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Hosey new ASB president

By M.A. BROWN
Editorial Editor

Harry Hosey won a land-slide 972-595 victory in yesterday's Assasinate Student Body presidential election while Brent Cotton defeated Craig Smithers 266-182 in the sophomore senatorial race.

The presidential election was "a true mandate from the people," according to Hosey spokesman Bobby Hopkins.

"An ASB president that comes in here with 400 votes in a run-off doesn't have nearly the number of people behind him that a president who gets over 900 votes does," the former ASB president said.

Hopkins added that Hosey was eager to accept the responsibilities of his newly elected position.

"He's ready to get in office and get to work," Hopkins said.

The president-elect and current ASB President Holly Lentz will begin work on a transition program today, Hopkins added.

Hopkins expressed Hosey's wish

to thank everyone who assisted him in his campaign.

"He couldn't have done it without all the help he had," Hopkins said.

Hosey was at work and could not be reached for comment.

Hall was also unavailable for comment.

The 972 votes cast for Hosey represented 62 percent of the total votes cast. Hall received 38 percent.

The run-off was necessitated by the fact that no candidate received the majority of votes required to win the general election held March 16 and 17.

In the general election, Hosey received 741 votes (43 percent) while Hall received 443 votes (26 percent).

Former candidates Tony Stinnett and William Newberry received 251 votes (15 percent) and 231 votes (11 percent) in the election respectively.

The 1,715 votes cast in the general election was the largest voter

turn-out for an ASB election since 1983 when Mark Ross defeated Vic Lamerd and Eric Steinberg with 920 of the 1,829 votes cast.

This year's run-off, with 1,567 votes, represents the largest turn-out for a run-off election since 1981 when 1,634 students voted.

In the 1981 run-off Mike Williams defeated Eddie McGee 829-805.

Yesterday's turn-out was also a 45 percent increase over the 1,080 votes cast in last year's run-off between Lentz and then Speaker of the Senate Doug Roth.

Several unofficial election observers attributed the increased voter turn-out to Hall's candidacy.

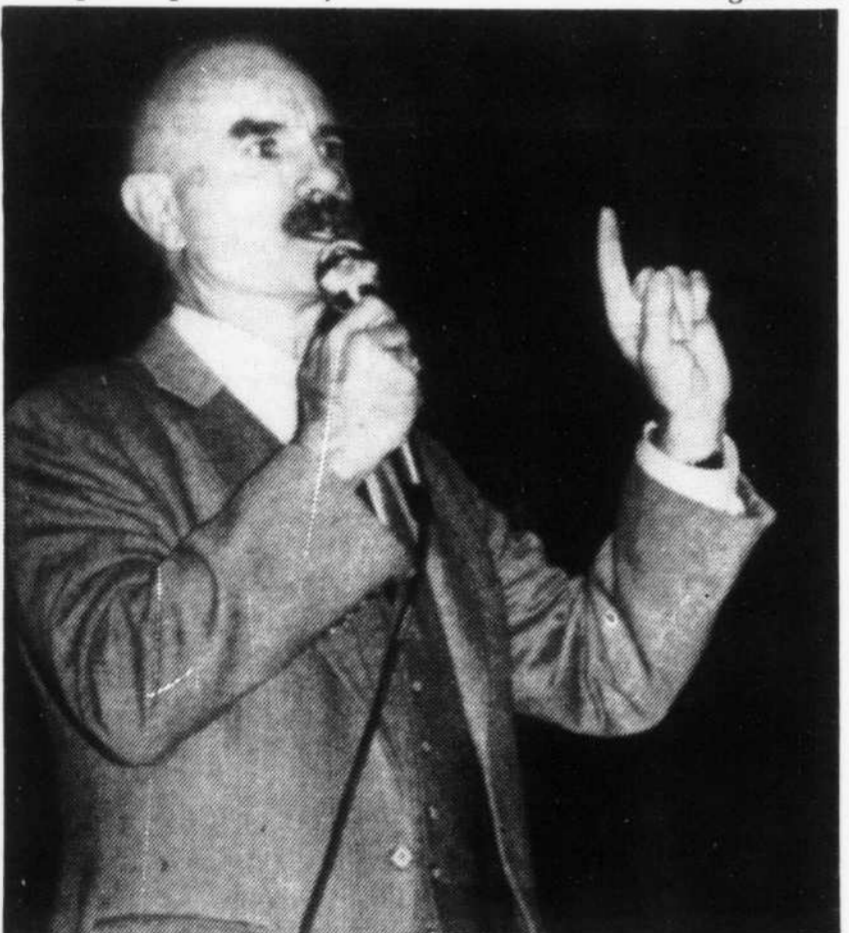
According to these sources, Hall mobilized a voter pool which had not been active in previous ASB elections.

Cotton and Smithers were forced into a run-off election for the final sophomore senator slot after both candidates received four write-in votes during the general election.



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Junior marketing major Harry Hosey, above, won a land-slide victory over Larry "Burd" Hall in Wednesday and Thursday's ASB presidential election. Hosey received 972 votes compared to 595 for Hall. Bobby Hopkins, spokesman for Hosey, called these results "a true mandate from the people."



Frank Conley/Staff

G. Gordon Liddy spoke to a capacity crowd in the Boutwell Dramatics Art building Tuesday. Liddy discussed the problem of "Americans who live lives of complete illusion" concerning world affairs.

Liddy: Americans are misinformed

By M.A. BROWN
Editorial Editor

The American people are living "lives of illusion" concerning the world, former staff assistant to the president G. Gordon Liddy told an audience in the Boutwell Dramatics Art Building Tuesday night.

Liddy, former aide to President Richard Nixon and mastermind of the Watergate break-in, told the audience that the United States is not realistically examining the world around it.

"The vast majority of our fellow citizens live lives of complete illusion," he told the audience. "Either they are unable to comprehend the real, or they ... turn away and shun the harsher aspects of it."

"... The world is a very bad neighborhood. Kind of like the South Bronx at 2:30 a.m.," he said.

Because of this distorted view of the world, the United States is seen as "a little old lady" in the in-

ternational community, he added.

Liddy went on to say that the American people have a diluted knowledge of such things as the disparity between the military strengths of the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Although the Soviet Union's military greatly outnumber the U.S. military in a number of areas, U.S. citizens feel the two countries are almost on an equal level, Liddy said.

The U.S. Congress has also removed the country from the "international intelligence loop" because of their illusion that spying is unnecessary, he added.

"Fifteen nations now deny the United States information because of the Freedom of Information Act," Liddy said.

The former FBI agent elaborated on this point by saying that countries will only exchange intelligence with another country if they are guaranteed the anonymity of

the source. Because of the Freedom of Information Act, the United States cannot guarantee this.

Without covert and intelligence operations, the United States is drastically limited in their options of response to international crises.

"We can either do nothing, and hope the situation works out the way we want it, or we can go to war," Liddy said.

Liddy used the example of Ayatollah Khomeini's take over of Iran as an example of the United States' inability to act in certain

situations because of the nation's unwillingness to use covert operations.

According to Liddy, the CIA had the opportunity to assassinate Khomeini in France before his takeover, but chose not to.

"Now we're just waiting for the old geezer to die," he added with a laugh.

Liddy also said the American public is misinformed concerning the imminent demise of the Social

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New MTSU Vice President searches for security chief

By LISA NEWTON
Staff Writer

Jessie Warren took office Wednesday after being appointed last fall as the new Vice President of Administration for MTSU.

This office "is reported to be 10 operational divisions," Warren said. "These include Personnel, Public Relations, Alumni Affairs, Development, Institutional Research, Safety and Security, Operational Services, Campus Planning, Women's Referral, and Athletics," he said.

Because Safety and Security reports to Warren, one of her first duties will be to appoint a permanent director of campus security

Former Chief Clerk Nancy Weatherly was named acting director last week.

"Having an acting director appointed allows more time for a thorough search," Warren said.

Warren, who holds a doctorate of education, was Superintendent of Schools in Franklin County prior to taking this position.

She was also Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Public Service here for four years, which has made her familiar with MTSU.

When asked if she had any specific plans or changes in mind for the administration, Warren said "I need to have an in-depth look before making any judgments of this kind."



MTSU Vice President Jessie Warren. Frank Conley/Staff

Tennessee, MTSU playing for pride

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

When the MTSU Blue Raiders take the floor tonight against the University of Tennessee in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament, they should feel honored to be in post-season play.

The Blue Raiders, 21-10, are one of 96 teams that are still playing basketball out of 196 teams across the country.

There are nine basketball teams with 20 or more wins this season that are not playing basketball today — they did not garner a bid to the NCAA tournament or the NIT.

Six more teams won 19 games and they too are finished for the season.

