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Hooping it up

Lady Raider Sandy Brown (30) tries to find a way around Eastern Kentucky's Kristy Cromer's defense in Saturday game in Murphy Center. MTSU won the game 84-75. Please see page 11 for more information.

Mass comm recommended for accreditation by board

By SUZY WALKER
Staff Writer

The mass communications department of MTSU was recommended Monday for full accreditation by the chairman of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Chairman Joe Shoquist will recommend accreditation when the council meets on May 7 and 8, said Alex Nagy, chairman of the mass communications department.

A delegation from the council visited MTSU in Nov. 1986, and received input from students and faculty of the department and administration members.

"As a result, the council decided seven changes were needed in the program before accreditation could be approved," Nagy said.

MTSU has now met these seven requirements. The first is a need for each mass communications student to have 65 hours of liberal arts

formation listing all liberal arts requirements is now given to each advisor and student.

Developing a method to track alumni is the second requirement. Ed Applegate, Don Parente, and Glenn Himebaugh were awarded a grant to track and survey mass communications graduates. Two surveys have been performed.

Documentation of creative and scholarly activities by faculty members is also a requirement. Faculty now submit letters and reports as documentation of activities per-

formed. More professionals are now being used in the classroom. Utilizing professionals in the media from Nashville as adjuncts also meets the fifth requirement of reducing teaching loads.

Teaching loads will be reduced further for those teachers involved in research and public service.

The sixth requirement involves revising the sequence of courses in mass communications. Courses in

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Discrimination ruled issue in teacher's suit

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

A former female MTSU professor received a federal court judgment in Nashville last week saying the university discriminated against her 16 years ago.

Lani Ford, who's contract was not renewed for the 1971-72 school year, will receive back pay in addition to being immediately reinstated as a youth education and personnel services professor, U.S. District Judge John T. Nixon ordered in a 27-page memorandum filed Wednesday.

Ford's back pay will be adjusted to reflect money she earned from the 71-72 academic year, said Charles Hampton White, Ford's attorney. She has been employed in the developmental studies department for three years in a non-tenure track position.

Nixon's decision ended a 10-year court battle.

"I am pleased with the decision. I just hope this is the end of it," White said.

Attorney Christine Modisher, who defended MTSU as a member of the state attorney general's office, said a decision has not been

made with regard to the possibility of an appeal.

MTSU President Sam Ingram, who was not the university president at the time of the incident, said steps are being taken to insure such discrimination does not take place in the future.

"We will be having discussions with the state attorney general's office to decide what implications this ruling has for us and we will follow their recommendations," Ingram said.

Quill E. Cope was Ingram's predecessor.

Ford complained that she was not given a position despite the fact several males with lesser or equal qualifications were hired, White said.

Nixon wrote in his memorandum that 24 persons were hired from 1970-73, including only four females. At the end of the six-year period required for tenure every male still on staff was granted tenure while no female was given such status.

"The court is mindful of the undesirability of overturning the

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Homecoming director refutes charges

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Several individuals have accused Homecoming Director Rob Marlin of playing favorites in the recent contests, but Marlin said "that is definitely not true."

The controversy came into focus when some fraternity and sorority members complained Marlin moved up the deadline for entries in the sweat shirt contest to accom-

modate Beta Theta Pi, his fraternity.

"That is definitely not true," Marlin said. "Mike Bickford, president of Screen Art, called and said none of the sweat shirts would be finished on time," Marlin said. "I decided to move the deadline up for everybody, not just Beta Theta Pi."

Screen Art printed the shirts for every fraternity, Marlin said.

However, John Reeder, brother-in-charge of submitting the shirts to the ASB for the Kappa Alpha Order, said he submitted the shirts on time.

"I went down there at eight in the morning and picked the shirts up and had them [at the ASB office] by 8:30," Reeder said.

The rules for the contest state entries had to be turned in "no later than 8:30 a.m." Feb. 12.

Sources, which wish to remain anonymous, said they overheard phone conversations in which Marlin told Bickford to hold the Beta order if one had to be held.

Marlin confirmed the conversations.

"If anyone has any questions about this, they can call Mike," Marlin said.

Beta Theta Pi won the sweat shirt competition for the homecoming.

Marlin said three independent judges determined the winner.

Simon has been around block

By Mark C. Davanport
Staff Writer

M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

Illinois Senator Paul Simon is a man who's been around the block a few times.

Simon has spent much of the past 30 years in public service as a small town newspaper editor, Illinois state congressman, lieutenant governor and current U.S. congressman.

As a second term senator, Simon now serves on the Senate Budget, Foreign Relations, Judiciary and

Labor and Human Resources committees.

These years of public service now form the backbone of Simon's cam-

aigning television commercials in New Hampshire attacking Gephardt for "flip-flops" in the Missouriian's campaign.

However, as Gephardt has pointed out, some "flip-flops" also

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NOTICE

Sidelines was not printed Friday due to the adverse weather conditions. We apologize for an inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

Bragg: residents ignorant but support SSC

From staff reports

"Tennesseans may not fully understand, but they do strongly support the SSC," Deputy Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives John Bragg said Friday, during a hearing on the Superconducting Super Collider.

Bragg's comments were part of a meeting held in MTSU's James Union Building, organized by the Department of Energy to help "prepare an environmental impact statement on the siting, construction, operation and decommissioning of the Superconducting Super Collider," according to the DOE.

"I'm not a scientist," Governor Ned McWherter said. "I don't pretend to understand how the SSC works or what it will find. But I do understand the importance of maintaining our nation's leadership in the fields of science and technology."

"Research conducted at similar, but less powerful, facilities has already led to major scientific advances," McWherter said. "The research proposed at the SSC could help this county keep its competitive edge as we compete in the global economy through the year 2000 and beyond."

"The super collider will be a racetrack in a underground tunnel ten feet in diameter and approximately 53 miles in circumference," according to information from the DOE. "When completed in the mid-1990's, the surface structures

will have the appearance of a research center. As one of the largest scientific instruments ever built, the super collider will be used to study the fundamental nature of matter and energy."

Total funding for the SSC is estimated at \$4.1 billion dollars, according to the DOE. Between 1984-1987, \$80 million was spent on research and development, with \$25 million appropriated by

congress in 1988. The expected completion date is 1996.

Tennessee is one of seven states in the running for the SSC. The information obtained from the public hearings will be part of the information used by the DOE to select a preferred site for the super collider in August of this year, according to the DOE. Meetings like the one in Murfreesboro are being held in each of the seven prospective

states.

"Land [for the SSC] is assumed to be provided free of charge by site proposers," the DOE said.

Plans for obtaining this land have been proposed by Representative Bragg.

"At present, I am sponsor of three bills relating to the SSC," Bragg said. These bills would help acquire the land needed for the SSC if the Tennessee site were chosen.



Gov. Ned McWherter speaks to area residents and the U.S. Energy Department about the proposed Superconducting Super Collider during a meeting Friday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building on campus.

Petition deadline nears for MTSU student offices

By JOHN CARTWRIGHT
Staff Writer

Six MTSU students have picked up petitions to campaign for the Associated Student Body presidency as tomorrow's 4:30 deadline for filing petitions for the March 2-3 election.

The candidates' campaigns will begin Feb. 21, and will end with the polls' closings. The polls will be open 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. on March 2-3 at the Keathley University Center and Peck Hall. For night closings, they will be open 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. on March 3 at Peck Hall.

The open ASB positions are for president, speaker of the house, speaker of the senate, two graduate senators, and fifteen undergraduate senators, five from each

of the sophomore, junior and senior classes.

For the election, three debates will be held for the public to hear the candidates. The ASB Speakout will be held on Feb. 29; *Sidelines* will sponsor a televised debate on Feb. 23; and the Sigma Club will soon schedule their annual debate, which will also be televised.

All candidates must be a full- or part-time student, must have a 2.0 GPA, and must have earned a specific number of hours respective to their offices. Forty-five hours are required for presidential candidates.

Due to a recent ASB amendment, a new ballot-counting policy will have the ballots counted by

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Super



Tuesday
COUNTDOWN

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appear in Simon's record as well. In 1948 when Simon was editor of the *Troy Tribune* in Troy, Illinois, he endorsed the candidacy of Republican Thomas Dewey when he ran against Harry Truman for the presidency. Now Simon claims to be a politician "in the Harry Truman tradition."

Simon also supports his own version of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, while at the same time proposing massive increases in domestic spending.

This amendment was defeated by a wide margin in Congress when Simon attempted to have it ratified.

The candidate has promised to create new jobs for Americans through the Guaranteed Job Opportunity Program. According to some Washington insiders, this program would cost an estimated \$8 million to implement and would not guarantee new jobs.

On other issues, Simon has proposed a "Quick Freeze" moratorium of U.S. nuclear weapons to "show the Soviets we are serious about controlling nuclear weapons."

Simon has also opposed the MX missile, anti-satellite weapons, chemical weapons, the neutron bomb, the B-1 bomber and the Strategic Defense Initiative.

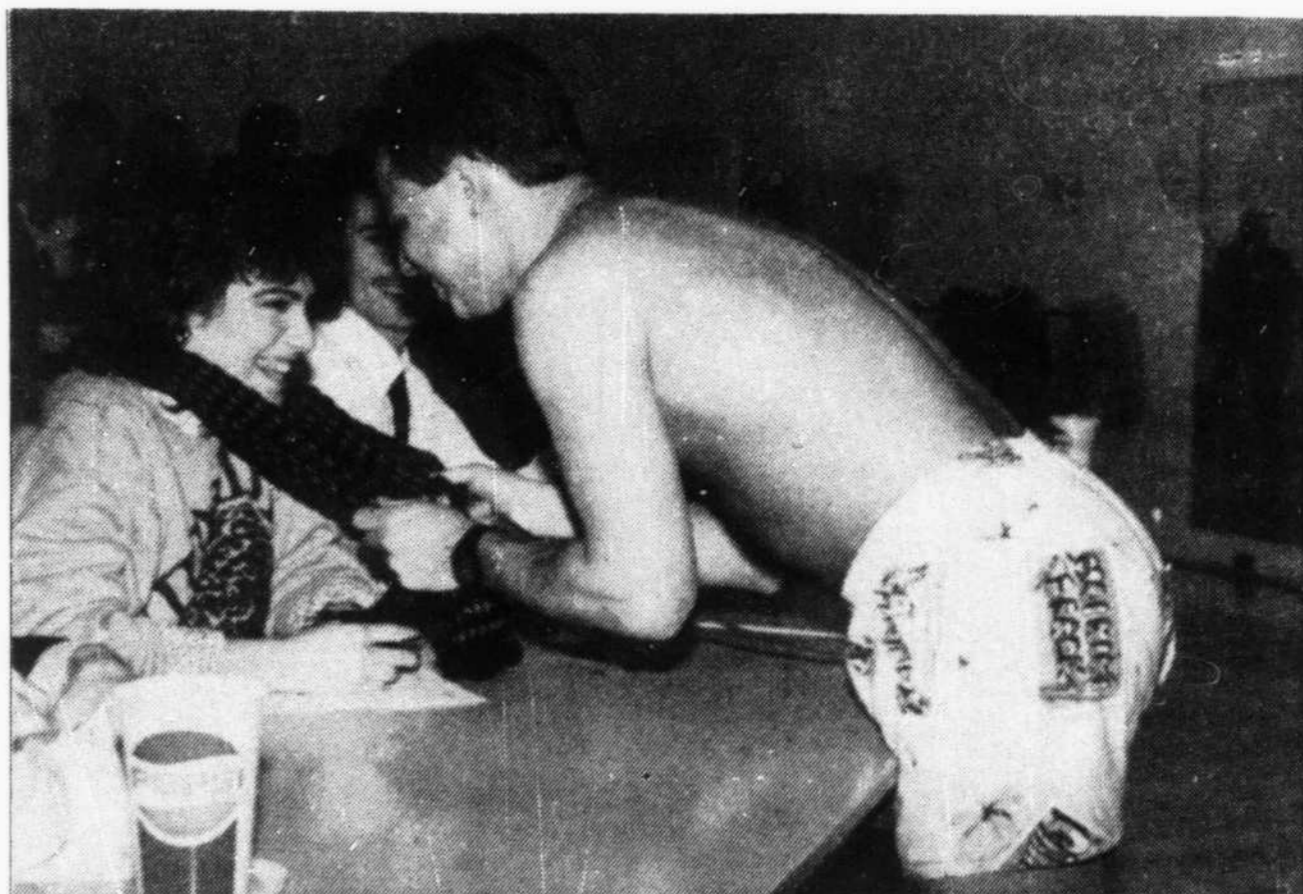
Overall, Simon is one of the more liberal members of the Democratic party. This fact helped him in his strong showing among Iowa voters, who tend to sway further to the left than most of the country.

