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Crime increases, outsiders a factor

By CHUCK BROWN
Assistant News Editor

MTSU students are not solely responsible for the recent increase in serious crime, officials said this week.

"Arrest rates for students and non-students are about 50-50," Nancy Weatherly, acting director of campus security said.

"Outside people have caused most of the problems," she said.

"Joe Blow may need a few bucks and steal a bicycle, but I also speculate that the perpetrators are also people who don't attend MTSU," Geoffrey Miller, area coordinator for Gore Hall said.

"There are whole rooms just wiped out," he said, referring to a robbery in which thousands of dollars in jewelry and stereo equipment were stolen.

Fifteen criminal offenses have occurred this semester alone ranging from vandalism to grand theft auto, according to Miller.

Two cars that were reported stolen turned up Monday in Nashville, according to Weatherly. The Metro Police Department reported that the cars were not vandalized. "Apparently someone just bor-

rowed the cars for just a while," Weatherly said.

Another reported crime included a car that had been placed on blocks with all four tires missing in the C Street parking lot.

"The people who are committing the crimes must be watching the parking lots so they know when the officers pass through them," Weatherly said.

"The officer on duty went through that lot (C Street parking lot) at 3:15 p.m. and at 4:45 p.m. he noticed that a car had been placed on blocks."

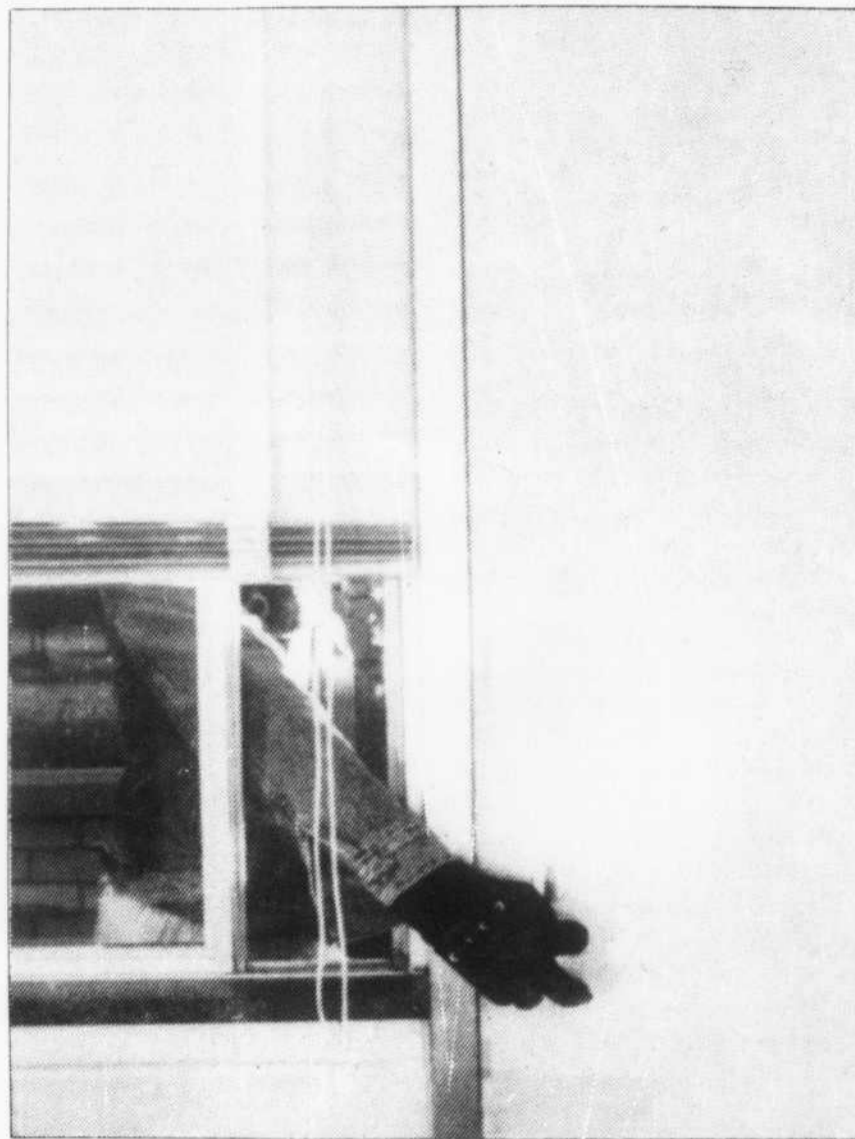
According to Miller, Campus Security is aware of the problem and is doing the best job possible but, "they are low on power."

"We have three officers per shift," Weatherly said, "and at one part of the week we have five on patrol."

"We are only allotted so much money [for the security office] and we spend it the best way we can," she added.

Miller said his main concern is for the students.

He has even gone as far as "driving Please see Crime page 2



Sandra Rennie●Staff

This photo illustration shows how easily campus dorm rooms can be broken into. The recent increase in crime has been attributed to both students and non-students alike.

Test scores unfair to rural students

By DIANE GRIFFIN
Staff Writer

Using test scores as a basis for college admissions is a discriminatory practice, Dr. Ada Long, director of the honors program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, told students in an honors lecture here Wednesday.

"ACT scores don't mean anything," Long said.

"Kids who live in suburban areas generally get the best teachers, and they are going to have an unfair advantage over kids who grow up in poor, rural areas with parents who don't place a high value on education," she explained.

Long is the director of an honors program which, she said, many have labeled "unorthodox."

There is no minimum ACT score or grade point average requirement; in fact, one student, who has enrolled in the program, had an ACT score of 12, but he is "incredibly motivated," she said.

"What matters is not what they can do when they come into the program but what they can do when they go out," Long said.

"Instead of hoarding special opportunities, educators should share

them with others, and honors programs are in a unique position to do that," she added.

In addition to criticizing academic standards of universities and elitist schools for their exclusivity, Long also attacked academic institutions and society in general for continuing discrimination against women.

"Young women today think that all doors are open to them, but there is a lot of evidence to the contrary," Long said.

"Nobody harder than secondary school teachers," Long said, "yet this profession, which is largely dominated by women, is still a low paying field."

"People who are running our universities are not representative of women," Long pointed out. "There have never been many women in positions of administration."

Most universities do not provide day care for the children of faculty, and this, Long noted, is an "appalling" fact.

"We need to raise salary levels, revolutionize the way people

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Frank Conley●Staff

Dr. John Montgomery, a faculty member of the MTSU English department, questions Senator James Sasser about the Walter Hill Land Fill. Sasser held a public forum in the Judicial Building in Murfreesboro Wednesday.

Students attend CR convention; MTSU delegation largest present

Staff Reports

NASHVILLE — A delegation of 15 MTSU students was part of approximately 100 students from around the state who gathered here over the weekend for the Tennessee College Republican Convention.

The MTSU group represented the largest delegation in attendance at the event held Friday through Sunday at the Stouffer Hotel.

"I was very pleased with the number of students we got involved from MTSU," school CR Chairman Mark C. Davanport said. "The University of Tennessee at Knoxville had 23 delegate votes, but they were only able to have 12 in attendance."

Voting delegates were determined by each school's dues paid CR members. MTSU was allotted 13 votes. Each delegation was allowed to cast 25 percent of its votes by proxy.

On Saturday, elections were held

for spots on the state CR executive committee.

Davanport was elected by acclamation to serve as vice-chairman of the Tennessee CR federation for the upcoming year.

"I was very pleased to be elected vice-chairman. I'll work just as hard as vice-chairman as I did as state executive director," Davanport said.