"Getting in the NIT is a great honor," head basketball coach Bruce Stewart said in his weekly press luncheon Wednesday. "There is so much parity in college basketball right now that to get chosen for post-season play is an accomplishment."

This year's tournament teams are very competitive — only one team in either of the post-season tournaments have a .500 record. That

team is Clemson. Several teams have 20 or more wins and 95 of the 96 teams still competing have winning records.

Tennessee must also feel fortunate to be alive in post-season play. The Vols are coming off their first winning record, 16-12, in two seasons.

They will be making their first trip to a post-season tournament since the 1984-85 season, when they finished third in the NIT.

Tennessee has in Dyron Nix one of the finest athletes in the country. The multi-talented forward in scoring this season. Nix has been a one-man wrecking crew in the Vols' up and down season this year.

"When talking about Tennessee you start with Dyron Nix," Stewart said. "He is an NBA caliber player, a player who has scored 20, 30 points against SEC competition."

Stewart said that he doesn't expect to stop Nix in the first round game, but he hopes to hold him to his average and keep the other team members from having a great night.

"Someone asked me if we were going to play man-to-man defense against Dyron," Stewart said.

"Well, I look at it this way. Kentucky is playing a bunch of *Street and Smith* High School All-Americans and they couldn't stop him. We are playing some high school all-stars, so we are not going to man-to-man him. We may start out in a man-to-man, but we are going to mix up our defenses and see what works best."

Blue Raider standout Ty Baynham has been the Raiders' defensive specialist all season and is expected to draw the assignment of covering Nix.

Tennessee lost a great deal of their perimeter game when Greg Bell was injured for the remainder of the season against Florida, late in the season. That leaves Mark Griffin as the Vols' top outside threat.

While Tennessee has some injuries of their own, the Blue Raiders have suffered through injuries all season. Gerald Harris is playing with a severely sprained ankle, Chris Rainey is playing with a twisted knee that requires a knee brace and Dwayne Rainey has had his knee drained twice since Christmas.

"Gerald's going to be a lot more healthy this Friday," Stewart said.

"He is recovering nicely and he looks good at practice. Chris Rainey won't be much better, but if they leave him open he can still shoot."

Stewart said that Tennessee are going to have to attack Tennessee and handle their pressure defense.

"Don DeVoe (Tennessee basketball coach) is a great defensive coach," Stewart said. "They are very well schooled on pressure and they get in the passing lanes very well. We have to handle their pressure and we have to attack them defensively on the boards."

"We have to keep Dyron from getting second shots," Stewart continued. "It is important that we keep him off the boards because he is active, has quick feet and is a great jumper."

Stewart compared the Tennessee team to Austin Peay or Eastern Kentucky at his press luncheon, saying that Austin Peay may have "a few more athletes" than Tennessee.

The Tennessee season has been a mystery. They started out with a 7-0 record and went 9-12 over the rest of the season.

They defeated Kentucky, the

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Frank Conley/Staff

The Far East Restaurant located at 1529 E. Main St. was gutted by a fire Sunday, March 13 causing \$50,000 worth of damage.

Far East restaurant burns, damages set at \$50,000

By **CHUCK BROWN**
Assistant News Editor

A fire, which started around 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning caused approximately \$50,000 in damages to the Far East Restaurant located at 1529 E. Main St.

"The fire took 14 men, using three pumpers and a ladder truck, an hour and a half to put out," Assistant Chief of the Murfreesboro Fire Department Jerry Goodwin said.

"There was extensive damage to the kitchen," he added, "so I don't know how long the restaurant will be out of business."

"The damages were estimated at \$50,000 and it will be at least a month before we are able to open again," Chan Plaengnam, the owner of the restaurant, said.

"It [the fire] started in the kitchen, but it didn't have anything to do with the stove or electrical appliances," Plaengnam, who was

out of the country at the time of the accident, said.

"The fire inspector is still investigating the incident," Goodwin said.

Epidemic must be faced

By **SEAN STEPHENSON**
Staff Writer

If precautions are not taken soon, we may all be affected, directly or indirectly, by the AIDS virus, according to Barbara Martin, director of MTSU Health Services.

"We are going to have to face it — everyone is going to have to face it — we are all going to personally know someone who has been diagnosed with the AIDS virus, if precautions are not taken," Martin said.

There are some people, after the diagnosis of a STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease), who then start using a condom against more STD's, Martin said.

"It's like closing the barn door after the cow is out," she said. Exposure risks have already occurred, but it's better to use a condom now than not at all."

"We have had some people in discussions who say that they are now abstaining. The only guarantee for protection against AIDS is abstinence from sexual activity and illegal drug use," Martin said.

"If people choose to become or remain sexually active, then the only protection they have is the use of a condom, and it must be worn correctly," according to Martin.

"It must be worn at the time, which is before any general contact is made. You do not wait until after foreplay and then put on a condom. The physical contact is what's trying to be avoided," Martin added.

"The more partners an individual has, the higher the risk of contracting AIDS," she said.

For every time a person has a sexual relationship with someone, that person can be considered to have had a sexual relationship with all the current partner's old partners, when it comes to STD's, according to Martin.

"Education is the only key we've got, and we do most of that in the health clinic. We usually have a video out for most [students] to watch, concerning the STD's. There are also many brochures concerning safe sex," Martin said.

"We see a lot of students, but we don't see a majority of the students," she said.

"Overall, the trend seems to be decreasing numbers of sexual partners and lengthening the relationships," a spokesperson for the Nashville family planning clinic said. "Also, even though we see sex-

ually transmitted infections frequently, the incidences seems to be decreasing."

A free test for the AIDS virus is available at the Murfreesboro Health Department. Call 898-7700 and all you have to do is give a first name to make an appointment.

A questionnaire about the AIDS situation has been sent out to several classes and to the MTSU health clinic. The results will appear in the Friday issue of *Sidelines* after spring break.



Tim Conley/Staff

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Security system and the federal budget.

Concerning the Watergate scandal, Liddy said the incident was just a part of American presidential politics.

"Watergate had everything to do with presidential politics," he said. "Things like that happen every four years."

Liddy used the examples of the budding of Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater's offices in the 1960's and the disappearance of President Jimmy Carter's briefcase before a debate with Ronald Reagan in 1980 to support his assertion.

The Watergate break-in was "a mission I would perform for any president of the United States, regardless of his political affiliation," Liddy said.

On other issues, Liddy said he felt Jesse Jackson was "the most dangerous" presidential candidate in 1988.

"If you will read what he says ... it is the most radical, stuff ever proposed," he explained.

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Alcoholics Anonymous — a solution

Special to Sidelines

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And that's a miracle. In what a sometimes seems like only yesterday are the memories of a girl who was afraid to live and afraid to die.

Because my story is not uncommon, because not all drunks live on skid row and because I am like so many of you, I feel compelled to share my story with you.

I was 21 when I transferred to MTSU in the fall semester of 1983. MTSU was my fourth university in three years — and I arrived with a chip on my shoulder. Mine was a very great anger. I was mad — mad at the whole world and mad at myself; I had finally realized what the problem was.

I knew then that I was an alcoholic. I'd tell you I was an alcoholic. That was my biggest rationalization for so much of the socially inappropriate behavior. What I didn't know was why I couldn't stop drinking. I was a full-blown alcoholic. I was a functional alcoholic... and I was scared.

Drinking became an obsession. By the end of the semester, my drinking had progressed beyond the point of belief. I managed a 3.33 that semester but it was to be

the last decent GPA I would see for years. I returned in January of 1984. It is from then until I withdrew after the spring semester of 1985 that everything becomes blurred in my memory. I do know that, drunk or sober, I was unpredictable and irresponsible.

I was no longer functional. Knowing I needed help, but not believing I could be helped, I entered my first treatment center. I remained dry for three months after I was released, but I was miserable. Drinking was still the obsession it had been months before. Inevitably, I gave up on myself and my attempt to stay sober — so I drank.

Commentary

Thus began a long series of futile attempts to practice self-control in my drinking. I couldn't do it. I simply could not stay sober using my own resources. I could not do it alone. What I didn't realize was that I was powerless over alcohol. I simply would not — could not — stop drinking as long as I relied on will power and the power of doctors, psychologists, detox centers, rehab centers, half-way houses, etc.

I had to give up. Alcohol had beaten me. And, not until I had, 1987, was I able to learn how to combat the disease of alcoholism.

