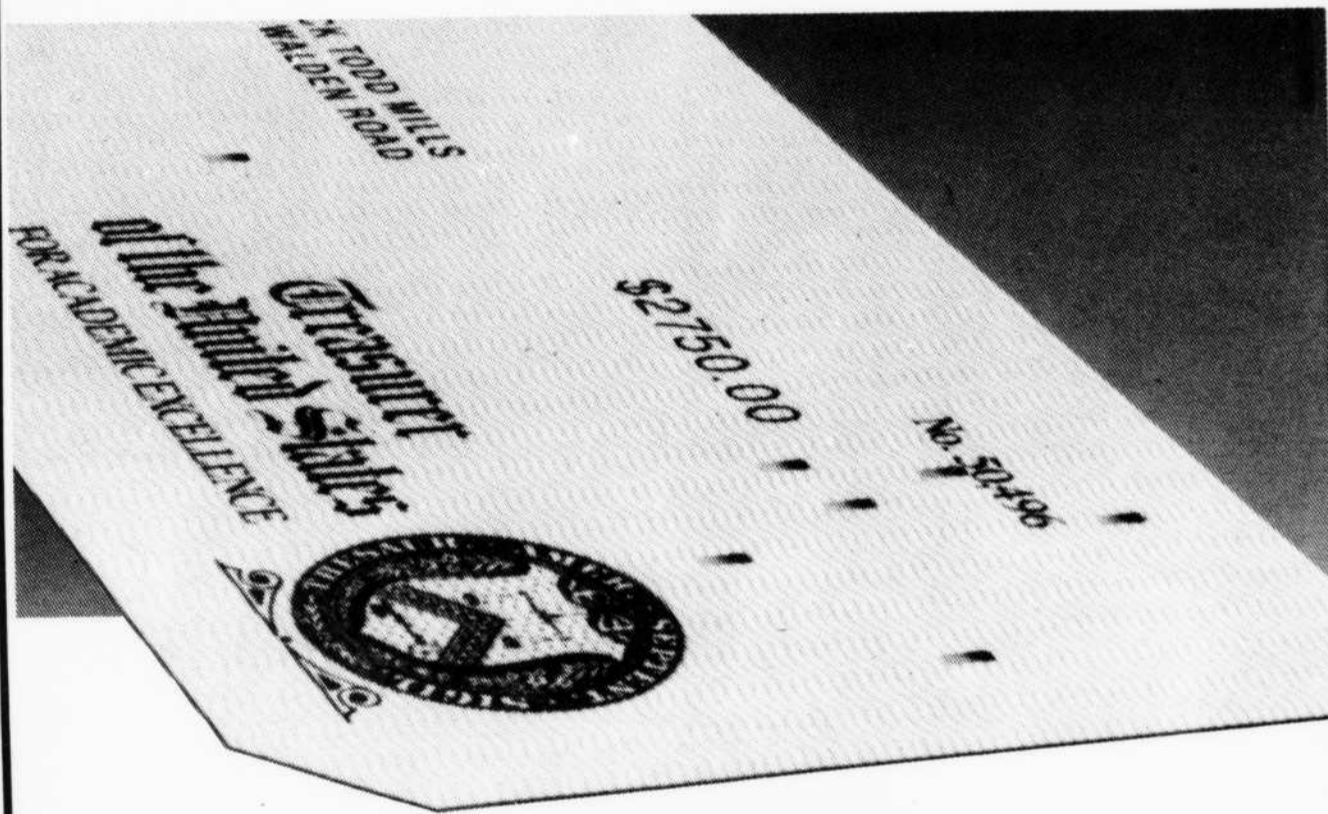
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Senior forward Randy Henry shoots a jumper over Wright State's Rob Geistwhite. Henry led all scorers Wednesday night with 26 points.

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WKU outmuscles MTSU, 77-64; Lady Raiders fold in second half

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

It was as if two different MTSU teams showed up here Tuesday night in the 77-64 loss to Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers.

One that came to play, and one that seemed to only watch.

The first half went very well for the Lady Raiders,

center Tawanya Mucker had 16 points, guard Sandy Brown had 13, hitting two three-pointers, and as a team shot 16-of-18 from the freethrow line.

