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MTSU loses \$469,000 in performance funding

By VICTORIA MADSON
News Editor

As a result of the latest Performance Funding Project, MTSU lost \$469,425 in bonus funds from the state, officials said.

MTSU finished next to last among four-year State Board of Regents schools by scoring only 75 out of 100 points.

"Points equal dollars for the next budget," said Bob Jones, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Each point is worth \$18,777 to MTSU, Jones explained. Monetary value per point varies from school to school, depending on each school's budgetary needs, he added.

"This is bonus funding or extra money beyond standard funding for the university," said Jones.

The bonus funds are put into the general budget and priorities of distribution are then set by the deans and department heads.

One of the key factors in the poor showing was that many seniors tested failed to score

higher than 50 percent on the ACT Comp Test. The Act Comp Test measures the education acquired through the core requirements of the university's curriculum.

"MTSU scored lower than we should have on the ACT comp and scores were lower than we could afford to receive the maximum number of points," said Charles Babb, professor of elementary and special education and the university's director of performance funding.

"It's a matter of pride and money," Babb said.

Allocation of the bonus funds is pivotal on the test results and Babb stressed that they "do count". He also expressed concern that student don't take the testing seriously and are inadequately prepared.

All seniors are required to take the test to graduate and although the results aren't currently part of students' academic records, it's possible that in the future they

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Michael Johnson/Staff

Thousands gathered on the Legislative Plaza in Nashville Monday to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. MTSU celebrated the civil rights leader's birthday with displays, speeches and other activities.

Speaker: focus on economics;

Civil rights problem not racism

By MICHELLE MATHES,
Staff Writer

Civil right reforms should focus not on racism, but on the issue of the economic crisis so many black Americans face today, said a key member of the Nashville mayoral staff Monday.

Michael McDonald, special assistant to Nashville mayor Bill Boner for health, education, housing, human services and legal services, was the kick-off speaker to the Martin Luther King celebration on campus this week.

Mr. McDonald reminded his listeners that their ancestors, such as the courageous Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., have already ensured the civil rights of black Americans.

"Dr. King knew several decades ago that the primary evil in this country and the greatest threat to Black America was not racism; its economic system was the root of the problem," he informed the crowd. McDonald went on to say that the solution to the problem of economic opres-

sion lies within black Americans themselves. He stated that more progress will be made when black Americans realize the importance of wise monetary investments.

McDonald told his audience that it is not enough to attend college for four years and go to work for a company after graduation. He said that it is very important for black Americans to create their own businesses. McDonald urged his listeners to believe in

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Frank Conley/Staff

MTSU head coach Bruce Stewart demonstrates the finer points of blocking out to Kerry Hammonds (44) and Chris Ingram (21) during a practice session yesterday. The Blue Raiders are preparing for Saturday's late-night contest against Eastern Kentucky.

MTSU-EKU on ESPN Saturday

By KEVIN SPAIN
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and
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Sports Editor

Although it's not quite "Midnight Madness," the Blue Raiders will be returning to national television when they face the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky Saturday night at 10:30 in Murphy Center.

ESPN, the all-sports cable network, will send the game to a national audience as the third installment in their six game coverage of Ohio Valley Conference basketball in 1989.

Previously this season ESPN has carried the Murray State vs. Austin Peay and Tennessee State vs. Tennessee Tech match-ups on

Jan. 7 and Jan. 14 respectively.

MTSU will take on Eastern in this week's contest and will face off against Austin Peay in Clarksville on Jan. 28 and Murray State in Murfreesboro on Feb. 4. ESPN will carry both games.

The network will conclude its OVC coverage with the league's post season championship game on March 5. The site for this contest will be determined later.

According to Blue Raider head coach Bruce Stewart, Saturday night's game will be a hard fought contest carrying tremendous importance in the OVC race.

"We should take nothing for granted and look past the record," he said. "They're young and very physical. It should be a very tough game."

Eastern currently has a 1-2 league record and is 2-12 overall.

In 1987-88, the Colonels finished 18-11 overall and 10-4 in the OVC, including an 87-75 loss to the Blue Raiders on ESPN.

However, the loss of seven lettermen from last season's squad, including All-OVC performer Jeff McGill, has crippled Eastern this season.

The Blue Raider's mentor said his team would need strong crowd support to prevail in the contest.

"It's tough to play in front of a hot, hostile crowd. We need the fans in the blue sections to not feel that it is a socio-economic depressant to stand up and cheer," he said.



MTSU President Sam Ingram

MTSU reacts to Ingram resignation

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

When Middle Tennessee State University President Sam Ingram leaves the school in 1990, many students, faculty, administration and community members say they will miss him greatly.

"President Ingram is a fantastic man to work for. He never left any doubt about where you stood with him," Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, said. "He was prompt about answering issues, and he handled the university's resources in fine fashion. We'll all miss him."

"He has been a tremendous benefit to the [mass communications] program," Edward Kimbrell, mass communication professor, said. "He has meant more than any other president."

Kimbrell added that a great deal of the credit for the recent accreditation of the university's mass com-

munications department should go to Ingram.

Ingram announced during the Friday, Dec. 10 meeting of the State Board of Regents in Memphis that he would leave his post at MTSU in 1990 after 10 years as head of the university.

The outgoing president said he was ready to pursue other endeavors, and the school needed fresh leadership.

"After 11 years at MTSU, I think the university deserves a change," Ingram said. "After so long with the same leader, an institution needs a change to achieve its full potential."

Ingram's retirement will become effective in January 1990, which will give the Board of Regents a full year to choose a replacement.

"This will give the board and campus a complete year to do a search job and avoid a lengthy interim period," he said.

At its March meeting the

Board of Regents will appoint a search committee and choose criteria for applicants. As yet, there is no indication of who will apply for the position.

As far as his personal future is concerned, Ingram said he intends to spend some time on his 80 acre cattle farm in Moore County.

"I plan to spend 50 percent of my time sitting and thinking and the other 50 percent just sitting," he said with a laugh.

Concerning his professional future, Ingram said he has not begun to make definite plans.

"I've talked to some people, but I don't know yet," he said.

Ingram declined to say who he has been in contact with.

Although he took no personal credit for it, Ingram said he was particularly proud of MTSU's steady enrollment increase during his tenure. The university

set an enrollment record this fall by topping the 13,000 mark for the first time in school history.

"If this school didn't have a president, enrollment would increase," he said. "MTSU has been the recipient of good things, and it had nothing to do with me."

Ingram attributed MTSU's growth to its central location in the state, "unusually talented faculty and students," nationally recognized academic programs such as Aerospace and Mass Communications and favorable publicity the university has received from alumni such as National Teacher of the Year Terry Weeks and Nobel Prize winner James Buchanan.

Ingram holds degrees from Memphis State University, Bethel College and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

He served as an assistant professor of educational administration at MSU, and as dean of MTSU's school of education before accepting the position of president at Motlow State Community College in Tullahoma.

In January 1975, former Gov. Ray Blanton named Ingram as commissioner of the State Department of Education where he served until he became president of MTSU in January 1979.

Ingram accepts education firm position

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

Outgoing MTSU President Sam Ingram will take the presidency of Education Enterprises of America, a Nashville-based consulting firm, when his resignation becomes effective in January 1990.

"I was contacted by folks in the company," Ingram said, adding the official announcement of his hiring was last week.

Officials with EEA said Ingram's 30 years in public education, including a stint as secretary of education under Winfield Dunn, played an important part in

their decision to recruit Ingram for the position.

"I have known Dr. Ingram in a personal and professional capacity for a long time," said Willis Nowell, chairman and chief executive officer of EEA. "We sought him out."

"We are very pleased to get him," Nowell said. "He is one of the best educators in the Southeast. He interfaces with other administrators very well."

Ingram said he hopes to move EEA into areas in which they are presently not competing.

"There are some areas in which the public sector

have not been able to provide services," he said. "There are some areas I think are important."

"One area Nowell said EEA should be on the cutting edge of in the future is the privatization of education.

