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Students arrested in art theft

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Two MTSU students face a Dec. 5 court date on burglary charges in the recent \$1,250 Art Barn heist, said Jack Drugmand, chief of MTSU security.

Working on a tip from student patrolmen, Gene L. Provost, 21, of Hermitage, Tenn., and Christopher L. Dugger, 19, of Lewisburg, Tenn., were arrested Thursday and charged with burglary, Drugmand said.

"The matter is still under investigation and further charges may be filed," Drugmand added.

A group of individuals entered the Art Barn on Jan. 7 and took seven sculptures and destroyed several others, Drugmand said.

"Apparently, a couple of the individuals had the combinations to the locks," the chief said.

"They went in and cruised it taking for something they may have wanted," he said. "We feel they may have wanted to take a couple pieces for their apartment."

Drugmand said he did not have a motive for the destruction of the pieces.

Dugger was released on \$1,500 bond, Drugmand said. Dugger was also charged with destruction of state property. Provost was released on \$1,500 bond.

Of the seven pieces which were stolen, four have been recovered, Drugmand said.

One of the pieces was 30 inches high and carved out of the trunk of a walnut tree, Drugmand said.

Some of the clay pieces which were destroyed were done by professional artists during work shops at MTSU, Drugmand said.

Running out of time



Austin Peay's Darrin Smith tries to cut down the court on Raider Gerald Harris with :52 remaining and MTSU up by 5 in last night's contest. Smith's drive came up empty. See page five for more details.

Tim Cope/Staff

Haig must fight 'mad general' public image

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Alexander Meigs Haig Jr. is trying to do what six Americans have done before him — move up from U.S. Army general to commander in chief of U.S. Armed Forces.

But before he can move into the Oval Office, Haig must first rid himself of the "mad general" image he received after his infamous "I'm in control here at the White House" speech following the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan in 1981.

In fact, Haig has considerable experience in Washington — he served as chief of staff to Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford and as Reagan's secretary of state from 1981-82 — in addition to his military history as four-star general and former supreme allied commander for NATO forces.

The 53-year-old Virginian describes himself in interviews as a

gruff martinet, a turf-conscious, ambitious fellow with a heart as big as all outdoors." That description may distract some voters and lead them away from his moderately conservative views on some issues.

An example of his moderate views is Haig's stand on defense spending. Although he is a former general, Haig feels the increase in defense spending in 1981-82 was

excessive. Haig feels defense spending should be held to a yearly inflationary increase in order to help relieve the federal budget deficit.

This has hurt Haig's support among conservatives in the Republican Party who are opposed to this idea.

News Analysis

However, Haig takes a staunch conservative stand on the recent INF treaty with the Soviet Union. In particular, he is opposed to the treaty's double zero option which would ban all intermediate nuclear weapons from Europe.

"I believe that the double zero arms control agreement for Europe, as it now stands, would be a step in the wrong direction," Haig told the World Affairs Council Nov. 16, 1987. "It fails the test of arms control — it weakens rather than strengthens deterrence against war."

"The overriding objective of arms control must be to strengthen deterrence against war — any war — nuclear or conventional," Haig said.

In addition, Haig's past as

Governor's budget leaves out funding

for mass communications building

By KIM HARRIS
Senior Staff Writer

Funding for the proposed \$13.2 million mass communications building has been delayed until next year, according to Kathy Cole, associate executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Allocation of state funds for Higher Education projects is decided by a priority list, Cole said.

The funding for the proposed mass communications building will be placed on next year's Higher Education priority list, she said.

This year the building was listed as eighth on the list, with the state budget allocating funds for the first four. MTSU will be ranked fourth next year, she said.

Gov. Ned Ray McWherter said at the "Great Bow of Fire" Chili

Cook-Off last semester, that the building was "one of the priorities on the list of Higher Education."

He also mentioned that the slated \$15.3 million budget was "a little on the high side."

"There are three projects for the UT system that will take priority, but I don't think MTSU will be moved down unless we have a hurricane that damages a lot of buildings," state Senator John Bragg said.

Aside from decreased funding, the building itself has been reduced by 15 percent, Ed Kimbrell, a professor in the mass communications department, said. The 102,000 sq. ft. building will be reduced to 86,700 sq. ft.

"They asked us to cut from the proposed structure. At the moment, we haven't decided where to cut," said Mass Communications Department Chairman Alexander Nagy.

"We have tried to take the coordinators and tried to address the reduction in space. What we have done is slowed down the process. We do have a planning ground and are using the best judgement possible," Kimbrell added.

The tentative site for the proposed building is located across from the Learning Resources Center, on C Street, Kimbrell said.

Radio station WMOT-FM and the television and radio studios will remain in the Learning Resources Center, with the extra classroom space free for other use, Director of Campus Planning Charles Pigg said.

"We are proposing to add four or five classes in the new mass communications building. Some of these classes will hold 75 students each, with a couple holding 150 students," he said.

Pigg also added that the classrooms may entail fixed seating and elevated floors — ideal for guest speakers and seminars.

"There are more reasons now

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Baker: Reagan activity to increase

By M.A. BROWN
Editorial Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Reagan Administration is prepared to leave office with a flurry of activity, according to White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker.