At halftime, MTSU held a 37-33 lead.

Then the other team showed up.

Clinging to the four point lead, the defense that had

played well in the first half, watched as the Lady Toppers went on a 27-2 run over the next nine minutes.

In that stretch, the Lady Raiders attempted only two shots and hit none. The points came on free throws by Tawanya Mucker.

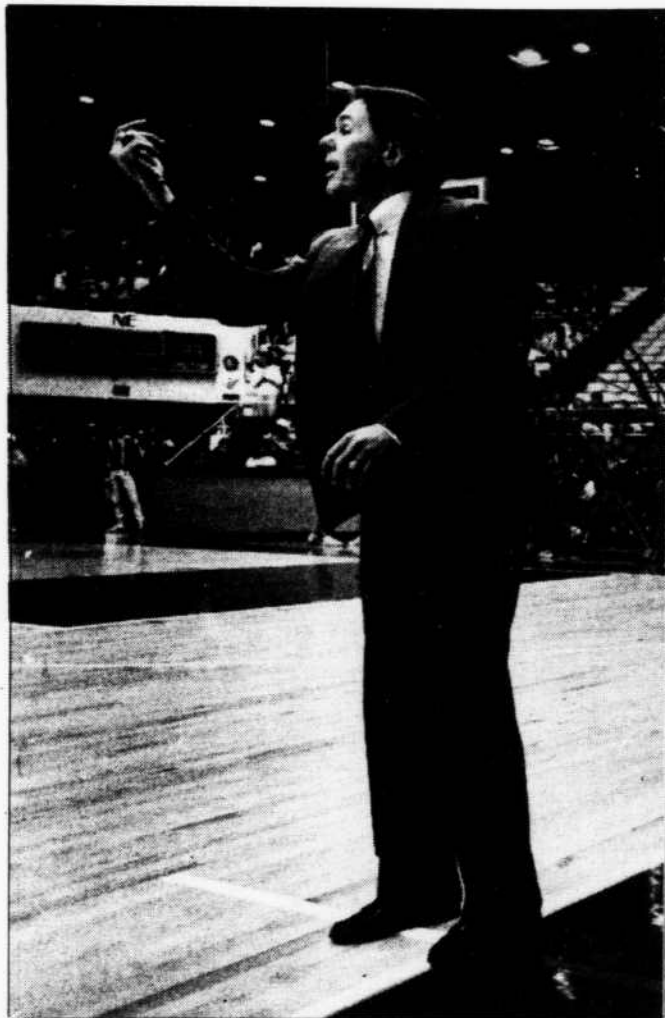
Western Kentucky's defense became the aggressor forcing 13 turnovers and allowing the Lady Raiders to shoot only 27 per cent for the final 20 minutes.

"In the first half, we played a good half-court game, but in the second half, we didn't shoot well, we didn't rebound well," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "They were much more physical, they took it out of reach with the fast breaks.

"It's embarrassing to get taken out of the game and get beat this bad at home."

MTSU was led by Tawanya Mucker with 28 points and Sandy Brown with 20. WKU was paced by Tandreia Green with 28.

MTSU fell to 15-5, while WKU extended its winning streak to six games and its record to 14-7.



Frank Conley ● Staff

Blue Raider head coach Bruce Stewart won his 100th game with MTSU Saturday night. His record at Middle is 101-49, following last night's win over Wright State.



Frank Co

Lady Raider center Tawanya Mucker attempts to shoot over Western Kentucky's Tandreia Green, while Lady Toppers Brigette Combs and Kelly Smith look on.

Blue Raiders nab 14 football recruits Murfreesboro's Watkins, McAdoo star

From Staff Reports

On the opening day of college football's early national signing period yesterday, the MTSU Blue Raiders inked 14 players to letters of intent.

Running backs topped the crop of recruits with four signees. The Raiders also signed three defensive linemen, two linebackers, two defensive backs, one tight end, one split end and one offensive lineman.

"I think our recruiting went well," head coach Boots Donnelly said. "Ev-

erything went according to what we expected. We signed 14 players, and that is how many we expected to get."