Current state chairman Tim Gregory was re-elected to his post for the coming year. Koreen Miller, of UT-Martin, was elected treasurer over MTSU student Victor Vale, and Shawn Grey, of Lincoln Memorial University, was elected secretary.

In other business during Saturday's meeting, the delegation passed several resolutions to be sent to the College Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C.

Among these were resolutions supporting the freedom fighters in Nicaragua, Afghanistan and An-

gola.

According to Davanport, the Tennessee CR's "firmly support anti-communist forces worldwide."

"It is important for democracies worldwide to take a stand and stop the spread of communist governments, just as the Reagan Administration has taken its stand," he said.

The convention also passed resolutions supporting voucher education for kindergarten through high school and the Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly known as "Star Wars."

During Friday's banquet, Davanport was awarded the Jimmy Quillen Award for Activism for 1987-88.

Jim Henry, Tennessee Republican Party Chairman, was key-note speaker for the banquet.

On Saturday, the convention heard speeches from former Gov. Winfield Dunn, Rep. Don

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Sasser doubts likelihood of support for Super Collider project in Congress

Staff Reports

The U.S. Congress may not be willing to fund the proposed Superconducting Super Collider, Tennessee Sen. Jim Sasser told a county judicial building Wednesday.

In response to a question from the audience, Sasser said he did not trust the Department of Energy and did not think it possessed the ability to correctly implement projects.

"I share your profound distrust for the Department of Energy," Sasser said. "I don't trust John Herrington [secretary of the DOE] as far as I can throw him."

The senator added that, in his opinion, the DOE has had a "poor track record" of concern over the effects of their projects on a community's environment because the scientists sometimes get caught up in their quest for research without thinking about environmental "by-products."

Several members of the audi-

ence expressed concern over the fact that the Super Collider reportedly could produce radioactive elements tritium and sodium 22 which could seep through rock and contaminate the earth and drinking water.

The senior senator began the public forum by explaining the Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd's, D-West Virginia, introduction of the Campaign Finance Reform Bill.

This bill would reduce the amount of money a candidate could spend on a political campaign.

"Many people feel too much is being spent," Sasser said, "and that this is unhealthy from a public policy point of view."

The Campaign Finance Reform Bill would limit the amount of money candidates could spend in each state based on the state's population. It would also cut the amount of campaign contributions by political action committees [PAC's] by one-third.

Following the public forum, Sasser toured several local schools for question and answer sessions with the students.

At Riverdale High School, Sasser was buffeted by pointed questions from several students concerning issues such as aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Reduction Treaty and abortion.

Sasser said he supported the INF Treaty because it marked the first time that an entire class of nuclear weapons would be eliminated instead of simply being reduced.

The most heated moment of the session came when a student accused Sasser of supporting the use of federal funds to pay for abortions.

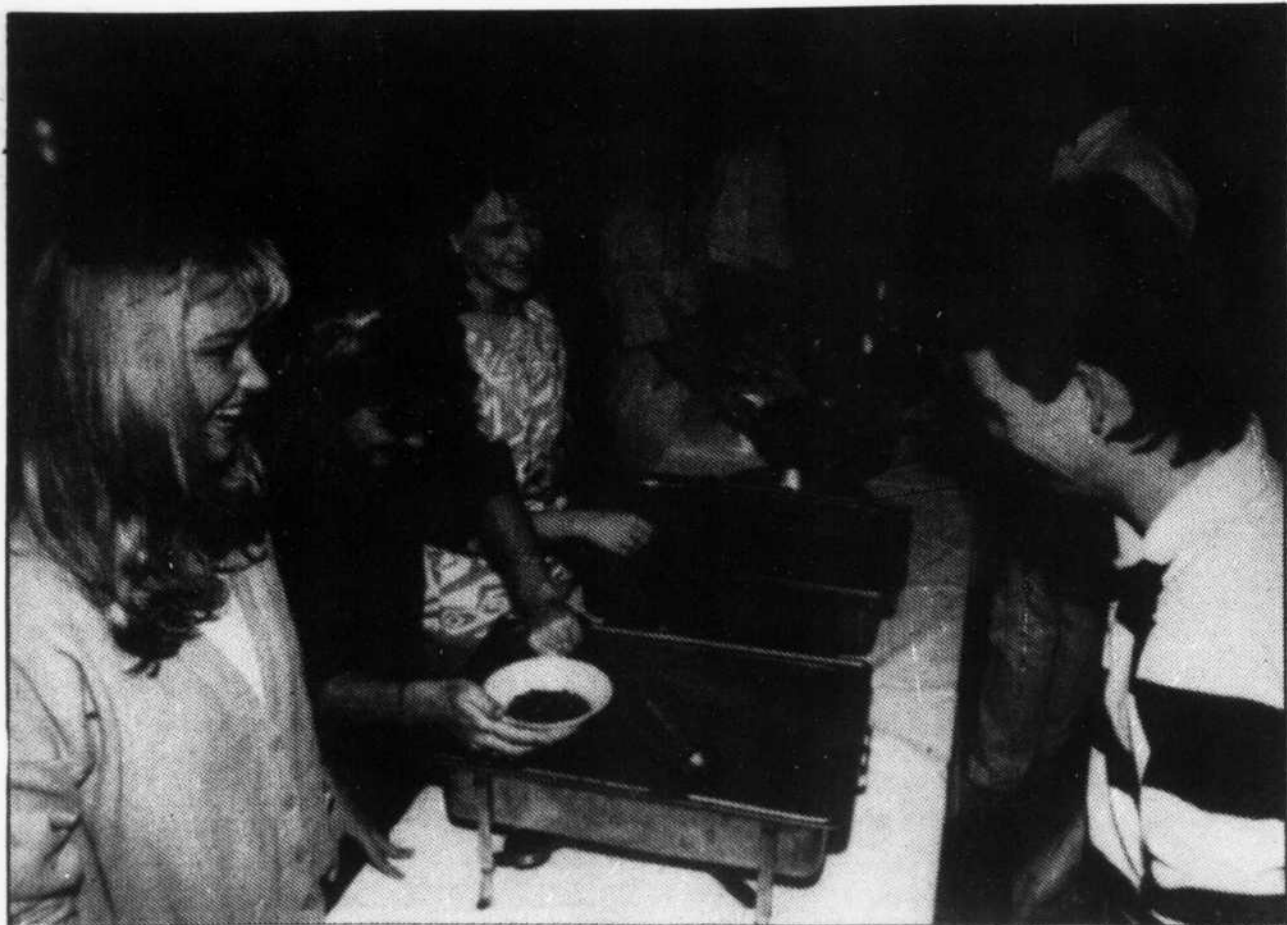
"I did vote to allow persons on Medicaid to use funds for abortion for three reasons — personal safety, incest and rape cases," the senator said while denying the charge.



Seigenthaler speaks

Frank Conley●Staff

John Seigenthaler Sr., editor, publisher and chairman of *The Tennessean* visited *Sidelines* yesterday. Conversation focused on real and perceived conflicts of interest.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Kappa Delta's Lisa Curtis, Tracy White and Kathy Mansfield helped host a successful chili supper for their national philanthropy "the prevention and treatment of child abuse" in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building last night.

Non-instructional grants given to eight professors

Staff Reports

Eight faculty members have been relieved of their teaching duties for the spring 1988 semester by non-instructional grants to work on various projects.

The projects provided for by the grants were designed to give faculty members the time to work on ventures that they would not have time for while teaching classes.

David LeDoux, MTSU art department, Larry Lowe and David Walker, speech and theatre department, Kiyoshi Kawahito and Hans Mueller, economics and finance, Dan McMurry, sociology, Roy Shelton, foreign language and Phil VanderWeg of the art department are the eight professors that will be working on different projects.

