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Smith sworn in as new house speaker

FROM STAFF REPORTS

James Smith was sworn in as the ASB speaker of the house last Friday following the resignation of Geoffrey Herring.

Smith was speaker pro-tempore last semester, which meant that he would take over Herring's duties if Herring were unable to fulfill his term of office, Mark Miller, ASB president, explained.

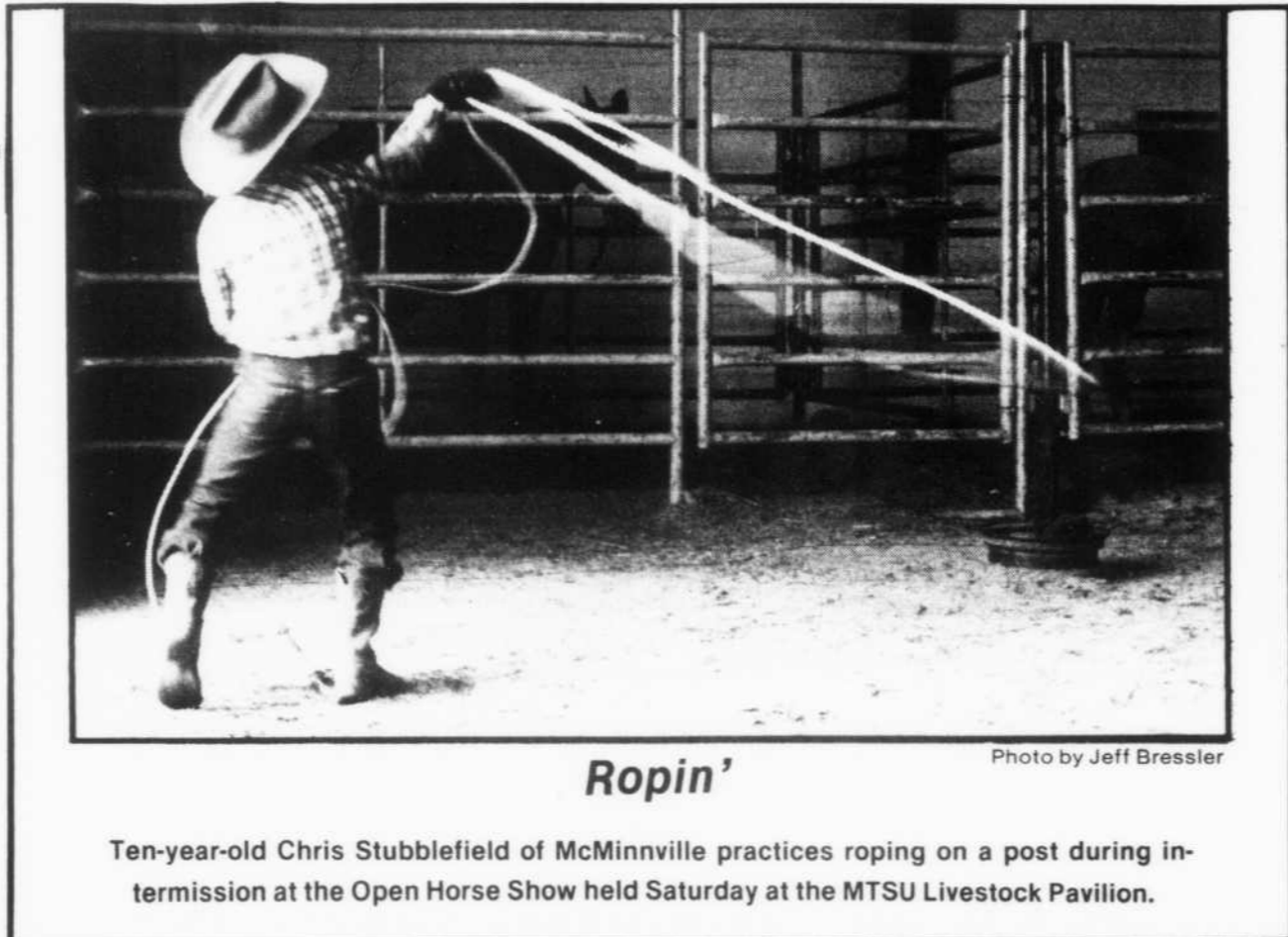
ACCORDING TO Chris Moosher, speaker of the senate, Herring graduated in December and was enrolled in graduate courses this semester, enabling him to continue

servicing in the senate.

Herring has decided to drop his courses and accept a job offered to him in Knoxville, Moosher said.

The ASB had elected Doug Willard as speaker pro-tempore, but later nullified the election after it was discovered that Willard did not meet the hours requirement set up by the house of representatives.

Elections for the 1985-86 ASB president, speaker of the senate, and class speakers will take place March 12-13. Requirements for any office is a 2.0 GPA and the stated hourly requirements of each office.



'Ropin'

Photo by Jeff Bressler

Ten-year-old Chris Stubblefield of McMinnville practices roping on a post during intermission at the Open Horse Show held Saturday at the MTSU Livestock Pavilion.

Teachers recruited this week

By KELLY NEWMAN
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU and six other Middle Tennessee area colleges will participate in the tenth Teacher Recruitment Week at MTSU this week.

Forty-five high school districts from 10 states will send representatives to MTSU to interview students interested in teaching positions for the 1985-86 school year.

"THE RESPONSE TO the Teacher Recruitment Week, so far, has been tremendous. Most of the interview spots have been filled," said Martha Turner, MTSU's director of placement.

"We will evaluate the results of the week and decide whether or not to make it an annual event," Turner said.

Teacher Recruitment Week was put together by the student placement and employment directors of MTSU, Vanderbilt, Tennessee State University, David Lipscomb, Belmont and Austin Peay University to help students learn of job opportunities in the field of teaching.

Interview appointments may be scheduled with the school districts by contacting the Placement Office in Room 328 of the University Center.

Messier to head student travel program

Mediterranean trip offers possible college credit

By KATHY BARNES
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU Honors Director Ron Messier is leaving for the Mediterranean in June; any student wishing to join him for possible college credit needs to make a \$100 deposit soon.

According to Messier, the deadline for applying for a seat on the 1985 Mediterranean Travel Studies program is March 1.

HE AND EASTERN Michigan University professor Emanuel Fenz began a similar travel program 10 years ago.

"Our first trip was to Europe, and we took one group of 40 students for six weeks,"

Messier said. "In the past 10 years, we've taken over 1,200 students."

Besides the three-option Mediterranean program, there is also a three-option European Cultural History program and a credit-free European program.

ACCORDING TO Messier, the credit programs are guided by professors, and the credits are accepted by such institutions of learning as Harvard, Yale, Vanderbilt, Purdue, Auburn and others.

"We are recognized as the largest humanist travel program in the nation," Messier said.

Under the Mediterranean

Travel Studies program, students will be able to take four three-hour courses in history, literature over an 11-week period or longer, depending upon the program and option they choose.

"WE USUALLY ALLOW students to take as many courses as they would be able to take here in a six-week period, which is two courses," Messier added.

Messier said that three or four lectures are given per week while there, and that journals are required to keep a journal throughout the trip.

AFTER THE STUDENTS return home, they are given a list of questions to answer,

what Messier referred to as "the equivalent of a take home test."

In addition to the traditional famous tourist spots, Messier said that the tour also visits "unique and unusual places."

"Students get to do things on this program that they probably would not otherwise do on a trip to Europe on their own," Messier said, "such as the camel ride through the desert."

THE CAMEL RIDE begins at the Giza Pyramids in Cairo, Egypt and entails a two-day excursion through the desert, visiting the various pyramids and tombs along the way before making its way back to

the Giza Pyramids.

Other sites to be visited are the Parthenon in Greece, the catacombs of Capuchin monks in Sicily, the Acropolis and museums in Athens, to name a few.

MESSIER SAID THAT anyone planning to take courses this summer should consider doing it in Europe and/or the Middle East.

"The work is really a lot tougher than staying here to teach, but it's so exciting I wouldn't give up my opportunity for anything," Messier said.

Additional information can be obtained in Room 107 of Peck Hall.

Coupons cut cost of student travel

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MTSU students can cut the cost of travel during spring break by taking advantage of a two-for-one savings program by Trailways Lines Inc. and Quaker Oats Company.

As of Feb. 1, Free Trailways Travel offers Quaker customers savings on Trailways bus tickets to destinations anywhere in the United States served by the Trailways bus lines and participating carriers.

STUDENTS CAN take advantage of this offer by sending in eight special bus proof-of-purchase seals from specially marked Quaker/Aunt Jemima corn products to receive travel coupons redeemable at Trailways terminals.

"Whether students want to head for the beaches of Florida, Texas or California, or to the ski resorts for spring skiing, this offer will help cut travel costs dramatically," Mike Chiesa, brand manager, Quaker Grits Products, said.

Travel coupons allow travelers to receive a free one-

way or round-trip ticket with the purchase of a standard fare ticket of equal value to the same destination or a 50 percent discount off any standard priced one-way or round-trip ticket.

"STUDENTS CAN save up to \$199 by only purchasing a few dollars worth of gifts and corn meal products," Chiesa added. "With over 10,000 cities and towns in the U.S. to choose from, we're confident students will find this discount travel program a real help in budgeting for vacations."

Free Trailways Travel trips must be taken before June 30, 1986, and students can take advantage of the program to travel home during the summer months and in the fall for Thanksgiving or other special events.

However, the offer is not valid during the 1985 holiday season from Dec. 15, 1985 through Jan. 5, 1986.

Interested students can find redemption coupons and complete details on the backs of Quaker/Aunt Jemima corn products, such as corn meal and grits.



Photo by Melissa Givens

Black belt Rick Lindsay of Paducah, Kentucky participated in the Wado Karate Southern American Championship here at MTSU Saturday afternoon.

MTSU students win Photo Fair contest

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU students took top honors in a recent photo competition sponsored by Photo Fair Incorporated, a Nashville-based company.

A show, to take place March 4-29 at Cobblestone Gallery in Nashville, will present the top 16 photos entered in the competition, according to Karen Zimmerman of Photo Fair.

"EACH STUDENT could enter up to five photographs," Zimmerman said. "The top 16 photos were chosen to be shown at the Photo Fair."

Zimmerman added she had hoped for more entries in the contest. Nashville Tech and Western Kentucky were the only other schools to have entries.

According to Harold Baldwin from the MTSU photo department, MTSU had the most entries.

THE GRAND PRIZE, won by Delores Delvin, was \$100. Second and third places and honorable mention got nothing in the way of prizes or prize money, Baldwin said.

Weather

(UPI)—Partly cloudy skies are expected this week with chilly nights and mild days. Low temperatures in the 30s are forecast for Wednesday and Thursday, moving up near 40 Friday. Highs mostly in the 50s are expected Wednesday and Thursday and in the low and mid 60s Friday.

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Food drive held today in U.C.