"We hope to work on contracting with various state and local governments

to assume either partial or full responsibility to operate schools or even complete school systems," Nowell said.

"Private companies will be able to do the job cheaper and provide a better education for the students," Nowell said.

"Privatization is what's

going to happen in the future," Nowell added. "That is why we were interested in Dr. Ingram, and I am sure that is what interested Dr. Ingram."

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Wellness center begins new programs

By **RENE SPICHER**
Staff Writer

The MTSU Wellness Center is continuing to expand its services for students, faculty and staff by offering two new programs this spring and by giving members an opportunity to have their names recorded in a national record book.

Aerobic dance classes sponsored by the center begin this week. They will run through March 30.

"We are offering aerobic dance classes to everyone because of the overwhelming number of inquiries," Dick LaLance, director of the Wellness Center, said. "The center wants to involve as many people as possible in any activity that will shape up our students, faculty and staff. Aerobics is a fun sort of exercise that will do just that."

Another service open to all at MTSU is blood chole-

sterol testing. Two different tests are being offered. The fees are \$5 or \$13.

"As the evidence linking blood levels of cholesterol with increased risk of heart disease mounts," LaLance said, "it becomes more important that everyone has their blood checked."

"Even young people who appear to be in good health can be laying the groundwork for heart disease later in life. Knowing your cholesterol level helps you shape a preventive health plan to avoid perma-

nent heart damage."

Members of the center have begun training for rowing trials to be held the week of Feb. 13-17. Concept II, manufacturer of the rowing machines used by the center, sponsors a record book published yearly.

Participants row for the equivalent of 2,500 meters, and their times are recorded. The qualifiers are categorized by age.

"I think we have several folks working out in our center that will end up with respectable world records.

This type of competition gives people a reason to exercise. It's certainly not too late to join and get involved with setting rowing records. I'd like to see MTSU well represented in the Concept II record book."

The Wellness Center has been developing other methods to encourage their members and serve their fitness needs. The latest information on diet and cholesterol is made available and updated regularly.

Every month center staff

members vote for a male and female member of the center who have accomplished the most or improved the most in the previous month.

Regular services offered by the center are health appraisals and personalized exercise programs. There are 10 aerobic workout stations and ten individual strength stations to work isolated muscle groups.

For more information concerning the hours and membership fees for the center, call the Wellness Center.

ROTC hears general

By **VICKI MADSON**
News Editor
and

DEANNA KALAS
Assistant News Editor

During his speech at the KUC Theater Tuesday morning, Major General Stephen Woods, Jr. encouraged the American people to understand and provide more for "today's Army."

"Today's Army gives us chances to challenge the environment," said Woods, a major general at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

Woods, a native Tennessean, feels that it is more important to be in the Army today than it was in the past. Each generation of the Army is different, and the environment is also much different today, he said.

In the past, the Army was known for having scarce, out-of-date equipment and supplies. However, accord-

ing to Woods, today's Army has sufficient equipment which is conducive to growth.

Major General Woods assumed command of the United States Army Soldier Support Center and Fort Benjamin Harrison on July 29, 1988.

This is Woods' third time back in Murfreesboro in 36 years. He has returned to talk with clubs, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.



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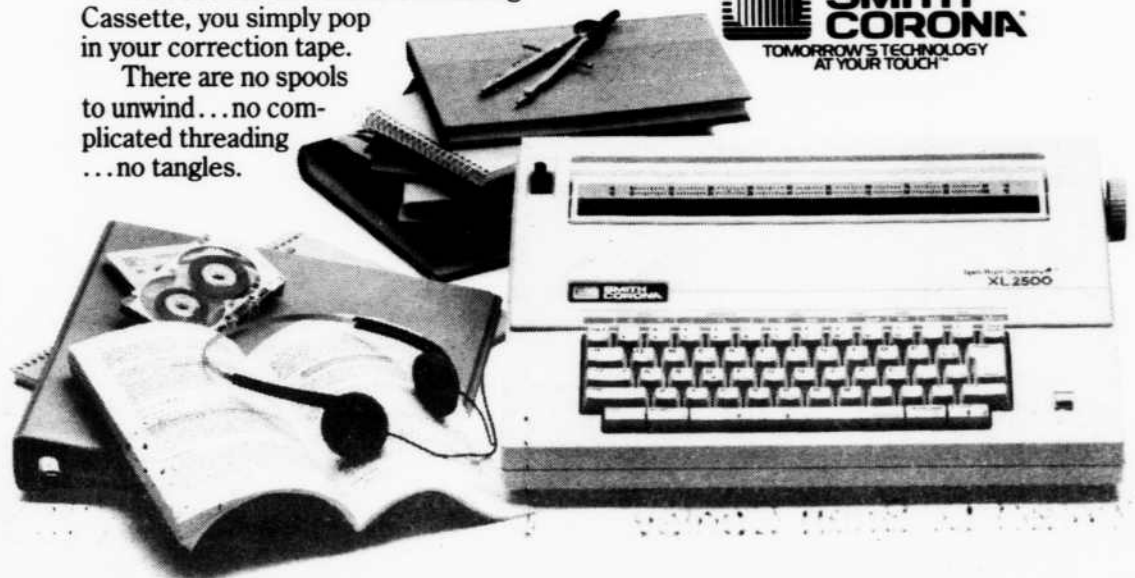
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Student activity fee applications for Spring semester 1989 are now available in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center. The deadline for completing and returning the application is 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 1989.

"How to Get A Media Job" will be the topic of a panel discussion sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists today at 7:30 p.m. in Room 316 of the Keathley University Center. Mike Cohen, news manager for Channel 4; Jenny Tempenny, editor of the *Rutherford Courier*; and Leon Alligood of the *Nashville Banner*; and Larry McCormick, photo editor for the *Nashville Banner* will be on the panel. Anyone interested in the panel or joining SPJ is invited to attend.

Play Rugby — anyone interested in playing rugby should attend a meeting today at 8 p.m. at 1019 Maple St. — the red brick house between frats. There will be a social to follow. Practice will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. on the fields behind Cummings Hall.

Sock Hop Jan. 25 from 8 p.m. until midnight in the James Union building in the Tennessee Room. The dance is sponsored by the Honor Student Association and there is a \$1 cover charge. There will be a student DJ and students are encouraged to dress in accordance with the '60s theme.

Math Anxiety Seminar held Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in KUC room 313. Presentation given by Lora Brewer, professor of the math department. The seminar is sponsored by the Association of Non-Traditional Students. There will be a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the seminar.

Diving Trip to the Keys Campus recreation is co-ordinating a diving trip to the Florida Keys over spring break. Looe Key National Sanctuary is the most massive spur and groove reef system in the United States and offers a huge selection of Atlantic corals and a wide variety of tropical fish. For more information write to Glenn Hanley, MTSU campus recreation, Box 556 at MTSU or phone 898-2104.

Pro-Life March held Jan. 22. Sanctity of Life Sunday, at 12:30 p.m. The march will begin at the east side of the court house on the Murfreesboro square and will end at the Vine Street cemetery. It is sponsored by Rutherford County Volunteers for Life. For more information call: 896-6229 or 237-2628.

Cable 33, the campus television station has two positions open this semester. Promotions Manager and Program Co-ordinator. Both are non-paid. Turn in resume to Ron Whisenant or Bob Spires in the LRC, room 176.

Continuing Education is offering extracurricular classes throughout the month of January. Some of the upcoming classes are as follows: Stained Glass beginning Jan. 23, \$60; Calligraphy Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7, \$25; Do-it-yourself Income Tax beginning Jan. 24, \$35; Emergency Medical Care beginning Jan. 24, \$65; Microcomputer I, Jan. 24, 26, 31, Feb. 2 & 14, \$55; Motivation and Handwriting Analysis beginning Jan. 24, \$20; Racquetball beginning Jan. 24, \$25; Real Estate Fundamentals Beginning Jan. 24, \$135; and Financing Your Business, \$10. Look for additional classes listed in future *Sidelines* issues. For more information contact Cynthia B. Drennan at 898-2426.