This is the first semester that MTSU has granted non-instructional grants and Robert Corlew, vice president for academic affairs thinks that it is a good idea.

"This program enables faculty members to make contributions to people outside the area," Corlew said. "They are given the opportunity to become better authorities."

LeDoux, working on a series of paintings titled "The Black Paintings, Work In Transition," has planned two trips for his work — one to New York City and another to Italy.

The other seven faculty members are writing books.

Lowe is writing a book entitled, *Speaking of Robert Toombs*, and hopes to have the book ready by spring. Lowe will also be working on a workbook during this time.

"I have worked on and off for a couple of semesters on a workbook for Speech 400 [Communication in the Educational Environment]," Lowe said. "I have used student input in the gathering of information for the book."

Kawahito's book explains the differences between the business practices and human relations of Japan and the United States.

"I did a substantial amount of work during the summer of 1987," Kawahito said. "Hopefully the rough draft will be done by the middle of March. From there I will move to the second and third drafts."

McMurry will be doing a book on street people, and in writing the book he becomes one of the street persons at times. During his last trip to Nashville, McMurry spent two nights at the Union Mission and two nights at the Salvation Army.

McMurry has also slept on the streets of San Francisco and New York.

"Perhaps you may think that I'm not working, but let me assure you I am," McMurry said. "I had forgotten how tiring — but exciting —

original field work is."

Mueller is currently working on an analysis of the world steel industry, which he hopes will later become a book.

Mueller has spoken in Tokyo, on issues concerning the steel industry, to managers of Japanese steel companies and trading firms.

"I have not started on the book yet," Mueller said. "I have plans to visit steel plants in Europe and maybe China."

Shelton is doing his book on Franz Kafka, a German existentialist and has been doing research on the subject of "dark existentialism" for four years.

VanderWeg's book will deal with different aspects of computers and how they can be used to teach graphics.

"I am contacting people and organizing software packages," VanderWeg said. "I have made some progress already. I have a trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan planned and I am going there to look at a studio at the University of Michigan's Art School."

Walker's book is the most unusual of the professors. His book is about the coalition of the Reagan administration, the Rambo phenomenon and wrestling.

All of the professors hope to have their projects done by the end of this semester.

AIDS scare raises concern among 'younger generation'

By SEAN STEPHENSON
Staff Writer

[Editor's note: This is the first of a two part series. The second will deal with sexual activity on campus in light of the recent AIDS scare.]

Although the recent AIDS scare has contributed to the decline in venereal disease, there is concern over the younger generation's attitude toward sex.

The age group between puberty and 30 years of age tends to think of themselves as invincible, according to Bob Moore, public health representative for the AIDS and sexually transmitted disease program of Rutherford County.

"Most of the message has gotten across to people, it's just that most young people discount the possibility of contracting any type of venereal disease," he said.

"They surround themselves with a suit of invisibility and say, 'nothing like this could happen to me,'" Moore said. "But that is how young people are, generally."

"They become invincible as they reach puberty and it goes on until they reach 30 years of age, but I think the impact of the message is now getting across to that group of people due to the decrease of reported venereal diseases," he added.

Moore has linked the decrease in reported venereal diseases to the AIDS scare.

"There is definitely a downturn in the number of cases of venereal diseases, and I'm sure that has to do with the AIDS scare," he said.

Crime

ing around late at night" to see if he could observe any illegal activity taking place.

"A lot of the break-ins have taken place by gaining entrance through the windows," which slide open easily from the outside, Miller said.

"We are having boards cut to place in the tracks of the windows to keep them from being opened so easily," he said.

"They [the people] are either decreasing their sexual activity or they are doing something to protect themselves from transmission of infection," Moore said.

Moore suggests a number of preventive measures in avoiding unnecessary health risks.

"I would like to think better selection of partners, being more aware of the possibility of transmission of disease, and probably the use of condoms would have a lot to do with the downturn in the number of cases of venereal diseases," he said.

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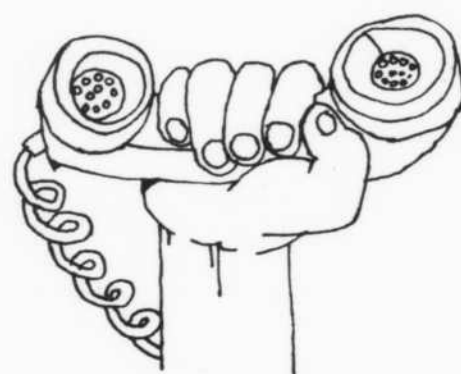


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Campus Capsule

The Faculty Senate will meet Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in the Faculty Senate Lounge.

The Public Relations Students Society of America is sponsoring a resume workshop on Wednesday, March 16, at 3:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 325. If you have questions contact Marla Deaton at 895-9748 or Susan Wyant at 361-1154.

The ACT/COMP exam will be given for graduating seniors in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building from March 14 through March 17. The times are at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. for March 14 through 16 and at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on March 17.

Landfill meeting Wednesday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the David Science Building. Speaker will be Tom Griggs, Horizon Engineering Co.

Recycle aluminum cans and newspapers at the Greenland Drive Parking Lot. Money raised will go to establish scholarships for MTSU students.

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. Contact Carolyne Shaw at 898-2661 for more information.

Campus recreation is sponsoring a spring backpacking trip along the Appalachian Trail beginning March 21.

Campus Recreation coed and regular softball sign-ups are March 14 and will start March 30.

Tri Beta Biological Honor Society will have a plant sale March 14 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the basement of the Keathley University Center.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program helps elderly, handicapped, non-English-speaking and other taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax assistance. IRS-trained volunteers will be at the Murfreesboro Senior Citizens Center Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m., the Murfreesboro Linebaugh Library, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Smyrna Library, March 9 and April 2 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tau Omicron Women's Honor Society will meet Tuesday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324.

Tri Beta Biological Honor Society will meet Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the David Science Building Room 130. Guest speaker will be Doug Pelron, Fisheries Biologist.

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 ANY item. Sidelines reserves the right to edit for clarity and brevity.

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work, restructure work hours, give women leave for childbirth, and provide vocational rehabilitation programs for women who have been out of the job market for a long time," Long suggested.

A professor of English who specializes in 18th century British literature, Long compared the women of today to Sissy Jupe, a Charles Dickens character in his novel *Hard Times*. Sissy was a victim of the "educational system from which she was excluded," she explained.

Sissy's knowledge was totally useless in the classroom where she was helpless because she didn't have the "facts."

"Do we still continue to impose tyranny and discrimination in the classroom?" questioned Long. "We need to become schrewd analysts of academic policy instead of going along thinking everything's great," she concluded.

In addition to British literature, Long also teaches women's literature and literary criticism.

Her lecture here Wednesday was entitled "Sissy Jupe in the House of Standards" and was presented in conjunction with National Women's History Month.

Wednesdays are held each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Peck Hall room 107. Next week's lecture, "Deviance and Women," will be given by Dr. Jackie Eller, MTSU professor of sociology.

Convention from page 1

Sundquist and senatorial candidate Bill Andersen.

Presidential candidates Bush, Sen. Bob Dole, Rep. Jack Kemp and Pat Robertson had expressed interest in attending the convention. However, they backed out when the scheduled League of Women Voters debate in Nashville fell through.

"I thought the convention was a tremendous success even though there were no candidates there," Dianne Fussell, a member of the MTSU delegation said.

Members of the MTSU delegation were: Fussell, Davanport, Suzanne Williams, Victor Vale, Doug Davidson, Roger Allen, Anthony Turner, Jay Jackson, Suzie Alcorn, Lee Cannon, Tommy Cooper, Greg and Susan Horton and Mark and Ellen Brown.