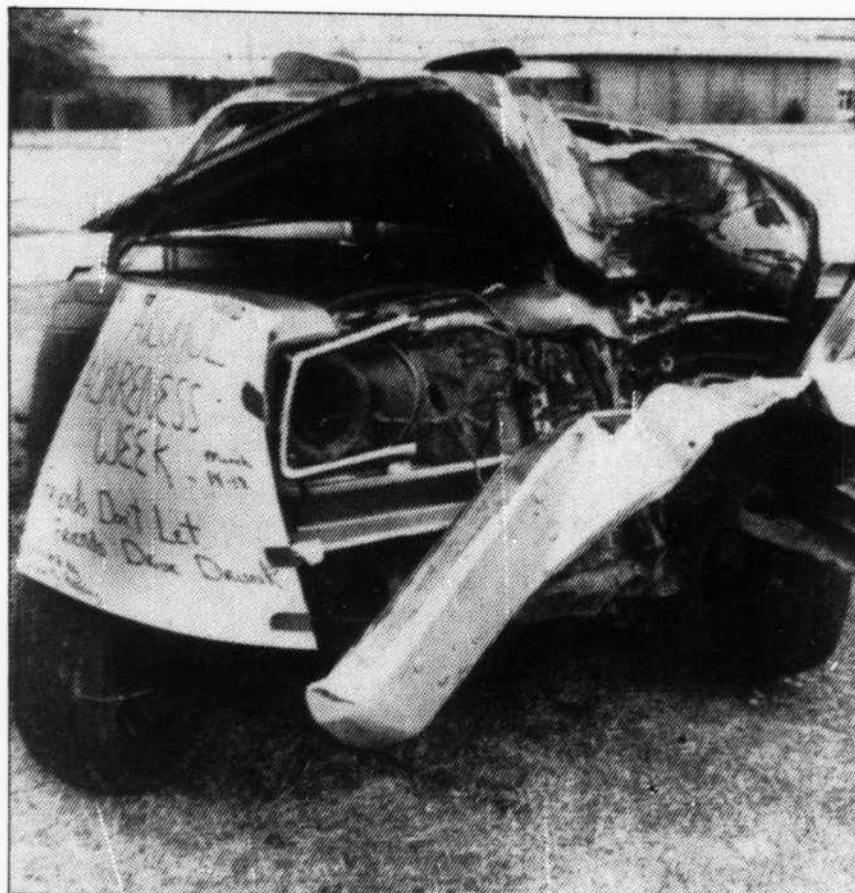
Alcoholics Anonymous now serves as my support system. I am amazed how it works — ex-drunks helping ex-drunks by sharing experiences, strength and hope. It is through this program that I am given the tools to learn how not to drink one day at a time. Because I know that I need help in staying

away from the first drink, I have made A.A. a vital part of my life.

Alcoholism isn't selective. It does not discriminate. It is extremely democratic.

If you are struggling with the notion that you might have the slightest problem with alcohol, consider talking with people who know what alcoholism is. I think you'll be surprised at what you'll find at an A.A. meeting — a lot of kind, wonderful, normal people from all walks of life and all ages. People helping each other tackle a common foe. It's a really simple answer to a very complex problem.

You don't have to go too far. The Unity Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday at the Keathly University Center in Room 318 at 6:30 p.m. Information concerning alcohol use and abuse may be obtained from the Alcohol Information Center, in the KUC, Room 120.



The car pictured above shows what can happen if you drink and drive. Campus housing sponsored an Alcohol Awareness week March 14-18.

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SEC regular season and tournament champion, at home and downed Florida in Gainesville.

But Tennessee hasn't been able to put a string of good games together this season, resulting in a 16-12 record.

"If Tennessee comes to play, they can probably beat anyone in the country," Stewart warned. "If they don't come to play, then the Blue Raiders have a chance."

One interesting note concerning the Raiders' record is the fact that eight of their 10 losses came to teams that are competing in post-season play.

The excitement is already being generated over tonight's 7:30 p.m. game at Murph Center.

Two hours after tickets went on sale Wednesday at the MTSU ticket office the game was declared a sell-out, with many fans being turned away.

Pairings for the second round NIT matchups will be announced following the game.

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon is sponsoring "The 12th Annual Miss Middle Tennessee State University Scholarship Pageant" will be held April 7th at Murph Center. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 at the door, and \$25.00 for Golden Patron tickets. For more information, contact Thom Buntin, P.O. Box 975, MTSU, or call 896-2123.

Applications for the Outstanding Senior Awards are available now in the ASB Office, KUC Room 304. They must be completed and turned back in to the office no later than April 8th at 4:00 p.m.

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EDITORIALS

Hey boy, you can't put that on your car



Thursday, March 10 the Tennessee House of Representatives took a giant step into the theatre of the absurd.

On that day, the House passed by a 89-4 vote a piece of legislation which would outlaw the display of offensive bumper stickers in the state.

According to Rep. Fred Hobbs, D-Eagleville, co-sponsor of the bill, the legislation was prompted by the proliferation of bumper stickers which say "Shit Happens."

This bill would mandate a \$50 fine for motorists displaying such bumper stickers.

While Hobbs may have advanced this legislation with good intentions, this bill is unconstitutional and repressive.

If Hobbs and the other 88 members of the state House who supported this legislation would read the Constitution, they would find that Section 1 of the 14th Amendment says, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

The First Amendment also grants citizens the right to freedom of expression.

This legislation flies directly in the face of both these amendments.

By denying the citizens of Tennessee the right to display whatever they see fit on the bumpers of their automobiles, the state legislature would "abridge the privilege" of freedom of expression.

The state House obviously feels they are perfectly within their legislative rights granted in the Constitution by doing so.

However, if this bill becomes law, they may soon find out how wrong they are.

It is extremely doubtful that this piece of legislation would hold up if questioned in a court of law.

This brings us to another flaw in this legislation.

If this bill becomes law, and someone appeals a conviction on it (as they should), the state legislature will have forced the state of Tennessee to use hard-earned tax dollars to defend it's wrong-headed legislation.

The legislators of the United States are bound by the Constitution to make only constitutional laws. Why the Tennessee House of Representatives feel they are not bound by this restriction is hard to comprehend.

This bill is also inherently unenforceable. The Tennessee Highway Patrol has better uses for their time other than running through hill and dale looking for "obscene" bumper stickers.

The final point is that a person who spends their own money on an automobile should have the right as a citizen of the United States to put whatever they feel appropriate on it.

Hopefully, the Tennessee State Senate will decide to be true servants of their constituents and will put this bill in file 13 where it belongs.

Conservatives and liberals may be surprised by Reagan's fiscal year 1989 budget proposal



Mark C. Davanport Columnist

President Reagan's proposed budget for fiscal year 1989 holds surprises for conservatives and liberals alike. It is with mixed feelings that I support his new budget.

There are three dramatic increases in spending that are surprising to most Reagan watchers.

The first is an increase in spending for AIDS research. The proposed increase represents a 36 percent jump from fiscal year 1988 to over \$2 billion. That is a dramatic increase which is justified by predictions of potential victims.

The other two increases are in aviation safety and NASA. A 44 percent aviation safety increase speaks for itself and is long overdue.

The NASA increase would be one of 29 percent to \$11.5 billion. This increase is for America's first permanently-manned space station and the space shuttle. Funds will also go to Project Pathfinder for solar system exploration.

This budget also includes a new \$363 million expenditure for the Superconducting Super Collider.

Other notable increases are found in education, crime fighting, housing, jobs, homeless, technology, drug abuse and environment programs.

Of these, the spending in jobs, housing and homeless programs

concerns me. However, the Reagan Administration has given \$980 million out of jobs expenditures for a worker readjustment program [WRAP].

WRAP is designed to help displaced workers and to make welfare recipients productive workers and taxpayers. Good luck.

Wait a minute. So far, we have seen dramatic increases in several programs, but national defense has not been mentioned. Here is where my problem with the budget arises.

The fiscal year 1989 budget contains about a two percent real growth in the defense budget. That means the defense level for fiscal year 1989 is 10 percent below 1985 and \$33 billion below last year.

This \$33 billion reduction will require program terminations, deferrals and some force reductions. Why reduce forces and kill projects when we are just now beginning to restore the mobilization and modernization capabilities that the Carter Administration devastated.

This is the main part of the budget I would like to see the Reagan Administration rethink. We cannot afford to cut conventional and nuclear forces when the Soviets dominate conventionally and are confidently superior on the nuclear front.

I will give the Department of Defense a pat on the back for their management reforms. The DOD saved \$8 billion in contracts and \$4.1 billion in spare parts. These reforms are continuing to eliminate

wasteful spending that the DOD has been guilty of in the past.

The DOD is also determined to work with Congress to enact legislation that would make it possible to close several small military bases that no longer have priority missions. This would save billions but will be a difficult task to accomplish due to the pork barrel legislation of Congress.