However, once the campaign swings to more conservative states, Simon may find that no one wants to hear the message he's sending.

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judgement of professional educators with respect to the decisions made by them in hiring other professionals," Nixon's opinion states.

"But ... in following the path between excessive intervention in the affairs of the university and an unwarranted tolerance of unlawful behavior, the court concludes that it would be appropriate for the State Board of Regents to reinstate the plaintiff as a member of the MTSU faculty with full salary."



Lay it on her

Chris Schia, winner of the exotic category in Friday's pajama party contest, prepares to kiss Shannon, a celebrity judge and disc jockey for WKDF, during the judging in Dance Studio A in Murphy Center. Approximately 40 men, women, children and students dressed down (some less than others) for the contest.

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Shewmake: guard training films progressing

By TRACY BOYD
Assistant Sports Editor
University housing, in conjunction with MTSU Television Ser-

ices, is producing a series of 30 minute housing staff training films set for implementation for the fall semester, officials said.

"We've got turnover positions," said Housing Director Ivan Shewmake. "We cannot set up individual training for each of them and I didn't want them in the building without some kind of training."

"So, what I want to do is cover all the basic components of their job in the training film," Shewmake added.

Dorm guards are the first group targeted for the training films, the director said.

"Guard turnover is the most prevalent," he explained.

Viewing the film, will be required of all those people seeking jobs as hall guards and hostesses, Shewmake said. Hostesses work the dorms on visitation nights to enforce regulations.

All of the footage for the training

film for hall guards has been filmed and the film for hostesses is in the planning stage, he added.

All training films will cover safety factors, duty stations and administrative duties, in addition to other responsibilities, Shewmake said.

"I have a series of them that I thought this was the most important one because I consider hall guards a critical job and one that we cannot train adequately with what we're doing now."

The hall guard film is now in post production where it is being edited. Production is just beginning on the hostess film, the director said.

"What I want to do when I finish the hostess film is do particular parts for RAs (resident assistants)

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Girl assaulted near her dorm

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Area police are looking for two white males who accosted an MTSU co-ed near Cummings Hall late Tuesday night, said Jack Drugmand, MTSU security chief.

All that is known about the assailants is they are white and were driving a red and orange pickup truck with dents all along the passenger side, Drugmand said.

"The men were hanging around in the area whistling at girls," Drugmand said. "Security was not notified."

At approximately 11:30 p.m. a student (name withheld) was attacked, he said.

"She went out to her car and was scraping her windshield when another vehicle pulled up beside her," Drugmand said. "The suspect got out, attempted to pull her to the ground and said 'I'm going to kill you bitch.'"

She fought them off and drew blood from one assailant, Drugmand said, adding samples were taken.

Murfreesboro city police are investigating the assault, he said.

The two men will be charged with assault and battery unless something turns up in the investigation, he added.

"There was no rape," Drugmand said. "But it is obvious what would have happened if they could have

got her into the car. "Fortunately, she didn't, she was able to escape," he said.

Drugmand emphasized the fact that if students witness suspicious behavior they should report it to security.

"When in doubt call 2424. Let us determine if the person's behavior is suspicious," Drugmand said.

"If we would have known we would have had an officer conduct a field interview," Drugmand said. "There is a possibility the crime would never have occurred if we had been notified."

"Security is everybody's business."

Bizzare kidnapping ends here

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Area police are searching for the accomplice to a bizarre kidnapping/robbery last Tuesday night which stretched over two counties and ended on campus.

Walter L. Welch, 22, of Nashville, is being held on \$5,000 local bond at the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center on charges he kidnapped James Dominguez, 19. He is also charged with armed robbery for holding up a Domino's Pizza deliverer at screwdriver point.

The saga began in Nashville with the kidnapping of Dominguez

while he was delivering for Pizza Inn on Vanderbilt University's campus, said Jack Drugmand, chief of MTSU security.

"As to why they brought him back here, we don't know," Drugmand added.

Welch, Dominguez and another man, who's identity has not been released, drove to the MTSU campus where they threatened another delivery person with a screwdriver and took his coke rack, Drugmand said, explaining he did not have the name of the second victim.

About an hour later, a Rutherford County sheriff's deputy spotted the trio in a '60s Ford Mustang

convertible at the intersection of Greenland Drive and Tennessee Boulevard, Drugmand said. MTSU security offices were called to the scene and made the arrest.

While being processed at the jail, Dominguez told officers he was kidnapped, Drugmand said.

"Everything he told us has checked out," said investigating officer Kerry Keisling, MTSU security officer. "He was kidnapped."

Police released the third person before realizing he was one of the kidnapers, Drugmand said.

Welch is also wanted on charges in Nashville not related to Tuesday's incident.

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photography and graphics, as well as other courses, are now being revised.

The seventh requirement is a need to shift the curriculum emphasis away from practical aspects toward theoretical aspects. New courses in theory are being developed in graphics and other freshman courses.

Dr. M.G. Scarlett, a past president of MTSU, began establishing a mass communications department in 1971. Glenn Himebaugh,

Ed Kimbrell, and Harold Baldwin were the original faculty members. Graphics professor Don Hill came a year later.

"Courses from other departments, such as journalism from English and photography from industrial arts, were condensed to form a mass communications department," Himebaugh said.

The department was strongly oriented toward journalism in the beginning. Over time the department has branched into journalism, broadcast/radio, advertising/public relations, photography/graphics,

and recording industry management.

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Sidelines sponsors prez debate

From Staff Reports
Candidates for Associated Student Body president will have a chance to square off against each other and members of the campus media live on Channel 28 in the first *Sidelines* Forum, officials said. One representative each from

Sidelines, WMOT and Channel 28 will ask each candidate two questions, said D. Brian Conley, Forum director.
"It should be very interesting, especially since each candidate will have an opportunity to grill the opposition," said Conley, who also

serves as news editor of the campus newspaper. "And I am sure the audience will take full advantage of their opportunity to ask the next ASB president what is up and what they plan on doing with the office."

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Campus Capsule

Sidelines will attempt to use this space to publish items and meetings of interest to the MTSU community. To submit items for publication, either send a typed copy of your entry to Box 42 via campus mail, or come by Room 310 of the James Union Building. *Sidelines* cannot guarantee publication of AN's item. *Sidelines* reserves the right to edit items for clarity and brevity.

The MTSU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic and the Public Service Committee are sponsoring a one-day workshop on "Diagnostic and Therapeutic Methods for the School Age Stutterer" Friday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. To register call Carolyn Shaw at 898-2661 by Feb. 19. The \$10 registration fee is waived for MTSU students.

Minorities majoring in business related fields interested in the Nashville Inroads Internship/Scholarship program need to attend an interest meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Room 315 of the Keathley University Center.

The Student Home Economics Association will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 in Room 200 of the Ellington Home Economics Building.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a Lazer Tag tournament March 1. Sign-up for the tournament is Feb. 25 in the Campus Recreation Office in the Alumni Gym.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s life will be chronicled in a movie presentation Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center.

The Minority Affairs office is sponsoring a lecture by Tennessee State University professor Bobby Lovitt titled "The Meaning of Black History Month: Achievements and Contributions of Black Americans." The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center today.

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Housing office producing films

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and hall staff," Shewmake said. "A lot of this (the procedures) changes, so it doesn't lend itself to a training film. But things like conflict resolutions and the approach will be addressed."

"A lot of our problems in the buildings will result from the wrong kind of approach," Shewmake added, "Usually one that is too hard-nosed. You do not go charging in like gang busters to most of these

situations. It just makes them worse."

A series of little scenarios on how to approach a situation will deal with such matters as what to do with someone who comes in intoxicated, how to deal with a fight, how to handle male-female problems and show the wrong way and the right way to approach them, Shewmake said.

The filming is being done by television services and the acting is being done by actual hall guards and whoever is available at the time.

"The hall guards are hall guards," Shewmake said. "Some of the other actors are people we happen to find walking through the halls, other RAs and just who happens to be around," Shewmake said.

Shewmake said that this is been a very extensive project and one that is somewhat unusual.

"Not many people are doing things like this," he said. "A school in Florida is doing some and the University of Alabama is doing some, but theirs is not as extensive as what we wanted. We wanted something that would cover all the gamuts."

Shewmake said that the cost of the project would not be very much because television services has to do these kind of projects anyway.

"It's going to be cheaper doing it this way than we thought it would originally be when we were going to do it in-house," he said. "And it goes along with training them too."

Shewmake is very optimistic that the films will be effective in training people for the housing positions, but says that the full benefits won't be known until the films are actually implemented.

"The proof is in the pudding, after we get through," he said. "But it has to be more effective than what we are doing now. And if it causes one person to avoid some kind of unfavorable situation in the buildings it will be worth the time."

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four members of the ASB election committee. A representative of each candidate may be present at each counting.

A candidate must win with 50 percent of the total vote plus one vote. A runoff between the top two candidates will be held on March 16-17 if a position's candidates do not produce a winner.

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Sidelines Managing Editor Christopher Bell, Channel 28 News Director Tracey Moore and WMOT Student Reporter Stephen Gallien will be representing the media.

Currently, seven people have announced their candidacy. Larry Burriss, mass communications professor, will be moderating the debate.

The Forum will begin with a description of the duties of ASB president given by Burriss, Conley said.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 in Studio A of the Learning Resources Center. It is expected to last for two hours.



Tim Cope/Staff

Are we having fun yet?

Carla Winfrey, consumer affairs reporter for Channel 4 news, Chris Clark, anchorman for Channel 5 news, Elise McMillan, managing editor for the *Nashville Banner* and Carol Fletcher, news editor at the *Lebanon Democrat* discuss ethics for several mass communications classes last Tuesday.

Sidelines may change production schedule

By CHRISTOPHER BELL
Managing Editor

Sidelines may be published on Monday and Thursday this fall, if changes recommended by the Student Publications Committee are approved by the university president.

A proposal to change the publishing dates of MTSU's campus paper was passed unanimously during a Friday meeting of the committee, which supervises *Sidelines*, *Midlander*, MTSU's yearbook, and *Collage*, the university's fine arts magazine.

The schedule change was submitted with the 1988 budget package, also approved by the committee during the meeting.

Sidelines has, during its period as a twice-weekly paper, been published on Tuesdays and Fridays, Student Publications Coordinator Jackie Solomon said.

Changing these publishing dates will increase both readership and advertising revenue, Solomon said. Since school attendance is highest on Mondays and lowest on Fridays, publishing on Monday rather than Tuesday will allow the paper to reach the maximum number of students.