"With the possibility of a START [strategic arms reduction treaty] summit in Moscow, the Senate ratification of the INF [intermediate nuclear forces] treaty, the

NATO summit and the North American Accords coming up, Ronald Reagan is putting together an imposing list of things that will occur in the first six months of 1988," the former Tennessee senator told a crowd of journalists gathered in Nashville for a Tennessee Press Association conference Saturday morning.

Baker noted that the first six months of 1988 may well turn out

to be the busiest six months in Reagan's eight year tenure in Washington.

"In 1988 Ronald Reagan will have his third Supreme Court Justice confirmed, and that is not routine. Many presidents never put one justice on the court," he said. "He will also probably become the first president in a long time to have a budget approved by Congress without substantial amendments being added."

Baker added that he felt Reagan was in no way a "lame-duck president" and that the term had become a "political anachronism."

Baker went on to say that the administration still had several major problems to work out before leaving the White House.

"Congress is out of control when it comes to fiscal policy," Baker commented. "Something should be done to see that Congress passes 13 separate spending bills, in order, one at a time, and sends them to the president in an orderly fashion."

Baker said that the omnibus spending bill recently passed by Congress was an example of the legislative body's irresponsibility.

"The president got two bills in one day — over 1,000 pages weighing 42 pounds. He had one day to read and decide on signing these bills or the government would be forced to shut down," he said.

The Chief of Staff added that there still "was not one person in the country who has read all of those bills."

Baker said he supported the proposal to grant the president a

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Howard Baker

Super

Tuesday
COUNTDOWN
Second in a series

Student named to state board

By M.A. BROWN
Editorial Editor

Mark Charles Davanport, a senior at MTSU majoring in International Relations, has been named executive-director of the Tennessee College Republicans and chairman of the CR's state convention's platform committee.

Davanport was named to the executive director's post on Dec. 5 by state CR President Tim Gregory.

"Now is an exciting time to be a Republican" Executive Director, Tennessee College Republicans

Davanport said he will be in charge of organizing new CR posts at colleges and universities across Tennessee. He will also be consulted on "all major decisions within the state party" and will be in frequent contact with the national party office in Washington.

"I will be a spearhead within the state on major issues such as aid to the Contras and SDI [strategic defense initiative]," Davanport said. "I will make sure that colleges in Tennessee are aware of these issues and can contact their congressmen to express their views on them."

Davanport has also been chosen as chairman for the platform committee for the CR's state convention which will be held March 4, 5,

6 at the Stouffer Hotel in Nashville.

"My duty on the platform committee is to initiate all topics for voting during the convention. The results of these votes will be sent to the national office so they can determine how conservative our state organization is," he said.

Davanport also said that as of this time, Republican presidential candidates George Bush and Jack Kemp have committed to speak at the event. Sen. Bob Dole or his

wife, former Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole will also speak along with former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander or White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker.

Davanport has also been assigned to the convention's credentials committee and will be in charge of security during the convention.

Davanport is currently serving as chairman of the MTSU CR's and said he would like to see the club become more active in the state party.

"We are now getting more leadership on the state level, with myself and others," he said. "I would like to see the MTSU CR's

become the activist leaders in Tennessee. We are developing our junior members and we would like to see that trend continue."

Davanport added that his club would be circulating a petition around campus in the near future to support aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. He would also like to organize a debate between the CR's and the MTSU College Democrats.

"We want to encourage MTSU to get involved in politics, whether they are Democrats or Republicans," he said. "The only way to change things is to get involved."

Davanport concluded by saying that he had been a "Republican since conception," and that he felt "now is an exciting time to be a Republican."

"Ronald Reagan has made the Republican party the party of America. He has made people proud to be Americans again," he said.



Mark Davanport

CAMPUS CAPSULE

Sidelines will attempt to use this space to publish items 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 ANY item. Sidelines reserves the right to edit items for clarity and brevity.

Student Organizations desiring to make applications for activity fee funds for Spring Semester of 1988 may secure applications in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center. Deadline for completing and returning applications is Jan. 29, 1988.

The Associated Student Body will hold a joint session of the ASB Congress tonight at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center.

The Placement Office will conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduate students on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend this orientation.

The Raiders' Soccer Club will meet tonight at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 315.

The Raider Soccer Club will meet Thursday, January 28, at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 315. Elections will be held to elect officers for the calendar year.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will have its first meeting of the semester tonight at 4:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 305. Mike Fyrtle, from the Daily News Journal and Channel 2's Bill Loyd will be speaking on corporate ownership of the media. Please attend. Non-members are welcome.

A Creative Expressions panel program will be presented by students in the Public Relations Student Society of America at MTSU on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center.

MTSU College Republicans will meet on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, room 211. This will be a working meeting discussing Contra Aid, CR convention and voter registration. For more information contact Mark C. Davanport, MTSU Box 2893, 896-7010.

The American Society of Women Accountants will have a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, room 315. Please dress professionally.

The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association invite all students organization presidents to attend our Greek Leadership Conference on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center.

The Mathematics Organization of MTSU will meet Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in KOM 360. MTSU's own Lora Clark will present "What to Do With a Math Major Besides Teach."

Homecoming pajama party set

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

During the Feb. 12 homecoming game, MTSU students will have a chance to strut their stuff on national television — in their pajamas. "Because of the lateness of the hour, we encourage people to come as they are," said Don Parente, special assistant to the president in charge of sports promotion.

"We're not telling the students what we expect them to wear," Parente said. "We want them to wear what they want to wear."