Survey examines faculty pay

By JEREMY ROLFS
Staff Writer

Faculty discrimination and compensation are the subjects of a survey being conducted by Grady Butler, of the School of Business.

Under the suggestion of the Faculty Senate, a survey was commissioned last spring to examine the possible influence of discrimination on salaries. Butler headed the study, which began by transferring all salary information to a data base for comparisons.

"There are many factors that determine a teacher's salary," stated Butler, citing

degree, published research, intended department, and previous university experience as being most important.

A formula including these factors was devised, and a computer showed these factors to be adequate predictors of salaries for 81 percent of all cases.

The causes of the remaining 19 percent are in question. Butler stated that a more accurate picture was drawn when the elements of race and sex were introduced. Although this would seem to signal discrimination, Butler was quick to

point out that factors not included in the computer's formula, such as merit and poise, could easily account for the discrepancy.

Butler stated that comparisons are difficult since university schools have somewhat different employment criteria.

"There is no question that it would help matters," said Butler, of a more standardized procedure for salary and employment decisions. He added that in some situations public school teaching was considered in the hiring process, and not in others.

"The most difficult task is assessing [teacher's] equity, in relation to current faculty, and in relation to the job market as a whole," said Butler.

Butler hopes the survey will be completed this semester, at which point it will be presented to President Ingram, the Faculty Senate, and to the State Board of Regents.

Cable 33 on air soon

The semester's first newscast of Cable 33, formerly 28, will be Monday, Jan. 23.

This student-run television station is hands-on practice for radio/TV majors — experience in graphics, studio cameras, lighting and technical positions is available.

The newscast, which is aired at 5:30 p.m. and rebroadcast at 7:30 and 11:30,

will be shown four times a week, Monday — Thursday.

The Society of Broadcast Students (SBS) funds Cable 33. The funds were used to buy master control operators which put the program on the air and run the tapes and the program at night.

Last semester, SBS bought a camera for field stories for the station.

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Many student organizations, such as Zeta Phi Beta pictured, helped celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Week by setting up displays in the K.U.C. basement.

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themselves enough to demand the recognition they deserve for their abilities both in the classroom and in the careers they choose.

"Today's Black America knows that no person, no nation can truly exist halfway in slavery and halfway in freedom. We have our civil rights... now we must attempt to secure our silver rights!" he exclaimed.

McDonald also encouraged his audience to show their support of black athletes. He claimed that many white coaches see black athletes as "one dimensional." McDonald went on to say that black Americans must "sell our athletes on college campuses; I speak specifically of MTSU. We must teach our black athletes not to let themselves be exploited."

McDonald has already applied the elements of this speech to his own life. He has earned two degrees

from MTSU. He was the first black student body president in the history of the university. He is also a graduate of John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois. McDonald was a fellow in the office of the Governor of Illinois and an intern in the office of the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.

He was elected Law Student Division delegate to the American Bar Association and was invited by Attorney General Ed Meese to travel with a United States delegation to the People's Republic of China for a legal interchange. In 1987, he became the only black recipient of the Young Alumni Achievement Award at MTSU.

The audience was obviously inspired by the program. Besides McDonald's speech, there were representatives from Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Psi, Kool

Unity has various meanings at MTSU

By LUCAS JOHNSON II
Staff Writer

When this week ends, MTSU students will have heard many views expressed on the subject of unity.

Friday will mark the official end of the Martin Luther King, Jr. week that was put on by the Minority Affairs Office.

Throughout the week, black alumni of MTSU who have found success in the world came back to speak to the students.

Michael E. McDonald, a former student of MTSU and now Special Assistant to Nashville Mayor Bill Boner, spoke on the subject of unity.

"If we could just learn to come together as true brothers and sisters, we would be able to overcome the social and economic

problems that try and corrupt us," McDonald said.

"We could overcome it, I know, simply because we would be working as one people toward one common goal," he said.

In relation to the events that took place this week, four different racially oriented college students and a professor were asked to express their opinions about unity and its potential strength in our society. This is what they had to say:

Kurdish student, "Unity creates a type of common ground. In my home country of Iraq, my people were treated unfairly simply because we were different, much like the once afflicted black Americans. Because of this, the idea of unity among races is very welcoming. It can be done with

good and thorough organizing, which to me is one of the main strengths in unity."

Nigerian student, "To me, the real strength in unity involves understanding and tolerance. This will allow us to work together on a truly more peaceful note, if we are to come together."

Korean Professor, "First of all, I would like to say that I respect the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His nonviolent tactics displayed a type of harmonious perspective that unity seekers should consider. Unity should be handled carefully, and not forced. As long as it is not forced, it will be strong."

White American student, "I think that a person is able to get a broader idea on life because he or she is ex-

posed to different cultures and backgrounds. For instance, I believe that my children are fortunate because they are able to socialize with children of different racial backgrounds. They gain a type of strength and open-mindedness knowing that they can communicate with others who are culturally different than they are."

Black American student, "It is difficult for me to identify the real strength in unity because their are so many. But, if I had to be specific, I would say that dissatisfaction is the real strength in unity. Because, as long as we are satisfied with outdated racial discrimination, we will lose not only the strength in unity, but our society as well. We can never be satisfied until unity becomes a reality."

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will be, Babb said.

There are several other areas besides the general education skills (ACT Comp) that determine total points in the performance funding project.

The number of accredited departments versus the total possible accreditations, planning (both long and short term) and improvements, piloting for new tests of student abilities and results of questionnaires sent to alumni and employers all contribute to the total point system of the Performance Funding project.

On a brighter note, Babb said the results of the most recent questionnaire to alumni revealed that 99 percent of them replied 'yes' when asked whether or not they would attend MTSU if they went to college again.

Club, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and the United Student Association. Brother Michael James served as the Master of Ceremonies. Greetings were extended by ASB President Harry Hosey, Mary Scales from the City Council of Murfreesboro, and Theodore G. White, director of student organizations and minority affairs.

When asked how she felt about the entire presentation honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., La Wanda Beasley stated that "each speaker was telling the truth, one way or another".

Smoking areas a possibility

By RENE SPICHER
Staff Writer

Smokers may have to watch where they smoke on campus if a proposal by MTSU President Sam Ingram to restrict smoking areas is approved.

Ingram has proposed that each building appoint a committee composed of smokers and non-smokers to determine well-ventilated areas that should be designated for smoking.

The suggestion, presented Monday to the Faculty Senate Liaison Committee, stemmed from a report to the Faculty Senate by its Student Affairs Committee in November.

According to Stephanie Tarley, a committee member, a letter has been sent to the Associated Student Body and the Intra-Fraternity Council to get input on the matter.

According to The

Nashville Banner, a recent National Health Interview survey shows that the percentage of college graduates who smoke is less than the percentage of smokers in the population at large.

Only 18 percent of college graduates smoke, compared to the national average of approximately 30

percent.

Of 96 MTSU students polled last week, 19 percent were smokers. Eighty-one percent of the non-smokers polled said cigarette smoke in the campus environment bothered them.

The majority of students polled, smokers and non-smokers alike, favored designated smoking areas.

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Many Americans take the press for granted or deride the media because of a few bad apples who sensationalize the news or take advantage of victims for their own profit.

January is "Freedom of the College Press Month." To help the MTSU community learn about the efforts of the campus media, *Sidelines* has included a supplement to this issue.

Students on the academic appeals committee, the opening of an audit report detailing abuses by a women's track coach and the opening of fraternity discipline files are cases of when *Sidelines* has went on the line — sometimes risking finances and academic careers — to inform the public.

We at *Sidelines* work to exercise our freedoms to their fullest extent. Whereas no campus newspaper is regarded as reverently as the *New York Times* or the *Boston Herald*, we strive to be a constant source of information for the campus as well as the surrounding community. Our goal is simply to tell the public what is going on behind their backs or in front of their faces.