"A Thursday publication will catch students who are on campus only on Tuesday and Thursday," Solomon said in her proposal.

A \$141,000 budget proposal was also unanimously passed by the

committee. Approximately \$108,000 of these funds will come from *Sidelines* and *Midlander* revenues, however, according to Solomon's figures. The remaining \$33,000 is an allocation from the university.

The committee also approved increases in the newspaper's advertising rates.

The campus open rate will be increased from 75 cents \$3.75 per column inch and the non-campus rate will be increased \$1.00 to \$4.75 per column inch, according to the proposal. The cost of classified ads will be increased from \$1.50 per 50-word ad to \$3.00 per ad.

While these price increases may seem dramatic, they are compar-

able to what other university newspapers now charge, Solomon said. This is the first increase by the paper in two years.

The committee will meet again Thursday, Feb. 18, to select a *Midlander* editor for the 1988-89 academic year.

Attempts to select an editor have been hampered by the inability of the committee to post a quorum, the minimum number of members required to vote. The Friday meeting was the first time in three attempts the committee had met quorum.

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EDITORIALS

Is Simon a classical liberal or an oddball?

A View From The Left



Tommy Williams
Columnist

Paul Simon's 30 years of public service make him very appealing as a presidential candidate. His experience as an editor, Illinois Senator, member of the House of Representatives and U.S. senator will definitely attract those voters who are drawn to advertisements saying "trust in experience."

Simon is a strong supporter of public education. He boasts of having "put more education laws on the books than all the other presidential candidates of both parties combined."

He has also promoted and opposed tuition tax credits for those who attend private schools. He also agrees that illiteracy is a major issue because of the fact that 23 million Americans can neither read nor write on an eighth grade level.

Simon's record proves that he has a commitment to arms control. He opposed the MX missile in 1980. He has supported a "quick freeze" of weapons to show the Soviets that we are serious about arms control. He also has voted to cut off aid to

the Nicaraguan Contras. Simon will appeal to farmers as a result of his opposition to the Soviet grain embargo. He has creatively supported new uses of farm products such as using corn for car fuels and biodegradable plastics. He reaffirms his concern for the family farm by a proposal to exclude corporate farms from farm aid programs.

Simon's only problem is the image he portrays. His appeal today is primarily to liberals, yet his physical appearance leads one to believe he could possibly be an affluent, conservative intellectual.

In a recent CNN interview, Simon commented on the fact that he discarded advice from his recently acquired public relations firm to take off his glasses and remove his bow tie. The abundant amount of Vitalis in his hair was also a little much for his PR advisors.

However, Simon believes his comical appearance allows him to be independent. True, it has given him public recognition, but being referred to as the "bow tie candidate" has less than positive appeal.

Simon's words on education, foreign policy and civil rights will enable him to draw a diversified cross-section of Super Tuesday voters. This could boost him to a sufficient ranking on the Democratic ticket.

Today, however, Simon is haunted by his public image. If he removed the glasses and tie today, tomorrow no one would recognize him.

Paul Simon likes to portray himself as a classical liberal. He gives speeches on his care for every American and his campaign attempts to show the candidate as a compassionate man who knows



when to be tough.

With his bow ties and awkward manners, Simon has created a public image for himself that is separate from all the other Democratic candidates for president.

When it comes to the nitty-gritty of issues, however, Simon offers nothing more than a confused version of the run-of-the-mill Democratic rhetoric.

A View From The Right



M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

First of all, the senator from Illinois is a lightweight on national defense and foreign policy.

Throughout his congressional career, Simon has voted against the MX missile, chemical weapons, SDI, the B-1 bomber and the neutron bomb, just to name a few. Simon also promises massive defense cuts if elected.

On foreign policy, Simon "urges meaningful arms control talks with the Soviet Union," without giving the slightest inclination as to what he feels are "meaningful" talks. Judging from his record, Simon probably feels that scrapping all U.S. weapons systems as a show of good faith would be a good idea.

Simon has also voted against aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. In fact, Simon has opposed any U.S. involvement in Central America whatsoever.

Simon justifies this stance by saying he is "critical of the Reagan Administration's sole reliance on military solutions to solve what are fundamentally social and economic problems."

I suppose that Simon feels the suppression of religion and a free

press, and the killing or incarceration of innocent people by the Sandinistas is a purely "social or economic problem."

In the economic arena, Simon joins most of his Democratic brethren in supporting protectionist legislation to decrease the U.S. trade deficit.

Simon and other protectionists have never considered the disastrous effect such legislation could have on Wall Street if enacted. If U.S. ports are closed down, or heavily barred by tariffs, we run the risk of forcing investors to transfer their money from Wall Street to other international markets. If these protectionists thought Black Monday was bad, they've never dreamed of the plummet the Dow Jones would take if this happened.

The icing on the cake is Simon's "reduce the deficit while increasing domestic spending" fiscal policy. How would Simon pull off this balancing act? In the Democratic tradition, he would raise taxes.

Overall, Simon is just another Joe in the clone-like Democratic race.

Smith Hall residents still live with helpless fire protection



Mike Reed
Columnist

Today is Tuesday, and you know what that means. Mike has a new batch of lies, slanders, damning innuendo, and other things that go bump in the night.

For those of you who read my column, I am truly thankful, and for those of you who give me ideas on which to write I am truly in your debt.

You might remember last semester while all the other writers were giving their farewell speeches (they were only ad-libbing, but Shakespeare could have written the script). I wrote an editorial on the fire alarm system in Smith Hall.

Those of you who know me realize that I don't go looking for trouble. People point things out to me, and I tell you about them. It's a dirty job, etc.

Picture this, a hypothetical fire breaks out in Smith Hall. The fire alarm system works (thank God) and the residents are alerted. One

daring individual in an attempt to save his goldfish, gets his flannel pajamas caught on fire. Quickly another student runs to grab the fire extinguisher, pulls the pin, and braces himself for the kick. Instead of the whoosh of white foam, he hears a slight "fsssss" because the extinguisher has not been recharged since December.

Now, I realize that keeping up with all the fire extinguishers in Smith Hall is a bothersome task. I also realize that if my flannel pajamas were on fire I would expect the darn things to work.

Mike, you're saying, what is the big deal, so the fire extinguisher near your door will only go "fsss" when you need it. I am sure there are others. Yes, there are, and one-third of them are empty. I don't know if this is what is considered an acceptable ratio, but I don't like it.

If I am on the third floor, the fire extinguishers are empty and my roommate is still smelling like three-day-old cheese whiz, what can I do? Nada, nichts, nothing. You can kiss your roommate and VCR good-bye.

But golly Mike, how do you suppose they get that way? That is the student's fault.

As big as Smith Hall is, it is hard to keep up with every little detail. However, surely the resident assis-

tants and the hall director could check the silly things once a month. I don't know, maybe it is too much to ask.

But, Mike, if you noticed that they were empty, why didn't you tell someone? Like I explained earlier, I don't look for trouble, people point it out to me and I tell you. Ask any linguist and they will tell you it is easier to write in first person.

I can understand, maybe, why the extinguisher nearest my room wouldn't get noticed. However, the extinguisher right outside the hall director's door is so bad it probably wouldn't even go "fsss" it would cough and say "arrgh, ya got me."

How long will this go on? Will this attempt at dealing with the situation go unnoticed? Only time will tell.



Why does everyone hate roommates?



David Robinson
Presbyterian Student Fellowship

Why is my roommate such a jerk? He chews his toenails. She lets her food rot in my fridge. He leaves his sweat socks hanging on my bed post. She borrows my

clothes without asking. He has his girlfriend over 'til 2 a.m. talking and kissing. She uses too much makeup. He never washes his clothes and dresses like a slob... and the list goes on.

Why is it so hard to get along with those people you live with? They can be so inconsiderate, insensitive, thoughtless and difficult.

Okay, maybe your roommate is not that way. Maybe you happen to have one of those rare relationships with no problems. Lucky you. The rest of us have had to put up with trying to make the most of a less-than-perfect match.

I had a roommate my freshman year who continually changed the channel of my radio to his station — a station which played music I hated.

Then there were the druggies across the hall that same year who had every bookshelf, desk-top and counter in their room filled with drying hallucinogenic 'shrooms. It

really got interesting when their 30-gallon fish-tank full of their home-brew broke and spilled its putrid contents out into the hall and under our door.

I've lived with loud music, bad singing, spoiled food, chairs piled high with smelly clothes, obnoxious habits, self-centeredness and a host of other challenges. I'm sure you have, too. So why do we put up with it all?

Scott Peck writes in his book *The Road Less Travelled*, that "life is difficult." We all know that is so.

We all know that there is no such thing as a perfect roommate or a perfect relationship. We all know that we have a big pile of laundry which we bring into every relationship. But, we easily forget those things. Everyone uses selective memory.

Fact you are living with an immature, needy person. And the more you look at that person, the more you see yourself with all your

own weaknesses reflected in the mirror of their lives. Yes, we all in certain ways are immature, weak and needy.

We need each other. We need one another to grind against. We need each other to wear down our roughness and so become the incredibly beautiful people we were created to be.

As Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

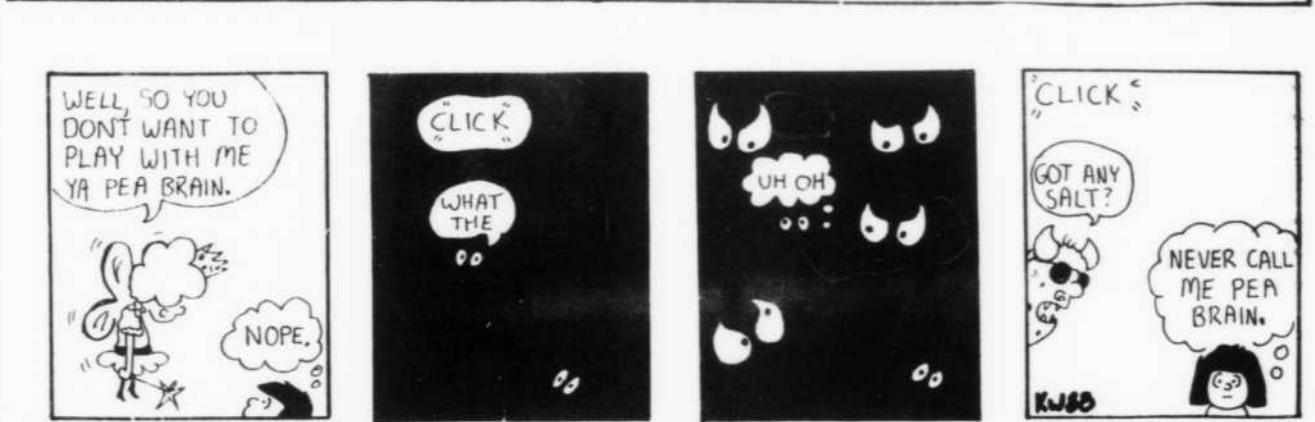
At the heart of every quality relationship are three C's.

First, commitment — that mutual decision to stick together in spite of all the difficulties.

Second, conflict — the inevitable result of two imperfect people committed to sharing their lives together.

And lastly, compassion — the will to love and to extend grace to that weak, needy person, fully aware how great your own need is for the same love and acceptance.

STEVE BEAT By KENT WHITAKER



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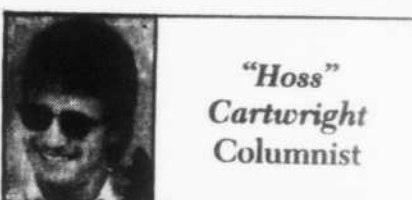
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 Columnist

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like Gerald Ford. Forget it.