"Students shouldn't wear anything they wouldn't see their grandmother in Tullahoma to their," he added.

"The more students appear to be in the spirit the more likely ESPN will feature the audience."

In addition, they may be able to win certificates for their efforts, said Parente.

Prizes will be awarded in five categories, Parente said, adding males and females compete separately. They are traditional, exotic, best-dressed, funny and best-group of five or more.

First prize in each category is \$50 worth of certificates, Parente said. Second place will garner \$25 in certificates.

"The more interesting the outfit, the better chance of being on na-

tional television," Parente said. "It's definitely the people's chance to get on national television."

Parente said the judging will take place in Dance Studio A, Murphy Center at 9:30 p.m.

The Blue Raiders will face the Eastern Kentucky Colonels in the Friday night game airing live at 11 p.m. on ESPN.

All of the participants in the pajama party contest will be called onto the floor at halftime, he said. The winners will then be announced.

Parente said he is expecting a near sell-out for the game.

Teacher award selection starts

From Staff Reports

For the 22nd year, the MTSU Foundation is funding three \$1,000 Outstanding Teacher Awards. Graduating seniors, alumni, students and faculty are asked to nominate faculty members for the awards.

Teachers nominated by all three of the above groups who have been teaching at MTSU for three or more years will become finalists. The MTSU Foundation, the Associated Student Body and the Alumni Association will review nominees and finalists.

In April, these teachers will be evaluated by each finalist's students, tenured colleagues and the department chair. These results will be tabulated by a computer.

Students are asked to make their

nominations on the ballot printed in this issue and future issues of

Sidelines. February 8 is the deadline for submitting student ballots.

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Haig from page 1

violations of human rights and aggression in the developing world ... Linkage is an essential vehicle in American foreign policy," he said.

In the economic policy arena, Haig, founder of Worldwide Associates, Inc., a Washington consulting firm, blames a lack of confidence in the government's economic policy for the "Black Monday" stock market crash.

"We all know the real reason for the fall — a pervasive, growing lack of confidence in our government's ability to deal with the budget and trade deficits," Haig told the National Press Club three days after the crash.

Haig said the budget needs to be reduced in all areas, including de-

fense, and the budget process needs to be revised providing the president with a line-item veto to speed up the process.

In other economic areas, Haig supports incentives for capital investments instead of trade protectionism.

In the key issue for the Iowa caucuses — farming — the general favors helping farmers regain their farms after foreclosure and opposes phasing out the farm subsidy program.

[Editor's note: This is the second of a thirteen part series on the presidential campaign. Friday's installment will feature Bruce Babbitt. Please see page four for editorials from both sides of the political spectrum on Al Haig.]

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Baker from page 1

line-item veto in order to "straighten up the mess, or at least he should be able to break the bills up."

One of the top priorities on Reagan's agenda for his last year in office is further aid for the Nicaraguan freedom fighters, Baker said.

Baker said that Reagan was determined to ask Congress to send more aid to the rebels, commonly known as Contras, to ensure democratization of the Central American country.

"It makes me mad when people say the Reagan administration is against peace in Central America," he said. "We are not against peace. We are for democracy."

Building from page 1

[for the new building] than when we first proposed five years ago," Kimbrell said.

"MTSU has continued to grow. We are approaching or are at 12,000 students, yet we haven't added a building since 1971," he said.

Both Kimbrell and Nagy agreed the building's delay will not directly affect the school's status or the mass communications accreditation directly.

"I don't think it will have any effect on mass communications as a school or department. You have to remember, it [construction] won't be on line until 1990," Nagy said.

"The building is needed not only to house mass communications, but to pull the pressure out of other buildings on campus as well. So, it is not only mass communications (which will be affected) but the university as well," Kimbrell said.

The delay will not affect accreditation, but the accreditation committee has expressed concern over the situation and recommended that a new building be built, Nagy said.

"I haven't given up on getting it [the building] this year," Bragg said.

"We're disappointed, but optimistic," Nagy said.

"We're not dead in the water yet. If the money turns over, there's still an outside chance," Pigg said.

Baker said that Reagan would only withdraw aid for the Contras if President Daniel Ortega's Sandinista regime would hold face to face talks with the freedom fighters and work out "a settlement that is mutually agreeable for both sides."

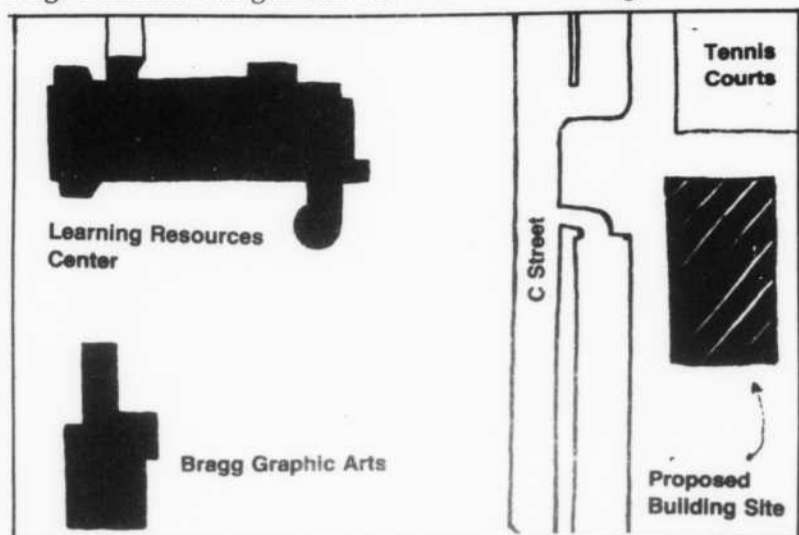
Baker also expressed reservations about the possibility of a START agreement being signed by the United States and the Soviet Union at a proposed Moscow summit this summer.