Smith Hall enters second Ice Age with water problems

Imagine this: Your alarm clock shakes you into partial reality, you slam it into your desk in half-dazed anger. You promise yourself to get to bed at least seven hours earlier this evening. You grab your towel and bathroom bag and stumble towards the shower. The floors are frozen, but it is simply too early to comprehend pain, or cold, or death, or anything else but sleep. You turn on the shower and it's nice and hot. You place gobs of shampoo in your hair, then something terrible happens. The hot water is gone. Totally gone. Vanished.

Ice water fills the void. You now fully comprehend pain, cold and death. You are in Hell. Welcome to Smith Hall. We do this every morning.



Jeremy Rolfs
Mr. Rolfs' Neighborhood

We told the Resident Assistants about the water problem eight weeks ago, and nothing happened. We wrote up a petition five weeks ago, and nothing happened. We told our RAs again

four weeks ago, and (surprise, surprise!), nothing happened. We told our Hall Director two weeks ago, and he said he'd look into it. I told the Area Two Coordinator

one week ago, he said it was the first he'd heard of it. This morning my shower was a study in hypothermia. Is something wrong here?

It's not just the water that has

us down at Smith, and I wouldn't want all those other problems to feel left out. Let's see, there are the sections of ceiling falling out all around the building, the plethora of dead insects trapped in many of the florescent lights, the cubic feet of mold on the ceiling of the bathrooms, the windows that won't open, the windows that won't close, the heaters that only sometimes work, the broken smoke detectors, the mouse that ran across the hall this morning, and the phones that give out a busy signal when they're not being used.

Fact: The Smith Hall "kitchen" contains the following: one microwave, broken; one stove, broken; one refrigerator, rotting; and one sink, rust-infested.

Fact: The Smith Hall "study room" contains the following: seven chairs, two without cush-

ions, one without legs, three permanently sticky with soda slime; one wooden bench press, cracked; one table, knee high; and a multitude of garbage pre-dating the Renaissance.

Incidentally, the Area Coordinator for area II has his office right here in Smith. Time for new glasses, Mr. Ross?

"We're University Housing and we're proud of what we do!" — University Housing motto.

Look University Housing, we can live with all the other problems until you get the hot water fixed, but can that please be before we all suffer frostbite in the name of hygiene?

On the other hand, you guys don't have to fix anything if you don't want to, that would be fine with me. Just send my \$515.00 check to P.O. box 9551, and have a nice day.



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Lady Raiders deserve attendance by students

Middle Tennessee State University's men's basketball team has a 7-0 record at home — not including the upset victory over the Soviet National Team.

The Lady Raiders have a 6-1 record in the "Glass House" — that one loss coming against the Southeastern Conference's Lady Wildcats.

This year the Blue Raiders have an excellent shot at going to post-season play once again. Betting on the Raiders to earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament is like betting the Miami Heat will not make it to the NBA playoffs.

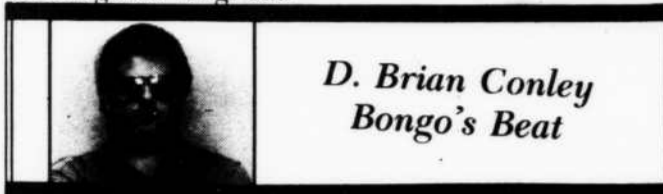
At one point this season, the Lady Raiders were ranked in the Top 25 women's teams by *USA Today* and the Associated Press. Right now they are ranked 34th by the Associated Press.

Again, the Lady Raiders have an excellent shot at garnering the Ohio Valley Conference Championship and subsequent spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Both teams are top notch powerhouses in the OVC.

Anyone who travels to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to face a Middle Tennessee State basketball team comes to the contest with an automatic 10 point disadvantage.

For the men's games, the student section is filled to the brim with loud, obnoxious, screaming maniacs. The students rally when it is needed, and know when to go insane cheering their lungs out.



D. Brian Conley
Bongo's Beat

Notice the referrals to students. The season ticket holders, for the most part, will scream. However, they usually scream just when something is happening — a massive dunk by Quincy Vance or a breakaway steal by Chris Rainey.

At least one MTSU men's basketball head coach complimented the students for their enthusiasm. No such compliments erupted for the "fans" in the season ticket seats.

If the students did not show for the men's home games that 10-point disadvantage for the visitor would turn to a 12-point disadvantage for the Blue Raiders.

However, the students' cheering is not all glitter and gold. For, when it comes to the Lady Raiders, the cheering section is non-existent.

The Lady Raiders need the support of the fans as much as the men do. Their program is just as good — if not better. When they traveled to Tennessee Tech, almost 4,000 people attended the women's game.

Everyone who considers himself a Blue Raider fan, and does not go to the men's and women's games or who view the games as social events, needs to stay at home and watch figure skating or skeet shooting on ESPN.



Letters to the Editor

Prejudice? not Cpt. 6-pack

Referring to the recent "Captain 6-Pack" panel, I keep waiting for the tone of the back page of *Sidelines* to improve, but I guess I wait in vain.

I assume that the writer is lampooning his recurring sleezeball character (I hope this fellow is not considered the "hero"), and in doing so, I suppose he feels that having him say and do repulsive things is okay. However, the implication that

MTSU coeds would sleep with this fellow for the sake of a class card is over the line of good taste by a fair sized leap!

Satire should at least make a point, or be funny, in exchange for having a sharp edge or being offensive. The implication that a lady with blonde, teased hair and a full figure would exchange sex for a favor simply reinforces a stereotype that we have been fighting against for a

long time. To be offensive to make a point is one thing, to be offensive just to prove that you can offend is juvenile. I vaguely remember the antics of young men in the seventh grade as being on the level displayed by the cartoonist here.

Bathroom "humor" should be kept in the bathroom, not on the pages of a campus newspaper.

Rene Spicher
box 2331

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Progress? who needs it

Opening prelude that is not necessary to read but here anyway for those of you that crave preludes:

I come to the office at *Sidelines* most everyday and look in my box. Usually, I am disappointed. People write letters to the editor nearly every week and, if I have space, I publish them. Few of them, however, reflect any concern about the news, features, or columns that show up in *Sidelines*.

Today however, I was not disappointed. Someone out there is alive. I can tell because this someone wrote me a short note concerning the concensus editorial that appeared in the last issue. It was stapled to the front page of *The Tullahoma News and Guardian*. Pictured on this page is a shot of the preregistration at Motlow State Community College. The outline mentioned the computers being overloaded and the crowded students being frustrated.

The note brought up the question of whether or not we want our registration like this (the answer is of course not, goof). Unfortunately, the letter was not signed and therefore cannot be printed, but I was very happy to get it. (The fact is, I was dancing and screaming to everybody I saw "Someone is reading! Someone is reading!"). Thanks.

Now for the actual column that really will be a lot better and more socially conscious than the above, totally left field, prelude:

Editor's note: I would like to thank Dr. Edward Kimbrell and Christopher Bell for the idea, nay, the inspiration for the following column. As always, no waging.

Progress. That is a word that should fill the imagination of every individual with Gene Roddenberry-like visions of a world that has advanced out of the industrial age, the

space age, or even the age of the compact disc player. That word is a symbol for a better tomorrow. Unfortunately, this word creates a fear in far too many hearts to be of any real merit.

We have all seen those family entertainment type movies where the old coot defends some artifact from the evil young businessman who wants to put up a building or parking lot. Perhaps he chains himself to a tree and is cheered on by the townspeople while the businessman tries to make the problem go away by throwing money at it.

Let's go back a few years to the opening of the United States Patent Office. The president of that time, his name



Mike Reed
Tales of the Velvet Elvis

escapes me but I don't think he is on any of my money, made the statement "Everything that could possibly be invented has already been. . ." Of course he was being jovial, but it illustrates my point. Progress is something that never stops. It cannot stop. It dates back to before the dinosaurs, before the Democrats, even before the creation of the earth (whether it took seven days or seven billion years). The Universe was progressing and will continue to do so long after my work is transferred to laser disc and contained in a vault somewhere to be found years later by Roddy McDowell in a monkey suit.