It is important to note that in his budget, President Reagan has continued his push for a balanced budget amendment, a super-majority tax amendment (that would require more than a simple majority by Congress before the tax burden on the American people can be increased) and a line-item veto.

President Reagan has also pushed for a joint resolution on the budget so that priorities on budget decisions can be made by the president and Congress before the appropriations bills are written. The president also made a case for biennial budgeting.

Privatization is also a key issue the administration is pushing to make spending more efficient. Candidates for privatization include the Alaska Power Administration, the federal government's helium program, waste water treatment plants, mass transit projects, military commissaries and federal prison projects.

Overall, the the fiscal year 1989 budget represents the best effort yet to reduce the federal deficit. President Reagan said his budget

shows that a gradual elimination of the deficit is possible without abandoning tax reform, without cutting into legitimate social programs, without devastating defense and without neglecting other national priorities.

Sexual guidance offered in Bible for those struggling with subject



David Robinson Presbyterian Student Fellowship

Many of you reading this right now are struggling in some aspect of your sexual life. Statistics say that 60 percent of incoming freshman have had sexual intercourse (see *The Private Life of the American Teenager*, by Norman and Harris, pg. 42).

For you, the struggle might be temptation, out of control desires, haunting memories or unhealed wounds. Or you may be one of the many who are wrestling with the question of how far to go, and how much of yourself to give.

Or maybe your struggle is with anxiety — not knowing if you're pregnant, afraid you might have some disease, unsure of your true sexual identity or worried that you'll never find true sexual fulfillment.

Whatever your struggle is, you can be sure that everyone struggles with sex in one way or another. That's why we've been given a guide book — the Bible.

Like one of those operating manuals that come with complex machines such as computers, the Bible is an instructional manual, a sort of "How to Get the Most Out of Your Sex Life" book.

Wait a minute. What does the

Bible have to say about sex that might be relevant to a university student in the late 20th century? Plenty.

The same one who made you a sexual person is the one who gave you this detailed, relevant, powerful book as a guide to living your sexual life to the fullest.

Read Genesis 2 about how God made the world and declared all he had made as "very good." See Adam and Eve in the garden, naked, united as one without shame.

Read about San Francisco-style homosexuality and about an incestuous relationship between two daughters and their father in Genesis 19.

Read about the attempted seduction of Joseph in Genesis 39, or the successful seduction and betrayal of Samson by his lover Delilah in Judges 16.

Sex found its way into two of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20.

And of course there's the well-known story of David's steamy adultery with the beautiful Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11. The same book contains the lesser-known story of David's son Amnon who raped his lovely innocent virgin cousin, Tamar, in 2 Samuel 13.

Take a peek at the Proverbs, especially chapters five through seven and see what wisdom a father gives his son concerning sex and adultery.

And then there's the Song of Solomon, a love poem celebrating the fullness of love and sexual pleasure between a husband and wife.

Read too the tragic love story of Hosea's marriage to the ever unfaithful prostitute, Gomer, in the book of Hosea.

Jesus certainly didn't leave the subject of sex alone but taught on adultery, lust, divorce, marriage, sexual immorality, purity and singleness (see Matthew 5:27-32; 15:17-20; 19:3-12 for a sampling).

Read the stories of how he treated those who were struggling with their sexuality. John 4, John 8 and Mark 5 are good examples.

And there are many other places besides these which deal clearly and relevantly with the topic of sex (see especially, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:1-3; and Hebrews 13:4).

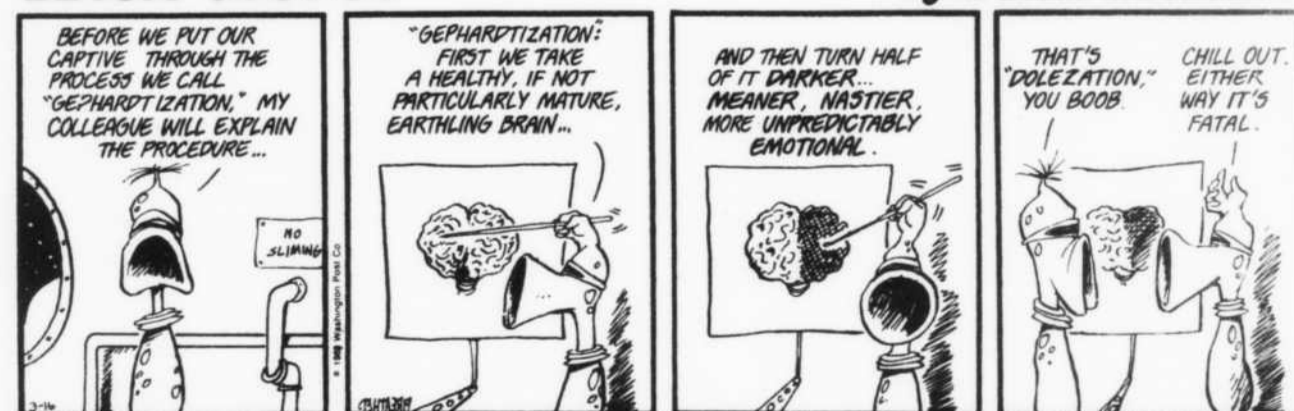
All in all, the Bible refers to sex and sexuality over 400 times.

Whatever your sexual struggle, know that there is a God who made you a sexual person and who, in his infinite love and wisdom, will surely help you.

Call for his help, allow him to enter into your struggle with you, and turn again to the Bible for guidance, wisdom and comfort.

As the bumper sticker says, "When all else fails, read the instructions."

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Panamanian situation worsens



Ralph Swindler
Columnist

The crisis in Panama is reaching a crucial moment. General Manuel Noriega's government will soon run out of money. How Panama faces this problem is very important for United States' security interests in Latin America.

We all know Noriega is a trader of illegal drugs. We all know that he forcefully took power from the rightful leader of Panama, Eric Delvalle.

However, there are facts that have not been well publicized.

For instance, Noriega has ties to Fidel Castro of Cuba. Noriega's first defender was none other than Daniel Ortega. Yes Ortega, the Communist from Nicaragua.

What are the consequences for the United States concerning the situation in Panama?

First, the United States maintains a large number of military personnel in Panama. Panama is a major staging area for Latin American affairs. The current situation places our own boys in real danger.

Second, the United States operates the Panama Canal. The canal is very important for shipping and international trade. Although, because of a certain Democratic president, we will give up this symbol of pride for America, the United States needs to keep the canal

open.

A third consequence can be seen in the light of American influence in the region.

America must not let a two-bit drug pusher get the better of them. We have to maintain our role as big brother to the baby democracies in the region.

A fourth consequence is that of potential Soviet influence in the region.

If the United States allows a void to form in Panama, the Soviets will most definitely step in. America cannot allow another Latin American state to embrace Marxism.

What are some policy courses for the United States? There are several possible alternatives that have been introduced by leaders.

These solutions range from military intervention to immediate and far-reaching sanctions.

Of all people, Sen. Kerry of Massachusetts was the first to suggest military intervention. This is surprising because Kerry has always been against any aid to the Contras.

This liberal is willing to send our boys to Panama to die, while at the same time he is unwilling to give a dime to freedom fighters in their own country.

Sen. Kerry, make up your mind and stop being a flip-flopper.

Although military intervention is very appealing, it would alienate the United States. Other nations would call us bullies, and severe international tension would arise.

The only time military intervention should be used will be in

the case of a threat to American forces stationed in Panama. It would then be OK to use whatever force is necessary to ensure American safety.

Far-reaching economic sanctions would put a lot of pressure on Noriega. The bad thing about heavy sanctions is that they tend to backfire.

Sanctions might unite the people of Panama against the United States. Also, sanctions tend to encourage the Soviets to step in in our place. Where there is a demand, a supplier will appear.

So, what is the right policy?

Well, the answer can be seen in the current policy of the Reagan Administration. Reagan is playing a slow, escalating game. The United States acting in a behind-the-scenes capacity.

We are supporting the rightful leader, Delvalle. The only sanction leveled so far has been the freezing of dollars to Panama.

Panama uses American dollars as their form of exchange currency. Without dollars, the Panamanian economy will crumble.

Slowly the tide is turning against Noriega. In Latin America, leaders that do not solve major economic problems get ousted. If Noriega does not settle the crisis, he will be gone.

I believe the Reagan Administration is on the right track. Noriega will be ousted, and the situation will go down as a Reagan foreign policy victory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Chill Will's letter about the men at the University Center harassing women as they walk by.

Well Will, you say that you are a member of the Campus Security Department and that these men are protected by their constitutional rights of free speech.

But, you should look at a copy of the Campus Security Handbook under disciplinary offenses. It states that "any individual or group behavior which is abusive, obscene, lewd, indecent, violent, excessively noisy, disorderly, or which unnecessarily disturbs other groups or individuals" is guilty of disorderly conduct.