Donnelly and his staff nabbed two Murfreesboro players — 6-4, 280 lbs. offensive and defensive lineman Steve McAdoo from Oakland and 6-2, 180 lbs. split end Curt Watkins from Riverdale.

"I think it is great that both me and Steve will be going to MTSU. It's good for the fans because people

know who we are."

McAdoo, who was listed as one of Tennessee's top 10 recruits, chose Middle over Tennessee and Georgia Tech.

"I like the atmosphere at MTSU," he said. "At MTSU, you're a person, you're not a number."

Other signees for the Raiders were 6-5, 300 lbs. offensive lineman Mike Breeding of Sparta, free safety Mike Caldwell of Oak Ridge, Tony Carletello of Nashville Father Ryan,

6-2, 235 lbs. linebacker thony Crabtree of Murfreesboro, running back Dirkson of Carlisle, safety Roosevelt of Chattanooga, 240 lbs. defensive back Jason Morrow of Murfreesboro, 6-0, 195 lbs. running back Randy Payne of Murfreesboro, Lane, linebacker Potter from TSS, AAA champion of Murfreesboro, 6-2, 230 lbs. defensive back Marcus Taylor of Murfreesboro, Ga. and defensive back Montrell Tony of Murfreesboro, Father Ryan.

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By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor
MTSU men's tennis team begins its season Saturday at the ECU Invitational with what Coach Dale Short calls the potential for the best team in ten years.

According to Coach Short, the main reason for going nine years without a championship team is that they are limited to 2½ scholarships compared to 4-

5 for the rest of the league. But he is optimistic that three new players should have an impact on the season.

"We have more talent and depth than we've had in a long time", Short says, "We're temperamental, we have some 'John McEnroes', but hopefully we can play as a mature unit".

Brian Duncan, Craig Haslam, and Mike Iffert join last year's team captain

Cris King, 1988 MVP Jeff Raper, Nick Sheumack, Johan Franzen, Cris Coffee, and John Delcarmen as this year's team.

The tournament will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Richmond, Ky.

"This tournament is to see how we can handle the season," Short said. "It will show us what we need to work on to strive for the conference crown."

Anti-Kelly shirts on tap for Peay

From Staff Reports

In preparation for Austin Peay's visit to Murphy Center Monday night, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will begin selling 100 T-shirts outside Phillips Bookstore today emblazoned with the logo "Shut up Lake!"

The shirts stem from an incident during the MTSU-APSU game in Clarksville on Jan. 28 in which Governor's head coach Lake Kelly

told Blue Raider partisans to shut up.

According to cheerleader Alonzo Jarrett, the fraternity will be selling 100 shirts for \$5 each.

"[Kelly] made a comment, and I'm sure it's going to rile our fans up," head coach Bruce Stewart said.

Also on the agenda today is a pep rally to be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Keathley University Center Grill

featuring Stewart and Lady Raider Coach Lewis Bivens.

"That's what college basketball is all about," Stewart said.

"The college atmosphere — the T-shirts, the painted faces, the screaming fans — are great," he added.

Stewart and Bivens will also be bringing several of their players to the rally, Jarrett said.

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Freshman strives to be best in OVC

Vance was known more for his offensive exploits, averaging 18.1 points and 12.8 rebounds a game his senior season.

So far, the best offensive performance of Vance's collegiate career came against Tennessee State on Jan. 9 in Murphy Center when he scored 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds to the lead the Blue Raiders' 89-60 rout of the Tigers.

Being looked upon as the team's defensive leader was a major adjustment, the slender 19-year old said.

"It has been a big change. I like to play defense more now than I did in high school," he commented. "I was mainly an offensive ball player then. I've worked hard and I feel I have better skills defensively."

The Austin Peay game was just another example of the rising star's defensive prowess, according to his coach.

"Quincy did a great job tonight," Stewart noted. "We held [Keith] Rawls under his average, and he was mainly Quincy's responsibility."

Rawls entered the game as the Governors' leading scorer, averaging 19.7 points a contest. He netted only 16 against the Raiders.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Vance turned in another stellar defensive performance on Jan. 30, holding Murray State All-American Jeff Martin to 19 points.