Bruce Babbitt — Say this three times fast, "Bruce Babbitt buys B-1 Bombers birthed by baby-boomer baboons." The alliteration in his name alone makes him b-b-b-b-b-bad to the bone. Still, he favors the ignorant handyman on the TV show "Newhart." No, they're probably twins.

Paul Simon — Boy, can he write some lyrics! Will Art Garfunkel be his vice-president, and Princess Leia (his wife) first lady? Some people still have problems with his topic of homosexuality in the song "Me and Julio Down By the Schoolyard." But look at all the Grammys! I love that bow tie!

George Bush — Makes a decent beer for the price, but like Sen. Dole, how can he compete with Budweiser and Schaefer from the White House? Still, think of the major keg parties in the Oval Office. Of course, they'll charge a cover at the door to help reduce the deficit.

Jesse Jackson — If he would jesse his last name to James, wear a cowboy hat and carry a revolver, maybe then more people would listen. At least he's southern, but so is Gore — the pot-smoker.

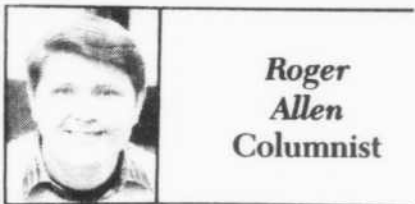
Pat Robertson — "Let's see. I'll make Ernest Angley vice-president and Jim Bakker secretary of the treasury — he knows how to hide the money. Geez, I forgot about those darn Catholics. I wonder if the Pope needs a job? If we could only get Oral Roberts to fake starvation at U.N. meetings, summit meetings, and especially at the Kremlin..."

Jack Kemp — A few presidents

have played football, but have any been able to hurl a 50-yarder on a sideline route in heavy coverage? This is a must — a leader who can scramble, like Elway or Nixon.

Jack Nicholson — The best choice for a write-in candidate hands down. He knows how to keep house. Remember "The Shining" or "The Witches of Eastwick." Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot. He's an actor. That'll work!

Robertson deserves chance at presidency



Roger Allen
 Columnist

In recent days the candidacy of Pat Robertson for president has been the subject of a great amount of debate.

With the results of the Iowa Caucus revealed, it is clear that Robertson has produced the invisible army he has so often claimed to command. Even clearer are the shock waves these results are sending throughout the Republican Party.

Many disenfranchised Republicans and Democrats that believed in Ronald Reagan's social agenda of high morals, low taxes, big defense and no abortion are looking for a new standard bearer.

This group, known as the Religious Right, exhibits an ethnic, racial and religious pluralism that can produce political dynamite for the candidate who appeals to its particular interests.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
 We would like to comment on the cartoon that appeared in the issue of Jan. 22 of a fetus being speared by a scalpel over the caption, "GOTCHA!"

The underlying assumption of the cartoon is that women who choose to have abortions (and secondarily, their doctors) act on bloodthirsty, indeed murderous impulses.

Even if one concedes that an early abortion destroys a life, to attribute barbarous motives to the mother is slanderous. Women who choose to have abortions often find themselves in a position analogous to that of individuals who decide not to put a dying parent on a life-support system in order to avoid further suffering. Their decision may show, not contempt for life, but an ethical concern for the quality of life.

These are not original thoughts, but seeing as, on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that grants women this moral choice, *Sidelines* featured only anti-choice materials (perhaps through dearth of contributions), we felt they needed to be reiterated.

Dr. Charisse Gendron
Amber Pearce
 Box 412

To the Editor:

In response to the article by Mark C. Davanport, featured in the Jan. 29 issue of *Sidelines*, headlined, "America should ignore propaganda, false peace proposals from Soviets," I would like to add that not only do I agree with Mr. Davanport in applauding the Soviet Union and the United States' initiative in reducing the threat imposed by the arms race, it is shown by recent national polls that the vast majority of American citizens support the issue as well.

However, I am afraid that Mr. Davanport has been woefully misinformed, or else he chose to propagate outright lies and half-truths for the purpose of diminishing support of the INF treaty.

If he is truly misinformed, I suggest that he re-examine his sources for facts. If you are purposely lying to the student body, we demand that you substantiate these accusations by a public forum.

I am alarmed at the gross discrepancies concerning the credibility of some of Mr. Davanport's statements. Such as, "[The Soviet Union] is the same country that has not honored a single treaty it has ever signed concerning arms reductions."

How could this possibly be an accurate statement, when in fact,

there has never been a signed treaty regarding arms reduction?

Mr. Davanport proceeds to contradict his earlier stated approval of the treaty by saying, "These treaties ... endanger U.S. national security."

Mr. Davanport, do you advocate potential danger to this country, or are you merely confused about your opinion?

He listed, yet failed to validate the following statements:

- "The Soviet's participation in Afghanistan has led to the indescribable murder and suppression of the Afghan people."
- "The Soviet's now support Vietnam in their invasion of Cambodia, Angola in their fight against democracy and Laos in their use of chemical weapons against refugee villages."
- "Soviet atrocities also continue in Nicaragua where the Roman-Catholic Church is persecuted, the Miskito Indians are exterminated and anyone who opposes the regime of Daniel Ortega is tortured, jailed or shot."
- "Within the Soviet Union the Communist government is slow in correcting their persecution of Jews and other religious groups."
- "The Soviets have also proposed a reduction in chemical weapons and technology. However, a chem-

ical weapons treaty would be unverifiable and therefore, potentially dangerous to the United States."

When you choose to take such a direct political stance on these issues, you must be in the position to back these assumptions with truth and tangible evidence.

In any case, we are speaking of a situation that is relevant to the very survival of all humankind. How can you encourage or promote doubt in the mind of even one person?

Joy Patterson
 Box 3290

To the Editor:
 I have been very shocked with the quality of *Sidelines* so far this semester. I never thought I would hear myself say that.

The paper has taken a definite turn for the better over last semester's editions.

The news section has been good so far, especially the coverage of the art barn theft. My favorite article of the young semester has to be "Allegations fly in Harvey incident." I can just see Holly Lentz showing her true colors by screaming at the president of Tennessee Tech (who, by the way, deserves to

be screamed at).

The entertainment section has been entertaining, and the sports section has been adequate, except for those microscopic pictures they always run.

But, I think the biggest improvement has come in the editorial section. I can finally read a few columns and find some opinions I agree with. Hats off to the new columnists. *Sidelines* finally has a few editorialists who actually know what's going on in the world.

I would also like to commend Tommy Williams and M.A. Brown for their analyses of the presidential candidates. I am glad to see that *Sidelines* has finally taken it's head out of the sand and realized there is a world outside MTSU.

Congratulations to Tony Stinnett for finally giving this campus a newspaper worth reading.

Kevin Minchey
 Nashville

To the Editor:
 The parking problem at MTSU has greatly improved since the expansion of the Murphy Center lot. This is very good!

There is one situation I am concerned about which deals with parking.

The Bell Street lot is usually full by 7:30 or 7:45 a.m. I park at the ends of rows and squeeze into corners all the time and I don't block anyone's entrance or exit. Everything is fine.

Last week, however, I received two tickets in as many days. My question is why?

This is a general purpose lot, and students have obviously adapted to the parking problem by creating an effective and safe parking system that welcomes many more cars than the marked spaces allow.

I have two suggestions:
 1) Let us park in the lot in an orderly fashion without blocking any exits or entrances. We're old enough to know what is orderly and what is not.

2) Prohibit the university is going to prohibit parking outside the spaces, then give tickets everyday and not just whenever. I'm tired of playing Russian Roulette — can we or can't we?

I realize the spaces are there for a reason, and you have to draw the line somewhere.

Why doesn't MTSU draw more lines in the Bell Street parking lot? There is plenty of room. I see it everyday.

Tony Mills
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Meet the new boss, same as the old boss



M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

Wednesday, Feb. 10 marked the day that candidates for Associated Student Body office could officially begin their campaigns by obtaining their petitions for placement on the ballot for the March 2 and 3 elections.

As of Feb. 14 three men had shown their intention to run for ASB president by picking up a petition. These men are current ASB Senator William Newberry, ASB Homecoming Director and Presidential Advisor Rob Marlin and *Sidelines* Editor Tony Stinnett.

It is not surprising to note that two of these candidates, Newberry and Marlin, are veterans of the ASB. It also should not be very shocking to learn that these two are Greeks.

Past history shows that Greeks dominate the ASB. For the most part, a candidate must be a Greek or he/she cannot get elected to an ASB office, let alone hope for an appointed position in MTSU's student government.

Past history also shows that the ASB president comes from within the ASB. Therefore, it is only natural when one takes into consideration the aforementioned Greek dominance of the ASB that the president has almost always been a Greek.

Now, what have these Greeks done once they are elected to the ASB? Absolutely, positively no-

thing.

Our so-called student representatives from the Greek community always pay lip service to the need for the entire student body to get involved in the governing of MTSU. Yet, once they are elected they forget about the independent students on this campus and turn their full attention to the petty needs of their Greek brothers and sisters.

These "representatives" blow off so much hot air about the need for a Fraternity Row at MTSU and how a unicameral [one-house] legislature would be a much more efficient way to run our student government.

First of all, I would like to inform these people that no one, except themselves, needs or wants a fraternity row at MTSU. There are too many other problems on campus that demand our attention. Giving fraternities/sororities another place to party should not be at the top of our priority list.

The administration of MTSU should worry about computerizing the library, constructing a mass communications building and alleviating the campus parking problem first and foremost. Then if time and money are available, they might consider establishing a fraternity row.

Secondly, some Greeks have proposed the restructuring of the current bicameral ASB legislature, making it a unicameral body.

Granted, this proposal would conceivably make the ASB legislature more efficient. However, by eliminating the House of Repre-

sentatives the ASB would only increase Greek power.

A one-body legislature, with solely elected representatives, would virtually eliminate any representation for independent students and organizations.

These two issues have floated in and out of MTSU's ASB elections for the past several years. To the credit of current ASB President Holly Lentz, her administration has strongly opposed the restructuring of the ASB legislature and hasn't made an issue of the proposed fraternity row.

However, when one examines Lentz' reign, it is easy to see that we have had another do nothing Greek president.

During her campaign, Lentz said that if elected should provide the ASB with "experience, integrity and concrete ideas to make the executive branch more effective."

Well, after almost a year in office, no one has seen any of Lentz' "concrete ideas." The executive branch of the ASB is in no way more effective under Lentz than it was under any past president.

Admittedly, Lentz and Homecoming Director Marlin put together a very nice homecoming,

but none of their other campaign promises, such as the placement of change machines around campus, have come to fruition. In fact, since homecoming in late October, I have begun to wonder if we have an ASB president.

The only thing Lentz has done since homecoming is carry on a drawn-out and very ridiculous charade with Harvey the totem pole.

It is pretty obvious that this is all the Greeks want from their student government. But doesn't the student body of MTSU as a whole want a little more from their ASB? I can only hope so.

MTSU is a growing educational institution. There are many students attending this school who are serious about their education and care about this school. This group is made up of many Greeks and independents. I tip my hat to these people for their maturity.

The only way the entire student body will ever receive the representation they deserve is if they elect a president outside the Greek system.

If all students remember our past governments and vote accordingly, we won't get fooled again.



A current events quiz to see what you really know about the world in which we live



Ralph Swindler
Columnist

We have been in school now for five weeks, and many of us are experiencing tests. Well, now it's time for *Sidelines* to get into the act. So here is a short, little current events quiz. Remember, this is only a quiz.