This means Will, that you should be taking action against anyone who is participating in the violation of this rule, regardless of color or sex.

Chris Weaver
Box 1497

To the Editor:

While writing a story on AIDS and the decline of sexual activity, I ran into some resistance.

For the persons who said it is "none of my damn business," did I ask your name? Do I know who you are? Is there any way of my finding out? Do I really care? The answer to all of these questions is no.

This response was my favorite: "If *Sidelines* would spend more time reporting news and not digging for trash and mud-slinging greeks, I think everyone would appreciate it more." (Grammatical errors have been corrected from the original quote.)

I know I am not "digging for trash" nor am I "mud-slinging greeks," and I believe none of my fellow *Sidelines* workers are either.

On the off-chance you think so, could you:

1. Cite the article(s) to which you refer.
 2. Write a nasty letter to either myself or the editor telling us we do — and seemingly can't off-handedly produce the articles of proof.
 3. Read Kim Harris' editorial in the Friday, March 11 edition of *Sidelines* on page four.
- Otherwise, in the words of Billy Joel, "You can speak your mind, but not on my time."

Sean Stephenson
Box 42

To the Editor:

I must admit that I was a little skeptical when it was announced that the 1988 OVC Women's Basketball Tournament would be held in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium (AMG).

But I soon saw my skepticism turn into a feeling of joy and elation as I witnessed the scenes of our Lady Raiders performing to near perfection during the two-night tournament in AMG.

The gym was well-suited for the crowd that attended. Things looked much the same as they did while I watched the Blue Raiders play through many basketball seasons during the late 1950s and early 1960s. I'll have to say that I got a

bit nostalgic, but this was a good feeling also.

I also saw that much preparation was needed to get AMG ready for the tournament. Everything seemed in order, and for this, all the officials associated with making this event a success are to be commended.

And finally, I don't recall seeing such exciting basketball at MTSU since the men won the OVC tournament here some years ago. To the coaches, team members, managers and all others associated with this year's "edition" of the Lady Raiders, thanks for a great season of basketball and congratulations on winning outright the 1987-88 OVC championship, the 1988 OVC Tournament and the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Good luck on your future game(s).

F. Curtis Mason
Box 277

To the Editor:

First, let me say that I certainly enjoyed Dakota Montana's description of life at *Sidelines* in the Friday, March 11 edition. Knowing as I do, the agonies of working "on staff" at that publication.

I feel Mr. Montana hit at least several nails on the head, but I feel that a certain amount of adversity is character building.

I also feel that at face value Mr. Montana's advice denies almost unlimited opportunities to that "often tapped" pool of masochists who live to write or photograph.

As to Mr. Montana's allusion to Ms. Lentz — the jury is still out (but if I were you I would move into a high security neighborhood, change my name and get an unlisted phone.)

As to his remark about the credibility of the girl who "dances on tables" at Toot's, I wonder how he rationalizes his evaluation of her opinions based on her part-time, off-campus job. I think if Mr. Montana wants to maintain his own

editorial credibility, he should choose his targets more carefully or tune his logic to a finer edge.

Lastly, Mr. Montana, I would like to salute you as the noble defender of the weak and innocent that you have always been.

Like Zorro and Robin Hood, you can always be counted on to strike from ambush with wit and pen to right those wrongs within your power and to be vigilant in these times of crisis.

We will always need you to cry out at abuses of authority or at the usurpers of privilege.

Howard Ross
Box 9334

To the Editor:

Famine is humanity's oldest and most fatal enemy. More people must have died of starvation around the world than were killed in all the wars and revolutions.

According to statistics, 24 people die of starvation every minute, 18 of them children under the age of five. This toll is equivalent to a calamity the size of Hiroshima occurring every three days.

The unfortunate thing is that the problem is not beyond solution any more.

The great irony of our times is that hunger is not due to scarcity of food. The world as a whole produces more than enough food to go around.

While there is widespread hunger and malnutrition in the Third World, Western countries dump enormous amounts of their surplus food.

Nor is it a problem of lack of technology anymore. Since 1960, 39 countries have solved their food problem, so that hunger is not now the basic issue there.

Take the world's expenditure on tobacco and alcohol. Wouldn't that alone go a long way in the eradication of starvation around the globe?

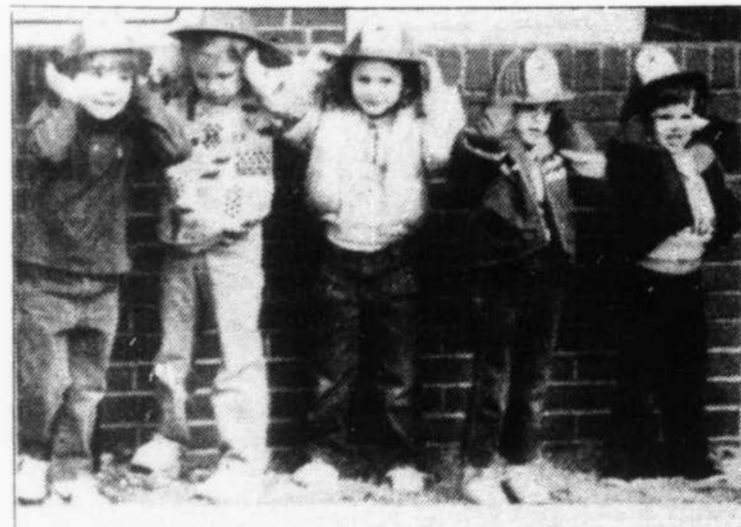
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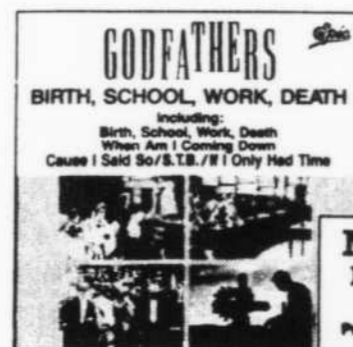
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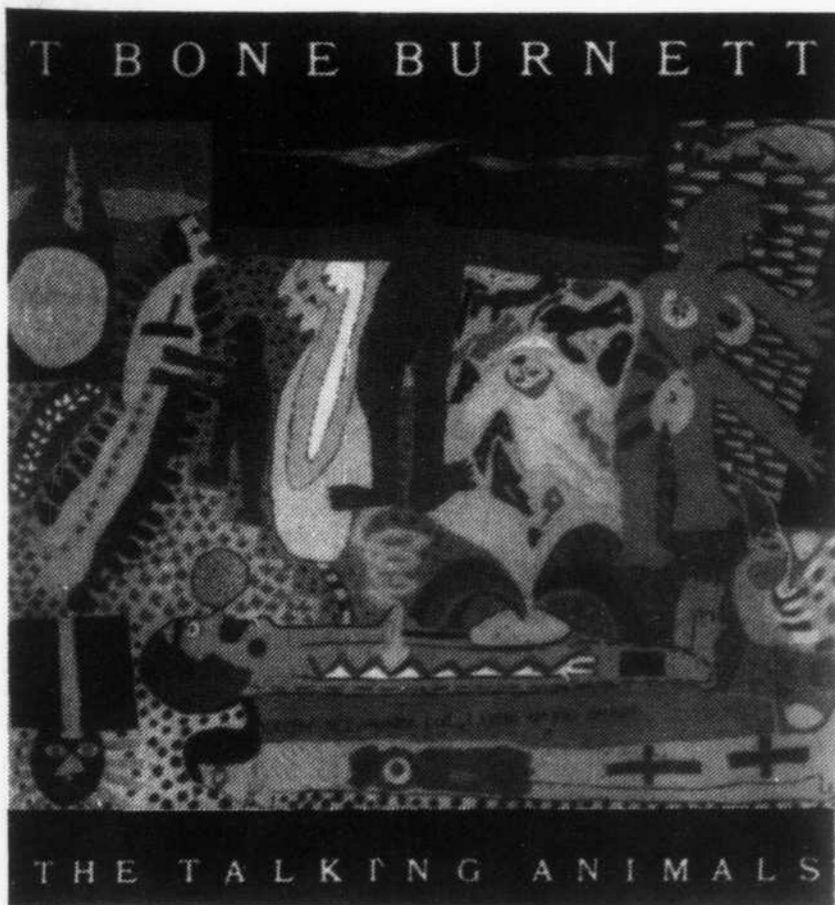
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ENTERTAINMENT

T-Bone tells it like it is in 'Talking Animals'



T-Bone Burnett's 'Talking Animals'

[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

The Talking Animals
T-Bone Burnett
Columbia Records

T-Bone Burnett is a talented musician, but more importantly, an honest one. In his book, "They Have a Word For It," Howard Rheingold talks about the Kiriwina (tribe in New Guinea) word *mokita*, which he translates as meaning "a truth everybody knows but nobody speaks." The lead song here is "The Wild Truth," and on this album (and throughout his entire career) Burnett has tried to express the *mokitas* in our world.