By SANDRA BOBO
Sidelines News Editor

Gamma Beta Phi, an MTSU service organization, is holding a food drive in the basement of the University Center today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to Rachel Taylor, chairwoman of the GBP Public Service committee.

GBP has sponsored drives at its meetings in the past, Taylor said, but the idea for a campus-wide food drive was initiated

by Tommy Pierce, vice president of GBP.

"HE [PIERCE] thought it was really important to have a drive at this time of the year because the food bank runs low during the winter months," Taylor said, adding that many organizations give during Christmases but only a few give afterwards.

All proceeds will go to the Rutherford County Food Bank, Taylor said.

According to Taylor, there was a good turnout yesterday, the first day of the drive.

IN ADDITION to canned goods, \$20 was donated to the drive; it will be used to buy more goods, Taylor explained.

GBP is planning to make the food drive an annual event, Taylor said.

"Since we're a service organization, we wanted to help the community in the best way we could," Taylor said.

Professor writing chapter for book

By KATHY BARNES
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU Honors Director Ron Messier is compiling an article on the history of the Crusades in Tunis, Africa, for a monograph to be published this summer at Western Michigan University.

The monograph, entitled "The Meeting of Two Worlds: Cultural Exchange Between East and West During the Period of the Crusades," will feature articles presented by Messier and other professors at a 1981 symposium in Michigan.

"I'D ALMOST forgotten about the symposium when I

received a letter from Medieval Publications saying they wanted to use my presentation as a chapter in a monograph," Messier said.

A monograph is a collection of writings by various authors published under one title.

Sir Steven Runciman, Joshua Praver and David Jacobi of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, James Brundage of the University of Wisconsin, Hugo Buchthal of the Warburg Institute in London and Claude Cahen of Sorbonne are some of the professors who will also be published in the monograph.

"THESE SPEAKERS are

some of the most knowledgeable people in the field of Crusade history," Messier said. "I'm very pleased to have my work published with theirs."

Messier's chapter will be titled "The Christian Community of Tunis at the Time of St. Louis' Crusade, A.D. 1270."

According to Messier, the monograph will be available in college libraries and the private libraries of the professors.

Messier said he was the only professor from the Southeast to be invited to the symposium.

Insurance offers intern positions

By KAREN HUMPHREY
Sidelines Staff Writer

Though not widely known, there is an insurance internship program at MTSU, according to Kenneth Hollman, chairholder, Martin Chair of Insurance.

Eleven MTSU students have completed their insurance internship, and eight students are interning this semester with agencies or companies in the Middle Tennessee area, according to Hollman.

"THIS IS A program where

students can gain work experience related to their career objectives and, at the same time, receive three hours college credit," explained Hollman, adding that "students earn at least minimum wage for internship experience."

"Internship experience hastens the personal development and professional preparation of students who are interested in careers in the insurance field," stated Hollman.

Hollman expects that "participation in the internship program will increase as the number of students in the insurance program expands," adding, "We are reasonably satisfied with the growth of the internship program to this point and feel that both employers and students have benefited greatly from this college-industry linkage."

The insurance internship is available only to students who have a major or minor in insurance.

Campus Capsule

TODAY

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE to return petitions for the spring ASB elections to the ASB Office, Room 306 of the University Center. Positions to be filled include president, speakers of the house and senate, five senators from each class and sophomore through senior, and two graduate senators.

THE DANCE COMMITTEE meets at 4 p.m. in the Student Programming Conference Room. The meeting will encompass all things that must be done concerning the March 6 dance. If you are unable to be attend, contact Chairman Toni Holman.

THE IDEAS AND ISSUES Committee meets at 6 p.m. in the Student Programming Conference Room.

"VOICES OF BLACK AMERICA" is a mini-lecture series sponsored by the department of sociology, anthropology and social work in recognition of Black History Month. Amos Jones, pastor of Westwood Baptist Church, will speak today at 2 p.m. in Dining Room B of the James Union Bldg. His topic will be: "Religion and the Black Church: Role in Meeting the Needs of the Community."

WEDNESDAY

SIGMA DELTA CHI, the Society of Professional Journalists, will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 305 of the University Center. Slated to speak is Karla Winfrey, an MTSU graduate who is consumer reporter at Channel 4, WSMV, in Nashville. Plans for the regional convention and the First Amendment project will also be discussed.

THE SELECTION BOARD will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the comedy week and the upcoming White Heart concert on March 10. The meeting is mandatory.

THURSDAY

THE SIGMA XI CLUB and the Ideas and Issues Committee will sponsor a lecture on "Forensic Aspects of the Shroud of Turin" by Everett J. Nienhouse, of chemistry and forensic science at Ferris State College in Big Rapids, Mich., at 8 p.m. in Room 100 of the Davis Science Bldg.

NOTICES

ALPHA IOTA DELTA will be sponsoring a monthly newsletter concerned with the activities of the School of Business. Anyone wishing to submit articles, things of interest or want ads should send them to Beverly Evans, MTSU Box 277, or call ext. 2357.

KOINONIA AT THE Middle Tennessee Christian Center takes place Monday nights. On March 4 Walter Grever of Nashville will speak on "God's Grace."

"TAMING THE MATH CAT," under the instruction of Mary Francis Stubblefield, will take place 3:30-5:30 p.m. March 4-6 in Room 105 of Kirksey Old Main at a cost of \$45.

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT Test for California to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. March 7 in Room 322 of the University Center. Students taking the test must present a valid photo ID. There is no charge and pre-registration is not necessary.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONCERT by the Middle Tennessee State Symphonic Band will begin at 3 p.m. March 10 in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Bldg. A reception will follow. The recently formed Murfreesboro Concert Band will make its premier appearance. The concert is free and open to the public.

APPLICATIONS FOR 1985 resident assistant positions are now available in Room 300 of the University Center. The deadline for applications to be returned is March 8 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of University Housing in Room 300 of the University Center.

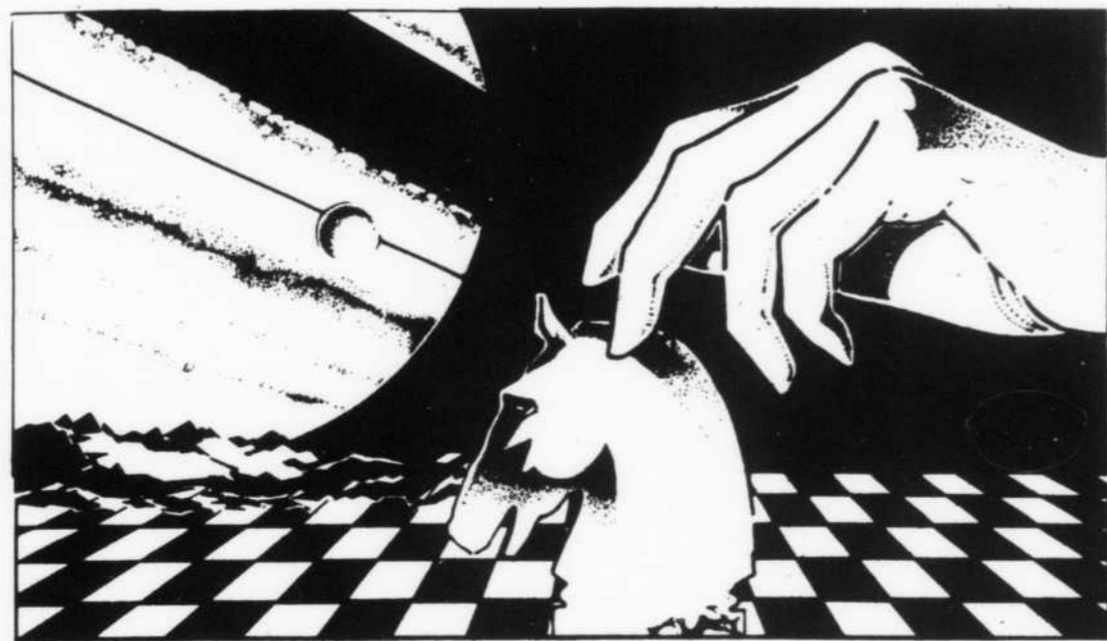
THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP takes place every Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union. All international students are invited. For information call 893-5035.

THE CATHOLIC CENTER is sponsoring "A Search for Christian Maturity" beginning at 7 p.m. March 1 and continuing until 5:30 p.m. March 3 at the St. Roline Church Gym. For more information contact Sonya Strite at ext. 3829 or Box 2248 or contact the Catholic Center at 893-9612 or MTSU Box 600.

MTSU STUDENTS, STAFF are invited to support WDCN-TV Channel 8 by contributing items for the 1985 Action Auction. Eligible arts and crafts donations become part of an exhibition in Nashville which will open to the general public from March 12-30. Action Auction will be broadcast April 21-28. For information contact Dona Vickrey, Rutherford County Arts and Crafts donations chairman, at 890-6712.

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1984 *Midlanders* \$1.00— that's right, only one dollar will buy you a 1984 *Midlander*, from now until we run out.



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Cadet Sharon Roberts is an MTSU junior from Greenback, Tennessee, majoring in Aerospace with emphasis in the Professional Pilot program. Sharon won a 2 year Reserves Forces ROTC Scholarship last year which is paying her tuition, books, and flying hours. Total worth of her scholarship is in excess of \$12,000.

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FACULTY FORUM

By PHIL HARPER
Special to Sidelines

Since our present graduated income tax system became law in 1913, it has gone through some drastic changes. It was originally intended to provide for the national defense of our country, as well as domestic social and economic programs considered important by the American people. From a simple one-page income tax form, which promised to tax each American less than 7 percent of his income, our tax system has grown into a tangled mass of tax shelters, loopholes, exemptions, credits and deductions. The time for tax reform and simplification is now.

The present tax code is riddled with inefficient and complex procedures. The current tax code is over 5,100 pages long with an IRS interpretation of that code being 10,000 pages long. The public spends billions of dollars each year to have its taxes professionally prepared; about 52 percent of the American public now use such services, as opposed to 18 percent in 1954. A 1975 IRS survey of its own trained employees showed they computed the wrong tax 72 percent of the time, even on simple tax problems.

But the problems with our tax code go beyond complex regulation; it attacks the basic principles on which our country was founded. It is time to return the core values of our country, the importance of family and fairness, to our federal tax code. Current policy is dramatically anti-family. With the growth of special interests, the tax burden of the family has greatly increased over the past three decades—in 1948 most single-earner families paid no taxes at all. Government tax policies encourage you to build a greenhouse or a mortgaged vacation home, but they do not encourage your investment in a child.

The present tax system is not fair to Americans as a whole. Many take advantage of loopholes and other possible tax shelters to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. Many others simply pay no taxes at all. Others, the poorest of our nation, suffer under a tax code that makes a working parent in a family of five pay 10 percent of his income in taxes on income \$2,500 below the official poverty line.