- 1) Who is Daniel Ortega?
 - a. The president of Nicaragua.
 - b. A marxist leader.
 - c. That crazy madman bent on overthrowing the United States.
- 2) Where is Nicaragua?
 - a. In Central America.
 - b. In the Western Hemisphere.
 - c. I am an American, so I don't know.
- 3) Afghanistan is ...
 - a. An Islamic nation under Soviet tyranny.
 - b. A nation in the key crossroads of the Middle East and Asia.
 - c. A nation that in 20 years will inspire a Russian movie entitled "Platoonski."
- 4) By what right do the Israelis lay claim to their country?
 - a. God gave it to them four thousand years ago.
 - b. Through international agreement of the "Big Five" at the end of World War Two.
 - c. Because they shoot first and ask questions later.
- 5) Who are the "Big Five"?
 - a. The United States, Great Britain, France, The Soviet Union and China.
 - b. Ronald Reagan, Maggie Thatcher, Jaques Chinac, Mikhail Gorbachev and Deng Xio Ping.
 - c. Ralph Sampson, Manute Bol, Patrick Ewing, Robert Parrish and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.
- 6) Who is General Noriega?
 - a. The military strongman of Panama.
 - b. A drug pusher.
 - c. A man who "Just said Yes."
- 7) What is the current ranking of the U.S. space program?
 - a. Below that of the Soviets' program.
 - b. Below the program of Western Europe.

- 8) What is "Star Wars"?
 - a. A great classic movie of our age.
 - b. A much attacked defense proposal.
 - c. A brilliant vision by a brilliant man.
 - 9) How can the Super Bowl be made more exciting?
 - a. Play it one week after the conference championships.
 - b. Cut the hype and let the players prepare for the game.
 - c. Rename it the Toilet Bowl and invite the two worst teams in the NFL to play in it.
 - 10) What is the current status of Murfreesboro?
 - a. A bedroom community for Nashville.
 - b. A growing city.
 - c. A chaotic excuse for indiscriminate construction and building projects.
- If you answered C to all of these

questions, you scored a perfect 10.

This quiz was intended to make people stop and think about the world around them.

For example, many Americans really don't know where Nicaragua is located. Also, Murfreesboro is a mess. I wish that the city fathers would look at Houston. The city of Houston went ahead and built and built. They thought their community would never experience a depression, but it did. Murfreesboro can become another Houston if this senseless building continues. Murfreesboro needs controlled and orderly growth.

Most Americans are woefully unaware of the events that take place around them. Like ostriches, they stick their heads in the ground and hope the problem will go away.

An "out of sight, out of mind" approach doesn't work when one lives in the world we occupy today. Americans must be informed and knowledgeable of world events. It's time that Americans woke up and smelled the roses.

Will SDI really protect U.S.?



J.M. Cook
Editorial Cartoonist

Suppose the Strategic Defense Initiative [SDI], (more commonly known as "Star Wars") experts are correct in predicting that such a space-based defensive weapons system could stop 80 to 95 percent of an enemy's nuclear missiles launched at the United States.

What of the 5 to 20 percent of missiles that do get through?

Previous treaties between the United States and Soviet Union have limited the number of missile delivery systems each country can have to 1,080.

However, there are no limits on the number of independently-

targeted warheads each missile could pack, and there are no limits on the megaton capacity of each warhead.

Keeping this from turning into a dissertation, let's assume that each missile has 10 warheads. Let's assume, also, that in the case of a Soviet nuclear attack SDI does work to it's maximum performance and 95 percent of incoming missiles are stopped.

Simple math shows us that 5 percent of 1,080 is 54. Multiply that number by the number of warheads and you get 540. That equals 540 targets killed. These targets would be military installations and cities.

So, just from the statistical point of view, one can discern that SDI would be worthless.

Personally, I cannot even begin to name 540 worthy targets in the Western political world.

Why doesn't anyone care about the MTSU ensemble band?



Tony Stinnett
Editor-in-Chief

The third annual All-State Wind Ensemble Conference held this past weekend on the campus of MTSU at the Wright Music building was definitely worth attending.

For those who attended it was a success. Unfortunately, the ones who were on hand were mainly

from high schools in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

The MTSU Wind Ensemble put together a fine display of music that was both enjoyable and entertaining.

What I can't figure out is the simple fact that MTSU is fortunate enough to have one of the top music programs in the country, under the leadership of Director Joe Smith, yet the students of this university will not take notice of something they have the opportunity to support.

The evening of music was free and open to the public. Therefore, it is safe for me to assume that money was not an issue.

The MTSU Wind Ensemble performed at 7 p.m., and was finished by 7:50 p.m. With this in mind, I can find no reason to say that the lateness of the hour was an issue.

The only reason that I can figure out for the poor MTSU student concern for our music department is the fact that the students of this university simply don't care!

This is a problem which I can't

understand. Students are willing to party into the wee hours of the morning, skip classes and attend on-campus dances, yet they are not willing to attend an event that could enhance their appreciation of music.

Those students who attended can relate to what I am trying to get across. The conference was worthwhile.

The music department brought to this university three world renowned composers for the conference, as they have done for the past

three years.

Dr. Martin Mailman, Dr. W. Francis McBeth and Dr. Ron Nelson were the three guest composers. There was also a tremendous blend of talented musicians on hand to perform.

I realize that through this mere editorial I will never be able to promote excitement for our music department.

The only way that students will be able to appreciate what they have been given is to take it upon themselves to go to the music de-

partment and hear for themselves what a truly experienced group of young talent they have before them.

Our music department is comprised of students who put in several hours of practice a day. They work hard to be the best they can be and they deserve your respect.

If you were not fortunate enough to hear the wind ensemble this weekend you missed out on a great evening of music.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I have a question for the administration of MTSU or anyone who might know the answer. I don't understand the bulletin boards in the KUC. More specifically, the large, brown bulletin board down by the PO boxes, just around the corner from the handicapped ramp. I know that sounds funny, but it's true.

Who may use this board? It's usually empty by the afternoon, and I swear there are notices and signs on it in the mornings. I can't put signs on it saying my hand will be playing because that would promote the use of alcohol and that's a no-no on state property. You know, going to clubs and such.

Even blood drive signs don't last long on the sacred brown bulletin board. Neither do any For Sale or For Rent signs. It seems like the

only things that ever stay on the bulletin boards are silly ESPN/MTSU Basketball signs. If only ESPN were around all the time to boost the pathetic school spirit all the time. I admit, I'm really not into school spirit, but that's beside the point.

Finally, the second type of sign that is allowed on the big brown board is, of course, the fraternity party signs, usually more prevalent during rush. You can't tell me that no one associates fraternity parties with alcohol and fun. Granted, rush is dry, but you still have the implied images of "party," just like the implied images of Mainstreet, Jabb's, EJ's, Elliston Square, etc.

Who tears down all of those signs? Is it Dean Cantrell? He and I know each other, and I'm sure it is not only he who removes these "offensive" signs.

Is there a truly fair policy about signs at MTSU? I think not. Money, yours and mine, was spent on that bulletin board, and everyone knows things bought for or through the state university system cost twice as much as they would on the retail market. So why can't anyone use it?

Make it a student's board where posters and signs may be put up regardless of the organization. I'm not saying they can't be reviewed for taste, profanity or grammar, but I think it's up to the students to decide what is going to take place in their lives. Signs announcing events or activities are all a part of living.

One last point to my rambling. I guess it's OK for Mainstreet and Jabb's to buy advertisements in *Sidelines* (the school paper isn't it?) promoting the consumption of alcohol, but a student can't post a

sign he/she paid for promoting an event, even if alcohol isn't mentioned, on the big, brown, empty bulletin board in the KUC. What a waste.

Tony Morreale
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To the Editor:

I don't see how MTSU can be called such a great school. Sure, academics are important but so are the living conditions to those of us who live on campus.

I really believe that the "Things to do" list on this campus is being read from bottom to top. I requested a new shower curtain and bathroom stall curtains several weeks ago, but as of today [Feb. 10] there has still been no action.

A steady flow of hot water would also be nice. At 7 a.m. you would expect a nice hot shower, but don't

count on it.

But hey, while we are waiting for all of the repairs, we can watch cable TV, which has just been installed. If I had a TV, cable would be pretty nice, but I would still rather have a hot shower.

Privacy is another subject that is a problem. I know that while living in a dorm one has less privacy than he/she would have living elsewhere, but it has gotten ridiculous lately. Within the past week on three occasions people have entered my room without my knowledge or permission. I have been told that residents are supposed to have a twenty-four hour notice that their room will be inspected, etc.

Come on people, try to get your act together.

Thomas Hayes
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To the Editor:

Friday night our Pom Pom girls were done a terrible injustice. They appeared at the basketball game during halftime, ready to delight the crowd. The music started to play, and they began to perform. After seconds passed the music mysteriously stopped, and so did the girls. The music started and stopped several times. Feeling disgusted, the girls walked angrily from the floor.

The girls spend many hours a week practicing their routines, and the only reward they get is a chance to show their skills at our home games. They should have that chance to perform even if there are game promotions scheduled.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ted Nugent, KISS still rocking, rolling hard

By KATHERINE BERNARDI
Entertainment Writer

years ago.

Ted Nugent had the dubious honor of opening the concert, and from the opening chords of "Motor City Madhouse" to the closing notes of "Great White Buffalo," Terrible Ted unleashed his frantic, furious guitar technique upon the crowd. Backed by a stellar band consisting of Nashvillian Dave Kiswiney on bass, rhythm guitarist and vocalist Derek St. Holmes, plus an unidentified drummer, the Motor City Madman could do no wrong.

This touring band line-up is the best Nugent has had for a long time. Unfortunately, a la Whitesnake, they are not the same musicians

It may have been a "Crazy, Crazy Night," but Tuesday's double-bill of metal-mongers Ted Nugent and KISS was "Just What The Doctor Ordered" — a proverbial feast to the eyes and ears of hard rock fans.

For the chance of one ticket, you had the price to experience two artists who have had their share of career ups and downs and are currently on the up-swing again. Ted Nugent and KISS brought with them to Nashville's Municipal Auditorium a bit of history, yet proved that they were full of energy and just as creative as they were 15



Ted Nugent



KISS

which are on Ted's newest album, *If You Can't Lick 'em...Lick 'em*.

St. Holmes told me the band is currently writing songs, and they will be playing as a unit on Ted's next LP.

Ted treated his fans with a sampling of his most identifiable songs instead of focusing on new material. He performed hard-rocking versions of "Hey Baby," "Stranglehold," "Free For All," "Dog Eat Dog," "Cat Scratch Fever" and "Wang Dang Sweet Poor Tang." Each song sounded so fresh and vibrant that it is hard to believe that most of them were written 10 to 15 years ago!

Dressed in tight, white leather pants and jacket with his raccoon tail, Nugent kept his show simple. There were no fancy lights and no explosions, simply because he

didn't need them. All the Nugent needed was a capable back-up band, his guitar and room to run around on the stage.

In contrast, KISS relied on a series of theatricals in addition to their own colorful personalities, rather than the music. Whereas Nugent concentrated on older material, KISS pulled most of their selections from their past three albums. The only tunes from their make-up days were "Love Gun," "Rock and Roll All Nite," "Detroit Rock City" and "Cold Gin."

KISS has scaled down their theatrical production quite a bit, although they still had the mega-light KISS logo, revolving drum kit and multiple explosions. In addition, Gene Simmons banished his lizard tongue and used his

"hatchet" bass guitar to shoot out monitor cabinets.