Astronomer Dr. Catherine Pilachowski, a member of the scientific staff of Kittpeak National Observatory in Tucson, Ariz., lectured Wednesday night in the Davis Science Building on the role of astronomy in the space era and the future of telescopes.

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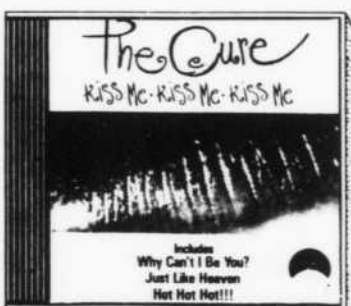


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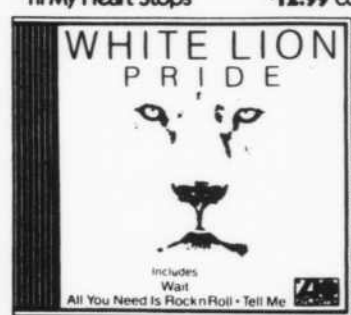
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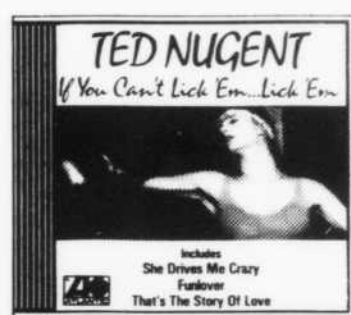
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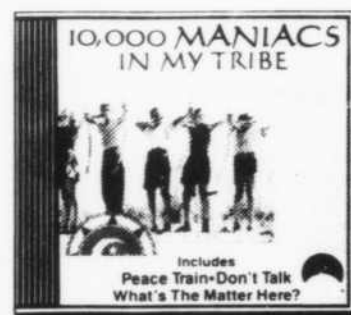
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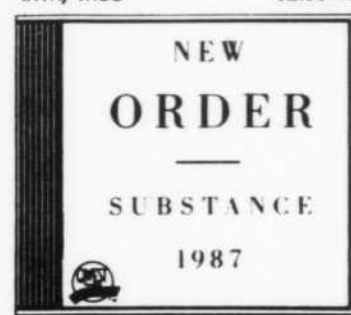
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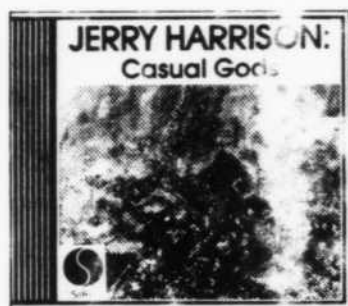
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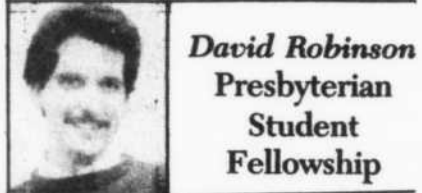
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EDITORIALS

It's all your fault; love is an illusion; no one lives happily ever after



David Robinson
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Have you ever watched the television cartoon M.A.S.K.? My son and I love watching that show with the car that changes into a jet, a motorcycle which converts into a helicopter and so on.

The show's theme is also quite captivating: "M.A.S.K.: where illusion is the ultimate weapon."

When it comes to love, illusion is indeed the ultimate weapon. Our culture hands us many beautiful, finely crafted illusions of love. And we buy them at an early age.

Love masks come to us through the TV, music, movies, magazines, advertising, our friends and peers and even our teachers and parents.

We eagerly put on these masks, not wanting to stick out in the crowd. And then we walk into the Hall of Mirrors, seeing distortions all around us, and tell ourselves, "This is love, this is reality?"

Let me offer an example of what I'm talking about.

Illusion Number One: People never fall in love and live happily ever after.

Is there such a thing as "falling

in love?" Is there such a thing as "love at first sight?" Do people really "live happily ever after?"

Three happily ever after. When it comes to falling, I'm quite certain it is not love that people fall into; because love is not primarily an emotion, but rather an act of will.

People do fall into lust and infatuation. People do get swept away with passions and sexual desires. When it comes down to it, we all are basically unfulfilled inside and seek various ways to be filled.

Our passions and emotions are an easy, quick source of satisfaction especially when exchanged with someone of the opposite sex. But that's not love.

If love is indeed mere passion, desire and emotion then we surely fall out of it just as fast as we fall into it. But people don't fall in love, people choose to love, because love is a commitment. It's a decision to give your life for yours, in spite of your faults, zits, weaknesses and incompatibilities.

And what about the second half of Illusion Number One above? Does anyone live "happily ever after?"

We all wouldn't mind it at times. We all at times certainly pursue the fairy-tale fantasy of perfect love.

But I am quite certain that no one lives "happily ever after," at least not in this life.

Through many wear the "I've got it all together" mask with great flair, we all struggle. We all hurt. We all fall. It's not an easy journey, even when you have a traveling companion.

After nearly seven years of marriage, my illusions of "happily ever after" are being dismantled and removed. And then what's left? Disillusionment.

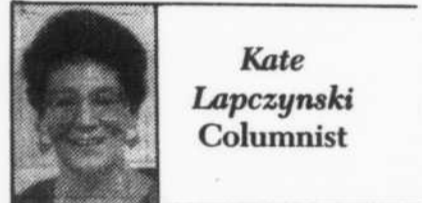
Right there is where a lot of marriages end. "You've lost that lovin' feeling." And when it's gone, there's nothing to do but get a divorce and try to find it with someone else.

We gloss it over with nifty statements such as, "We are incompatible" or "He's changed. He's not the man I married." What we are really saying is that our illusions have let us down.

For is there really such a thing as the perfect match, or such a thing as a lover who never changes?

The challenge of life is to honestly face our illusions and disillusions, let go of them and thus make room for true love. The love which, as St. Paul wrote, "loves all things, always trusts, always hopes, always endures and never ends."

Women's history worth a look



Kate Lapczynski
Columnist

The Women's History Month Commission, with partial funding from the June Anderson Women's Center, has put together an impressive program in celebration of women during the month of March.

They are to be commended. Throughout the month, they have scheduled lectures, exhibitions, recitals and symposiums all under the title of "Women in the Curriculum."

I strongly recommend that you attend as many of these events as you can. Whether or not you are a woman, whether or not you are interested in "women's issues," this program is sure to influence your thinking. And you'll meet some interesting people along the way.

For example, Dr. David Sutherland is presenting a lecture titled "Sonya Kovalevskaia: A Russian Childhood" on March 16.

Sonya's 19th century childhood

consisted of being the least-loved child of a large family. She was so poorly thought of that when the time came to wallpaper her attic room, her family merely covered her walls in a haphazard manner with someone's old math papers. In trying to make sense of the jumble on her walls, she managed, in the process, to teach herself calculus.

For those of us who have tried to master calculus with all the help we can get, this was a remarkable feat indeed. She went on to become a highly respected mathematician and to make important contributions to the theory of differential equations.

Sonya keenly felt the limitations and isolations that her gender and times inflicted upon her, but I doubt that when she thought of herself, it was as a woman mathematician. She was a mathematician who was also a woman. During this month we will meet her as a woman who just happens to be a mathematician.

As a woman who spent her childhood scouring the library shelves for biographies about women and found justification for her striving

in the lives of Jane Addams, George Sand, Isadora Duncan and Sister Kenny, I can only applaud the efforts being made to broaden the scope of female role models.