The point of all this hooplah is that for every ounce of progress that comes out of the society around us there is a pound of resistance trying to hold it back.

Let us take a look at neighboring Shelbyville. A little over a year ago, a large networking type bank bought out

one of the small non-networking banks. This angered many of the employees of this bank as well as many citizens who do their business there. The outcry came for an old fashioned "spit and a handshake" kind of bank — the kind your grandfather is always talking about (all I did was put my mark on the line, son, and they gave me all the money I needed to buy that incubator).

Several prominent members of the Shelbyville elite got together and created the First Community Bank of Bedford County. This bank was for the good, God-fearing people who did not want the evil big brother bank to see how much money they had. The logic of their argument breaks down when they put a Cirrus machine (a large multi-state networking service that connects many banks together through the power of telecommunications) outside the front door. Perhaps they only enjoy progress when they know the people who bring about said progress personally.

When the written word was introduced to the Greeks, it was fought tooth and nail by the elder scholars and was considered a fad. Socrates believed nothing good would ever come of writing and feared misinterpretation to the very core of his being.

We can look back at them and see that they were wrong. Just as future generations will look back on this digital/analog recording argument and say "What was the point? Everyone knows you should record in analog then remaster in digital." To summarize, progress and technology is something to be embraced, not attacked. We should welcome it with open minds and not with closed fists.

Hopefully the last Editors note of this column: for those of you that want to help progress, Vanderbilt Hospital is looking for nine volunteers to accept the AIDS vaccine that they are working on. The catch is that the people must have never had a small pox vaccine.

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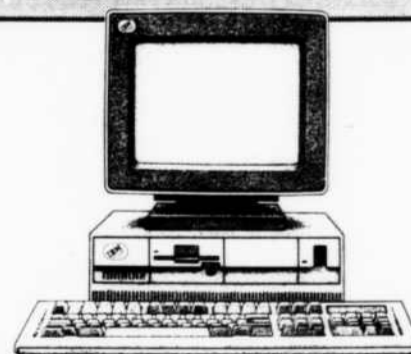
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Sports

Raiders squeak by Eagles 79-77

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

COOKEVILLE — Occasionally in college athletics the rivalry between two schools becomes such that regardless of the teams' records, each match-up is more than just a game — it is all out combat.

In Atlantic Coast basketball, there is the North Carolina/Duke contest. In the Big 10, there is Indiana/Purdue.

And in the Ohio Valley Conference, there is Middle Tennessee versus Tennessee Tech.

The two teams hooked-up Monday night in another classic

confrontation which was finally decided in favor of the Blue Raiders 79-77 on Gerald Harris' tip-in at the buzzer.

Over the past few years, when Middle and Tech have met, overtime has become an almost foregone conclusion — a fact which Harris said gave him added incentive on his game winning shot.

"I kept saying I didn't want to go into overtime again. I guess thinking like that paid off for me," he said.

The Raiders prevailed over the Golden Eagles in overtime in both of last year's games — 69-67

in Cookeville and 92-89 in Murfreesboro.

Until Harris' game winner, it appeared the teams' first contest of 1989 would also go into an extra period.

After trailing the Eagles 43-39 at halftime, the Raiders stormed back behind the inside play of forwards Randy Henry and Quincy Vance to take a 52-47 lead with 15:17 left to play.

Following a Tech time-out, the Raiders extended their lead to 65-57, relying on their inside dominance once again. Only this time, senior Kerry Hammonds and sophomore Chris Ingram took

centerstage.

Once again, Tech head coach Frank Harrell was forced to take a time out with 7:38.

Harrell found the right solution to cutting into the Raider's lead — get the ball to All-OVC candidate Earl Wise.

Wise canned 10 of his team's last 20 points, including two three pointers in the last minute to bring the Golden Eagles within two points at 77-75 with :18 remaining.

The Raiders had a chance to wrap their victory following Wise's last three-pointer; however, Hammonds was unable to

inbounds the ball in the allotted five seconds and Tech took possession on the turnover under their basket.

Following the inbounds, Golden Eagle forward Rod Manuel was fouled attempting to shoot and nailed two free throws to knot the score at 77 with :11 left.

Following Manuel's free throws, the Raiders had yet another attempt to win in regulation, but Harris missed a short jumper. However, the ball car-

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Lady Raiders spanked by Golden Eaglettes

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

COOKEVILLE — Lady Raider coach Lewis Bivens blamed himself for the poor execution and lack of motivation shown by his charges during Monday's 74-65 Ohio Valley Conference loss to Tennessee Tech.

"I thought they outplayed us," Bivens said. "They played harder than us. That is a hard pill for a coach to swallow."

"Outside Tawayna (Mucker) we didn't have anything."

The senior center pounded in a game high 26 points and yanked down 11 rebounds to pace the Lady Raiders. She was the only player to record double figures in either rebounding or scoring for Middle.

"We just didn't play well," Bivens said. "We showed a lack of motivation and that's my job."

MTSU shot a horrid 34 percent (7-23) from the floor and connected on only 25 percent (2-8) from 3-point range.

The women in blue jumped to a 12-6 lead 4:11 into the contest behind Mucker's four and Sandy Brown's five points. However, things fell apart for the Lady Raiders after that, as the Golden Eaglettes went on an 5-0 run to take a 13-12 lead 3:39 later.

Then, Tech began to dominate as they took a 28-14 lead with 3:49 left in the first half following an 8:09 stretch during which the Eaglettes outscored MTSU 12-0.

Mucker, however, hit the second of two free throws to send the Lady Raiders on a 7-0 tear to end the first half.

"We were lucky to be in that position at the half," Bivens said.

"I give a lot of the credit to the

girls," Tennessee Tech coach Bill Worrell. "This is the best we have played all year."

"I had fun tonight," the coach of the team picked in the pre-season to win the OVC women's crown said.

During the first 10 minutes of the second half, Tech continued to dominate and gradually built a 16-point lead with 9:48 left in the contest.

But the Lady Raiders refused to quit, and battled to within 8 with 4:05 left. However, Tennessee Tech refused to yield further, and destroyed the MTSU press to ice their second league win against no losses.

Renay Adams came off the bench to put in 19 points and earn "Player of the Game" honors. Angela Brown scored 20 points and blocked three shots to lead Tech. Cecilia Ramsey added 13, and Melinda Clayton added 10.

● In other weekend road action, the Lady Raiders destroyed the University of North Carolina at Asheville 88-50 on Friday, and traveled to East Tennessee State on Saturday and whipped the Lady Bucs by a 93-67 count.

Mucker threw in 26 points each day to lead the MTSU attack. Lianne Beck added 15, Stephanie Capley chipped in 13, and Sandy Brown added 12.

Brown came back the next day and poured in 22 points with Capley contributing 10.

Middle, ranked 34 by the Associated Press poll released Monday, moved to 11-3 overall and 1-1 in the league following the weekend action.

The Lady raiders host Eastern Kentucky Saturday night.



Preparing for the big one...

Former Blue Raider stand-out Don Griffin and his San Francisco 49er teammates are in Miami preparing to face the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII. Griffin left MTSU in 1985 and is currently a defensive back for the 49ers. Griffin is shown above in action against Murray State in MTSU's 1985 homecoming game. See page 12 for Super Bowl Predictions.