"We may see one, but I am not certain," he said. "I can tell you one thing, President Reagan will not

agree to a treaty unless it's one we oughta have."

Baker concluded by saying that he had no regrets about accepting the chief of staff position under Reagan and foregoing a run at the 1988 Republican nomination for president.

"I do have some nostalgia for the presidential campaign trail," he said. "But when I see George Bush or Bob Dole or Jack Kemp come back to the city all haggard and disoriented, I thank the grace of God and Ronald Reagan."



J.M. Cook ● Staff

Shown above is the tentative site for MTSU's proposed Mass Communications building. Current plans call for construction of the building on C Street, across from the Learning Resources Center.

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MTSU who's who winners named

From Staff Reports

Top MTSU students for 1987 have been named by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Juniors, seniors and graduate students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better or students who have made outstanding contributions to the university were eligible for the award.

The following students received the award this academic year:

Kelly Lockhart Anderson; Vandana Jag Annam; David Bryan Ayers; Carla Bryant Barnett; Melissa Ann Blevis; Brenda Marie Bollig; Michelle Rena Briggs; Reagan Evan Albert Bristol; Shannon Ruth Corn; Martin Stewart Culpepper.

Scarlet Lee Davis; Aneta Dodd;

Pamela J. Farmer; Tammy Michele Fesler; Leigh Anne Fite; Fred V. Flynn, Jr.; Russell Gregg Garrison; Tonya Grigsby; Lorraine German Hardison; Hughie Brock Harris.

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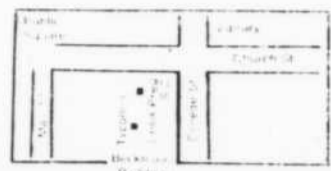
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EDITORIALS

Court ruling threatens democracy



About 200 years ago, Thomas Jefferson made the statement, "Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe."

In 1987, however, some members of the Supreme Court seem to disagree with Jefferson's sentiment.

Recently, the Supreme Court ruled by a 5-3 vote that the principal of a Hazelwood, Mo. high school did not violate his students' right to free speech by removing two pages from the student-produced school newspaper.

In his majority opinion on the case, Justice Byron White used the lame argument that high school students were not mature enough to effectively handle certain issues and principals have the right to censor anything that does not directly deal with the school's "educational purpose."

How Justice White, and those who agree with him, find an "educational purpose" in controlling the free speech of teenagers is beyond reason.

The First Amendment specifically states that no law shall be made "abridging the freedom of speech." The Hazelwood ruling flies directly in the face of this amendment.

Nowhere in the First Amendment is there any mention of

a person's age or ability to handle a subject in a mature way. Regardless of these factors, the First Amendment grants all Americans the right to voice their opinions.

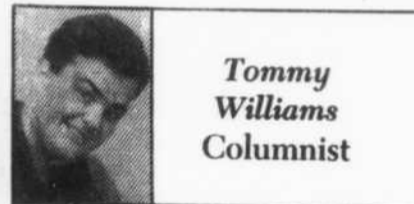
The chilling implication of this ruling is that high school principals may extend their newfound and unconstitutional power to control the exchange of opinions between the students of their respective high schools to the classroom and begin to control the content of classroom lectures and discussions. This would be a severe injustice to the youth of our nation.

If a young man or woman is brought up in an atmosphere where someone else controls what they say, feel, or believe, then how can we expect them to leave high school and become effective citizens who can interpret complex information and handle everyday situations? How can we expect them to be more than mindless robots that do as they are told?

If we begin to tell teenagers what is good for them and what is not, we cannot expect to maintain an informed citizenry. The end result can only be tyranny, because an informed citizenry and free press is essential to the continuation of democracy.

Haig campaign a question of image

A View From The Left



Tommy Williams
Columnist

The conflicts that would appear during the possible Haig term would be very intense. He is involved in multi-million dollar real estate deals and other projects that, for a presidential hopeful, could very well raise some eyebrows.

The establishment of a blind trust, much like Gov. McWherter, would be the only method that might soothe this distrust. But, in the case of Haig, as well as most Republicans, the monetary benefits of a presidency might prove tempting.

Haig is a lot like Reagan. He is someone who can talk for an hour and say nothing, serve for eight years without knowing anything and get re-elected without doing anything.

Although he claims to be moderate, Haig is as conservative as former Sen. Barry Goldwater.

When I think of all the times that the "Grand Old Party" has given lip service to moderation, I can't help but think about the political perverts that the GOP has selected in the past. Nixon and Agnew were less than appealing on the presidential front. Bork, Ginsburg and Rehnquist were to be the conservative stronghold on the judiciary, and recently Arizona Republicans have discovered that their dear Gov. Evan Meacham is a chronic bigot. The same could go for some

of the aforementioned.

I can only hope that as a nation, we can understand and realize the responsibility of going to the polls. Don't let Haig say "I am in charge" again. Remember the beauty of democracy.