Paul Stanley was in danger of losing his voice several times through the night but still managed to give an entertaining performance. He postured, preened and prattled before a responsive audience. At times he tended to talk a bit too much, and there were several long pauses in the music where Paul and Gene prowled around the stage and gestured for the crowd to react. And the near sell-out crowd ate it all up, including Paul's rap about his visit to a local health club.

I've seen KISS many times before — during their make-up years and during those without. They've

always performed with precise and calculated moves to stimulate audience response, yet Tuesday night KISS did the unexpected. When they came back for the encore, instead of launching directly into "Detroit Rock City," they jammed on "Dixie," segueled into "La Bamba," then blew me away with

a complete version of Led Zeppelin's "You Shook Me." It was the first time I ever saw them cut away from the KISS mold, and I was impressed. They should do it more often and rely less on the theatrics.

After watching these two artists perform, I feel confident that both groups will be around for another 15 years.

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Romance, rings ageless

By SUZY WALKER
Entertainment Writer

"I got mine in a box of gummy bears!" exclaims Melissa Brooks, an MTSU student.

"We were on the beach with the moon shining overhead and the waves splashing on the shore when he gave it to me," reminisces Sandra Walker, wife of professor David Walker.

When falling in love, a golden band with a simple diamond is transformed into a sparkling ring encircling centuries of tradition.

The ancient Romans probably began the custom of exchanging wedding rings. Among the common people, a piece of gold or silver was broken in two to seal the betrothal. One half was given to the man, the other half to the woman.

In Shakespeare's sixteenth century England, gimmel rings were popular. A hoop of gold was divided in two. After marriage, the halves were joined together to represent a union. The joint in the ring was decorated with a carving of clasped hands.

Clasped hands on a ring are traditional for Irish couples. A Claddagh ring features two hands holding a crown between them to symbolize the reign of love and friendship.

Modern couples at MTSU have the same flair for romantic engagements. Take Tim and Julie (soon-to-be) Covington, for example.

After dating for nine months, Tim and Julie began discussing marriage. They chose a ring which she was supposed to receive for Christmas.

But Tim couldn't wait.

In August, he took Julie to O'Charley's for a candlelight dinner. Afterwards they strolled through a park. Telling Julie to wait on him, Tim returned to the car.

"I took my Odie dog (from Garfield) and attached the ring up on his tongue where she wouldn't see it," explains Tim.

"When I gave the sack that Odie was in to Julie, she just looked puzzled. Then she saw the ring and her little eyes got big and round." Tim

remembers.

"I got down on my knees and asked her to marry me, he adds simply.

"She said yes."

Engagement stories like Tamatha Hopkins and Andy Miller's can also be told. He proposed to her in Gatlinburg by a bubbling, moonlit creek.

One couple was engaged at Opryland Hotel. He engaged a friend, dressed in a clown suit, to deliver a bouquet of red roses to her in the Conservatory. While admiring the beautiful roses, she discovered the sparkling diamond nestled among the petals.

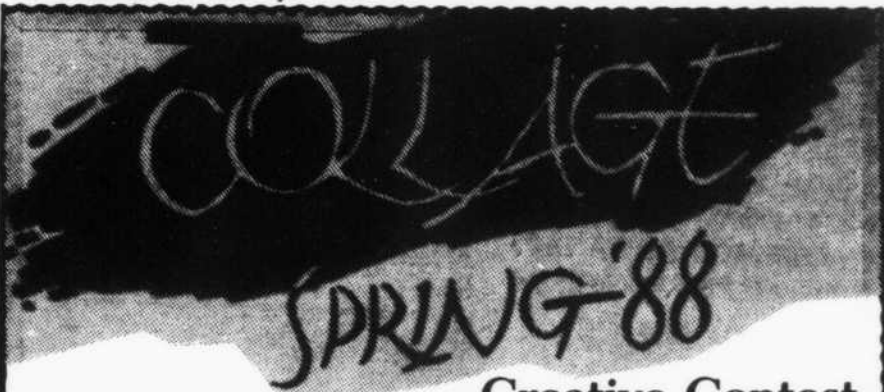
Romance is blossoming in 1988. If you are planning to ask that special someone to share your life on

Valentine's Day, do it creatively and with personal expressions of love as my fiance did.

When Derk planned a wonderful evening for us at Opryland Hotel. To my surprise, we went to his house before leaving. Out on the balcony where we had our first date, we reminisced about the past five-and-a-half years together.

After sitting me down in a rocking chair, Derk knelt down beside me. Gently placing an engagement ring on my finger, he asked me to marry him.

To us and other couples over the centuries, this simple golden band and shimmering diamond will always symbolize a never-ending circle of love and commitment.



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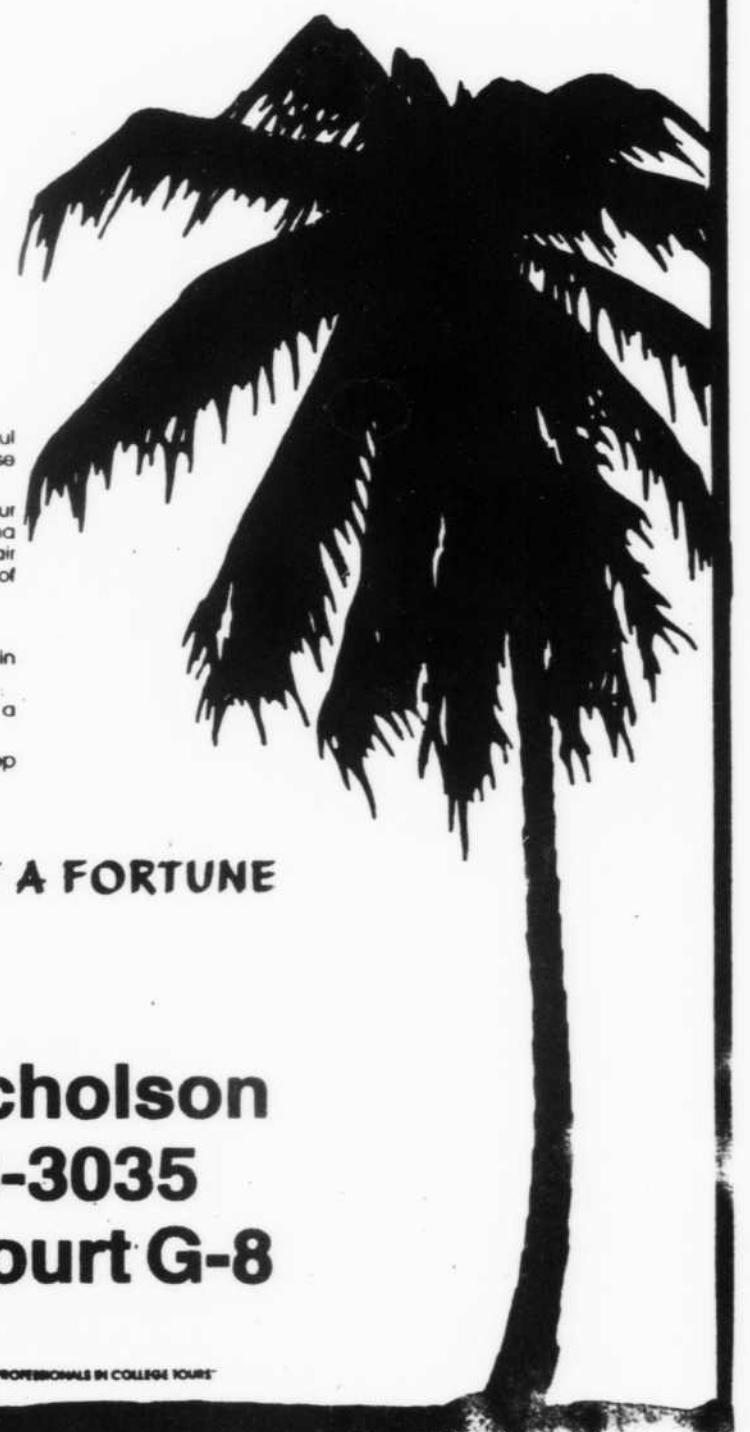
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'She's Having A Baby' boasts five-star rating

[Editor's note: A five-star rating system is used in evaluation purposes. One being poor, two fair, three good, four very good and five outstanding.]

★★★★★

By CHRIS AYERS
Entertainment Critic

In the past few years, filmmaker John Hughes has written and directed some of the most popular motion pictures ever made about the trials and tribulations of being a teenager in the 1980's. With the release of "She's Having A Baby," Hughes deals with the trials and tribulations of being a young, married adult in the 1980's.

Jake Briggs (Kevin Bacon) is a young man with a problem: he's getting married and he doesn't know why. He's sure that he loves his bride, Kristy (Elizabeth McGovern), but deep down he knows that marriage is a very big, very adult step. Jake has to decide

whether he's ready for adulthood or not. His journey to this final decision is what makes "She's Having A Baby" such a wonderful film. It would be easy to find a reason to dislike Jake. He seems, on the surface, shallow and unwilling to grow up. But the thing that saves Jake is that he really does love his wife. They don't get married because they have to, they get married because they want to. Jake just has to learn to deal with the responsibilities that come with marriage. He has to learn that sometimes life is a compromise. You have to give up or postpone some of your dreams to get an even bigger reward later.

One of the compromises Jake has to make is to put off his dreams of being a writer and taking a "real" job to support his wife. The fact that he gets this job with a totally fabricated resume is one of the best sequences in the film. While work-

ing for this company, Jake learns about the reality of compromise from one of his superiors (Dennis Dugan). It is at that point that Jake decides to never let his dreams die.

Another compromise Jake makes for Kristy is to buy a house in the suburbs. The true horror of suburban life is shown in a pair of hilarious sequences, one involving a block party and the other showing a lawnmower ballet. Although Jake and Kristy's neighbors seem a tad stereotypical, anyone who has ever lived the suburban life will recognize the people as someone they know.

Jake isn't the only one who's having problems adjusting to married life. Kristy senses that something is wrong, especially when Jake's best friend Davis (Alec Baldwin) comes for a visit with his less than classy girlfriend Erin (Valeri Breiman). Erin is basically the exact opposite of Kristy and Jake notices it. So does Kristy. This unsettling influence makes Jake's already active fantasy life even more active. All it does for Kristy is to make her more ready to start a family. Erin's visit and the prodding of her parents (William Windom and Cathryn Damon) makes Kristy take the step that leads up to the fulfillment of the title. She stops taking the pill without telling Jake.

A large part of the film is devoted to Jake's fantasy life. At certain points during the film, Jake's perspective takes a slightly exaggerated turn. The aforementioned lawnmower ballet is one of those times. Another is when Jake hears a slightly different version of his wedding vows. But the most prevalent fantasy is "The Girl" (Isabel Lorca). She first appears when Jake and Kristy go to a club. After that she is regularly popping in and out of Jake's dreams and his real life. His

final meeting with her is the point in the story where Jake realizes that Kristy is the only woman in his life that matters. Shortly after this, Kristy tells Jake that she is pregnant.

Kristy's pregnancy actually takes up the final third of the film. But it is the most moving and true-to-life part. Jake is the typical expectant father, having to deal with morning sickness and being prepared to get to the hospital in a hurry. It's only when something goes wrong during the delivery that Jake must come to terms with how much Kristy really means to him.

With "She's Having A Baby," John Hughes comes full circle as a filmmaker. Instead of being about teens in crises, "Baby" deals with adults in transition. Jake and Kristy are far removed from the teen stereotypes that are presented in some of Hughes' earlier films such as "Pretty in Pink". Perhaps the difference is that Hughes both wrote and directed "Baby" instead of just merely writing it. Judging from his Thanksgiving hit "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles," Hughes is going to be focusing on films about adults. If his later work is as good as his first two efforts, John Hughes will have many hits to come.