Scoreboard

Women's Basketball

MTSU 88, UNC ASHEVILLE 50
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 53
 Tawanya Mucker 9-11 8-9 26, Luanne Beck 5-8 5-5 15, Stephanie Capley 6-11 1-2 13, Julie Harrison 4-5 5-5 13, Sandy Brown 5-10 0-0 12, Scruggs 1-5 0-0 3, Wright 0-2 3-4 3, Bell 1-3 1-2 3, Laddy 0-6 0-0 0, Wade 0-1 0-0 0, Total 31-65 23-28 55
UNC ASHEVILLE 50
 Shelly Hall 5-14 0-2 10, Beecher 3-3 3-4 9, Carol 1-5 6-9 8, Barnes 3-7 1-2 7, Hancock 2-7 1-2 5, Brown 2-3 0-0 4, Woods 1-5 2-2 4, Hewitt 0-3 2-2 2, Prude 0-1 1-2 1, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 17-49 16-25 50
 Halftime score - MTSU 43 UNC 26, 3-point goals MTSU 3-12 (Brown 2-7), UNC 0-3 (Hancock 0-2). Fouled out - Bell, Beecher. Total fouls - MTSU 22 UNC 20. Rebounds - MTSU 45 (Mucker 8), UNC 33 (Lawry 10). Assists - MTSU 19 (Beck 4, Newton 4), UNC 8 (right players with one). Steals - MTSU 13 (Brown 4), UNC 2 (Jones, Lawry 1). Blocked shots - MTSU 2 (Capley, Mucker 1), UNC 2 (Beecher, Prude 1). Turnovers - MTSU 9 (Capley, Scruggs 3), UNC 23 (Hancock 7, A - 12)

MTSU 93, ETSU 61
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 93
 Tawanya Mucker 12-17 2-2 26, Sandy Brown 8-16 4-1 22, Stephanie Capley 4-7 2-2 10, Harrison 4-13 3-9, Beck 1-6 0-0 8, Newton 4-7 0-0 8, Bell 2-2 2-6, Wright 2-3 0-1 4, Scruggs 0-4 0-0 0, Wade 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-69 13-14 93
EAST TENNESSEE STATE 61
 Nicole Hopson 3-9 5-7 12, Stephanie Freeman 5-11 2-3 12, Cooke 3-5 0-1 9, Marvin 2-7 2-1 6, Scott 3-5 0-1 6, Brown 2-4 1-2 5, Goldough 2-5 0-0 4, Lawson 1-2 2-2 4, Fixar 0-4 3-8 3, Totals 21-55 15-28 67
 Halftime score - MTSU 45 ETSU 24, 3-point goals - MTSU 2-9 (Brown 2-7), ETSU 1-7 (Cooke 3-4). Fouled out - Capley. Total fouls - MTSU 20, ETSU 11. Rebounds - MTSU 39 (Mucker, Harrison 8), ETSU 36 (Marvin 7). Assists - MTSU 23 (Brown 8), ETSU 11 (Hopson 4). Steals - MTSU 25 (Brown, Scruggs 6), ETSU 13 (Hopson 5). Blocked shots - MTSU 2 (Beck, Newton 1), ETSU 0. Turnovers - MTSU 18 (Brown, Beck 6), ETSU 32 (Goldough 5, A - 38)

TENNESSEE TECH 74, MTSU 65
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 65
 Tawanya Mucker 7-11 12-16 26, Brown 3-14 0-0 9, Harrison 3-6 2-2 8, Beck 2-7 2-2 4, Scruggs 2-2 0-0 6, Bell 2-3 0-0 4, Newton 2-5 0-0 4, Capley 0-4 2-2 2, Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 21-57 18-30 65
TENNESSEE TECH 74
 Angela Brown 9-22 2-2 20, Benay Adams 7-11 5-6 19, Cecilia Ramsey 6-11 0-0 13, Melinda Clayton 5-7 0-0 10, Peterson 2-5 0-0 4, Monday 1-2 2-2 1, Scott 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 32-61 9-10 74
 Halftime score - Tech 30, MTSU 23, 3-point goals - MTSU 5-16 (Brown 3-10), Tech 1-2 (Ramsey 1-2). Fouled out - none. Total fouls - MTSU 12, Tech 16. Technical fouls - MTSU 0, Tech 1 (bench). Rebounds - MTSU 31 (Mucker 11), Tech 36 (Monday 10). Assists - MTSU 16 (Beck, Scruggs 6), Tech 26 (Monday 8). Steals - MTSU 6 (Mucker, Brown 2), Tech 6 (Clayton 3). Blocked shots - MTSU 1 (Bell), Tech 5 (Brown 3). Turnovers - MTSU 16 (Beck, Scruggs 6), Tech 26 (Monday 8). A - 3,000

Men's Basketball

LOUISIANA TECH 72, MTSU 71
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 71
 Randy Henry 11-21 1-1 23, Chris Rainey 7-15 0-0 16, Kerry Hammonds 5-10 0-2 10, Gerald Harris 4-6 2-2 10, Vance 2-2 1-1 5, Buck 1-2 2-2 5, White 0-0 2-2 2, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Ingram 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 30-58 8-10 71
LOUISIANA TECH 72
 Randy White 8-12 2-3 18, Darryl Knight 6-11 2-3 15, Anthony Dale 6-9 0-3 12, Kennedy Lewis 3-5 2-2 11, Guillory 3-6 0-0 6, Newton 1-3 2-3 4, Harris 2-2 0-1 4, Brown 1-5 0-0 2, Goldsmith 0-2 0-0 0, Ames 0-0 0-0 0, Watley 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 30-56 8-15 72
 Halftime score - MTSU 42, Tech 29, 3-point goals - MTSU 3-6 (Rainey 2-3), Tech 4-10 (Lewis 3-4). Fouled out - Hammonds. Total fouls - MTSU 19, Tech 15. Rebounds - MTSU 26 (Henry 8), Tech 33 (Dale 12). Assists - MTSU 20 (Harris 9), Tech 17 (Guillory 5). Steals - MTSU 9 (Harris 3), Tech 5 (Newton, Dale 3). Blocked shots - MTSU 1 (Ingram), Tech 3 (White, Knight, Brown 1). Turnovers - MTSU 13 (Vance, Hammonds 3), Tech 16 (Dale 4), A - 1,013

MTSU 79, TENNESSEE TECH 77
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 79
 Randy Henry 10-22 0-0 20, Kerry Hammonds 8-20 2-2 18, Chris Rainey 3-10 4-5 11, Ingram 4-7 1-2 9, Vance 4-10 0-8, Harris 3-15 1-2 8, Beck 2-3 0-0 5, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 34-81 8-11 79
TENNESSEE TECH 77
 Earl Wise 10-19 0-0 23, Milos Babic 7-15 3-4 17, Anthony Avery 6-17 1-2 15, Jerome Rodgers 5-11 0-0 10, Hall 2-5 0-1 4, Manned 1-2 2-4 1, Peyer 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 33-72 6-9 77
 Halftime score - Tech 43, MTSU 39, 3-point goals - MTSU 3-8 (Rainey 1-4, Harris, Buck 1-2), Tech 5-14 (Wise 3-5). Fouled out - Hall. Total fouls - MTSU 14, Tech 14. Rebounds - MTSU 37 (Hammonds 11), Tech 36 (Babic 8). Assists - MTSU 16 (Harris 5), Tech 16 (Avery 7). Steals - MTSU 5 (Harris 3), Tech 8 (Wise, Avery 2). Blocked shots - MTSU 1 (Henry, Tech 7, Babic 2). Turnovers - MTSU 13 (Harris 4), Tech 11 (Avery 5), A - 6,722

Indoor Soccer League Standings

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Focus	3
International	2
Flintstones	2
Jokers	1
Napoli	0
Blast	0
Fraternity Division	
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3
Pi Kappa Alpha	2
Bowdies	1
Kappa Alpha	1
Sig Kickers	1
Strikers	0

Middle dominates inside Raiders slip by Eagles

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ronned out of bounds off an Eagle giving MTSU the ball with :04 to play.

With yet another chance to end the contest, head coach Bruce Stewart called a time-out to come up with another play.

"The first time up, Gerald was the number one option," he said. "But on the new play we decided that Chris [Rainey] would be the number one option and Gerald would be number two."

Hammonds inbounded the ball to Harris, who missed a lay-up, but was able to tip in the game winner as time expired.

"He [Harris] should have made the lay-up," Stewart said. "But he had the pre-

sence of mind to stay with it and he made a nice tip-in."