Vance, a former TSSAA District 8-AAA Most Valuable Player and All-Midstate and All-State selection, also said the switch from center, where he played in high school, to forward, where he lines up for Middle, took some time to conform to.

"Moving outside where I have to face the basket was

a change, but it all came together," he said assuredly.

One thing that hasn't changed in the leap from high school competition to the collegiate level is Vance's dunking ability.

"Quincy is the best dunker on our team. He has some pop in his legs, and when he gets the ball on a break, you know he's going to dunk," Stewart boasted.

"That hasn't changed from high school," Vance remarked with a smile. "I've always been a good dunker."

"I like that part of the game."

Although he has played in every game for the Blue Raiders, Vance has had to adjust to being a role player in college after spending his high school career as the mainstay of his team.

MTSU has not had two freshmen log as much playing time as Vance (20.3 minutes per game) and Buck (19.5) since Kerry Hammonds (34.7) and Neal Murray (21.1) in the 1984-85 season.

Although he was accustomed to success in high school — Lincoln County was District 8-AAA champi-

ons his senior season — Vance said he has also had to cope with the pressures of starting right off the bat for a college team that is in the thick of a conference title hunt.

"First of all, it's been wild," the outspoken freshman noted. "But when they recruited me, I knew I had a chance to start right away, and I've handled it pretty well."

While all these changes would seem like a huge disruption to a player's life, perhaps the greatest upheaval for a college

freshman comes when he must switch from the academic and social atmosphere of high school to the totally new arena of university life.

However, Vance, a psychology major, felt he also has handled that adjustment.

"I love this school," he said confidently. "My classes are going well. I really like the team's togetherness, and I have no doubt I made the right choice."

"I'm just glad I didn't go anywhere else."

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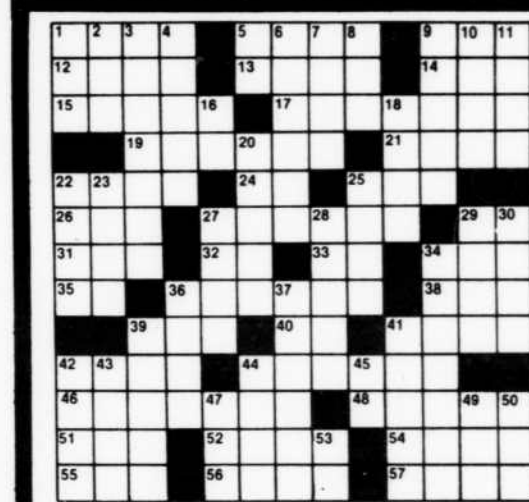
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DOWN

1. Fem. pronoun
2. Small boy
3. Obvious
4. Discourage
5. 2-year degree
6. Alteration
7. Ireland (poetic)
8. Catch
9. Basic language
10. Dash
11. Mar
16. Small (abbr.)
18. Give off
20. Mistake
22. Lemon drinks
23. Passage for air
25. Physical dimension
27. Musical staff symbol
28. Lavish excessive love
29. Great Lake
30. Jeans
34. Math mean
36. 2nd Gr. letter
37. Odors
39. Miller
41. Untamed
42. Self-righteous
43. Delayed
45. 7th scale note
47. Water barrier
49. Vietnam offensive
50. Editors (abbr.)
53. Right side (abbr.)
54. Old
55. Germany (abbr.)
56. Disorderly
57. Allows

ACROSS

1. Winter vehicle
5. Prayer ending
9. Lead (p.t.)
12. Got
13. Character quality
14. Beer
15. Prepares for publication
17. Tibet citizen
19. Put down
21. Cool taste
22. Affirm
23. Passage for steam
24. Right (abbr.)
25. Transgression
26. Lair
27. Trust
29. Raised railroad
31. Suffix to form adjectives
32. Lo!
33. Ounce (abbr.)
34. Plural verb
35. Street (abbr.)
36. Criticize
38. Complete
39. Referee (abbr.)
40. In reference to
41. Dues
42. Narrow strip of wood
44. Placard
46. Stone pavement
48. Mad
51. Indian tribe
52. Marine algae

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