A View From The Right

Alexander Haig's campaign to become President of the United States is definitely a campaign of image.

The retired General and NATO supreme commander is viewed as a hard core right-winger by most

of the general public.

Haig has gained this image because of his now famous "takeover" of the White House when President Reagan was shot during his first term.

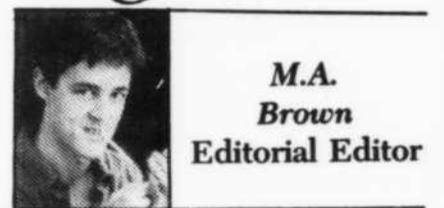
Many people also feel that Haig is a power monger who only wants to become president to fulfill his ego. Still others view Haig as a "mad general" who would ultimately lead the U.S. into World War III.

In most cases, Haig has received a bum rap.

What most people fail to realize is that in the absence of the president or vice-president the secretary of state is in control of the maintenance of affairs at the White House. Haig, as secretary of state at the time, acted within his authority by taking the reins at the White House during the tumultuous time of Reagan's shooting.

Dr. Bill Taylor, vice president for political and military affairs at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington and classmate of Haig's at West Point, insists that the candidate is not running for president just to satisfy his ego.

"The man does not have an ego. He is used to being near the seat of command and is ready to assume responsibility," Taylor said in the Jan. 8, 1988 edition of *The Christian Science Monitor*. "He is not out



M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

to grab power — there is a difference."

On the subject of national defense, Haig flip-flops between a conservative and moderate viewpoint.

Haig came out early and hard against the INF treaty signed in December by Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev. His main argument against the treaty is that it fails to link reductions in nuclear forces to reduced Soviet aggression world-wide and the size of Soviet conventional forces in Europe.

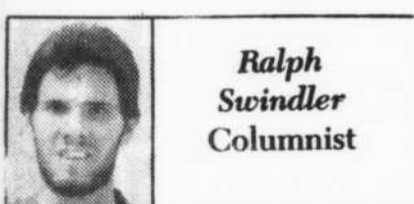
Despite a strong commitment to national defense, Haig feels that U.S. defense spending is excessive and carried out without a coherent strategic policy. If elected, Haig has said he would hold defense spending to the rate of inflation in order to help reduce the federal deficit. This has not pleased many of Haig's conservative brethren.

Unfortunately for the candidate, the American people are not going to elect a man they view as being too far away from the political middle as their chief executive. Most polls reflect voters' reluctance to support Haig.

As one of Haig's mentors, Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." This old soldier is definitely beginning to fade.



Nicaragua, Israel situations demand U.S. response



Ralph Swindler
Columnist

What should be done? Somehow, the Contras must be kept alive as an effective fighting force. Recently, the Contras have begun to win battles over Ortega's thugs. The best way to keep the Contras alive is for Congress to vote in favor of Contra aid in February.

If Congress fails to pass the aid bill, the U.S. should work a deal with some two-bit dictator and sell him arms at an inflated price, take the profit and give it to the Contras. I know this was done before, but it worked.

Another way to raise money for the Contras is to get President Reagan and all his show biz friends together and hold a charitable evening of entertainment called "Contra Aid."

There are some liberals in Congress who don't recall history very well. Nicaragua is in the U.S. sphere of influence. We cannot allow another Marxist regime in our

own hemisphere. President Truman sold out Eastern Europe and there are some in Congress willing to sell out Latin America.

The Israeli situation is a little different than Nicaragua, but it is also vital to U.S. interests.

For nearly two months radical Palestinians have been rioting against Israel's presence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The populations of these areas have been governed by the Israelis since their capture in 1967.

After 20 years of occupation, some Arabs have resorted to violence in protest. They want an independent state. Israel has balked at negotiating with the PLO over the years. Israel justified this for several reasons. One is that the PLO supports terrorism. Second, the PLO has refused to recognize Israel's right to exist. Lastly, the PLO does not represent all Palestinians.

What can be done to settle this

issue? That is a difficult question to answer. There are steps that can be taken to make the situation a bit more tolerable. The first step is for all Arab nations to accept Israel's right to exist. Only Egypt has formally done so. The next step is for

Israel to grant limited autonomy to the Palestinians living in occupied

territory. The third step would be for Israel and Jordan to work out an agreement on the West Bank situation.

If cooler heads prevail and the voice of reason is adhered to, it could be possible to lessen the tensions in the region.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'For Keeps' realistic romantic comedy

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

★★★★★

By STARLENE ROCHELLE
Entertainment Editor

Darcy Elliot and Stan Bobrucz are in love. Not just puppy love — real love. The kind they believe can keep them together for four years of college separation. Their bright plans for a future together would come after this.

Darcy's going to the University of Wisconsin to study journalism after high school graduation and Stan's up for a scholarship to Cal Tech.

"For Keeps" is a romantic comedy about Darcy and Stan, the perfect couple, the envy of the senior class at their Kenosha, Wisconsin high school, who find their worst fears confirmed with a home pregnancy test.

"About Last Night's" screenwriters, Tim Kazurinsky and Denise DeClue, depict the troubles that these two teenagers have in facing



Newlyweds Darcy (Molly Ringwald) and Stan (Randall Bantinkoff) strike an unlikely pose on prom night in the wendy comedy, "For Keeps."

up to adult responsibilities. They do so in a way that keeps the storyline from being preachy or melodramatic although it does relate the fact that teenage pregnancy is still a "social problem."