Tax reform would establish a more broad-based, simple and

fair system. The elimination or modification of deductions, exclusions and credits will broaden our tax base. Money, from those who have not paid taxes before, would be collected for the first time. The lower rate of taxation would prompt more people to accept the burden of paying income tax and stop evading tax payment. Poor people would receive fairer treatment—no longer would they pay taxes if they were below the poverty line. Families, as well, would receive fairer treatment, providing vital strengthening to the economic base of all American families. Also, the procedures for filling out tax forms would be greatly simplified.

Many tax reform proposals are being considered. Common to them all is an interest in making our tax system fairer and simpler. In just the short span of 72 years, our tax system has become the muddled mess we all must deal with every year. Let's not let another April 15th pass without our disappointment and displeasure with our current tax code being known. Let's let Congress know the American public thinks tax reform should be a high priority this year. The time for tax reform is now.

Racists 'defend liberty'?

"Violence in defense of liberty is condonable; violence in a matter of self-preservation is condonable."

As a rule, Americans wouldn't argue with that assertion. We have the right to protect life and limb—and some go so far as to insist that we have the right to shoot trespassers or anyone who invades or violates our property.

The statement can easily lose its cultural righteousness.

Its speaker is the Rev. Richard Butler, leader of the Aryan Nations Church, headquartered on a 20-acre militaristic compound in northern Idaho. Aryan Nations has recently organized a computer network system to supply members nationwide with information and news.

"The Aryan Nations computer network is designed to bring truth and knowledge to our people on the North American continent," Butler asserts.

Some of the "truth and knowledge" messages are laughable. One transmission urges white supremacists to donate money to abortion clinics in the South in hopes of reducing the black population. A memo refers to Ronald Reagan as a "left-wing socialist." And the big celebration is Hitler's birthday.

So maybe it's not so funny. "Know Your Enemy" is one of the broadcasts received by Aryan Nations subscribers. It is a comprehensive list of addresses for Communist Party offices in America and locations of Jewish Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith offices in the United States and abroad. The enemy is black, Jewish, Hispanic—any race other than white, any religion other than the "Christianity" perpetuated at the Aryan Nations Church.

North Carolina Klan leader Glenn Miller informs Klansmen that the

organization has an "up-to-date" list of Jewish headquarters nationwide "so that you can pay them a friendly visit."

Every summer members of the Klan, the Posse Comitatus (who had its leader killed recently in a gun battle with the FBI), and the Christian Defense League meet at the Aryan Nations compound to plan what they consider to be "self-protection" and the "defense of liberty." They practice military drills and attend "hate" sessions to assert the basis of their organizations: the superiority of the white race.

"There exists only one issue," Butler said, "—race."

The Louisiana-based Christian Defense League, members from which are believed to be responsible for the murder of Jewish radio personality Alan Berg in Denver last year, seeks to remove Jewish political leaders from positions of authority.

"The Order" has developed its own theology, the premise of which is that Jesus was not a Jew, but an ancestor of present German, British and Scandinavian peoples. His purpose on earth was to remove the Jews.

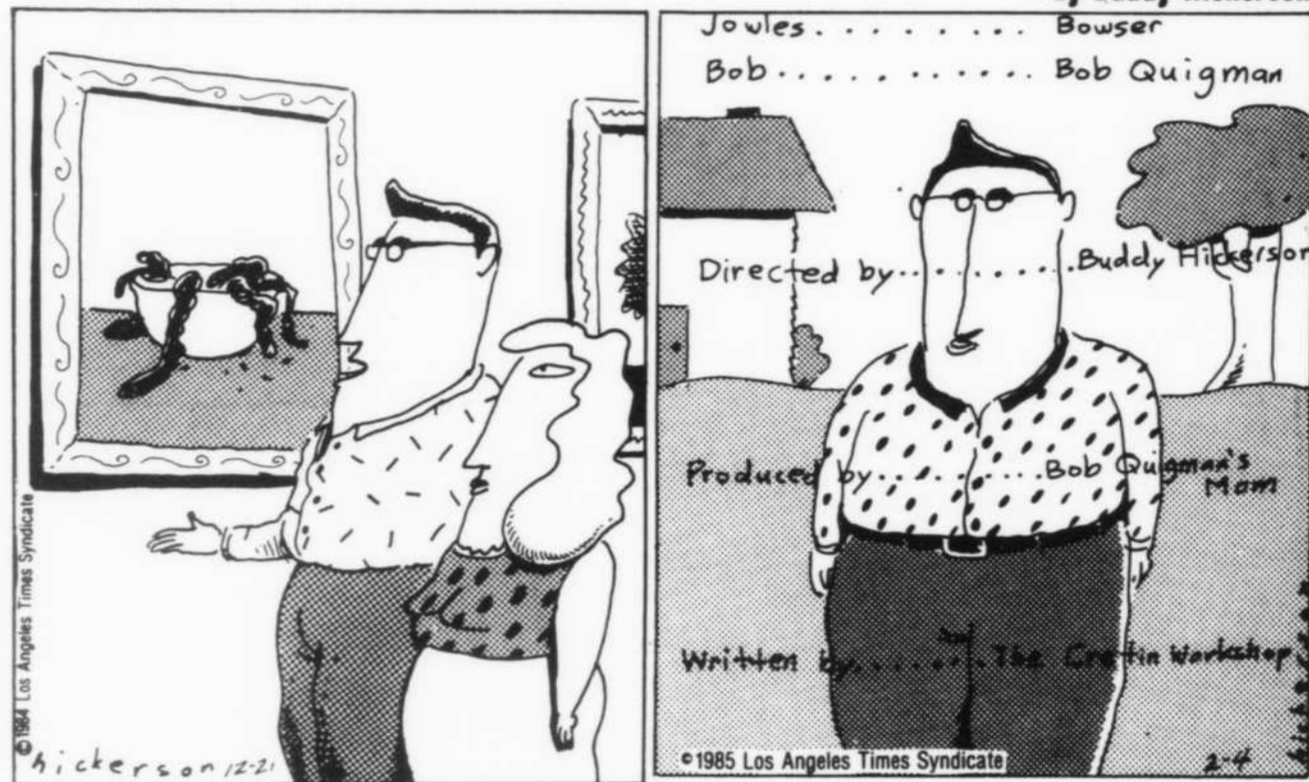
The terrorists do not stop outside the borders. They poison from within. The Klan has been in existence for over 100 years. The Nazi party, which has spawned most of the organizations mentioned above, has not died in this country since it was introduced in the 1930s. Aryan Nations' mailing list is estimated at over 5,000. And the message is hate.

Violence in defense of liberty is condonable; violence in a matter of self-preservation is condonable."

Whose liberty? At what cost?

D.M. Adkerson

THE QUIGMANS



by Buddy Hickerson

Letters to the Editor

String Quartet offers fine music

To the Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to the Department of Music for the performance of the Faculty String Quartet on Friday, Feb. 15, in Wright Music Hall. The members of the quartet—Laurence Harvin, Marianna Harvin, Virginia Christensen and Jean Bills—should be congratulated for the time and effort that went into this selection of fine music. The selections—quartets by Mozart, Shostakovich and Dvorak—were well-chosen and appealed to every musical taste.

I hope we soon hear more from the String Quartet and other faculty groups. After experiencing a performance of such high quality, there is no doubt that the community, faculty and students will continue to support such efforts and spread the word about what MTSU has to offer. Finally, you can't beat the price of this entertainment—it was free!

John Wilhite
Dept. of Foreign Languages

Abortion column insults intelligence

To the Editor:

I found Velma Hawkins' column, "Abortion...from the child's viewpoint," fanciful, to

say the least, and the ending tasteless and an insult to anyone's intelligence, to say the most. Before the brickbats start flying, let me state my position. I am not "pro-abortion," "anti-life" or any of those other boxed and bracketed classifications so popular today. I do believe, however, that a woman should have the choice, to the extent that a man has, of whether or not to take on the responsibility of children.

Having said that much, let me turn my attention to a problem many of our most zealous "pro-life" crusaders seem not to be noticing...the abandoned or mistreated child. More and more we read appalling stories of infants left in trash heaps, cooked in ovens...on and on. So now I offer a perhaps not-so-modest proposal. Why doesn't someone write an article called "Neglect...From the Child's Viewpoint," or "Abuse...From the Child's Viewpoint," the ending reading, with no black humor intended, something like, "December 28: Today my mother left me in the Dumpster Dumpster." Maybe a speculative article such as that would be more poignant; it would certainly be much closer to reality, and add more credibility to the "pro-lifers' " case.

Elkin Brown
502 Kingwood Drive

Abortion to stay --one way or other

To the Editor:

In my youthful naivete, I assumed all college professors were bright, well-educated, articulate and open-minded. I imagined them discussing issues, ideas and events with the poise and dignity that only the highest scholastic achievement would allow.

Professor Stancliff's recent letter to the editor in *Sidelines* did a lot to destroy that already decaying myth. Not only was the letter sexist, right-winged and bigoted, but it left the impression that Professor Stancliff is on the right hand of God by judging abortion murder when he specifically states in his letter that "God will judge what is murder and what is not."

I would like to pose some questions to Professor Stancliff. What will we do with uneducated, poor and desperate women and teenagers who will abuse their unwanted children because no safe abortion is available? What will we do with parents who kill their children by putting them in garbage dumpsters and garbage bags because they are so desperate they see no other recourse? And, finally, what will we do with all of the dead women who performed unsafe, unsanitary and illegal abortions on themselves because there

was no alternative? Hell will surely be full, won't it, Dr. Stancliff?

The answer is not only giving women a choice, but developing an open-minded population willing to discuss with children and teenagers the subject of sex in the home and schools and not wait until it is too late and the girls are faced with a heart-rending decision.

What Professor Stancliff is suggesting is a return to the Victorian era when 20 percent of all pregnancies ended in unsafe abortion and most of the desperate women died, leaving the other children with one parent.

Abortions have always occurred, and they always will. Why not perform them in a safe, clean environment with trained people who care about the women when they have no one else to turn to?

Why should we return to a male-dominated era when women were supposed to be "barefoot and pregnant" when we have come so far? If the rational, far-thinking majority lets people like Professor Stancliff be its spokesperson, women may as well quit school and work, blacks may as well give up the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and foreigners may as well go home because we won't want them anyway.

Finally, I hope that my four-year-old daughter can grow up in a society in which she can be

treated as an equal, and not called a "bitch" when she stands up for her beliefs.

Susan Campbell
Box 5418

Reader commends editorial stance

To the Editor:

Bravo! And Bravo! again for your two fine articles in *Sidelines*, [Feb. 21]. Objective journalism may, after all, be alive and well in *Sidelines*, my usual opinion notwithstanding.

Both hit hard at glaring weaknesses in television and the vague public grasp of complex issues. D.M. Adkerson placed the Westmoreland vs. CBS libel suit in correct perspective as an issue for public judgement, not courts of law, in her editorial, "Public Needs to Think for Itself."

Ms. Jenny McMillion, in "Docu-dramas Irresponsible," faulted TV kangaroo-courts like "The Atlanta Child Murders" in vivid terms even television executives might understand.