Burnett, given name: J. Henry, first came to the public eye as a

very talented guitarist with Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Review, then as a producer on both Los Lobos' albums, Elvis Costello's *King of America*, the BoDean's first album and many others you probably haven't heard.

On his own, he works in a style that blends American acoustic music (read: folkie roots) with Pete Townshend guitars, Japanese flutes, string quartets and whatever else he needs to build a song.

His basic themes are the decline of the American Empire, the trouble with relationships (s-e-x) and sin and redemption. His previous records, (a couple of EP's and one "pop" album, *Proof Through The Night* in the early 80s, and a self-titled "country" record last year) didn't sell here (surprise), but he's big in Europe (surprise again) and a "critic's favorite," (ditto).

On *The Talking Animals*, his first pop album in five years, Burnett scales down both the musical attack (but there's still a wiggled-out string part from Van Dyke Parks) and the

voyages through the moral mudpuddles of middle-America.

Here he focuses his concentration on love, political science, the killer moon, "The Great Gatsby" and amazons.

The lyrics are great — funny (when's the last time you laughed at a song?) and meaningful. The music is professional and the songs have hooks. But something isn't right.

REVIEW

Part of it may be the music itself. While the playing is good, the parts don't always fit the music. What's suppose to rock never really does and Xerox that for the softer parts.

It also feels too thought out. In his review of the album in *Musician*, Elvis Costello (conflict of what?) described it as "more of what's on T-Bone's mind than what is in his heart." That lack of emotion combined with some serious mental gaps are what hurts the songs' impact.

Case in point: the aforementioned "Wild Truth," has some of the best lines on the album, indeed Burnett just starts talking in the middle of the song so he can get in comments like "science fiction and nostalgia are the same thing," and "I get the feeling that as soon as something appears in the paper it ceases to be true."

But he also says "I mean, who do I vote for," and "I want to meet the man who can crack this world of justice like a safe, someone with the courage to allow good things to run wild."

Burnett, either from his time with Dylan or his own Christian beliefs (damn, thought I was going to get through this one without mentioning that) should know that change must come from yourself. "Don't follow leaders" and "do unto others" pretty much mean the same thing.

Burnett is that guy who can crack it open, the guy who can speak the wild truth. And so are you. I just hope the both of you are aware of it.

Dakota discovers dynamic dictionary

By DAKOTA MONTANA
Staff Writer

Donald Trump's networking plan to greenmail New York City is copacetic with me.

Like that sentence? Want to know how I did it? Easy, all I used was the RHD-II.

Yep, it does sound like the kind of social disease you'd get from someone who hangs out at Jabb's, but it's not. It's *The Random House Dictionary of the English Language: Second Edition Unabridged*.

Get this — it has words in it! Words you've never even heard before. I don't think I know 315 words, but this thing has 315,000 words. Almost 30 words per MTSU student!

Want to know what a siabon is? It's in the RHD-II. A siabon is "a

hybrid animal bred from a gibbon and a simang." What's a simang? According to the book, "a large, black gibbon, *Hylobates syndactylus*, of Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula, having very long arms and the second and third digits partially united by a web of skin: an endangered species." Hey, you've probably seen him in your remedial English class.

It's been 22 years since the last RHD, and it took \$9 million to put this one together. That's about \$8,000 for every student at MTSU. Heck, I could have found 30 words for them if they gave me \$8,000. Of course I'd probably have to pull up the slack for some of you other mouse-heads.

What's really great about the RHD-II is that it's much more than

a book.

Obviously, you can stand on it. I'm a little bit on the tall side myself, having made sure to eat all the poke salad my momma put in front of me as a small child back in the woods of Columbus, Ohio, but this adds a good foot-and-a-half to my already statuesque statue. Just the thing for changing that black light above your poster with the skeleton riding a Harley.

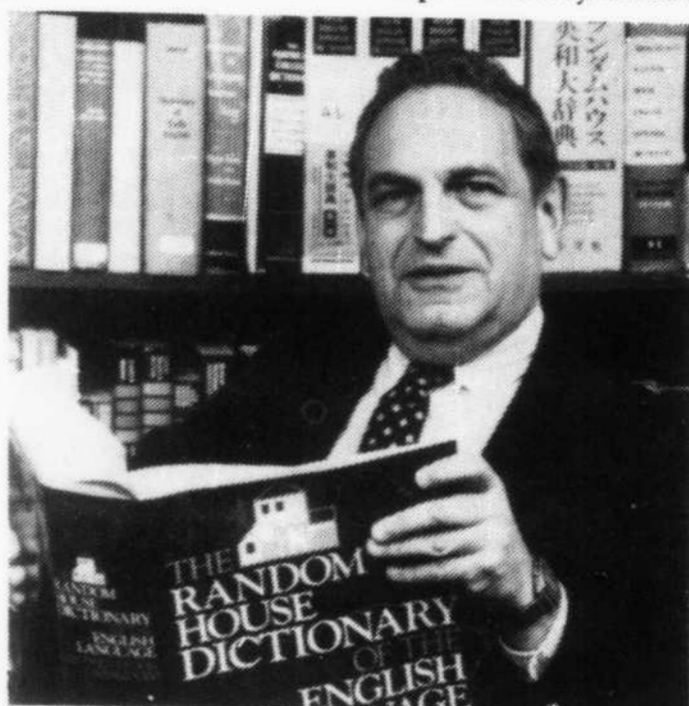
You can use it as a weapon of self-defense as well. We're talking ox-stopping power here. Just wack this sucker against the nearest solid object and watch it tremble. I hit myself in the head with it just to test out my facts, and eight hours later I'm still hearing Don Cornelious in my head. We'll be talking to the new members of Shalamar

and seeing Barry White's bathtub/pool right after this." See, there he is.

You can crush stuff too. It worked real nice with standard stuff like flowers and Chicago's five-volume live set. It didn't work too well with my Mr. T action figure and didn't work at all with a graduate assistant, but those graduate assistants get pretty big and mean.

I've only skimmed the surface (and we all know how dangerous that is in the age of AIDS) but I've got to rap this up since there's a lot of cross-country grass-skiing tennis tournaments in sports, just across the fold.

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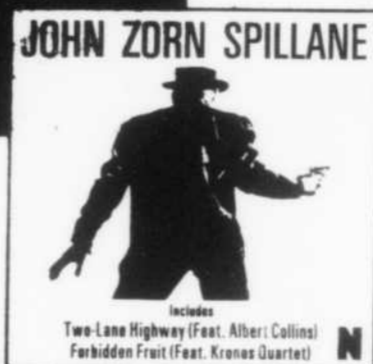
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SPORTS

Lady Raiders derailed by Kansas, 81-75

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. — MTSU's trip along the yellow brick road to the Final Four in Tacoma, Wash., ended here last night after an 81-75 defeat to the Kansas Lady Jayhawks.

The Lady Raiders were led by junior guard Sandy Brown. The 5-8 Morristown, Tenn. native pumped in 23 points, including 5-of-10 from 3-point range.

Lianne Beck, an academic all-American, scored 19, and freshman

Stephanie Capley added 17.

Kansas center Lisa Baker had a career night to lead the Lady Jayhawks. Baker scored a career-high 28 points and cleared the glass for 10 rebounds.

"We tried to play behind her to keep her off the boards," MTSU coach Lewis Bivens said. "She had a career night."

Baker, a 5-9 senior from Oklahoma City, Okla., hit 14-of-20 shots from the field and added a blocked shot. She entered the game averaging 7.6 points and 6.9 re-

bounds.

Kansas, 22-9, will play Louisiana Tech Saturday night in Ruston, La. The Lady Raiders finish the season with a 22-8 record.

The Lady Raiders built a 56-49 lead with 13:37 remaining in the game when the Lady Jayhawks went on an 11-0 run to take a 60-56 advantage.

Brown, one of the top 3-point shooters in the country, hit one of her five 3-pointers with 10:50 to cut the Lady Jayhawks' lead to one, 60-59.

Kansas then answered with six

straight points, including four by Cheryl Jackson, to take a 66-59 lead with 8:36 left in the game.

The Lady Raiders battled to the end, but the closest they could cut the Lady Jayhawks' lead was the final margin.

MTSU dominated much of the first half, despite trailing 39-38.

Capley hit 5-of-9 shots and scored 11 points in the half to take some of the defensive pressure off Kim Collier and Brown, who combined to hit three 3-pointers in the first half. Capley also had eight of

her team-high nine rebounds in the first half.