Molly Ringwald stars in "For Keeps" as Darcy, a smart and attractive girl who thinks "it" could never happen to her. Stan, a bright, head-of-the-class student who

works at his father's shoe store after school.

Ringwald is the pre-eminent actress of her generation. Her performances display an uncanny sensitivity to American teenagers.

"For Keeps" was an excellent project for Ringwald at this point in her career. It presented her with an ideal opportunity to bridge adolescence and adulthood, to grow and mature on screen from the "Sixteen Candles" crush to the "For Keeps" commitment.

Batinkoff, making his big-screen debut, contributed to the story with his freshness, sense of humor and spontaneity which came across easily on screen with a charming sincerity. He is terrific during the touchy moments.

Director John G. Avildsen ("Rocky" and "The Karate Kid") believed that the script worked like a great love story and admitted that the romantic aspect, rather than the chance to make a moral statement, drew him to direct "For Keeps."

Producer Walter Coblenz ("The President's Men") believed "For Keeps" had the potential to be an entertaining movie and, at the same time, illustrate how fast kids are forced to grow up when faced with a problem.

Viewers will find themselves rooting for Darcy and Stan together. Their delima create sus-

pense which contributes to the enjoyment of the movie.

A problem which can almost be predicted in the onset, is Darcy and Stan's parents. Stan's mom (Miriam Flynn) has a grudge for all men because she was jilted and Stan's hot-tempered dad (Kenneth Mars) believes Darcy should have kept her mouth shut and her legs crossed.

Things were tense enough between Ms. Elliot and the Bobruczs before Darcy blurts out on Thanksgiving Day, "I'm pregnant, pass the turnips."

"For Keeps" is a very realistic depiction of a serious situation that over 10,000 teenagers a week face. It's a bit scary — no, it's real scary. It's a problem that needs careful yet tasteful attention. "For Keeps" did this and did it well. Viewers will find themselves laughing one minute and crying the next. This is one of those sticky situation plots where reality is shown for what it really is — rough. Though Darcy and Stan shouldn't have gotten themselves into this predicament, viewers will root wholeheartedly to the last scene for a happy ending.

'Moonstruck' strikes romantic fancy

★★★★

By CHRIS AYERS
Entertainment Critic

Here's the predicament: It's getting close to Valentine's Day and you're looking for the perfect movie to share with that special someone. So you reach for the paper and see what's playing. "Return of the Living Dead Part 2"? Nah. Cannibalistic zombies just don't have that special touch. "For Keeps"? I don't think so. A movie about unmarried pregnant teenagers just seems to have the wrong message for Valentine's Day. You're looking for a movie with style, with class, with romance. What you're looking for is "Moonstruck."

"Moonstruck" is the latest effort from director Norman Jewison ("A Soldier's Story," "...And Justice For All") and Cher. It's the story of an eccentric Italian-American family that believes they're in control of their own destinies until a full moon appears over New York and turns their lives upside down.

Review

Cher plays Loretta Castorini, a funny widow who's engaged to marry Mr. Johnny Cammareri (Danny Aiello, Madonna's dad) in the "Papa Don't Preach" bio. In an attempt to mend the bad blood between Mr. Johnny and his brother, Loretta goes personally to invite him to the wedding.

Mr. Johnny's brother, Ronny (Nicolas Cage), is a hot-headed and passionate baker who lost his left hand in a bread slicer and blames it on Mr. Johnny. Ronny immediately falls in love with Loretta. Loretta is torn between the attention of the intense Ronny and the sedate Mr. Johnny.

Deciding that she can no longer see Ronny, Loretta tells him that it is over. Ronny convinces her to let him have just one more evening with her at the opera. Transforming herself for her night on the town, Loretta realizes that she is truly in love with Ronny and must tell her fiancé.

Further complicating this love story are the subplots concerning Loretta's father Cosmo (Vincent Gardenia) and his growing disillusionment with his life, and Loretta's mother Rose (Olympia Dukakis) and her attempts to hold the family together despite the presence of the moon. All of these storylines come together for a heart-warming and funny climax at the Castorini's breakfast table.

If there is anyone left in America who still thinks Cher can't act, "Moonstruck" should change their minds. Cher gives Loretta a believable practicality that is almost infuriating. She has to decide between a safe but boring man or his wild-card brother. She almost makes the wrong choice but her heart, with a little help from the moon and an evening at the opera, shows her what can happen if she dares to live a dream.

Cher has come a long way since her days with Sonny. If her fine work in "Silkwood," "Mask," "The Witches of Eastwick" she has a good chance of making a permanent mark on Hollywood.

For my money, Nicolas Cage has never been a true example of a romantic leading man. But as an actor there are few around today who can match his intensity. Last seen as the convenience store crook and instant father H.I. McDonough in the sleeper hit "Raising Arizona," Cage brings a passion that is vital to the character of Ronny Cammareri. Ronny doesn't care that Loretta is engaged to his brother. She could be engaged to the Pope and he would still try to win her love. Cage's

Ronny is a man who knows what he wants and goes after it.

Nicolas Cage also appeared in "The Cotton Club," "Birdy," and "Peggy Sue Got Married."