From 34 years military experience I know well that every public issue, large or small, has different sides, each with factual and emotional support. Television invariably seeks to make a buck by pandering to the most emotional, anti-government side. I applaud *Sidelines*, read by many questioning young people, for your tough star-d and your call to all of us to think for ourselves.

Hugh D. Perry, Col-USAF
(RET)
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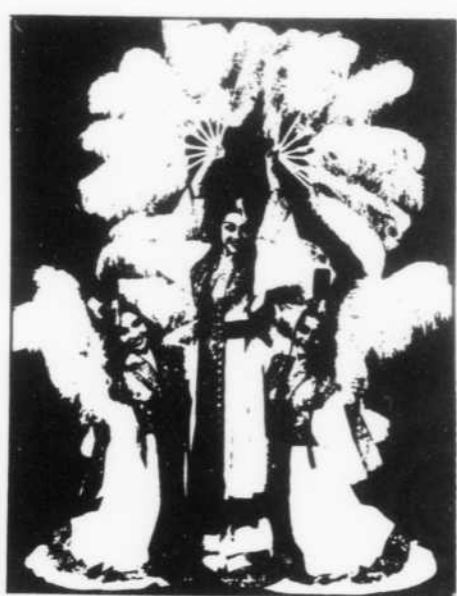
If you have a specific complaint about the accuracy or fairness of news reporting or editorial opinion and have failed to get satisfaction from the newspaper editor and faculty adviser, you are invited to take the complaint to the MTSU Student Publications Committee. This committee is an independent body composed of students, faculty and administrators.

Festival happenings

Today: *Through Women's Eyes*, an exhibition of contemporary art by artists from the Middle Tennessee area will take place as part of the Fine Arts Festival and National Women's History Week. The exhibition is in the MTSU Art Barn Gallery and free and open to the public

Today, 3 p.m.: Mary Ann Fariello will present a lecture on "The Making of the Amazons," a series of life-cast colored porcelain figures of symbolic heroines representing the enduring strength of the female self. Admission is free.

Tonight, 8 p.m.: Part two of the *Sinking Creek Films Festival* shows at Keathley University Center Theatre. The program will include selections from the Sinking Creek Film Celebration Library, which houses a number of award-winning short films by students and independent, non-commercial film artists. Admission is free.



Tomorrow, 8 p.m.: The *Chinese Magic Revue of Taiwan* will be in the Dramatic Arts Building Auditorium. The renowned group performs from a repertoire which is 2,000 years old. Admission is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m.: Improvisational comedians *The Second City* will perform in the Dramatic Arts Building Auditorium. The company's graduates include Alan Alda, Ed Asner, John Belushi and Joan Rivers. Admission is free.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m.: The Tennessee Dance Theatre Company will present *A Southern Dance Revival* in the Dramatic Arts Building Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public.



Photo by Delores Delvin

Paul Bass, honorary emcee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., congratulates Briggita Phillips on being crowned Miss Black and Gold of 1985.

Modern soaps seen as more realistic

By MARY KANE
United Press International

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI)—Thomas Skill spends a lot of time watching soap operas—but not just to learn whether Jill will spill her secret or Tom and Brooke will finally get back together.

Skill, a University of Dayton assistant professor of communication arts, was among the first academics to take soap operas seriously, researching how the serials treated health issues, women, the elderly and other subjects.

"WE'RE ALSO interested in what the audience thinks and does with the programs and why they're so loyal, because they must be getting some kind of reward from participating," Skill said. "We think it's because it's good drama, and we like good stories. That's a part of human nature."

Skill began researching daytime serials as an undergraduate at New York State-Buffalo in 1978, a time when almost nothing academic was being published about the dramas.

"In Sickness and In Health," a paper stemming from that study, was published in 1979 in

the prestigious "Journal of Communication" and later cited in the New England Journal of Medicine. Skill was aided in his work by communications professor Mary Cassata, then his faculty adviser.

"IN SICKNESS and In Health" looked at how the soaps treated sickness and dying, Skill said. The dramas in their early stages in the 1940s and '50s invented fictional diseases, using sickness solely as a plot device.

Modern soaps, however, are much more realistic—and even informative—in portraying illness, he said. Latter-day serials are less likely to kill off characters and instead offer hope, Skill said.

He also studied how soap operas portrayed the elderly, who often are seen as crime victims, poor, and weak during prime-time TV. Old people on soaps, however, often are "tentpole characters," the "moral fiber" of the story. They are seen as respected and

Open House aids adults interested in MTSU

By SUSIE DUGGER
Sidelines Staff Writer

An Adult Learner Open House for those interested in taking classes at MTSU will take place March 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

The open house is designed to aid adults in the Murfreesboro area who are interested in classes at MTSU, according to Rebecca Rice, director of the Women's In-

formation and Referral Center. "THIS IS FOR anyone whether they want to take a few classes or finish a degree," Rice said.

"We want to acquaint those needing information with the MTSU community has to offer," Rice explained.

The open house is sponsored by WIRC and the Admissions Office.

For more information, contact WIRC, ext. 2193, or the Admissions Office, ext. 2111.

Self-study results due in Fall

By JEWELL CARSON
Sidelines Staff Writer

The results of MTSU's self-study are not in yet, but Aaron Todd, co-chairman of the self-study, said he is "certain" MTSU will receive its accreditation.

According to Todd, there are no written findings, only the exit exam.

MTSU RECEIVED one recommendation and 34 suggestions, Todd said, adding that the recommendation, which must be acted upon by

the university, concerned the graduate dean's office policy which is in degree of authority.

"One of the suggestions was to look strongly at the admission standards, and to upgrade them," Todd said, but no higher than Tennessee State University's standards.

According to Todd, the self-study began in January 1983 and the interviews of students, teachers and faculty began about one month ago.

The final results of the self-study will be in September of this year.

influential, he said.

THE RESEARCH on soap opera images of the elderly was included in "Life on Daytime Television: Tuning-in of American Serial Drama," a book Skill co-authored with Cassata.

In his dissertation at Buffalo, Skill analyzed the reasons why college students watch soap operas and how this related to their personalities. The majority watch as a social activity and to enjoy the drama, he said.

But a small percentage—about 8 percent—watch because they are insecure, having problems with relationships in their lives and seeking some answers, he said.

SKILL, HOWEVER, contended, "You can't really say soaps present real answers."

But he did note that generally in soap operas, good is rewarded and evil is punished—although not always right away.

Skill's research on soaps led

to a consulting position with Proctor & Gamble Productions Inc., sponsor of four soaps that began to do poorly in the ratings several years ago. The firm wanted to know why college students were turning away from "One Life to Live," "Another World," "As the World Turns" and "Guiding Light."

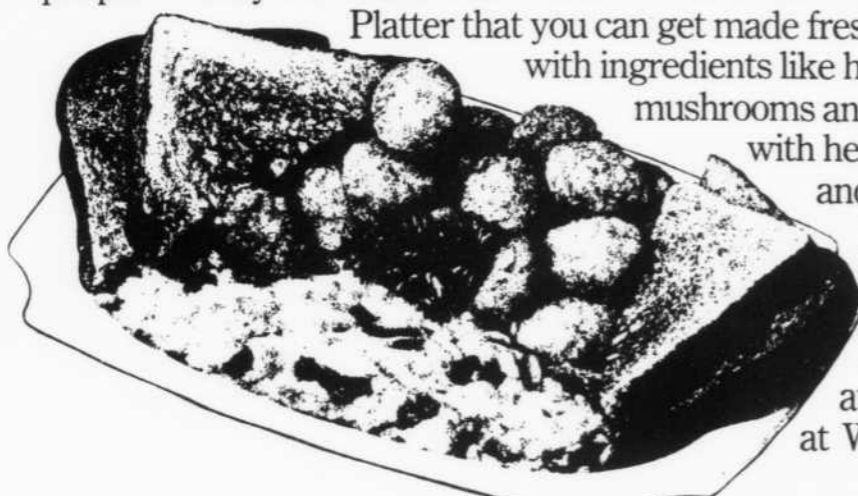
SKILL SAID the serials were thought of as "frumpy old ladies shows" and needed some changes. His suggestions including simplifying the plot somewhat to avoid scaring away new viewers; using "teasers" of subsequent plot actions to entice viewers, and spicing up graphics and introductions.

"It's much more sophisticated drama than people are willing to give it credit for being," Skill said of soap operas. But, he noted, "It's a popular art form, so it has a lot of the common problems that people identify with popular arts."

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Cookie king calls commitment key to success

By BILL STEBER
Sidelines Staff Writer

The comedian of the cookie business, "Famous" Wally Amos, appeared at MTSU last Tuesday night with free cookies, helpful advice and plenty of laughs.

Amos, brought here by the MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee, is founder-chairman of the Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookie Corporation. He spoke at the Learning Resources Center about the things that had made him and his company a success.

A STUDENT WHO asked Amos how he stayed so slim and trim eating chocolate chip cookies got the reply, "I can't advertise this, but it's the miracle cookie: the more you eat, the thinner you get!"

Such spontaneous humor filled the entire evening.

"Famous" Amos spoke on the subject of commitment and how it made him what he is today. The key phrase according to Amos is "I will," he charged the audience to pursue their ideas with the attitude of "I will," and nothing could get in the way.

"FAILURE IS not really failure; it's only an idea on its way to success," explained Amos. "You will never be able to complete anything unless you begin it."

He referred to the latter as "Amos's Law"—a fact "as clear as the nose on your face."

Amos' motivating book, *The Famous Amos Story: The Face That Launched a Thousand Chips*, expands on his ideas on success and how they have helped him.

HIS LATEST project is the "Louis Sherry-Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookie Ice Cream," which consists of Amos' cookies combined with Louis Sherry's vanilla ice cream.

He is also in the process of marketing what he calls "the ultimate pair of sandals": a foam rubber sole that is molded to fit the customer's foot. The company is called "The Wally Amos Happy Foot Shoe Company" and his product should be on the market in another six to eight months.

All of these successes he claims are the result of his commitment to succeed.

"I NEVER EVEN graduated from high school" said Amos, "yet here I stand talking to a room full of college students." He added, "You know if I can do it selling cookies..." followed by a laugh.

Amos was born in Tallahassee, Fla., in 1936. He moved to New York when he was 17, joined the Air Force at 18, and got a job at Saks Fifth

"So there I was—the right place, the right time, the right color!"

Avenue after the military. When he felt that Saks was taking advantage of his dedication, he informed them that if he did not get a raise, he was quitting. He got a glowing recommendation letter but no raise.

That led him to the theatrical agency business. He applied for a job at a company that just happened to be looking for a black agent.

"SO THERE I was—the right place, the right time, the right color!"

During his career as an agent he handled names as big as Simon and Garfunkel and the Supremes. Then in 1974 he quit the agency and started his cookie business.

"When I was young I was very materialistic," said Amos. He explained that his youth was centered on obtaining all the finer things in life. But it wasn't until he lessened that obsession to succeed that fame and wealth came his way.