But we must not lose sight of the fact that what these remarkable women did was done, not for the glorification of their gender, but to fulfill some deep, inner drive of their own. In this, they were no different than their male counterparts.

And in their successes, they have become symbols, not just for women, but for every human being who has ever responded to the pull of personal destiny, overcome the limitations and restraints imposed from within and without, braved adversity and endured.

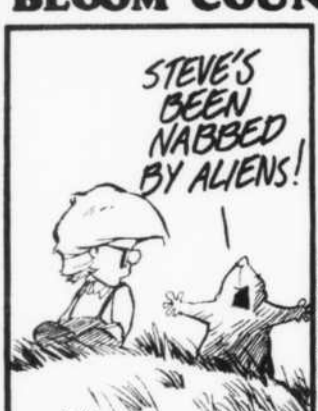
That their successes were so little-known in their time or our own is the impetus behind National Women's History Month. I look forward to the day when such a designation will be incongruous.

The accomplishments of women are not anomalies pearls to be strung and displayed on an annual basis. The history of women is an integral part of the history of humanity.

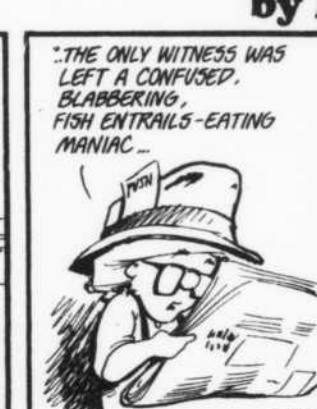
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Why not light a candle?



Kim Harris
News Editor

It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.

What this anonymous author of this quotation was trying to say is that rather than complain about a problem — do something about it.

What I hear about *Sidelines* is complaints. Everyone seems to think, though, that the problems lie strictly within the paper itself.

But the paper is run by a few students. Too few students, actually. So any changes in the paper, be they for good or bad, come from the student body.

As the new News Editor, I would like to see more campus news. After all, we are a campus newspaper.

To cover the campus adequately, it would stand to reason that it would take more than two or three reporters to do it. Right? After all, this campus only covers about 500

acres in which roughly 200 departments and offices are contained.

There are also meetings and events that go on every day that are never mentioned in the paper.

Obviously, we need writers. Let me talk to you about experience, contracts, pay and fun.

Experience. Dr. Nagy informed me this week that there are approximately 1,200 mass communications majors. Where are you?

Experience will be a gold mine for you. If you think you can walk into a job, particularly a newsroom job, without clips or a portfolio, you are disillusioned. If the editor laughs at you, however, this is a good sign that he/she is not ignoring you.

In the course of a year, I've been undercover in a crisis center, repelled off a 150-foot drop-off, talked to the Governor and visited the Mardi Gras — enough said for experience.

Contacts. I don't want to limit the paper to mass communications majors. Some of the best writers last semester (all two) were not mass communications majors. They

said the friends and contacts they made were the best part of the job.

As a reporter, the contacts you make will undoubtedly be beneficial to you in future career endeavors, regardless of your major.

Pay. I'll be honest with you and even brave by mentioning the subject. You might be able to partially pay those parking tickets. This is what Chuck Brown, assistant news editor, did last semester as a staff writer.

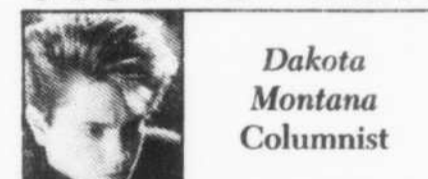
In other words, the pay is chicken scratch — bubble gum money. Hopefully, the recent budget hearings will be able to finance writers more adequately. We're keeping our fingers crossed.

Fun. Come and see for yourself.

I challenge you to stop complaining and to make a difference. We need you and your input. You are the eyes and ears of this campus.

Give me a call at ext. 2337. I'd like to hear from you. After all, "If the press didn't tell us, who would?"

Harris' column is complete trash



Dakota Montana
Columnist

Elsewhere on this page, some woman who dances on tables at Toot's is going to try and tell you what a fun place *Sidelines* is to work. Hah! Let me repeat myself for those of you a little deaf from listening to Samantha Fox (maybe a little blind too?) records all day long: hah! You'd have a better time watching Holly Lenz undress.

Trust me on this one boys, girls and RIM majors. Be afraid. Be very afraid. Here's why.

Ten reasons why you don't want to work for *Sidelines*:

10. They pay you with money that

has pictures of Jake Butcher on the side.

9. You can't drink in the office. Who ever heard of a newspaper without booze?

8. Can't smoke either. Ditto.

7. The people who work up here are *strange* — girls who look like they've been dead for a month and they've been shop at K-Mart. They all look like they got their haircuts at some barber college for the blind and they listen to communist folk singers and "Exile on Main St." all day long at top volume. No wonder nobody up here has a social life.

6. The whole place is funded by the Heritage Foundation. Heck, Jerry Falwell comes up every other Tuesday to make sure we don't print nothing liberal.

5. Some skinny guy who calls him-

self "The Stallion" keeps throwing this ball around and hitting people in the head. Which might explain a lot, especially about that death-rock chick.

4. The vending machines up here don't have Nu-Grape. How are you suppose to have a power meal without Nu-Grape?

3. People who don't even belong up here keep coming through the office all day long. That teacher from Channel 4 who won that TNN Viewers Choice Award borrows stuff he never gives back, people are screaming at the news editor 'cause their announcement about the Cross-Dressing Christian Fraternity Members for

Mohamid's Bake Sale and Annual Self-Flagellation Celebration didn't get in Campus Caplet and some guy with one of those porn-actor mustaches shows up every once in a while to tell people what to do, then he goes off to eat lunch with Bruce Stewart. Kind of like the library, but not so noisy.

2. Not enough free stuff records and books. Even when Cat's lends records to review we have to give them back so you can't draw mustaches on the pictures of the guys in Poison.

1. No comfortable chairs.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Reardon,' 'coming of age' flick for all ages

[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 **CHRISTOPHER BELL**
Managing Editor

During the opening of "A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon," the letters for the credits move across the screen sideways, backwards, jumbled up and spread out. They look normal once they arrive, but they're a little, uh, different on the way. That's a nice description of the entire film.

"Jimmy Reardon" is a movie about teenagers, but it isn't just for teenagers. Director and writer William Richert has managed to find a new angle on the traditional "coming of age" film that fits somewhere in between John Hughes and Penelope Spheeris.

Jimmy, played by River Phoenix, is a high-school senior living on the edge of Evanston, an upper-class suburb of Chicago. While Jimmy's family is terminally middle-class, all of his friends, including the girl he

loves, are from wealthy families. As the fall of 1962 approaches, Jimmy realizes their lives are about to separate and takes drastic action.

By simply realizing the importance of class struggle in America, the movie impresses. But the characters are also much more believable than in the average "teen" movie.

Jimmy is a transitional figure, somewhere between the fading beats and the hippies on the horizon. Phoenix plays the character with the necessary blend of sophistication and naivete. Ione Skye, Louanne and Matthew L. Perry are all fine as his friends and Meredith Salenger is very good as his sometimes girlfriend Lisa.

Paul Koslo, in a key role as Jimmy's father, is very believable as is performance artist Ann Magnuson as a neighbor who is important to both Reardon men.

Jimmy's ticket to buy a plane ticket to Hawaii, where Lisa is going to college, is the main storyline of the movie. Jimmy does what the plan is, at best, doomed. But Jimmy also comes to realize that his entire relationship with Lisa never really had a chance.

He also realized that he isn't as

different from his family, especially his father, as he thought. While the "Jimmy Reardon" seems, like so many other movies of its type, like

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it's about breaking away, it's really more about returning home.