Backing up these two talented performers is an equally talented supporting cast. Vincent Gardenia as Cosmo, Loretta's frustrated father, was last seen in "Little Shop of Horrors." Olympia Dukakis as Loretta's mother Rose, gives an Academy Award caliber performance.

Dukakis is a re-knowned stage actress and the sister of Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis. Director

Norman Jewison creates his usual magic from a very amusing screenplay by John Patrick Shanley.

The bottom line is that "Moonstruck" is a beautiful romantic comedy that will make you want to fall in love again. At least it made me want to and it's been a long time since I felt like that. See it with someone you love. Heck, see it with someone you're only interested in. It just might do the trick. Trust me.

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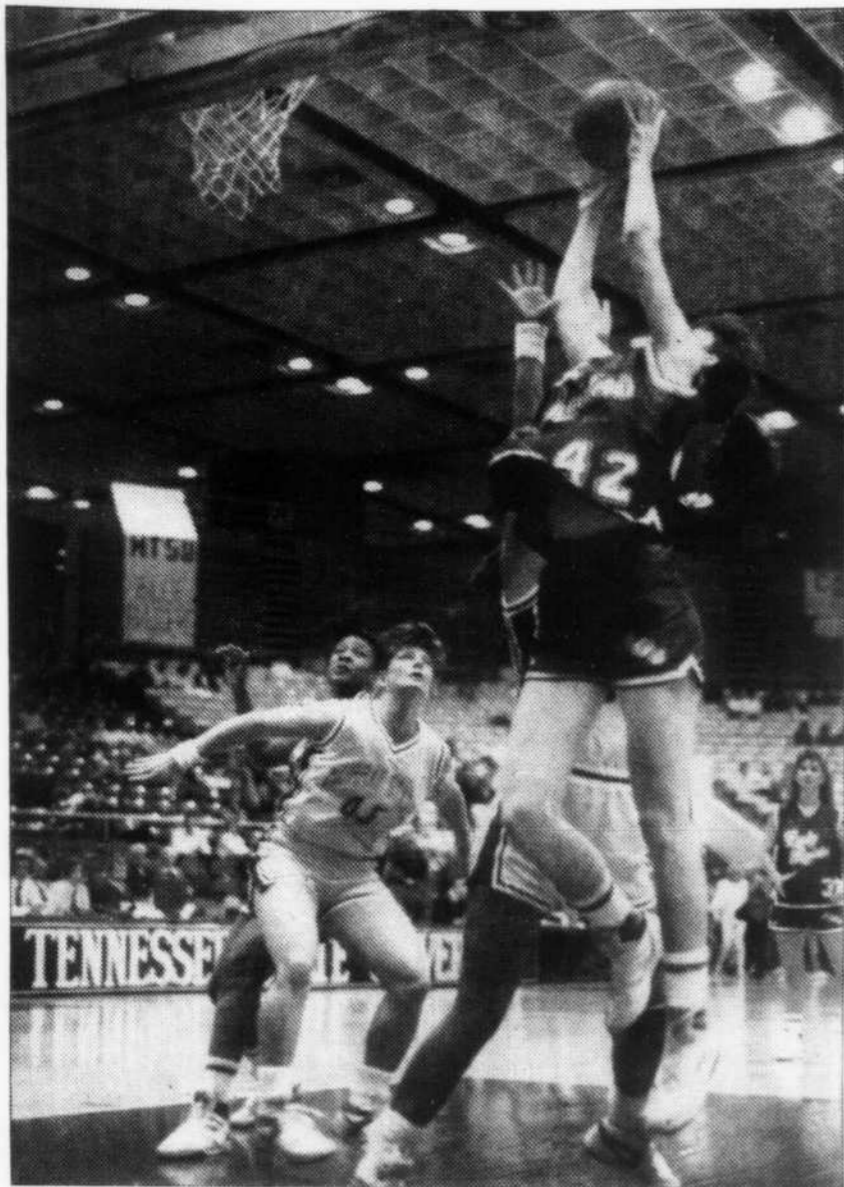
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Stephanie Capley pounds the offensive glass for one of her 11 rebounds Saturday night. Capley scored a career-high 18 points as the Lady Raiders beat Murray State 74-70 for sole possession of first place in the OVC.

Defensive-minded Raiders blitz Peay in tight contest

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

A very aggressive and determined Blue Raider basketball team staged a thrilling second-half comeback to down the Governors of Austin Peay 74-67 last night in Murphy Center.

The win, before an estimated 7,800 fans, improved the Raider record to 3-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference, 12-6 overall. Austin Peay dropped to 4-1 in conference play and 8-8 overall.

It was a tenacious Raider defense that enabled the Raiders to pull to within a game of first place in the OVC. Austin Peay failed to score a point during the final 2:40 of the game. The Governors managed only four points during the final 6:37 of the game.

But the key to the game may have been the ability of Ty Baynham to hold Austin Peay stand-out Andre Harris scoreless in the second half.

"Ty held Andre Harris scoreless in the second half and that is a heck of a feat," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "Harris is a quality athlete and can jump as high as anybody we've played this year."

MTSU jumped out to a 10-4 lead before Peay stormed back to take a 22-16 lead with less than nine minutes to go in the first half.

After each team exchanged baskets Baynham hit a hot streak scoring eight of the Raiders' next 12 points and lifted MTSU to a 31-29 lead.