WALLY AMOS HAD been making chocolate chip cookies for five years when he quit the agency and his friends complimented his baking efforts highly.

"They didn't have to tell me that. I was eating them myself," joked Amos.

At the time, his baking was known as "Aunt Wally's Kitchen." He changed the name to "The Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookie," opened a store in Hollywood with the legend "free smells" proudly displayed, and the rest is history.

Ten years later, "Famous" Wally Amos is just as enthusiastic. Sporting fluorescent pink socks, a huge cookie-shaped bag, and a cheerful smile, Amos not only told how to be successful and happy, he showed it.

A member of the audience Tuesday night asked Amos if he still talked to the cookies while they were baking. He replied, "I talk to 'em all the time! I need just encouragement; they're just like people. They've got feelings. Let them know you love 'em!"

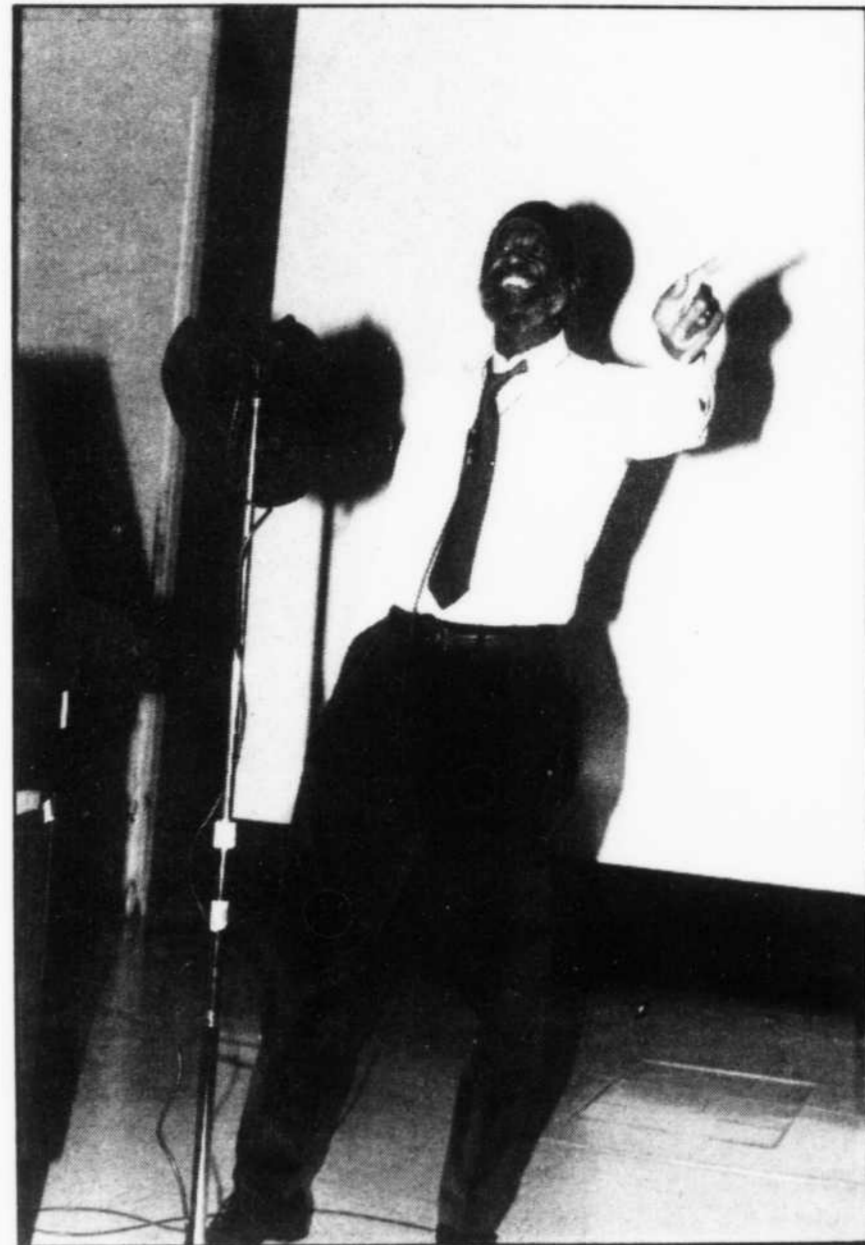


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Cookie entrepreneur Wally "Famous" Amos makes a point while lecturing at MTSU's LRC last Thursday. Amos explained the philosophy which had his cookie company a huge success.

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Self-destructed Bond returns in soaps

By VERNON SCOTT
United Press International

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Whatever happened to George Lazenby, the James Bond who self-destructed?

Remember George, the strapping Australian who played superspy 007 in *On Her Majesty's Service* back in 1968 and then vanished?

HE CAN BE seen today as a member of the cast of the syndicated soap opera "Rituals" playing a passive writer, a startling contrast to his swash-buckling performance as Bond.

Lazenby became instantly and internationally famous when he was named as Sean Connery's replacement as the British agent licensed to kill. It was the sixth in the string of Bond pictures. Producers Cubby Broccoli and Harry Saltzman had plans for Lazenby as 007 in future films.

"But I blew it," Lazenby said with a grin.

"WHERE IS IT said that a young man from Queanbeyan, Australia—a town of 3,000—can't make a foolish mistake in the film business when he never knew what an actor was until he played James Bond?"

"I was 29 and naive. I thought there was nothing more to life than making love to women. I was just obsessed with catching the next female who came by. I wasn't interested in movies or business or anything else. So I went to London and went berserk."

Lazenby spent four months testing for the role, nine months shooting it and another eight months fighting to break his contract with Broccoli and Saltzman who had already paid him part of his salary for a second Bond film.

"I WANTED OUT of the eight months for selfish reasons," Lazenby admitted.

"They offered me \$100,000 and 5 percent of the profits—which is meaningless—for the second film. But I'd been offered \$400,000 for a spaghetti western in Italy. The opportunist came out in me."

"I sent back the money so I wouldn't be legally bound to

Broccoli-Saltzman, but there were legal problems even after I went ahead and did *Who Saw Her Dying* in Venice. The picture went nowhere and so did I.

"I WAS BLACKLISTED and couldn't get work. I went to Spain for 18 months and got hepatitis while I kept sloshing down the booze."

Lazenby went downhill from there, moving to Hollywood at a skeletal 160 pounds, 40 pounds below his best weight. Nobody in the movie capital would hire him.

"I couldn't even get an agent," he recalled. "I paid the price for rebelling. In retrospect, it was a rather foolish move."

A FRUGAL MAN, Lazenby frugally banded his Bond earnings and moved to his native Australia where he did TV commercials and made money in real estate. He married, became the father of two children and eventually returned to Hollywood.

He appeared in a few second rate movies, *The Dragon Flies* and *Kentucky Fried Movie*, and made guest appearances in such undistinguished TV shows as "B.J. and the Bear" and "Hawaii Five-O" before returning to Australia once more to work sporadically in TV and on stage.

Now firmly established in Hollywood, Lazenby is tanned, lean and extroverted in a manner common to Australians. He still likes his beer, and his appreciation for beautiful women is undiminished.

BUT HE ADMITS he is restless with his docile role in "Rituals." He's anxious to get parts better suited to his macho image.

Lazenby mused about what might have become of him had he continued to play Bond, becoming as rich and famous in the process as his replacement, Roger Moore.

"If I stayed with Bond I'd never have learned how to act," Lazenby said. "If I'd remained Bond, I'd have ended up like Errol Flynn with many wives and boozed out."

"I'D HAVE HAD a dozen face lifts. I'd be sending the chauffeur out for 10 women at a time so I could play the odds—which I did. You fall apart living a film star's life."

"Bond made an asset of my name in certain countries like Australia and England where they haven't all that many celebrities."

"I have no real regrets. I was born lucky. Why should I have continued to play Bond? I wasn't an actor and never wanted to be one. Right now I'm ready to play Bond, far more able to play him now than then."

"I saw *On Her Majesty's Service* on TV 18 months ago. I thought I wasn't bad for a guy who had never acted before. Certain scenes made me cringe, and some were so bad nobody could play them decently."

"As for new Bond pictures, I never see them. Why should I? I know how they're made."

Striking mom honored

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI)—A mayor's wife who staged a three-day walkout against her eight children for footdragging over housework has been named "Young Mother Representative" of the year by the Utah Mothers Association.

"It wasn't because their behavior wasn't good," said Susan Davis, 36, wife of Mayor James Davis of South Salt Lake. "It was their attitude: 'Why do I have to do it?'"

Davis, who was honored Saturday, said the strike was a positive experience for her family but that she would hesitate to recommend it to other mothers.

"I don't know what the situation is in their home," she said.

Davis said she and her husband have worked to instill feelings of individuality and self-esteem in their eight children.

Entertainment

Shaw's Misalliance fits classic name

By JAMES CHAPMAN
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU Theatre's recent presentation of *Misalliance*, the witty Bernard Shaw comedy about a young English girl's quest for excitement and romance, had—its title and all other factors notwithstanding—one alliance between Jack Flannery and Jeanie Stephenson.

Flannery, who played John Tarleton, and Stephenson, who portrayed the independent woman Lina Szczepanowska, were each allied to their roles; consequently, theirs were the consummate performances of *Misalliance*.

KIRBY MITCHELL "came and went" as a young Englishman misallied with father. Nancy Perry Phillips portrayed "the young English girl," Tarleton's daughter, with something more like French coquettishness than that of a girl from Surrey.

We should all do as well in debut as Warren Gore; at first

I found him somewhat stodgy because the cast wasn't playing to this stodginess. Then I surmised that this stodginess was appropriate to the character of Lord Sumnerhays.

Flannery's "John Tarleton" was as English and as eccentric as a Professor Higgins from Shaw's *Pygmalion*, prompting the idea of the true drawing room drama that Jeanie Stephenson's "Lina Szczepanowska" did not want to play. Miss Stephenson's performance was the shot-in-the-arm/devil's advocate ingredient that was needed to offset such very English ways and wherefores. Obviously, her part carried some extra weight to the play's balance, and she carried it off adroitly.

All in all, the MTSU Theatre production of *Misalliance* was truly a "Shavian" attempt to render classic drama up to par. The play's title was lived up to, and that, in any school, is classic.

Clockwork Orange excites club crowd

By BILL STEBER
Sidelines Staff Writer

A new Murfreesboro-based band, Clockwork Orange, made its debut last week at Mainstreet to an enthusiastic audience.

Clockwork Orange, whose name is derived from the popular, science-fiction work of Stanley Kubrick by the same name, entered the stage in a mist of fog while eerie music echoed in the background. It seemed as if the band had taken on the persona of its name.

FOUR OF THE five members of the band are mass communications students at MTSU, making it one of the few bands that truly hails from Murfreesboro. The group's song repertoire ranges from the Monkees to Billy Idol, enabling it to be a versatile band, and though rather young, the members possess considerable talent.