The Mt. Juliet freshman was able to pick up where All Ohio Valley Conference center Tawanya Mucker left off.

Mucker, who has been suffering with a head cold, scored only 10 points, nearly 14 points off her average. The junior hit only 2-of-10 shots during the first stanza.

MTSU, after trailing 20-19 with 10:56 remaining in the first half, scored eight straight points over the

next 2 1/2 minutes to take a 27-20 lead. Beck was responsible for three of the buckets, scoring one and getting assists on the other two.

The Lady Raiders led by seven on two other occasions in the first half. Julie Harrison hit a jumper in the paint to give MTSU a 29-22 lead with 6:56 left in the half and Brown hit a 3-pointer with 6:02 left for a 32-25 lead.

The Lady Jayhawks outscored MTSU 14-6 the remainder of the half.

Stinnett, Joyce predict NIT scores

By **TONY STINNETT**
Editor in Chief

It's basketball tournament time in Tennessee, and the MTSU Lady Raiders will be making their fourth consecutive appearance in national tournament play.

Post-season play is nothing new to the Blue Raiders.

Since head basketball coach Bruce Stewart took over the program at MTSU, post-season play has become a year-in, year-out affair.

On the other hand, the University of the Raiders' opponent tonight in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament, hasn't been in post-season play for the past two years.

For the Vols, well, they're just happy to be here.

With some of the top talent in the Southeastern Conference from 1985-87, Tennessee coach Don DeVoe could not finish above .500.

This year the talent has not been there for the Vols but the desire to win has been.

Tonight's game between MTSU, 21-10, and Tennessee, 16-12, should be very interesting, and the fact that it will be played in the first sell-out of Murphy Center since 1985, should make it that much more interesting.

But both teams have had their ups and downs this season.

After the Vols lost to Ohio University this season after starting the season with a 7-0 record, Volunteer

stand-out Dyron Nix accused his teammates of not putting forth their best effort.

Sounds like Dyron Nix was causing a little team dissention if you ask me.

For the second consecutive season DeVoe suffered through the year with rumors of losing his job.

DeVoe was given a two-year extension on his contract after his team was ousted from the SEC tournament by Florida.

While the Vols' problems have been within the team, the Raiders' problems have been the injuries.

If the Raiders can overcome their injuries they will be a team to be reckoned with.

It is no secret that the key to stopping Tennessee is stopping the SEC's leading scorer in Nix.

Raider defensive specialist Ty Baynham has played superb defense all season and I suspect he will continue to do so tonight. Baynham will cover Nix and hold him to 17 points.

If that's the case the Raiders could very well be on their way to the second round of the NIT.

Over the past four years Stewart has built a team that can compete with anybody.

The Raiders will have the chance to show the state of Tennessee that they are as good, if not better, than their "big brother" tonight.

Prediction: MTSU-82 Tennessee-77.

By **CECIL JOYCE**
Sports Writer

Game day has arrived, and I have no doubt that Tennessee will beat MTSU.

I am a big MTSU fan, but I am also a big UT fan. Writing this article does not mean I am insincere who I want to win, but simply who I think will win.

Here are my seven reasons why UT will win.

1. *UT defense* — The Vols have had a great year defensively, and could prove fatal to the big offense of the Raiders. The Raiders live on offense over defense, and stopping their offensive attack could mean stopping their whole game.

2. *Bench strength* — The Volunteers, for the first time in many years, have a very good bench. Before the loss of Elvin Brown and Greg Bell, the Vols had a full team on the bench that could compete with MTSU. Although Mark Griffin and Ron Hausley have been forced into the starting lineup, the Vols still have a fine bench.

3. *Competitiveness* — The schedule strengths of the two schools cannot be overlooked. Although MTSU has played a couple of tough games this year, the fact remains that they play in the OVC, which is no match for the SEC.

4. *The crowd* — Even though the game is played at MTSU, there will be more orange in the stands than blue. Not only does Tennessee have tickets of their own

to sell, but much of the local Nashville crowd will be rooting for the Vols.

5. *Clarence Swearingen* — The 6-foot-3 point guard may be one of the best in the SEC. He is an excellent ball-handler, and can drive the lane with the best of them. His defense is tops on the team, and he seldom turns the ball over.

6. *Size* — If the Vols start the line-up of Nix, Roth, Griffin, Swearingen and Hausley, they will have a great height advantage over MTSU. MTSU needs to get rebounds in order to win, and it will be difficult against a frontcourt of 6'11, 6'8 and 6'7.

7. *The last and the best* — NIX! NIX! NIX! Dyron Nix is the best player in the SEC, and he should be able to rip the Raiders to pieces. Very few teams have been able to stop him this year, and MTSU doesn't figure to either. Nix can do it all. He will probably score between 27 and 35 points tonight, and if he does, look out MTSU. Prediction: Tennessee, 75-64.

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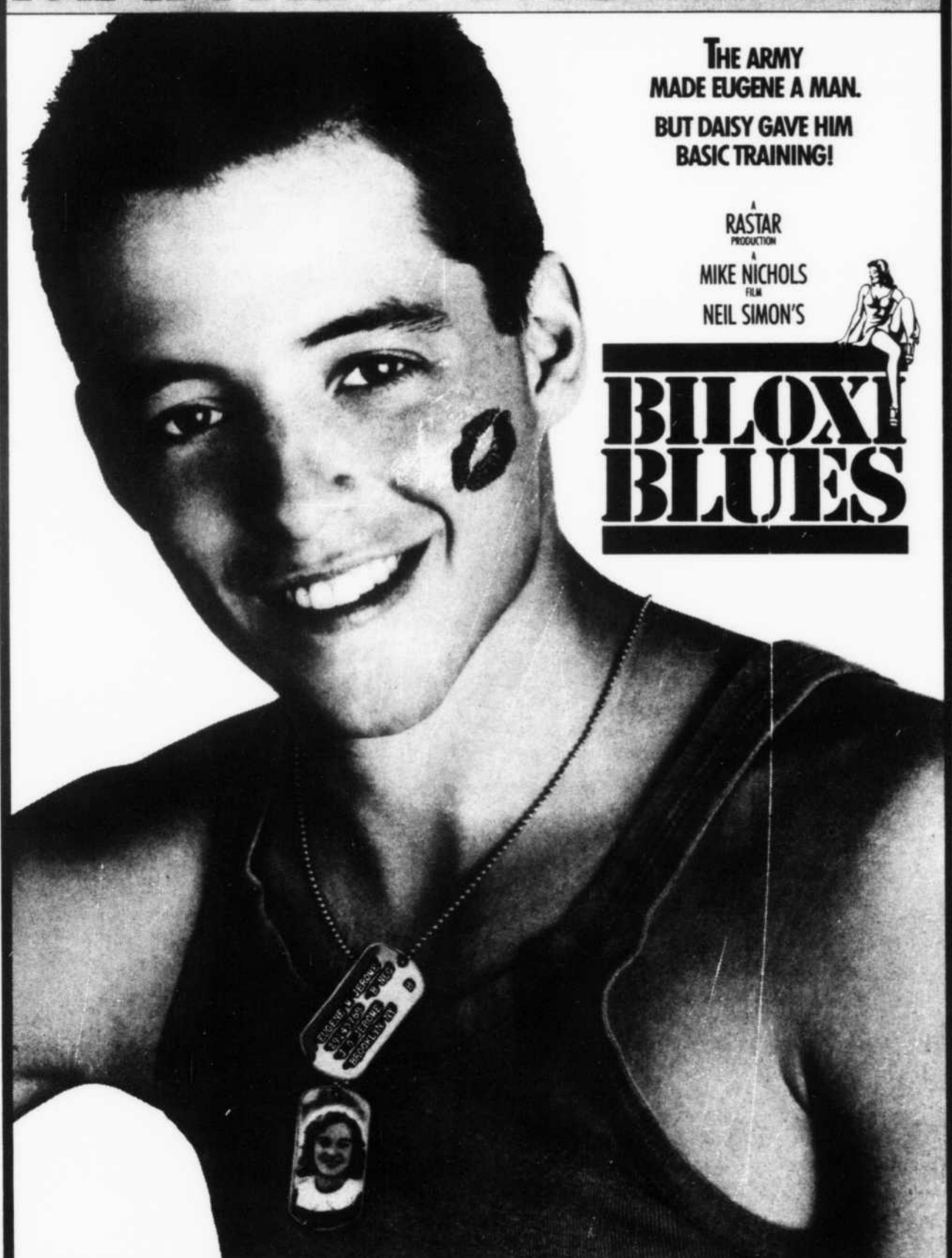



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Memphis State downs MTSU, 11-8

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Editor

The MTSU baseball team fell to the Memphis State Tigers, 11-8 Wednesday at Reese Smith Field, and pitching trouble and errors proved to be their downfall.