One of the keys to the success of "She's Having A Baby" is in the cast. If the film had starred Anthony Michael Hall and Molly Ringwald (Excuse me, Ringwald), it could have been a disaster of incredible proportions. But Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern, besides being two of my favorite performers, are absolutely perfect as Jake and Kristy. Bacon looks like he has broken his post-"Footloose" jinx with "Baby." McGovern, who brightens up any film she's in, is absolutely wonderful as Kristy. Alec



Jake (Kevin Bacon) and Kristy (Elizabeth McGovern) exchange wedding vows in "She's Having A Baby."

Baldwin, who most viewers will recognize from "Knots Landing," gives the part of Davis a depth that is usually missing from Hughes' villains. Look for big things from him in the future. William Windom and Cathryn Damon who play Kristy's parents are both recognizable character actors. Although playing their first roles, Isabel Lorca and Valeri Breiman give their parts a refreshing innocence and trashiness, respectively. Devoted John Hughes fans will recognize Paul Gleason, who plays Jake's boss, as Vice-Principal Dick Vernon from "The Breakfast Club." Dennis Dugan is best known for his brief stint as Captain Freedom on "Hill Street Blues" and has recently ap-

peared on "Moonlighting." The bottom line is that John Hughes has made a film that all college age students should be able to identify with. The problems that Jake and Kristy face are problems that we will all have to deal with at some time or another. I hope that everyone will be able to deal with them as successfully and with as much humor as they did. It's a fantastic movie. By the way, just like in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" stick around for the final credits. There's a treat in it for you.

"She's Having A Baby" is currently showing at Fountain Square 14 in Nashville and the Cinema Twin in Murfreesboro.

Variety, performance make ensemble sweet

★★★★★

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

It was an enjoyable, soothing, near perfect display of musical talent that was heard Saturday night during the Third Annual All-State Wind Ensemble Conference.

The MTSU Wind Ensemble performed five pieces of music during their concert that gave the audience a chance to feel at ease for at least the 50 minutes that the ensemble performed.

The music performed was of a wide variety and related to all age groups.

The opening number, "The Hounds of Spring," was indicative of the season that is upon us.

The piece started out bright and upbeat, changing to a mellow and relaxing tone in the middle section.

The next piece of music, "Symphony for Band," was one of the most difficult arrangements credited, it was an excellent performance.

The modern piece of music was difficult because of the syncopation that occurred throughout it.

Next on the agenda was "Savannah River Holiday," conducted by composer Dr. Ron Nelson.

Nelson composed the piece at the age of 18, originally for orchestra.

"Savannah River Holiday" was highly accepted by the audience. It's festive, staccato beat definitely caught the crowd's attention. They loved every minute of it.

"Drum Majors Daughter" followed with a lot of mood changes from the opening and throughout the piece.

The audience was kept alert due to the quick and bright opening and the mood changes that followed.

The closing arrangement, "Slava," by W. Francis McBeth was very enjoyable.

The trumpet and trombone solos that took place with flutter tonguing gave the piece a different type of sound.

This was a good piece to end with due to the fact that it was very upbeat and left the audience with a good feeling.

It was evident that the ensemble band put in several hours preparing for the concert, which made it very entertaining and worth seeing.

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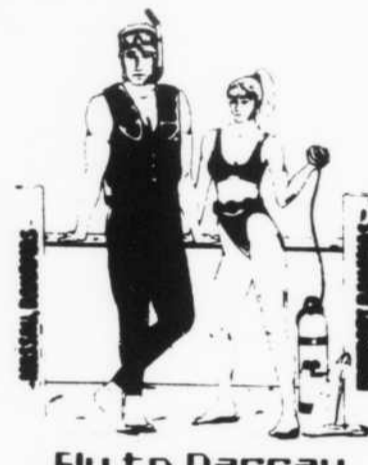
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SPORTS



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MTSU guard Chris Rainey gets in with the big frank for a rebound Friday night against Eastern Kentucky. Rainey scored 29 in the win.

Lady Raider tracksters win meet despite winning only two events

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders won their own track meet Saturday at Murphy Center, despite winning only two individual events.

The Lady Raiders defeated Alabama A & M, Fisk, Murray State, Alabama-Birmingham and Western Kentucky.

MTSU scored 111 points in the 12 event meet. Murray State, which finished second, scored 86. Alabama A & M, located in Huntsville, Ala., tied 79 while UAB scored 69. Western Kentucky and Fisk rounded out the scoring with 32 and two points, respectively.

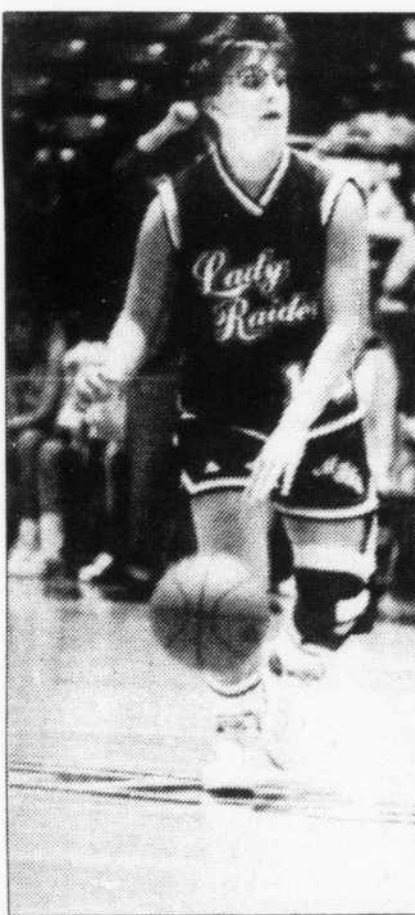
The Lady Raiders excelled in the leaping events and the dashes, which earned them the meet win. MTSU placed second, third and fourth in both the long jump and the triple jump.

Kyrieta Beason, who set a school record in Bloomington, Ind., finished second in both events. Sherrie Bingham picked up a third place finish in the long jump while Krista Hare picked up fourth in the triple jump.

Bingham and Langford picked

up individual wins in the high hurdles and the 55 meter dash, respectively.

The Lady Raiders placed seven of the 11 possible positions in the two short dashes.



Frank Conley/Staff

MTSU point guard Kim Collier looks down the floor in Saturday night's win over Eastern Kentucky.

Lady Raiders stay undefeated in conference

By **TRACY BOYD**
Assistant Sports Editor

Tawanya Mucker burned the nets for 36 points as the Lady Raiders defeated Morehead State, 86-69 last night at Murphy Center.

The junior center scored MTSU's first eight points as the Lady Raiders built a commanding 32-17 lead with 5:00 remaining in the first half.

Morehead State then went on a 15-3 run and pulled to within 35-32 with 1:58 to go in the half.

The Lady Raiders clamped down

and outscored the Lady Eagles 10-4 in the closing moments of the first half. At intermission, the score stood at 45-36.

Morehead State slowly chipped away at the lead, 51-50 with 13:34 left on the clock.

MTSU went on another run, outscoring the Lady Eagles 16-4 to make the score 67-56. This time, the Lady Raiders never looked back.

"I didn't think we did a very good job in the first half," Lady Raider

Raiders demote Colonels, 87 — 75; Rainey ties school shooting record

By **TONY STINNETT**
Editor in Chief

Junior guard Chris Rainey scored a game-high 29 points, hitting 13 of 14 from the field, to lead MTSU over Eastern Kentucky 87-75 Friday night at Murphy Center.

Rainey's near-flawless performance tied a school record for field goal percentage in a game, tying Jerry Beck's shooting percentage of .929 against Bluefield College in 1979.

"Chris had a great, great night," coach Bruce Stewart said. "Chris is working hard. He played an excellent game and hit the shots when they were guarding him very tight."

"I was feeling pretty good and the shots were falling for me tonight," Rainey said. "I wasn't really concentrating on offense, I was concentrating on defense. They say that defense brings on offense and that was how it went tonight."

Chris Rainey's performance was

not the only one that caught the attention of Stewart.

The Raiders as a team shot a phenomenal 75 percent (24-32) in the second half.

Nashville native Ty Baynham was six of 10 in the second half and finished the game with 16 points. Leslie Gregory was six of six in the second half and finished the game with 14 points.

"Good players were taking good shots and they were falling," Stewart said. "I was pleased with our guys' effort tonight. It was a nice win."

But Gerald Harris' defensive performance may have been the key to the game. The lightning quick Harris held Eastern Kentucky's standout Jeff McGill to a season low in four points — all in the first half — in 37 minutes of playing time.

"Gerald Harris did a super, super job defensively," Stewart said. "He

held [McGill], who may be the best point guard in the league, to four points. That right there says it all. He gave a tremendous effort in the defensive side of the ball."

Dwayne Rainey came off the bench to turn in one of his better outings of the season after suffering a minor knee injury.

Dwayne scored 10 points and took up the slack for Randy Henry and Gregory who got into foul trouble.

"Dwayne responded tonight. He has had some games where he has struggled, but he looked like his old self tonight," Stewart said. "It was good to see him playing well and we are not going to give up on him because of a few off nights."

"For the last couple of games I have been suffering from a knee injury," the 6-7, 260 pound Rainey said. "Tonight I didn't try to make things happen, I let the game come to me."

The Blue Raiders fell behind early, 8-0, before they could get things on track. Dwayne Rainey came off the bench with about 16½ minutes left and scored five of MTSU's next 11 points to close the Colonels' lead to 12-11. Randy Henry (four) and Chris Rainey (two) accounted for the other points.

By halftime, the Blue Raiders had battled back to tie the game at 32.

Both teams traded leads several times in the second half until MTSU took the lead for good with 9:39 remaining.

The Blue Raiders took a 59-58 lead when Gregory hit a short jumper in the paint. MTSU continued to build that lead the remainder of the game.

MTSU built a 77-67 lead over the next six minutes and never looked back.

Lady Raiders defeat Lady Colonels 84 — 75; Mucker spearheads attack, scores 32 points

By **TRACY BOYD**
Assistant Sports Editor

Tawanya Mucker scored 20 of her game-high 32 points in the first half as the MTSU Lady Raiders downed stubborn Eastern Kentucky 84-75 Saturday night at Murphy Center.

"I thought we played well," said Lady Raider coach Lewis Bivens, "especially in the first half. We did a great job offensively getting 'T' [Tawanya] the ball. 'T' had a great night offensively."

MTSU got on the board first when Mucker hit one free throw after being fouled in the act of

shooting.

Freshman point guard Kim Collier, not known for taking many shots, hit a long jumper from the right wing and promptly canned a three-pointer on MTSU's next trip down the floor.

The first half was closely contested throughout with the Lady Raiders maintaining a slight advantage for most of it.

MTSU trailed for the last time, 15-14 with 13:31 remaining in the half.

The Lady Raiders built a 37-30 lead with 3:08 left in the half, but ECU quickly closed it to 39-38 with

1:43 left.

MTSU went on a 7-2 run just before the half ended to hold a 46-40 advantage heading into the locker room.

The Lady Colonels forced MTSU to call time out with 16:06 remaining, after closing the gap to 50-46.

Following the time out, Eastern made it 50-48, but that is as close as Mucker would let them get.

The junior center led an 11-3 run over the next four minutes and MTSU led 61-51 with 10:57 left in the game.

Eastern was able to close to within five, 78-73, with just over a minute to go, but the Lady Raiders were able to hold off the threat.

MTSU hit 15 of 18 free throws during the final seven minutes to

seal the win.

The free throws accounted for all but two of the Lady Raiders points during that span.