Lead singer Mark Winter, known by friends as "Chip," is originally from Nashville and is presently in his third year at MTSU, majoring in Recording Industry Management. Founding member Rob Dalton, also of Nashville, plays lead guitar and has an infamous reputation of acting like a madman.



Clockwork Orange

Bassist Paul Brian was born in Madrid, Spain, grew up west of London, and has played music most of his life. In the drum department, "Bagel," alias Tommy Tyler, provides heavy percussion for the Clockwork and sings on selected songs.

FINALLY, BLONDE-HAIRED, 18-year-old Nancy Jones plays keyboards for the group and sings vocals on songs

by Heart including "Crazy On You." She attends recording classes at Vanderbilt and has played with numerous bands in the past.

The band opened for Radio One at Murfreesboro's Mainstreet. Although hindered by numerous technical difficulties, Clockwork Orange received a good audience response. The group's strongest numbers were the older ones,

including the Monkees' "Stepping Stone" and "I'm A Believer" and the Yardbirds' "For Your Love."

Also included in the set were songs by Billy Idol, U2, Heart and numerous others.

You can see Clockwork Orange March 9 at Cantrells in Nashville. Also look for the band to open for the re-formed Badfinger soon in Martin, Tenn.

Top Books

Fiction

1. *If Tomorrow Comes*—Sidney Sheldon
2. *Thinner*—Richard Bachman
3. *Glitz*—Elmore Leonard
4. *The Life and Hard Times of Heidi Abromowitz*—Joan Rivers
5. *The Finishing School*—Gail Godwin
6. *So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish*—Douglas Adams
7. *Moscow Rules*—Robert Moss
8. *Family Album*—Danielle Steel
9. *See You Later, Alligator*—William F. Buckley
10. *Virgin and Martyr*—Andrew Greeley

Non-fiction

1. *Iacocca: An Autobiography*—Lee Iacocca
2. *Breaking with Lescocca*—Arkady Shevchenko
3. *Citizen Hughes*—Michael Drosnin
4. *Weight Watchers Quick Start Program Cookbook*—Jean Nidetsch
5. *See You at the Top*—Zig Ziglar
6. *Son of the Morning Star*—Evan S. Connell
7. *The Courage to Change*—Dennis Wholey
8. *Loving Each Other*—Leo Buscaglia

Entertainment: Selleck crowned king for a day

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Hawaii crowned actor Tom Selleck king for a day Sunday with announcements by Gov. George Ariyoshi and Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi naming the official Tom Selleck Day.

The actor makes his home in Hawaii where he stars in the hit TV series, "Magnum P.I.,"

a show that helps attract tourists and pumps Hollywood profits into the local economy.

Selleck received the Variety Club "Heart of Show Business Award" at a special luncheon. Former honorees, who also have homes in Hawaii, are Jim Nabors, Ben Vereen, Don Ho, Carole Kai and Jack Lord.

Bruce Jenner will be seen as himself on a special episode of the TV sitcom "Silver Spoons," in which the Olympic decathlon champion reveals he suffers from dyslexia, a genetic disorder affecting learning abilities.

In the story Jenner recalls feeling "dumb" as a youngster

and says he feared being called on to read in class, knowing he would make mistakes.

It wasn't until junior high school, when Jenner found something he could excel in—sports—that he became determined to succeed in the one area that brought him praise instead of humiliation.

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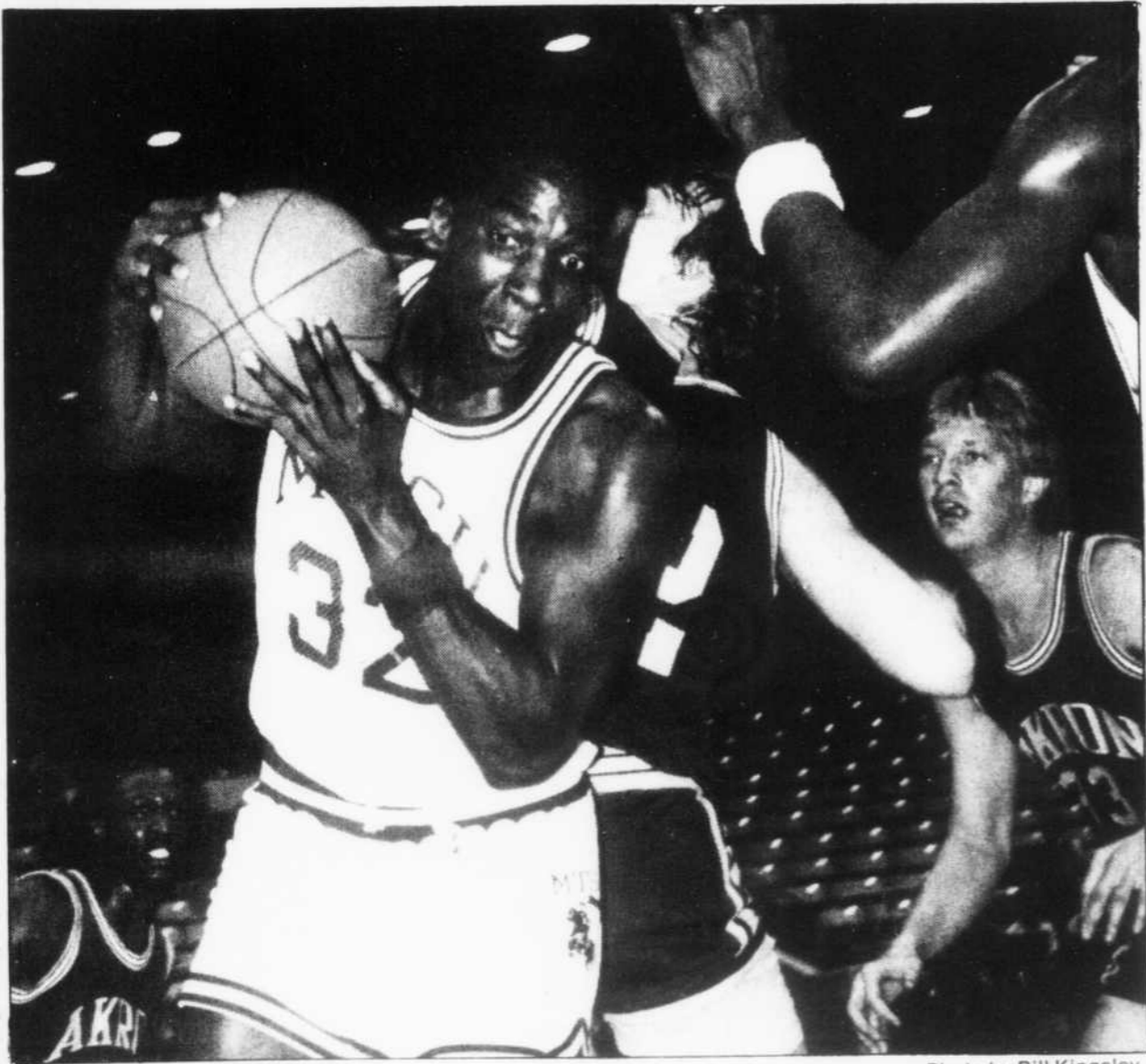
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Sports



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MTSU's James Johnson (32) wrestles a rebound away from a host of Akron Zips during last night's 71-63 victory. The win assured the Raiders of a winning season.

Photo by Bill Kingsley

Ejection lifts Raiders

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

Who would have ever thought the ejection of Kerry Hammonds would help boost the MTSU Raiders to a season-finale win?

Certainly not MTSU Coach Bruce Stewart, who saw the muscular power-forward leave the game last week against Tennessee Tech and take with him any hope for an upset. —But that's exactly what happened last night in Murphy Center.

DESPITE LOSING Hammonds, who had racked up 20 points and eight rebounds before being ejected with still 6:45 to play, the stubborn Raiders held on and even expanded on a four-point lead, downing the Akron Zips 71-63 before an estimated 2,100 hostile fans.

The win, which avenged a loss to the Zips earlier in the season in Akron, gave Stewart a winning season in his first term at the MTSU helm. But more importantly, according to the coach, it sent the Blue Raiders into the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament on tonight.

"This was a critical win for us tonight," Stewart insisted after the contest. "You want to go into the tournament coming off a win because you can go in with your heads up."

STEWART AGREED that Hammonds' ejection helped the rest of his team to rally together to hold onto their lead. Hammonds was ejected for hitting his elbows and popping AKU's Rick Acord. Hindsight is 20-20, remember, and Stewart had no idea of the things which would evolve from that point and he, of course, argued the decision of the referee.

"It was a mistake. The ref turned around and all he saw was Kerry's hands go up and hit Acord."

When the coach saw his Raiders charge back with lightening quick offensive speed and a stern defense, he forgot all about Hammonds' absence.

MTSU HAS BEEN plagued throughout the season with an inability to hold on to steady leads late in the game, and losing Hammonds appeared to be the start of another nightmare. But with a little help from the cries and cheers of the crowd, the Raiders never lost the lead and maintained their composure.

"Losing Kerry at Tech hurt us bad because we were at Tech. But tonight there was a different atmosphere. The fans really got vocal and became a factor which helped push us a little bit," Stewart noted.

The Raiders went with a smaller line-up for the better part of the night and relied on the quickness of guards James Johnson and Neil Murray to carry the team. Murray returned to point-guard, and Johnson moved down low to play forward. The Raiders had struggled to play in these two areas, known by the coach as the missing links. Hammonds, Kim Cooksey and Lonnie Thompson were as steady as usual, and MTSU also put a hold on AKU's scoring master, James Merchant, holding the scrappy wing man to just eight points.

"The most important factor was our quickness and the defense Neil played on Merchant. That was superb," Stewart added.

Thompson, who secured the win with

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All-Stars picked

The *Sidelines*-Campus Rec All Star men's teams have been selected for the March 13 First Annual Independent/Greek game at Murphy Center.

The two nine-member teams were selected by coaches' ballots and the Al McGuire/*Sidelines* All Star Selection Committee.

HEADING UP the fraternity team will be Phi Beta Sigma's Stanley "Snake" Hawkins and Carlos and Cecil Drake. The threesome led their team to an undefeated regular season.

Also on the fraternity team will be Todd Dunning of Kappa Sigma, Scott Dorsett and Johnny Baggett of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Dunning scored 35 points in one game and averaged over 26 points per game. Baggett and Dorsett led SAE with 17 point averages apiece.

From the Pikes will be Gary Davis, who pumped in a cool 20 points a game. AGR scored Terry West, who scored 35 points in one game this season,

will also join the group. Kappa Sig Chip Davis rounds out the team.

FOR THE INDEPENDENTS, Malcolm Barnham from Hook's Hawks brings his 23 points per game average in along with teammate Sean Smith, who pitched in a season-high 36 points one game. From the Falcons come speedsters Quinton Bailey and Kenny Wilson.

Former MTSU footballer Brad Zietner of the Bucketeers joins present Raiders Donte Lofton and Mike Clark from the Foot Frak and the Shothounds, respectively. Lofton carried a 16 point average, while Clark got 27 in a single contest. Another Bucketeer, MTSU punter Mark Morrison, also brings his hot shooting, which resulted in a 31 point performance in this season.