Director Richert, best known for his wonderful (go rent it now kind of wonderful) "Winter Kills," adapted the movie's screenplay from his own book *Aren't You Even Going to Kiss Me Goodbye?*. Thus he has a very good grasp of the storyline. Visually, the movie is never breathtaking, but the locations around Chicago are often beautiful. Without overwhelming the audience they convey the very real wealth and power of the world Jimmy's friends inhabit.

"A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon" isn't perfect. It'll probably go right over the heads of the teenagers out to see River Phoenix and adults won't even bother with another film about teenagers and that's a shame.

What's Up MTSU?

Saturday, March 12: National Women's History Month presents a symposium, "Women in American Musical Life," from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center. The program will be free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 12: MTSU vs. TSU. The Blue Raiders will play a double-header beginning a 1 p.m. at Smith Field.

Sunday, March 13: There will be a poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Theatre. The program is free and open to the public.

Sunday, March 13: MTSU vs. TSU. The Blue Raiders will play a single beginning at 2 p.m. at Smith Field.

Tuesday, March 15: The Ideas and Issues Committee presents one of the most powerful speakers and incisive debaters of our time, G. Gordon Liddy, at 8:30 p.m. in the LRC Multi-media Room.

Tuesday, March 15: The Films Committee presents "Dirty Dancing"-R. Movie times are 3:30, 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.



Jimmy (River Phoenix, left) offers to fix up his rich pal Fred (Matthew Perry) with a date for a price in the rambunctious comedy "A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon."



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A scene from "An Evening with Gertrude Stein" Tuesday night, a special event of National Women's History Week.

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Lady Raiders NCAA bound

Down Tennessee Tech for title

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders gained some long awaited revenge last night and ensured themselves of an NCAA tournament bid in the process.

MTSU downed Tennessee Tech, 79-62, to capture the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship at Alumni Gymnasium, avenging last season's tournament loss to the Golden Eaglettes.

"This is revenge from last year," said Lady Raider Tawanya Mucker. "All year long we've been looking at the picture of [Tech standout] Melinda Clayton cutting down the nets. Now it's our turn."

With the tournament championship, MTSU gains an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Despite the margin of victory, the game was much closer than the final score would seem indicate.

With 7:39 left in the game, MTSU led 59-57.

But over the final seven minutes, the Lady Raiders outscored the Golden Eaglettes 20-5, and that, as they say, was all she wrote.

"As always we had that one moment of truth," Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens said, "and Sandy Brown nailed a couple of long ones and we pulled away as usual. It's just like a script — at you write up. These kids bend, but they don't break."

At the start of the first half, Tech

jumped out to a 14-6 lead, their largest of the game.

MTSU quickly came back to within one point, 16-15, with 8:35

remaining in the first half.

Lady Raider standouts Tawanya Mucker and Sandy Brown struggled offensively in the first half, and

to make matters worse, Mucker committed her third personal foul with 3:29 left in the half.

The dynamic freshmen duo of

Stephanie Capley and Kim Collier were the catalysts in the first half, as they were picked up in the scoring slack.

Capley scored 13 of her career-high 21 points in the first half and Collier calmly quarterbacked the team from the point guard position.

MTSU tied the game at 23 with 2:52 remaining in the half, and behind the two freshmen, outscored the Golden Eaglettes 8-2 in the closing moments to take a 31-25 lead at intermission.

The Lady Raiders suffered another potentially damaging blow when Capley picked up her third personal foul just before the close of the half.

But MTSU started the second half at a blistering pace, pulling out to a 38-27 lead with 17:31 left on the clock.

Four minutes later, MTSU still maintained a 10 point advantage at 46-36.

Tech refused to give up and outscored MTSU 13-4 over the next four minutes, cutting the margin to a single point, 50-49.

The experience and poise of Brown and Mucker began to show.

Mucker started dominating the boards at both ends of the floor and

Brown began to heat it up from the perimeter.

Tech appeared to fatigue down the stretch and the Lady Raiders blew the game open.

"I had confidence in us," Brown said. "I knew as long as we kept our heads and played like we were capable, we could pull it off."

"To be honest," Mucker said, "I don't get nervous. I just kept putting it up like I always do."

In the second half, Brown scored 15 of her 19 points while Mucker, equally as impressive, scored 15 of her 18.

Mucker also pulled down 12 rebounds and Capley grabbed 11.

Lianne Beck rounded out MTSU's double figure scorers with 10 points.

Leading the way for Tech was Melinda Clayton, the tournament's most valuable player, with 17 points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

Tech's Adrienne Black and Arnetta Peterson scored 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Joining Clayton on the All-Tournament team was Dorothy Bowers of Youngstown State, Cecelia Ramsey of Tech, along with Brown and Mucker.



Frank Conley/Staff

Point guard Kim Collier drives around Tennessee Tech's Adrienne Black during last night's 79-62 MTSU victory over the Golden Eagles. The Lady Raiders will now move on to the NCAA tourney.

Lady Raiders shoot down Eagles 83-56

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Editor

Sandy Brown conducted a three-point shooting clinic as the MTSU Lady Raiders breezed past Morehead State in Ohio Valley Conference Tournament semifinal action Wednesday at Alumni Gym.

Brown scored 26 points on a 6-of-10 shooting performance from three-point land and connected on 9-of-13 shots overall.

MTSU head coach Lewis Bivens had nothing but praise for the junior from Morristown, Tenn.

"When Brown starts airing it up from the moon," Bivens said, "she is tough to stop. The truth prevails with Brown in. When it comes time to play, she's a money player. She didn't even make the all-conference team, which is amazing to me."

Brown was not the lone bright-spot for MTSU, however.

Tawanya Mucker and Kim Collier were an effective supporting cast.

Mucker quietly rolled up 20 points and pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds.

Collier scored ten points, but more importantly, set the tempo of the game and recorded an impressive seven assists.

"Collier really played well," Bivens said. "I finally had to slow her down before she ran out of gas. She had a career performance."

The Lady Eagles jumped on the board first when Kelley Stamper scored on their first possession.

MTSU then scored eight unanswered points to take an 8-2 lead.

Morehead came back to tie the game, 10-10, but it would be as close as they would ever get.

The Lady Raiders slowly pulled away, taking a 23-15 lead with nine minutes remaining in the half.

Morehead State made a run and pulled to within three points, 27-24 with 5:47 left on the first-half clock, but from that point on the game belonged to MTSU.

For the rest of the half, MTSU outscored the Lady Eagles 10-0, taking a commanding 37-24 lead into the locker room.

The Lady Raiders came out of the locker room with their guns smoking.

During the first 12 minutes of the second half, MTSU did not miss a shot.

During that period, the Lady Raiders dominated Morehead State, outscoring them 23-6 to stretch their lead to 60-30.

Following the late first-half and early second-half runs, MTSU had Morehead well in control.

Also scoring in double figures for MTSU was Lianne Beck with 10 points.

Anna Campbell led the Lady Eagles with 15 points, followed by Kelley Downs with 10.

"It was a real team victory," Bivens said.

The Lady Raiders shot a blistering 71 percent from the floor in the second half, 57 percent for the entire game.

Morehead, on the other hand, shot a dismal 26 percent in the second half, 34 percent for the game.

The win allows MTSU to advance to the championship game and a chance for an automatic NCAA tournament berth.

The win marks the third time in as many tries that the Lady Raiders have defeated Morehead State this season.

The game was played in Alumni Gym due to the TSSAA girls' state tournament being held at Murphy Center, and coach Lewis Bivens enjoyed the new playing facility.