"I missed the shot but I was in the right place at the right time," Harris said.

Tech's Harrell said Harris was able to cut through the lane for the tip-in due to a blown defensive assignment by his team.

"We were supposed to switch screening on them [Harris and Rainey], and we missed the switch," he said.

"But it was a great shot. I have no doubt that it should have counted."

"I was expecting red lights and horns and sirens and all that," Stewart said with a laugh. "When the ref signaled good, I was happy. I thought it counted."

Both coaches agreed the contest was one of the toughest they had played all

year, and complimented each other's teams.

"I have all the respect in the world for Middle Tennessee," Harrell said. "Henry and Harris and the rest came to play. Then again, I don't know many MTSU players that don't come to play."

"This was a tough loss. Our players wanted to win badly, and the way they lost hurt them."

"This was a big win," Stewart said. "Whoever is going to win the OVC, has to win at Tech. They are a contender, and they are going to knock off some of the other contenders here before this season is finished."

With the victory over Tech, and Austin Peay's upset loss to Morehead Monday night, the Raiders

hold sole possession of first place in the OVC with a 2-0 record. Tech is now 1-1 in the conference.

"It says something about the race this year that after the first full weekend, everybody has one league loss except one team," Stewart said.

"I would rather be in our position than anyone else's."

Henry led the Raiders with 20 points. Hammonds added 18, and Rainey chipped in 11.

Tech's Wise led all scorers with 23 points. Seven foot center Milos Babic scored 17. Senior Anthony Avery knocked in 15, and forward Jerome Rodgers added 10.


The Blue Raiders are now 11-5 overall. Tech fell to 6-9.

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Campus Rec
icks off
occer league

by BRICE MINNIGH
Sports Writer

After three games in MTSU's Indoor Soccer League, Focus and Sigma Phi Epsilon, in the Open Division Fraternity Divisions respectively, are leading the week with undefeated records.

The campus recreation-sponsored league began last year, but only had two games — both of which were forfeited this year.

The league has met with tremendous amount of success in its first year of existence, according to Scott Hughes, league organizer and president of the MTSU Blue Raider Soccer Club.

The league consists of twelve teams, six of which are in the Open Division and the other six in the Fraternity Division.

After a seven more weeks of play, the team with the best record from the Open Division will play the team with the best record from the Fraternity Division for the championship.

Each game consists of two 15 minute halves. Only five players from each team are allowed on the court at any time, because there are no goalkeepers.

For those who are interested in watching, games are played on Sunday evenings from six until 10 and Thursday evenings from seven until nine at the Alumni Memorial Gym.

As soon as the indoor season is over, the MTSU Blue Raider Soccer Club's outdoor team will begin training for their upcoming Spring League season.

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Sports staff picks Super Bowl winner Super Bowl a super farce; 49ers will win

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Only 10 of these teams are good enough (or lucky enough) to make it to the playoffs, and for the most

part, the play-offs provide the best competition of the season.

The two teams who ultimately represent the AFC and NFC gather in a predetermined location to decide which will be crowned world champion, and inevitably, the most God-awfully horrible contest of the year takes place.

Every sports writer, prognosticator and weekend afficianado in the country has attempted at one time or another to provide some sort of explanation for this phenomenon.

However, regardless of why, the fact remains that every year the Super Bowl (here I must remember my

journalistic integrity) engages in oral explorations of the sexual variety.

And, I am sorry to say, Super Bowl XXIII will be the same old song, new verse.

Fans who keep hoping beyond all hope that we

What these people forget is that the 49ers had that game well in hand, and Cincinnati scored a cheap touchdown late in the fourth quarter to make the game appear close.

Also, let's not forget that Super Bowl XVI was played

coming into his own as a star, but 49er Joe Montana is still the man to have calling the signals when the chips are on the table.

Rookie Ickey Woods was a definite force in his first year (and yes, I get off on the shuffle, too), but since the retirement of Walter Payton, there is no better all-purpose running back in the league than Roger Craig.

San Francisco wide receiver Jerry Rice is the most dominant game breaker in the league, as evidenced by his five touchdowns in the playoffs. Bengals fans may think highly of Eddie Brown and Tim McGee, but neither holds a candle

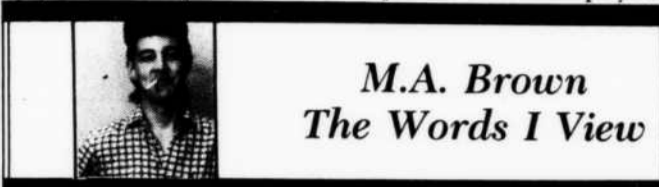
to Rice.

The 49ers have better talent, better special teams, a better coaching staff. In fact, perhaps the category in which the Bengals top the 49ers is fan and sorry guys, but can't play.

Also consider the fact that the only AFC team to win a Super Bowl in the 1980s is the Oakland/Angelos Raiders, and they have all the makings of a San Francisco blow-out.

Bengals beware, Robb Stadium will not be a friendly place for felicitous predictions.

Prediction: San Francisco 42 Cincinnati 0 (that is, if the Bengals keep it close.)



M.A. Brown
The Words I View

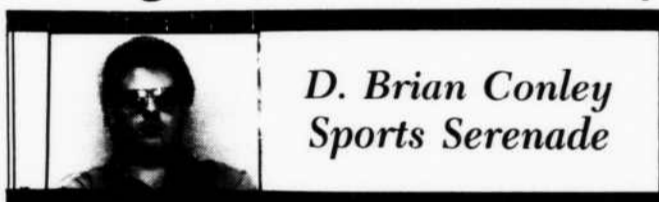
may finally get a Super Bowl worth watching, point in vain to the fact that the last time the Super Bowl was decided by less than a touchdown was when the Bengals and 49ers played in 1982.

seven years ago, and neither team is quite the same.

And of the new versions, the 49ers are definitely the better team from top to bottom.

Bengals quarterback Boomer Esiason may be

Bengals will take 'Super Sunday'



D. Brian Conley
Sports Serenade

For the football fan, Super Bowl Sunday is not just another day. The Super Bowl is not just another game.

Referring to the Super Bowl as "the game this weekend," is like calling Mother Theresa a nice lady.

Football is a religion, and the Super Bowl is the high mass.

But for the past few years, the Super Bowl has been disappointing — it's like I have been sending money to a televangelist for my entire life, and he just up and left.

This year will be different. The last good Super Bowl was in 1982 when San Francisco defeated Cincinnati 26-21.

This year those two teams will face each other again, and the televangelist should be back on the air.

For San Fransiso, QB Joe Montana has a good shot at his third Super Bowl MVP award if he stays healthy.

Anyone who says this man is washed up is an idiot.

However, reports from Miami indicate that Jerry Rice may not be able to play due to an ankle sprain.

Without Rice, San Francisco will be hurting, probably more than Rice.

The 49ers also have Roger Craig. He can run over, through or around you — count on at least a 100 yards from him.

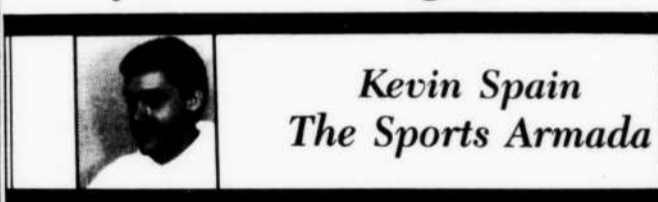
Where the 49ers will have problems is on the offensive line. They have Randy Cross and are solid, but they will have a hard time keeping up with the quicker Bengal defensive line.

For the Bengals, on the NFL's top offense there is QB Boomer Esiason who earned NFL MVP honors for his campaign. He should find Tim McGee a lot and look for him to hit Chris Collinsworth more than expected.

In the running back department for the Bengals, they have Ickey Woods, the AFC's third leading rusher. He will go nuts in the Super Bowl, run for 140 yards, and fans will see at least one "Ickey Shake."