The Blue Raiders led by eight points with two seconds remaining in the half, but Peay scored five points in those two seconds to pull to within three at the half. Vincent

Baseball card show, clinic to be Saturday

The MTSU baseball team will hold their annual baseball card show and instructional clinic Jan. 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

This year's guest list features a Nashville Sounds connection. Four of the five featured speakers are former Sounds.

Former Vanderbilt star and Kansas City Royals catcher Scotti Madisonson highlights an impressive guest list.

Cincinnati Reds pitcher Tom Browning, a former 20-game winner, and Otis Nixon of the Cleveland Indians are the other major league players that will be present.

Other guests are Jim Painter, a highly successful coach at Columbia State Community College, and Randy Davidson, one of the original Sounds when minor league baseball returned to Madison, Br...

Madison, Br... will be on hand to sign autographs at the card show.

Sole leader of OVC

Lady Raiders beat Murray State, Austin Peay

By TRACY BOYD
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU used its powerful inside attack Saturday night as the Lady Raiders pummeled Murray State 74-70 at Murphy Center.

Center Stephanie Capley and forward Stephanie Capley combined for 48 points and 24 rebounds as they controlled the inside game at both ends of the floor.

Guard Sandy Brown made a key steal and hit three free throws in the final 17 seconds to seal the win.

Murray State now stands at 14-3 overall and 3-1 in OVC play.

"We played real good in the first half," Lady Raider coach Lewis Bivens said, "but in the second half I think we got a little tentative."

Mucker scored a game high 30 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. The 30 point performance marked the third time this season

and fourth time in her career that she has scored 30 points or better.

"We wanted to take it inside," Bivens said. "We went to the bell-cow, Tawanya Mucker, and she put the baby in the hole. She's playing basketball the way it ought to be played."

Capley scored a career high 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

MTSU, who led by as many as 10 points in the first half, held a 42-34 halftime advantage.

In the second half, the Lady Raiders kept the heat on as they built a 50-38 lead with 16:19 remaining.

The Lady Racers began to slowly close the gap behind the play of Shelia Smith, who led Murray with 24 points.

Murray pulled to within three, 53-50, with 12:57 left to go, but MTSU quickly held off the threat

and stretched the lead to 57-50 with 12:05 remaining.

The score stood at 59-54 for nearly four minutes with neither team able to score until Capley followed a missed shot with a bucket with 6:38 remaining.

With MTSU leading 67-66, freshman point guard Kim Collier hit a clutch three-point shot with 1:46 left on the clock.

The three-pointer was Collier's second of the game and first two of her career.

MTSU led 71-68 when Brown intercepted a Murray pass.

She was fouled with 17 seconds remaining and hit the front end of a one-and-bonus to put MTSU up 72-68.

Smith hit a shot from the right wing for Murray with ten seconds left to pull within two.

Brown was fouled again with six

seconds left and calmly canned both free throws to notch the 74-70 victory.

On Monday night, Tawanya Mucker powered her way to a career-high 41 points and pulled down 14 rebounds as the Lady Raiders coasted to a 85-58 OVC win over Austin Peay at Murphy Center.

The win extended MTSU's conference record to a perfect 4-0, 11-3 overall.

Mucker came within one point of the MTSU all-time single game scoring record. The record was set last season by Kim Webb, who scored 42 points against Eastern Kentucky.

"I had no idea that I had that many points," Mucker said. "I didn't even think I was close. You don't think about those things when you're in the game."

Raiders drop first conference game to Murray State

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

Don Mann and Jeff Martin combined for 49 points Saturday night to lead the surprising Murray State Racers to an embarrassing 79-67 Ohio Valley Conference victory over MTSU.

The margin of defeat was the worst ever for head coach Bruce Stewart in Murphy Center. It was also the first time in three years that Murray had won a game at MTSU.

The Racers jumped out to an early 23-11 advantage and never looked back.

"We were soft," Stewart said. "We were not mean enough and we were not tough enough. We've got to improve in those areas. We just plain got our butt kicked and we didn't fight back."

Mann was the vital cog in the Murray effort, hitting eight of 10 attempts from the field, a sizzling three-of-three from beyond the

three-point arc and a sensational nine-of-10 from the free throw line. Mann also pulled down five rebounds.

"I was due for a good game," Mann said. "I was just trying to run the offense and look for the good shot."

"I would just find the spot and get the ball. It wasn't because I was small or anything. I just used my experience. This is a big win for us. Since I've been at Murray, this was the first time we'd won here."

Murray State outrebounded the Blue Raiders 38-25 for the game. MTSU came into the game as the best rebounding club in the league.

"When you're the leading rebounding team, you don't get outrebounded 20-9 in the first half. That was totally uncalled for," Stewart said.

The Racers led 40-30 at the half before the Raiders staged a comeback to begin the second half.

MTSU outscored Murray 9-4 to

open the second stanza and pulled to within five, 44-39. The second half charge was led by All-American candidate Randy Henry, who scored nine points in the first eight minutes of the second half.

With 10:43 remaining in the second half, Gerald Harris canned one of two free throws to pull the Raiders to 46-43, but that was the closest that the Raiders could get.

From there Mann took charge and put the game out of reach, scoring nine of the Racers' next 11 points as the Raiders were outscored 16-4 over a four minute period.

"We just played 10 minutes of a 40-minute ball game," Stewart said.

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