"I really enjoyed it," Bivens said. "It was a good atmosphere. I just wish Murray could have been here" (referring to the protest Murray State filed objecting to the tournament being held in the old gym and then their voluntary withdrawal from the tourney due to a scheduling violation).



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MTSU point guard Kim Collier scores two of her 10 points in Wednesday night's 83-56 OVC tournament win over Morehead State.

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Blue Raiders face Austin Peay again tonight at Murray in OVC semi-finals

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

The stage has been set and tonight at 7 p.m. the curtain will be drawn as the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament continues at Murray State.

Thanks to no first-round upsets in the tournament the league's four best teams will square off in the semi-final rounds of the tourney tonight.

Austin Peay, 15-12, the number three seed, will play MTSU, 21-9, the second seed, in the first semi-final game, which is expected to get underway at 7 p.m.

Regular season champion Murray State, 19-8, will go up against the fourth seeded Colonels of Eastern Kentucky, 18-10, in the night-cap.

All four competitors will field teams that are capable of capturing the tournament crown and the automatic bid into the upcoming NCAA tournament.

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ter OVC tournament," head basketball coach Bruce Stewart said. "I think the Murray State-Eastern Kentucky game is going to be an unbelievable battle and I think we are going to have one heck of a game with Austin Peay."

Murray State is the four right now and they also have the home-court advantage, in addition to having the week off to rest and practice due to the fact that they didn't have to play a first-round game.

"If you were picking, I would pick Murray State because of the home-court advantage," Stewart said. "This tournament, with the four teams involved, is wide open and any of the four could win it."

Eastern Kentucky is the most experienced team but they haven't been playing their best ball of late. They lost to Butler in their regular season and struggled against Tennessee Tech in the opening round game.

Austin Peay has had some internal problems with Tony Raye having been benched (for team viola-

tions) for the Goves' first round game against Tennessee State. Raye is expected back for tonight's game.

Austin Peay and MTSU have already battled one another twice this season with MTSU taking both wins. Both of those games came down to the wire and the third meeting will be as tenacious.

Several people feel that it is tough to beat the same team three times in the same season, but Stewart doesn't believe in that theory.

"I don't believe in the philosophy that it is tough to beat a team three times," Stewart said. "A lot of people do, but I don't. I look at the NBA teams and they have to beat people as much as 12 times in the same season."

"I'm not really a subscriber to that theory," Stewart continued. "I think you have to motivate yourself and you have to get up for every game, regardless of how many times you've already played them."

Whether it is the third or 30th

time the Raiders have played Austin Peay, they will have a fight on their hands.

There are several keys to the Austin Peay game. Gerald Harris must return successfully from an ankle injury he sustained in the Tennessee Tech game earlier this season.

Harris is expected to start tonight's game after sitting out of the first round game against Youngstown.

Guard Chris Rainey must continue to play well despite a knee injury he received in the Murray State game two weeks ago. Rainey is playing with a brace on his knee but says that it hasn't slowed him down.

The Raiders must also shut down transfers Andre Harris and Barry Sumpter, as they did in the previous meetings, and break the pressure defense that the Goves apply throughout.

"Obviously, when you play Austin Peay, you have to play hard. Please see OVC Page 8



Eastern Kentucky's Tyrone Howard and MTSU's Frank Conley will draw a lot of attention in this weekend's tourney. The two big men are among the conference leaders in rebounds.

Tennessee Tech squeaks past YSU, 77-74, in overtime

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Editor

The Tennessee Tech Golden Eaglettes squeaked by Youngstown State, 77-74 in an Ohio Valley Conference semi-final tournament game Wednesday at Alumni Gym, but it took them an extra period to do it.

At the end of regulation, the score was deadlocked at 64, forcing the overtime period.

After the two teams had traded several baskets, the score was still tied, 70-70 with 2:21 remaining in overtime.

Youngstown State guard Carol Nee disputed an officials' call, and was promptly whistled for a technical foul.

Tennessee Tech was awarded one free-throw and the ball. Adrienne Black sank the free-throw and on the ensuing possession, Youngstown State fouled Melinda Clayton, who sank two more from the charity stripe, giving Tech a 73-70 lead.

That was essentially the ballgame.

The two teams swapped baskets twice more, making the final score 77-74.

"In all my years of study and my years of coaching," Youngstown said, "in a semi-final game of post season play, you don't call a technical in a crucial situation."

DiGregorio, although upset by the call, was willing to give Tech credit for their efforts.

"You have to give credit to Tennessee Tech," DiGregorio said.

"They made the shots down the stretch when they had to."

Tech head coach Bill Worrell was sure if the technical foul should have been called.

"I don't know if it should have been called or not," Worrell said. "You hate to see something like that happen, but I can't be the judge."

The game was a battle between Clayton and Youngstown State's Dorothy Bowers, the OVC Player of the Year.

Clayton poured in 27 points and grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds for Tech. Bowers scored a game-high 28 points, and pulled down 11 rebounds.

The game was as closely contested as one could be.

Youngstown built an eight point margin, the widest in the game, with 8:07 remaining in the first half. Tech cut Youngstown's lead to 29-28 by intermission.

The second half was even tighter, as neither team held more than a three point advantage for the duration of the game, including the overtime period.

"It was a typical post-season game between two fine teams," Worrell said.

"I don't think you could have seen a better basketball game," DiGregorio said.

Rounding out Tech's double figure scoring was Cecilia Ramsey and Arnetta Peterson, with 18 and 14 points respectively.

Margaret Somple scored 15 points for Youngstown and Julie Bray added 10.

ISU comeback halts MTSU

Staff Reports

Indiana State overcame a four run deficit Tuesday at Reese Smith Field to hand MTSU an 8-6 loss, dropping the Raiders to 7-7-1 on the season.

The Raiders took the early lead when Chris Whitehead unloaded for a towering homerun over the center field fence to lead off the second inning, putting the Raiders on top 1-0.

Whitehead added to the Raider lead in the bottom of the third inning when he lined a triple into center field for two more ribbies. Whitehead later scored on a sacrifice and the Raiders led 4-0 after three innings.

The Sycamores came back in the fourth inning. Trailing 4-1 Jimmy Fairbanks lined a double into center field with the bases loaded and drove in all three runs to even the score at four.

Raider starter Scott Duff ran into more trouble in the fifth inning. After a leadoff walk, Denny Smith lined a double down the third base line to put runners on the corners.

Head coach Steve Peterson then used some baseball strategy moving Duff to center field and bringing reliever Brad Bates into the game.

Bates gave up just one run and going into the bottom of the fifth the score was tied at five.

MTSU regained the lead in the bottom of the fifth, when Duff

drove in the go-ahead run.

The score remained at 6-5 until the top of the fifth when ISU power-hitter Dave Larson cracked a two-run homer.

In the same inning Smith stole home on a wild pitch to give the

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Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Tennessee Tech's Cecelia Ramsey looks for help in Wednesday night's semi-final game against Youngstown State. TTU won 77-74 in overtime. Ramsey was named to the OVC All-Tournament team.

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Baseballers fall to Kentucky, 5-1

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Editor

The MTSU Blue Raider baseball team was defeated by the University of Kentucky, 5-1, Wednesday at Reese Smith Field.

The game was called after five innings of play due to rain. A game must go at least five innings before it can be recorded as a complete game.

The Blue Raiders took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning when first baseman Mike Messerly walked and catcher Cale Lawson followed with a double into the left-center field gap, scoring Messerly.

MTSU held the one run lead until the top of the fifth inning.

Blue Raider third baseman Chris Whitehead committed a throwing error to first base on a routine ground-ball, allowing Kentucky's

Bobby Olinick to advance to second with no outs.