Taking everything into consideration, the Bengals will be celebrating a 17-13 win come Monday.

Experience gives 49ers edge



Kevin Spain
The Sports Armada

For the Cincinnati Bengals and the San Francisco 49ers, it has come down to one game. THE game.

For these two teams, the Super Bowl seemed far away at the start of the year.

The Bengals had just come off a 4-11 season and Coach Sam Wyche's job was in jeopardy.

But the Bengals caught fire, surprising everyone with a 12-4 finish (second best turnaround ever) and a Central division crown.

The 49ers began the season with a quarterback con-

troversy. Would it be the old veteran Joe Montana or the quick left-hander Steve Young?

Coach Joe Walsh opted for Montana, and for the third time in the 1980's, the 49ers are back in the Super Bowl.

As always, the key to the game will be defense.

The 49ers come in with an experienced, hard hitting secondary and veteran linebackers.

The Bengals defense has also been playing well in the

playoffs, holding the Buffalo Bills to ten points and only ten first downs.

Offensively, the Bengals have been led by Boomer Esiason, rookie Ickey Woods, and a top notch offensive line.

This has the makings of a great game. If it is, it will be the first one since the 49ers beat the Bengals in 1982.

Joe Montana will win an unprecedented third Super Bowl MVP award as the 49ers will win with ball control.

Oh yes, one more deciding factor, the 49ers have nine men on the All-Madden team while the Bengals only had three.

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Lifestyles

Tequila Sunrise' classy mix of style and story



By MARLA CARTWRIGHT
Lifestyles Editor

Stylish. Slick. Smart. Three lives intertwined in a plot of hot romance, struggling friendship and deception, both real and imagined. Oh, and lots of fog in the streetlights, too.

That's the 12-second review of "Tequila Sunrise." Now, for something more thorough.

Unlike many movies of recent years, this movie has a distinct sophistication. It possesses an essence, leaving the viewer with a distinct impression instead of vanishing as soon as the theater lights come up. It has a "style," if you will.

"Tequila Sunrise" is set in the South Bay section of Los Angeles; land of bright, orange-burst sunrises, beautiful expanses of white beaches and glorious crashing waves. This creates a pleasingly warm, summery retreat-like atmosphere for the film's setting. Nothing like walking from a cold, rainy, January night right into a vacation, huh?

Visually, the film is beautiful. It eloquently communicates with subtlety of color, shadow and light. The audience is drawn to not only watch this film, but tactually feel it. This visual connection helps to illustrate the characters' feelings and emotions. That's what I call "slick."

Mel Gibson portrays Dale McKussic, "Mac," a middleman in the narcotics business who now wants out. However, everyone around him wants him to stay in; his estranged wife who is accustomed to the high standard of living from drug money, the police who want him to keep dealing so

they can track down his connections, and his cousin, Lindroff, who hopes to cash in on McKussic's reputation.

One person who wants him to stay straight is his best friend, Nick Frescia (Kurt Russell). Back in high school, McKussic and Frescia used to get into trouble together. Mac was busted for smoking marijuana on the beach, but Frescia lucked out. He was in the water and missed being arrested.

The pattern of McKussic staying in trouble and Frescia avoiding it continues in later life when Nick becomes a cop. Best friends become opposing forces, fighting for what each believes is right. But somehow, miraculously, their friendship survives like a flower growing in the cracks of a sidewalk. Or does it?

Frescia could possibly gain a promotion if he uses his connection with McKussic to bust Carlos, a big-time Latin American drug-smuggler. He has been Mac's friend ever since they shared a Mexican jail cell.

What about McKussic? Is he really going to give up the good life, quit the lucrative drug business, and just forget all his contacts?

Enter Jo Ann Vallenari, portrayed with understated elegance by Michelle Pfeiffer, the beautiful restaurant owner. McKussic frequently visits her exclusive restaurant, but is he really interested in the culinary delights or is he setting up new business deals?

When McKussic's frequent visits come to Frescia's attention, he sets up a relationship with Jo Ann,

Please see *Tequila* page 15.

Kurt Russell, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Mel Gibson star in "Tequila Sunrise", which has been called the 80's version of the film classic "Casablanca".

The spirit of the dream continues

By MICHAEL JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Martin Luther King's birthday, a new national holiday in its fourth year, is free to evolve into people's celebration of the spirit and the dream.

That sincere celebration of freedom is clearly exemplified by the spontaneous sing-a-long of over 3,000 people to TSU's band playing "Happy Birthday." No formal agendas were set, no programs handed out and no one directed the massive crowd to join

A long line began forming outside the War Memorial Auditorium to see the "Freedom Train," a series of posters and photographs documenting the

evolution of the civil rights movement, starting with Martin Luther King's involvement.

Small independent groups, adorned with commemorative pins and ribbons, joined in. Various aspects of the civil rights movement were represented by banners reading "Remember the Dream," "Happy Birthday, Dr. King" and "Justice Before Freedom."

Amidst an atmosphere of anticipation, members of organized marches from throughout Nashville converged on the plaza and members of TSU's band provide a focal point uniting the crowd.

Observers can only hope that the celebration of King's dream retains its sincerity and fervor.



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Eddie Murphy as Akeem, prince of Zumundo.

'Coming to America' shows today in KUC

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Eddie Murphy, the nation's No. 1 box office draw, said that he would like to try something new to diversify his acting talents. The result of that desire was 1988's No. 2 top grossing film "Coming to America."

This film is an 80's fairy-tale. It's central theme is, "I want a woman who will love me, for who I am."

Murphy portrays Akeem, prince of Zumundo, who lives with his parents, the king and queen (James Earl Jones and Madge Sinclair). The movie opens with Akeem on his 21st birthday and he is given what every man wants — a woman to be his bride. However, Akeem is unhappy with his parent's selection and their incessant pampering. He leaves with his friend Semmi (Arsenio Hall) and they head to America (Queens, N.Y.) to find a more suitable bride.

Although the plot is formulated, the movie still works because of Murphy. This is one of his better performances and this movie proves he can actually act.

Also the performances of Hall, as the "second banana," and Headley, as the love interest, both fall into place under John Landis' direction. Landis manages to pull it together developing an entertaining movie that is worth going to see.

"Coming to America" will be showing at the Keathley University Center Theater today at 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m. with a 10:30 late show.

Faculty music recital tonight

By AMANDA CANTRELL
Staff Writer

What is there to do around campus on a Thursday night?

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Tonight, try something new, different and exciting. Check out the faculty recital in the music hall located in the Wright Music Building.

The recital features two faculty members, Dewayne Pigg on English Horn and

Rebecca Hovan on flute. It begins at 8 p.m. and admission is free.

Pigg has been with MTSU for several years, teaching music appreciation, oboe, bassoon and saxophone. He also plays English horn in the Nashville Symphony.

Rebecca Hovan is a flute instructor at MTSU and also teaches music theory.

In addition to several separate pieces, Pigg and Hovan will perform together.

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but is he really interested in her or just trying to gain information about Mac?

In the midst of this tug-of-war, Jo Ann finds herself irresistibly drawn to both men. Frescia is a fast-talker, with an answer to everything and McKussic seems to be a confused man, sincere about his change of

professions. Which one should she believe? And how will their friendship continue (whatever is left of it), once she chooses?

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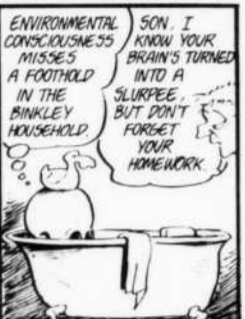
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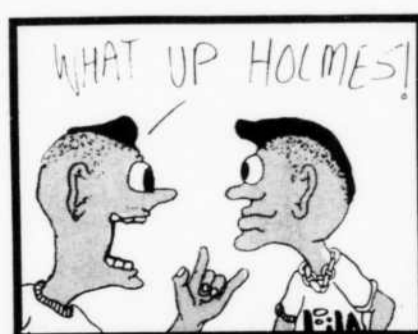
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