MTSU trackster Skipper Flynn brings his high-flying style in to wrap up the Independent squad.

Lady Raiders rip Akron 108-45

Dominating Ladies grab OVC title

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU Lady Raiders extended their dominance of the OVC women's basketball conference last night, collecting their third straight title by blasting the Lady Zips of Akron, 108-45.

The hot shooting Lady Raiders were led in scoring by Jennifer McFall with 32. McFall also led MTSU in rebounding with 13. Kay Willbanks and Kim Webb both had 19 on the night, and Janet Ross, the Lady Raider point guard, chipped in 18 points, hitting all seven of her first half field goal attempts.

CARLA NORRIS HAD 14 points to lead the Lady Zips, who finished the year with a 14-12 over-all record, 5-8 in the OVC.

Head Coach Larry Inman said the Lady Raiders, now 20-6 overall and 13-1 in OVC

play, put out the finest defensive and offensive effort he has seen this season.

"I didn't foresee us winning by the margin we did," Inman said. "Tonight we played the most balanced game of the season."

THE LADY RAIDERS came out smoking, hitting 22 of their 35 first half field goal attempts to lead at halftime 51-23.

MTSU was 7-10 from the line and 25-41 from the floor. The Lady Zips shot two of four from the line and 10-37 from the floor.

Inman had nothing but praise for his team.

"THESE ARE tremendous people and tremendous athletics," Inman said. "They are a credit to this university and, most of all, a credit to themselves."

"The people who didn't come to see the Lady Raiders play this season have missed some of the best basketball they

will ever see."

The Lady Raiders will resume play in the OVC tournament, which they will host here at MTSU next Monday and Tuesday. Ticket information is available from the Murphy Center Box Office.

The Lady Raiders raised their OVC record to 12-1

Saturday with a win over the Youngstown State Lady Penguins, 87-74.

The Lady Raiders were led in scoring by center Kay Willbanks with 28, who also had a team-high 11 rebounds. Janet Ross and Kim Webb both had 18. Danielle Carson had 21 to lead the Lady Penguins.

Tourney free-for-all starts Thursday

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

After one of wildest conference races ever, the OVC is finally ready for its men's post season tournament to start Thursday at Murphy Center.

For the first time in a number of years, every team in the league, except Akron, will be involved in post-season play. The Zips are on NCAA probation and are ineligible.

THE TOURNAMENT'S first round is set to begin at 5 p.m., with games following at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tennessee Tech, which won the regular season championship, joins play on Friday during the semifinals at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., and the championship game will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Sports Time Cable Network will be broadcasting the semifinal and championship games.

Tickets for the tournament are still available at the Murphy Center box office. Prices for the entire event are \$30, with single day admission also available.

Following is a rundown of the teams involved.

Tennessee Tech: The Eagles



were picked to win the OVC's season championship and managed to do so despite tough times on the road. Tech was undefeated in their so-called "Temple of Doom," Eblen Center, in conference play, while losing at Youngstown, Murray and Morehead. Although they have lost senior guard Jimmy Eliot, the Eagles must be considered the pre-

tournament favorite because of outstanding depth and All-OVC forward Stephen Kite. Tech coach Tom Deaton also thinks his Eagles will be less intimidated by the Murphy Center crowd than most teams, both because they have beaten MTSU here two years in a row and because they bring many fans on the road with them. Deaton pointed to

defensive consistency as the key to his team's winning the tournament.

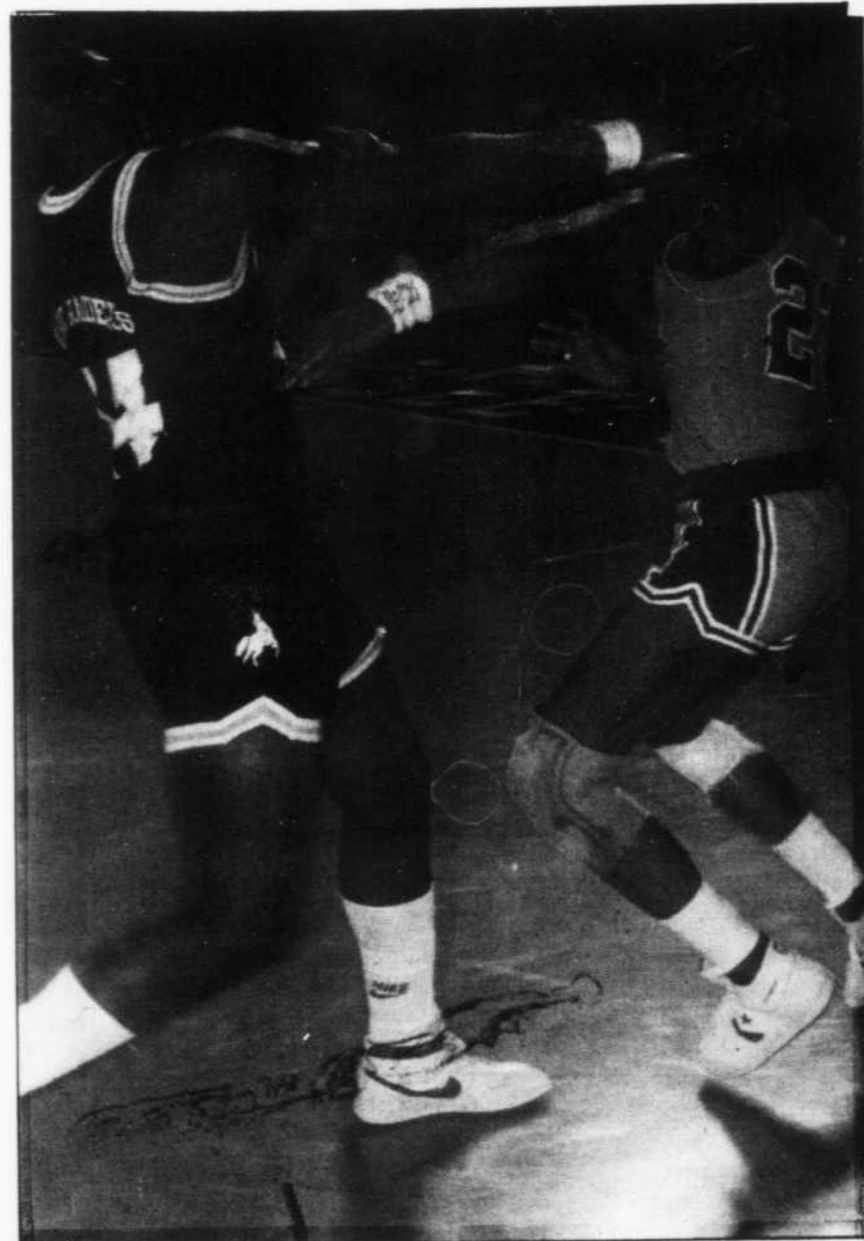
"We try to emphasize improving defensively throughout the year," Deaton said from Cookeville. "We have done so, and we have been rebounding very well the last eight or nine games, something we did not do earlier in the year."

"Playing there (at Murphy) is probably less a factor for us than anyone else in the league. We take a lot of fans to Murfreesboro."

Youngstown State: The Penguins also finished about where they were picked in preseason polls, thanks to good depth and the emergence of senior John Keshock as a scorer. Keshock has averaged around 15 points per game for the Ohio school, which finished their conference schedule at 9-5.

YSU will be seeded second in the tournament, which might help the Penguins get over first round jitters against a weak opponent. Youngstown also is the only conference team beside Tech to win in Murphy this year, which might help

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Rocky IV

Photo by Bill Kingsley

Raider freshman Kerry Hammonds belts Tennessee Tech's Stephen Kite during MTSU's 76-70 loss at Cookeville last Thursday. Kite, who had just fouled out, and Hammonds were both ejected.

YSU breaks Raiders

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

After six games in just two weeks, any team would need a break. Especially after three tough contests in a row on the road, one in overtime.

Unfortunately, the Blue Raiders were scheduled to play Youngstown State Saturday and ended up getting "broke,"

losing 82-76 at Murphy Center in a game which another MTSU second half lead disappear.

THE RAIDERS, WHO have sandwiched Thursday make-up games between their regular Saturday/Monday OVC schedule the past two weeks, finally fell victim to fatigue and a 27-point effort by

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EKU provides tight duel Tracksters regain OVC title

By GARY FRAZIER
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU men's indoor tracksters won the Ohio Valley Conference tournament Saturday after a grueling two-day battle with the closest competitors, Eastern Kentucky, in Murphy Center.

Eastern took the match last year by three points, but this year was a different story as the Raiders outscored the Colonels by 11.

"OUR LONG DISTANCE runners really came through for us in the end," coach Dean Hayes said yesterday. "I really can't stress enough how well they did."

The Raiders and Colonels traded first place in the tournament five times and tied each other twice during the course of events.

Kenny Nesbitt and Deric Haynes finished first and second in the high hurdles with marks of 7.39 and 7.55 respectively, to help pull the Raiders within one of Eastern and take second place from Murray State.

MIDDLE'S FIRST lead came after the 60-yard dash finals in which the Raiders took the top three slots for a total score of 13. Mike Pittman finished first with a time of 6.42, followed by Kenny Nesbitt at 6.47 and Dwight Johnson at 6.48.

Eastern regained the team point lead after placing second and third in the mile run and first in the 440-yard dash. MTSU's Dale Rhodes finished third in the event with a time of 49.04 to keep the Raiders within five points of the defending champion Colonels.



Photo by Bill McClary

Mike Pittman, Kenny Nesbitt and Dwight Johnson finish one-two-three in the 60-yard dash at the OVC Indoor Track Championship Saturday in Murphy Center.

Perald Ellis and James Durhart placed in the top two of the 500-meter finals to tie MTSU's and EKU's team scores at 58. Ellis finished with 1:04.02, while Durhart crossed the line only .03 seconds behind him at 1:04.05.

IN THE 300-YARD dash, Dwight Johnson beat out EKU's Kevin Johnson to take first place with a time of 30.82. Vince Scott took third in the event for the Colonels to keep the Raiders down by three in team points, 71-68.

MTSU's Billy Porter and Jerry Malone took first and third in the 1,000-yard run with times of 2:15.25 and 2:16.87 to tie the team scores for the final time at 77 apiece.

Danny Green and Robert Willis sealed the last change of leads in the meet for MTSU by taking the top two slots in the two-mile run with times of 9:12.25 and 9:18.96,

respectfully. The closest EKU runner was John Walsh at 9:33.08.

MIDDLE PLACED first in the relay ahead of Eastern by .05 seconds to insure the championship for the Raiders for the fifth time in nine tournaments.

The Raiders finished with 93 total points with EKU taking second place at 82, Murray State third with 51 team points, Akron finishing fourth at 27 and Austin Peay last with no score.

"Our guys just came through when they had to, to win it all," Hayes concluded.