Collier set a career-high with 14 points, while Lianne Beck added 13. Freshman Julie Harrison also set a career-high with 10 points.

"I thought Kim Collier played real well tonight," Bivens said. "Julie Harrison came off the bench and played real well for us also."

MTSU defeated Eastern Kentucky 87-63 Feb. 1 at Richmond, Ky., but Bivens saw a much improved team this time around.

"I think they have improved a lot," Bivens said. "That was the second time around and, as you can see, it's going to get tougher and tougher and tougher."

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Raiders romp over lowly Morehead 109-95

By **TONY STINNETT**
Editor in Chief

Ty Baynham continued his role as "Mr. Consistency", scoring 20 points and holding Morehead State standout Derrick Davis to six points, as MTSU rolled past MSU 109-95 last night in Murphy Center.

Baynham closed to within 17 points of the elite 1,000 point club as he led the Raiders to their 16th win of the season in 24 outings. The Raiders improved to 7-2 in the

Ohio Valley Conference. Morehead State dropped to 4-18 on the season and 0-11 in the OVC. The Eagles have dropped their last 15 decisions.

"Ty has been so consistent this season, it's remarkable. A lot of people didn't think he could be this consistent," head basketball coach Bruce Stewart said. "It's sad he doesn't have another year because he is playing on both ends of the floor."

Junior guard Chris Rainey and

sophomore upstart Gerald Harris combined for 41 points. Rainey poured in 20 points while Harris added a career high 21 points.

"Gerald is getting better and better every game," Stewart said.

Leslie Gregory and Randy Henry added 16 and 10 points, respectively. Steve Rogers added nine points and Phil Snell chipped in eight points each.

MTSU will next play this Saturday night hosting Tennessee State in a 7:30 p.m. contest.

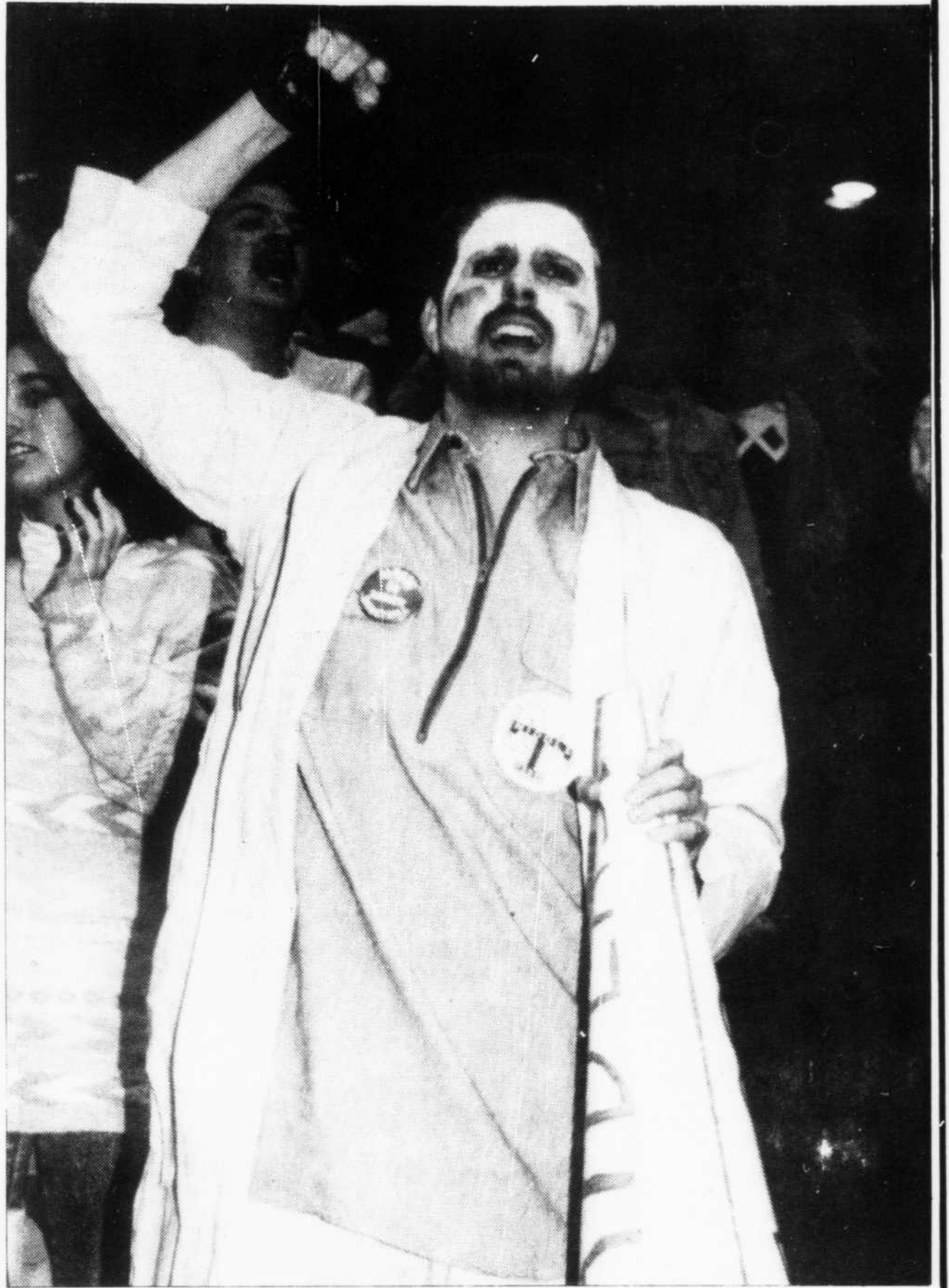
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MTSU coach Bruce Stewart and ESPN commentator Mike Pratt are seen at two different angles during postgame interviews after the Blue Raiders 87-75 win against Eastern Kentucky on the cable sports network.



Coach Stewart and Pratt from behind the camera during their interview Friday night. Also in the background, one of the hundreds of fans that stayed late had the "Late Night Blues"



An unidentified Blue Raider fan painted up for ESPN Friday night. The fan looks intense as he helps cheer MTSU to a win.

Photos by Frank Conley
Photo Co-Editor

MTSU football signs top Nashville back, 15 other prepsters

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Editor

MTSU signed 16 high school seniors to national letters of intent last week, including Nashville running back Joseph Campbell, who turned down the Southeastern Conference to become a Blue Raider.

Campbell, 5-10, 170 pounds turned down offers from Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi State to don the blue and white.

Campbell said that the deciding factor in his decision to come to MTSU was the fact that he would have a chance to play running back.

"Most bigger schools wanted me to play defensive back or wide receiver," Campbell said. "I've been a running back since I was 5 years

old. I think that's what I do best and that's what I want to continue to play."

"I think MTSU will give me a legitimate shot at running back and I think I fit in with the style of offense they use," Campbell added.

Campbell was a consensus all-star this past season and rushed for 2,024 yards in leading Stratford to the District 12-AAA championship and into the TSSAA state playoffs.

He was also named Nashville's Class AAA Offensive Player of the Year by *The Tennessean*. Stratford finished last season at 10-2.

Campbell also set the Metro rushing title in his career with 4,447 yards.

MTSU was also the most men-

tioned Division I-AA school among the top 250 prospects in the Southeast, according to Forrest Davis, a recruiting writer for Prep Sports Recruiting and Landys Publications.

"Based on the past, anytime you get a lot of mention from the top prospects," Davis said, "your recruiting staff has worked hard."

Davis said that Alabama A & M, Georgia Southern and Tennessee-Chattanooga was also mentioned, but not as frequently as MTSU.

The Blue Raiders also inked Smyrna quarterback O.J. Smith.

Smith, a 6-foot, 170 pound quarterback, was a member of *The Tennessean* Class AAA All-Midstate team last season.

Smith, who has been compared

to present MTSU quarterback Marvin Collier, was Smyrna's leading passer and second leading rusher.

Smith said the choice to attend MTSU was a tough one, but he was glad he made it.

The speedy Smith said he was told he would get to play quarterback as a Blue Raider, but is unsure if he will redshirt his freshman year.

"It will depend on how [present MTSU quarterback] Marvin [Collier] does," Smith said. "If he doesn't get hurt, it will be a learning experience. If he gets hurt, I may have to play."

The Blue Raiders also signed the Middle Tennessee Class AA defensive player of the year in Waverly, linebacker Chris Gordon.

Gordon averaged 12.5 tackles for

Waverly, which finished 13-1, losing in the state AA semifinals to Brentwood Academy.

The 6-foot, 210 pounder also gained nearly 1,000 yards while playing fullback in the Tigers' wishbone offense.

"I've enjoyed playing fullback in high school, but I've always preferred defense," Gordon said. "You have the opportunity to be a little more wild on that side of the ball."

Nashville Glenciff's Tracy Majors, a member of *The Tennessean* Super 24 team and co-recipient of the Hume Award, given to Nashville's top scholar-athlete, said MTSU strength and conditioning coach Doc Kreis played a role in his selecting of MTSU.

"Doc, particularly, and all the other coaches made me feel right

at home," Majors said. "I had the feeling that the athletes had the support you need to have a good football program."

The Blue Raiders also signed 6-foot-3, 215 pound defensive tackle Brian Faulkner. Faulkner, as was Campbell, was named by many recruiting services as being one of the 12 best players in Tennessee.

The other MTSU signees were Chuck Gibson and Bubba Dunn from Gallatin, the Class AAA runner-up, Ed Williams and Ronald Downing from Stratford, James Coonrod and Lewis Carrick from White County, Chris Burns from Franklin's Page, Steve Dark and Duane Kiser from Chattanooga, Brian Bennett from Knoxville and Barry Benham from Cartersville, Ga.

Contributor: Tony Stinnett.



Chuck Morris/Special

Smyrna quarterback O.J. Smith signed his letter of intent to play football at MTSU next fall. Looking on, from left, was Brenda, his mother, Meka, a sister, Harry McAnally, his coach, Chasity, a sister, and Aaron Smith, his father.

Baseballers open season at MSU; shooting for second NCAA tourney

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part preview of the 1988 Blue Raider baseball team. Part two will be in Friday's issue.

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Editor

MTSU begins the quest for their second straight Ohio Valley Conference and NCAA tournament bid Feb. 19 at Memphis State University.

The Blue Raiders play single games against the Tigers Friday and Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m.

First-year head coach Steve Peterson's squad has been picked by *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball America* to repeat as conference champion and return to the NCAA tournament.

The Blue Raiders, 39-16, 13-5 in the Southern Division, returns a veteran infield and strong starting pitchers, but could be hurt by an inexperienced outfield and catcher.

Junior third baseman Chris Whitehead will anchor a veteran infield. Whitehead, an all-conference player his first two seasons as a Blue Raider, has been picked to be the OVC's player of the year in 1988 by *Baseball America*. Last year, Whitehead hit .340, hit nine home runs and drove in 40 runs.

Ed Pye returns to shortstop for the third season. The junior set the school record for stolen bases in a career last season in only his second season in Raider blue. Pye has stolen 41 bases in his career.

Darryl Steakley moves from left field to second base this season, replacing Chip Carnes, who is now an assistant coach. Last season, as a freshman, Steakley hit seven home runs and drove in 33 runs.

Mike Messerly returns to first base for his sophomore season. Messerly earned the position last season when George Zimmerman began pitching and became the designated hitter. Messerly hit .329 with six home runs and 26 RBIs.

Zimmerman was an All-OVC designated hitter last season, hitting .310 with nine home runs and 43 RBIs. He also compiled a 5-0 record and a 2.80 ERA while pitching.