Mark Blythe followed with a single to left field and Jay Owens committed an error, allowing Olinick to score and Blythe to take second base.

Blythe then advanced to third on an infield single by Billy White.

With runners at first and third, right fielder Sam Taylor hit a long sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Blythe.

The Wildcats, now leading 2-1, were still not finished.

Center fielder Chris Estep blasted a towering two-run home-run over the left-center field wall, giving Kentucky a 4-1 lead.

Vince Castaldo then doubled off starting pitcher Jody Tripp, forcing Blue Raider head coach Steve

Peterson to bring Larry Lever on in relief.

Before Lever could get out of the inning, Wildcat first baseman John Marshall doubled home Castaldo, giving Kentucky a 5-1 lead.

The Blue Raiders were unable to score in the bottom of the fifth inning, and the game was called because of rain.

Tripp suffered the loss for MTSU, dropping his record to 1-2 on the season. He went 4 1/3 innings, allowed six hits, five earned runs, two strikeouts and no walks.

Lever went two thirds of an inning, giving up one hit, no runs, one walk and no strikeouts.

The win improved Kentucky starting pitcher Matt Coleman's record to 2-0 on the year.

With the loss, the Blue Raiders

fall to 7-8-1 on the season. Kentucky improved to 7-2.

Kentucky recently took two of three games from Southeastern Conference foe Florida and were ranked 20th in the nation by *Baseball America*.

MTSU will get back to Ohio Valley Conference action this weekend against Tennessee State at Reese Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders were scheduled to play the Indiana State Sycamores yesterday, a team they lost to Tuesday, but due to a rain-soaked Reese Smith Field, the game had to be postponed.

The Raiders play the Tigers in a double-header Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. and a single game on Sunday, starting at 2 p.m.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff
Blue Raider first baseman Mike Messerly rounds third and scores MTSU's only run in the Raiders' 5-1 loss to Kentucky Wednesday. The Blue Raiders will play host to Tennessee State this weekend at Smith Field. Saturday's double-header will get underway at 1 p.m.

Rainey's qualities prove beneficial

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

Smooth, calm, collected and dedicated are the four adjectives that best describe MTSU's super-shooting guard Chris Rainey.

The junior physical education major from Macon, Ga. has made his mark in the Ohio Valley Conference.

His performance this season has been nothing less than superb. Rainey led the team in scoring, was one of the most accurate three-point shooting artists in the country and sealed several Raider wins with his clutch shooting down the stretch.

Needless to say, this season has been a major success for the talented star — he has known nothing else throughout his career.

"I really didn't expect all of this (success)," the modest Rainey said, with that ever present grin across his face. "I did expect to have a better season than I did last year but I didn't expect all of this. I know I am capable of playing well and having a good season."

To say that Rainey is capable is a major understatement. Rainey has been the most consistent of all the Raiders this season. His consistency, leadership and outstanding ability was a key in the Raiders' third consecutive 20-win season.

The aforementioned qualities are also the reason that he was selected first team All-OVC, being listed on every coaches ballot in the league.

"I feel very proud of myself and the people who chose me," Rainey said.

Rainey's transfer from Middle Georgia Jr. College was highly beneficial to the Raider program. Yet, as has been the case throughout his life, Rainey didn't make the move

for himself, but to help out others.

The caring Rainey played only one year on Middle Georgia, due to a broken foot in one of his seasons there. Rainey decided he didn't want to play a third year in the juco ranks and MTSU coach Bruce Stewart had been in contact with Rainey for two years.

Rainey made the move to MTSU to help his mother. When Rainey received the MTSU basketball scholarship, it took the financial burden of a college education off his mother who, along with his wife and family, has given him the most support throughout his career.

Rainey's dedication to the sport is also a reason for his success at MTSU. Rainey is what coaches like to refer to as a "gym rat."

A great deal of Rainey's free time is spent in Murphy Center shooting. After practice, during the day, during the summer and sometimes at night, Rainey is the only one in Murphy Center shooting for hours at a time in order to improve his already strong shooting game.

"That is something that I have done since high school," Rainey said. "After school and during the off-season I would just shoot, shoot, shoot. Sometimes it pays off."

His dedication definitely pays off. During the course of the season Rainey tied the MTSU record for shooting percentage in a game, hitting 14-of-15 field goal attempts against Eastern Kentucky.

He also ranks among conference leaders in field goal percentage and is third in the league in three-point shooting.

There isn't much that can slow Chris down. Coming off an injury he suffered against Murray State, which forces him to wear a knee brace during the game, Rainey scored a game high 26 points in the



Frank Conley/Staff
Chris Rainey attempts a shot over a Youngstown State defender in Monday night's 81-76 win. Rainey was named first team All-OVC.

Raiders' OVC Tournament opener against Youngstown State.

"Chris is a veteran and it shows," Stewart said. "Chris is a tough kid with a big heart and he always guts it out. He has had a solid effect on the team."

Rainey says that he gives all of the credit for his success in basketball to the Lord.

"The only person I can contrib-

ute it (success) to is the Lord," Rainey said proudly. "He has been with me ever since I have been playing ball and I give all of my success to him."

Success could not have come to a more deserving person.

Athletes such as Rainey come along about as often as Halley's Comet — fortunately he is at MTSU.

Spring football camp gets underway Tuesday

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

The recruiting wars are over and winter work-outs are coming to a close, which means spring football is just around the corner.

Tuesday will mark the beginning of this year's spring practice for the MTSU football team and this year head football coach Boots Donnelly is starting spring drills before spring break.

The Raiders will open up practice Tuesday and go through Thursday before taking off for spring break.

"The new NCAA rule states that we must have five days of spring practice with no full speed contact," Donnelly said. "So we are going to take three of those days before

spring break and try to put in and teach as much as we can on both offense and defense."

The Raiders will be fairly young on the offensive side of the ball this season, with quarterback Marvin Collier the only real veteran. Collier will be a senior.

The defense should be stable this season with the return of Jack Pittman, Don Thomas, Kenny Tippens, Chuck Swafford, Andre Dyer, Tommy Barnes and Duan Buford.

"We have to become a great deal more aggressive on the defensive side of the ball and we have to get some continuity on the offensive side of the ball," Donnelly said. "We can't continue to make the mistakes that we have made in the

past. That is something that we will be working on this spring."

For the second straight season the MTSU spring football game will have a corporate sponsorship.

B.F. Goodrich sponsored the spring game last year and will do so again this season. There will also be a barbecue cook-out to kick off the game.

"I think we are going to have an excellent spring game due to the barbecue cook-off that we are going to have in conjunction with B.F. Goodrich who is sponsoring the game," Donnelly said. "I think it is going to be a great opportunity for the people."

Donnelly said that he is glad to see the start of spring practice draw close.

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Sycamores an 8-6 victory over MTSU.

MTSU used four pitchers in the game as they saw their lead slowly dwindle.

"We pitched in spurts, and it's

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pressure defense, first and foremost," Stewart said. "You have to do a good job of not turning the ball over. You also have to control them inside and win the rebounding battle."

The Raiders have done all three of those things consistently by this season against Austin Peay.

"A lot of people are concerned that we are playing Austin Peay for the third time this season. Well, they should be concerned as well

tough when your starting pitcher has to be pulled out in the fourth inning," Peterson said. "Basically, it came down to their bullpen whipping our bullpen."

With the win, Indiana State improved to 3-3 on the year.

because they have played us three times too," Stewart explained.

While the winner of the tournament will be headed to the NCAA tourney, the loser is almost assured a bid into the National Invitational Tournament.

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