The Blue Raiders held a 7-6 lead heading into the top of ninth, but the Tigers rallied to score five runs in the inning.

MTSU reliever Brad Bates walked Randy Smith to lead the inning off.

Scott Duff came on to relieve Bates, and Paul Baake to promptly laid down a perfect bunt to put runners on first and second.

Rodney Bright reached on an infield single to load the bases.

Chris Marable then hit into what looked like a routine double play, but the umpire ruled that first-

baseman Mike Messerly's throw to second base pulled shortstop Ed Pye off the bag. Smith scored, making it 7-7.

With the bases still loaded, Duff walked the next batter, scoring Baake and giving the Tigers an 8-7 lead.

MTSU brought in another reliever Larry Lever who promptly gave up a two-run double, making it 10-7.

Memphis State scored their final run when Lever overthrew catcher Jay Owens while intentionally walking Spence Young.

The Raiders added a meaningless run in the bottom of the ninth.

It was the second time in the game MTSU had blown a lead.

MTSU had taken a commanding 6-1 lead through five innings.

Blue Raider starting pitcher

George Zimmerman was strong in the early going, and when he left the game in the top of the sixth, MTSU led 6-2.

MTSU scored two runs in their half of the first inning.

The Raiders added another run in the third when Messerly hit a solo homerun.

Zimmerman gave up his first hit of the game in the fourth, but it was a big one. Bright hit a devastating homerun to left field, making the score 3-1.

MTSU added three more runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Following walks to Zimmerman and Corey Watkins, Jeff Avery singled, scoring Zimmerman. Another single by Darryl Steakley scored Watkins and stretched MTSU's lead to 5-1.

Young hit into a fielder's choice

to score Avery for the final run of the inning.

In the sixth, Zimmerman gave up another homer to Bright and two more singles, forcing Bates to come on in relief.

Bates retired the next two batters, and with MTSU leading 6-2 and with two outs, second baseman Steakley committed an error on a routine ground ball, keeping the inning alive.

Instead of MTSU escaping the inning leading 6-2, the error allowed Memphis State to score three more runs to cut the margin to 6-5.

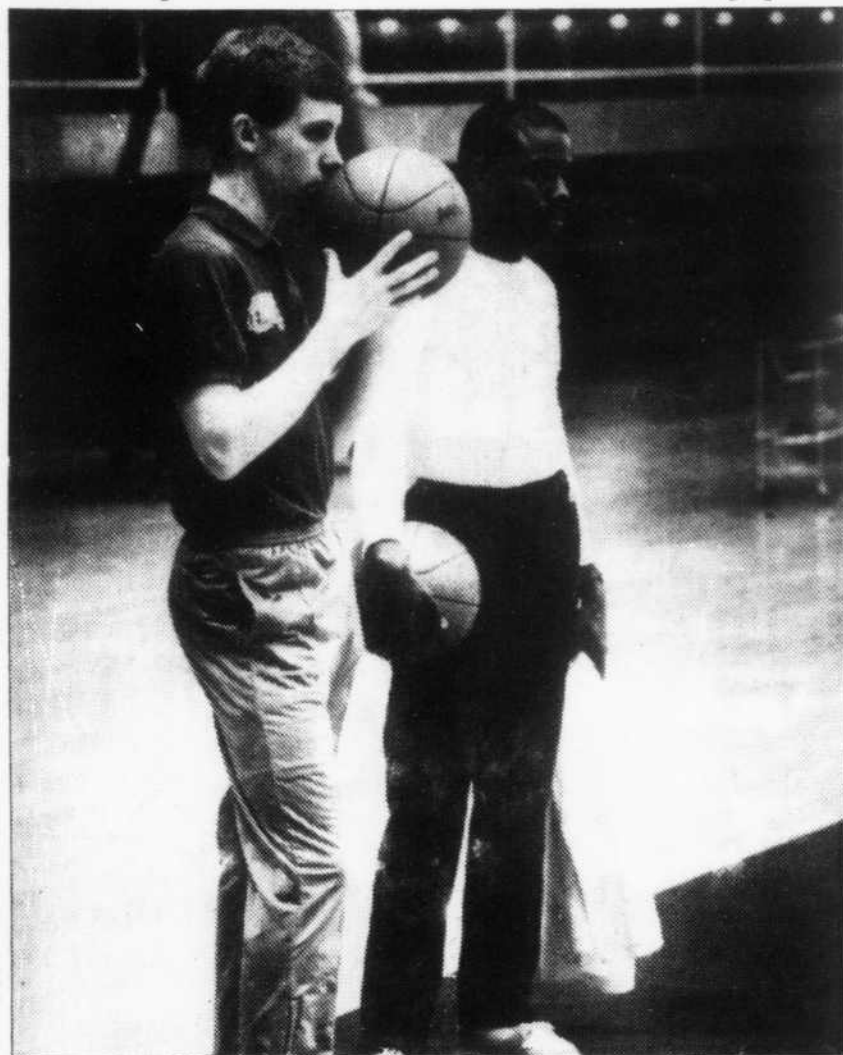
The Tigers added a run in the seventh to tie the game, 6-6.

The Raiders picked up a run in the bottom of the seventh to retake the lead, setting the scene for the ninth inning fiasco.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

MTSU shortstop Ed Pye is thrown out during a double-play attempt in Wednesday's baseball game against Memphis State. MTSU lost 11-8.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Blue Raider basketball managers Houston Fancher, left, and Robert Scott look on as the Raiders prepare for their NIT game with the Vols.

Fancher, Scott are two of a kind

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

Houston Fancher and Robert Scott, MTSU basketball managers, are the men behind the scenes.

During the course of the basketball season fans get excited about their team and the players, but they overlook a very important part of the team — the managers. They are just as important to the team as the players themselves.

Fancher and Scott, along with MTSU forward Kerry Hammonds, are the only members of the MTSU team that head coach Bruce Stewart originally took over back in 1984.

Scott knew Stewart from his high school days at Gallatin High School. Stewart was recruiting former MTSU standout Andrew Tunstill when Scott, a high school basketball manager at Gallatin, met Stewart.

Two years later Stewart was named the MTSU basketball coach and Scott followed him as a manager.

Fancher came to know Stewart

and began his job as a manager in a different way.

Fancher was a stand-out basketball player at Cocke County High School, but realized that his height, or lack thereof, would keep him from playing college ball. Fancher then decided to come to MTSU as a manager and the basketball program has never been the same.

Fancher and Scott are not your average managers. They are unique and they really care about the feelings of the players.

"Robert and Houston do a lot for us," MTSU forward Randy Henry said. "We really depend on them and they are always willing to do anything to help the players. You can call on them for anything and they are willing to help."

Fancher and Scott feel that they are a big part of the Blue Raider team and with good reason.

While the players take place in daily practices and participate in the games, the managers are at every practice and every game, in addition to setting up beforehand.

by mid-April, which is tournament time."

The soccer club will take a week off for spring break and resume practice when they return.

Kilgour said that anyone interested in playing for the soccer club can come to a practice and join.

Practices are Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Western Kentucky downs MTSU soccer club

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

Western Kentucky downed MTSU 5-2 in soccer action Wednesday night at Sykes Field in Nashville, dropping the Raiders' record to 0-2-1 on the season.

Western Kentucky improved to 3-0 with the win.

For the second straight outing the Raiders played a good match against "the best team in the league" and came up on the short end of the stick.

"I am pleased with our performance even though we lost," coach Ed Kilgour said. "I am happy with the way we played against the type of team we played. Western Kentucky is a good team, probably the best team in the league. We played good and made a few improvements."

A very bad first half buried the

Raiders as the Hilltoppers jumped out to a 4-0 lead at the mid-way mark.

"We played a poor first half," Kilgour admitted. "They scored four goals in the first half and we really were never able to get back into the game."

MTSU outplayed Western in the second half. The Raiders outscored WKU 2-1 in the second half but it wasn't enough to overcome the first half deficit.

George Degeberger scored one of the Raider goals and the other came on an own goal when the Raiders forced a defensive error against the "Toppers."

"We really weren't organized enough to play with them," Kilgour said. "They've been through a month of training and they are playing with a lot of veterans."

Despite the slow start by the

newly organized soccer club Kilgour is happy with the team's performance thus far in the season.

"They are starting to come on," Kilgour said. "In the second half of the Western Kentucky game, we moved well and started making things happen, which is something that you have to do in soccer."

"We certainly haven't played to the best of our potential, Kilgour added. "Hopefully we will be there

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