THE LADY TRACKSTERS were not as fortunate in their first OVC tourney, which also took place Saturday. They finished fourth in team scores at 19 with Eastern Kentucky first at 111, Murray State second at 67, Akron third at 26 and Austin Peay last at 16.

Ejection

(continued from page 8) a two-handed slam-dunk with under a minute to play, which put MTSU up by seven, said the team was now ready for the Thursday night OVC Tourney opener. "This gave us a note of confidence that we really needed after back-to-back losses. We had gotten pretty down on ourselves, but now we know we can win again. We will be ready for Murray State."

minutes, YSU was able to stall away enough time to hold off any Raider come-back attempts.

THE RAIDERS SHOT under 37 percent from the floor in the second half (after hitting 17-32 in the first half) and made only 14 of 27 free throw attempts for the game, many on the front end of one-and-one situations.

Kim Cooksey again led MTSU in scoring with 22 points.

after a tough second half road trip through the conference. Murray has one of the best coaches in the league in Ron Greene, but have been hampered by lack of depth. Partly because of their deliberate style of play, the Raiders lead the conference in defense. Although MSU must be considered a threat, without a better bench effort, the Racers may run out of gas.

Middle Tennessee: The Blue Raiders, after their five-game win streak was snapped at Eastern, fell back into a series of close-but-no-cigar losing efforts. A victory over Akron in its final game might re-instill the intensity MTSU needs to win the tournament, because although MTSU will have the home-court advantage, losses to Tech and Youngstown at Murphy proved the Raiders vulnerable. MTSU also lacks depth, which will hurt if it's forced to play three nights in a row.

"We need to get a solid effort

from Greg [Stephenson], Neal [Murray] and Russell Smith," coach Bruce Stewart said, pointing to bench play as a key to his team's chances.

Austin Peay: Although a definite long shot, the Governors could prove to be the surprise team of the tournament. APSU leads the conference in free throw shooting percentage, and foul shots sometimes play a big part in tournament games. The Governors are not deep, however, and they must face Eastern in their first round game.

Morehead State: Bob McCann notwithstanding, the Eagles don't seem to have much of a chance. McCann, who has led the conference in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots at various times this year, has found little help from his teammates. MSU also faces the Youngstown in the first round, a team that is deep and talented and has won at Murphy Center.

MTSU wins opener despite elements

By GARY FRAZIER
Sidelines Sports Writer

Despite a late start, a soggy field and a cool wind, the MTSU Blue Raiders succeeded in trouncing the Indiana State Metros 12-6 in the opening game of the 1985 baseball season.

Junior pitcher Steve Sonneberger started the game for MTSU and allowed only two runs on two hits for the Metros in the first inning. He cleaned up after that, letting three walk and retiring five by strike out.

"SONNY HAD SOME trouble in the early going, but he seemed to overcome it in the next two innings," coach John Stanford said Sunday night after the game.

The Raiders came back in the bottom of the first with three runs to take the lead and managed to maintain it throughout the remainder of the game. The Raiders scored an additional two runs off Metros' starting pitcher James Fox and one off reliever Steve Strine in the fifth inning.

Freshmen Dave Richardson relieved Sonneberger in the fourth inning and continued to shut out the Metros through the sixth inning, allowing only

one hit, two walks and striking out four.

THE METROS brought the game closer in the seventh though, hitting relief pitcher Greg Johnson for two runs, making it a 6-4 ball game. But the Raiders rallied in the eighth with six insurance runs of their own in an exciting batting exhibition.

"We played really well defensively tonight in the wet grass and all and managed to win it," Stanford said. "Then we started hitting in the eighth to insure the win."

Indiana State scored two additional runs off Johnson in the top of the ninth, but it was not enough. Sonneberger gets the win and Fox the loss.

"I'm really pleased with tonight's performance and hope we can do the same on the road against David Lipscomb and Vanderbilt," Stanford said. "We had a good sized crowd tonight, and I was pleased at that too, considering it was opening night and kind of wet and cold. I was glad to see some of the spirit fraternity here as well."

The Raiders will return home to Smith Field Friday to take on the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky. Game time is set for 2 p.m.

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Quirks in the news

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (UPI)—*Penthouse* magazine, which was withdrawn from the Western Washington University bookstore last November, is back on the shelves.

The student government has decided to let students make their own choices about pornography, Eric Clem, a member of the Associated Students Board, said Thursday.

The magazine was withdrawn when some students, particularly members of campus feminist groups, complained about a photo essay by a Japanese photographer depicting naked women suspended by ropes from trees.

Clem said a subcommittee investigating the situation rejected a proposed student referendum on the issue and "instead, decided to continue the sales of the magazine and strive to create awareness and understanding about these materials."

"This is a state university,"

he added. "We cater to a large and diverse number of individuals. We can't censor an item that's offensive to one group of people."

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI)—A group of Stanford University students, rallying behind the motto "Dare to Hug," is going around giving warm hugs to fellow students.

So far, not a single punch in the nose has been reported by the dozen members of the Hug Club, founded by graduate business student Michael McTeigue, 34, as a method of relieving the stresses of academic life.

"In most cases, it's a very energizing experience, and you'll probably both smile as a result," McTeigue, who started the group last fall, said Thursday. "It really does good things for you."

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—If a telephone company has its way, parents of teenagers could install pay phones in their homes and pocket eight to 13 cents from every five

minutes of yakkity-yak.

Pacific Bell said Thursday it wants to sell pay telephones to the public and—by far the biggest potential market—private businesses such as restaurants and bars where company-owned pay phones already are located.

Under the plan, the phone company would take 12 cents of every local pay phone call in California, which cost 20 cents each, and the owner would keep the rest.

The startup charge, however, would be stiff for the parents of even the most talkative teenager: \$600-\$800 to purchase the phone and \$23.50 a month for the phone line. But, under the plan, they could charge up to a quarter for a five-minute local call.

After hearing arguments Thursday, the state Public Utilities Commission ordered a three-month study following opponents' charges the plan could penalize poor people who cannot afford household phones and must rely on pay phones.

Sorority installed Saturday

By SANDRA BOBO
Sidelines News Editor

Alpha Omega Pi was installed as a charter chapter of the national sorority last

Saturday, the first to do so at MTSU since Zeta Phi Beta, in 1977, according to Judy Smith, dean of Women.

The sorority colonized on

March 28 last year after Panhellenic, the governing body of campus social sororities, invited the national organization to start a chapter at MTSU, Smith said.

ACCORDING TO Smith, Panhellenic "felt it could support" another sorority on campus and so began looking at the National Panhellenic Conference sororities, five of which were already on the MTSU campus.

"Panhellenic was looking at what sororities had expressed an interest in our campus...AOP had for several years," Smith explained, adding that there were a number of alumni members in the area who were willing to help in organizing a chapter.

According to Pat Sanders, an AOPi alumna, 41 members were initiated on Saturday, and seven women pledged.

The MTSU AOP chapter is the sixth one to be installed in Tennessee, Sanders said, adding that there are 138 chapters in the United States and Canada.

Business society soon to publish newsletter

By DEBORAH WHITON
Sidelines Staff Writer

Alpha Iota Delta, an honorary society for business students, will publish its first newsletter at the end of March.

The newsletter will be used to update students in the business department and will include information of interest about such things as the computer lab, as well as articles that benefit students.

"WE ARE INTERESTED in things that are happening," explained Beverly Evans, adviser to the society.

"The students [in the society] will put the newsletter together and will go out and seek information—or anyone can

submit information," Evans said.

According to Evans, how the publication will be financed has yet to be decided.

A TITLE WILL be picked from entries in an earlier contest and will be announced at the next meeting.

Alpha Iota Delta was started in 1975 and is an honorary society for students with a 3.0 GPA or better who have had four courses in decision science such as accounting, information systems, marketing, management, etc., Evans said.

A person with these qualifications can join the society at any time during the semester.

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Convicted killer murders ex-wife after 1-year chase

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI)—A man once sentenced to the gas chamber for killing his three children—but spared from execution—now is being sought in the slaying of his ex-wife after stalking her for a year.

Authorities were searching today for Robert Nicolaus, 52, a former state employee, suspected in the fatal shooting Friday of Charlyce Robinson, 38, his former wife. Police said she identified him as her assailant before she died in the emergency room of University Medical Center.

POLICE SAID he blocked his ex-wife's car in an alley Friday and fired two gunshots at her in front of her three-

year-old daughter. The suspected murder weapon, a .25-caliber pistol, was found in his abandoned car.

In 1964, the day after Robinson left him, Nicolaus killed their two-year-old daughter, Heidi, and two children from a previous marriage in a vacant field with a .38-caliber revolver.

The California Supreme Court overturned the death sentence, and the judge who handled the case later described Nicolaus as a menace to society who should never be freed from prison. He was paroled in 1977.

HE WAS CONVICTED of three counts of first-degree murder and sentenced to die.

But the state Supreme Court in 1967 reduced the convictions to second-degree murder, ruling he was sane but could not understand the enormity of his crime.

Nicolaus was sentenced to three concurrent terms of five years to life in prison by a judge who took the unusual step of recommending that he never be released on parole.

"I am satisfied that this man has and will continue to have a state of mind which makes him a danger to society," the late Superior Court Judge Albert Mundt said in a letter to state prison officials.

Ten years later Nicholas was freed on parole.



Photo by Bill Kingsley

After Tennessee Tech's first score of the game last Thursday, fans threw confetti, what they referred to as "MTSU Diplomas," on the floor, causing the game to be held up for approximately 10 minutes.



Photo by Bill Kingsley

Scott Woolworth, a sophomore from Brentwood, enjoys skateboarding in the Friday afternoon sun in front of Smith Hall as warmer weather swept the region over the weekend.

Feline rabies exceed canine reports

ATLANTA (UPI)—A federal health expert says an increase in the number of feline rabies cases has prompted states to re-examine their public health laws to require vaccination of cats as well as dogs.

The number of cat rabies cases has exceeded the number of dog rabies cases for four consecutive years, Dr. Richard Pacer of the national Centers for Disease Control's viral

diseases branch, said Sunday.

PACER SAID MOST public health officials agree that the free-roaming nature of cats, which brings them into contact with wild animals, and a lack of required cat vaccinations in some states have caused higher numbers of cat rabies cases.

"There is less vaccination of the cat population," Pacer said. "A number of states passed vaccination laws for dogs but not cats. Some states

are going back and passing laws for cats also."

The CDC in 1981 received reports of 285 rabid dogs, compared with 216 rabid cats and 153 dogs, and in 1983 there were at least 168 rabid cats reported and 132 dogs. Preliminary figures for 1984 show the trend continuing, Pacer said.

The majority of rabies in domestic animals results from

exposure to the rabies virus in wild animals, he said.

Health officials said a raccoon rabies epidemic is centered in the Washington, D.C., area with cases also reported in Virginia and Maryland. The outbreak spreads north into mid-Pennsylvania, and Pacer predicts it will spur laws requiring the mandatory vaccination of cats.

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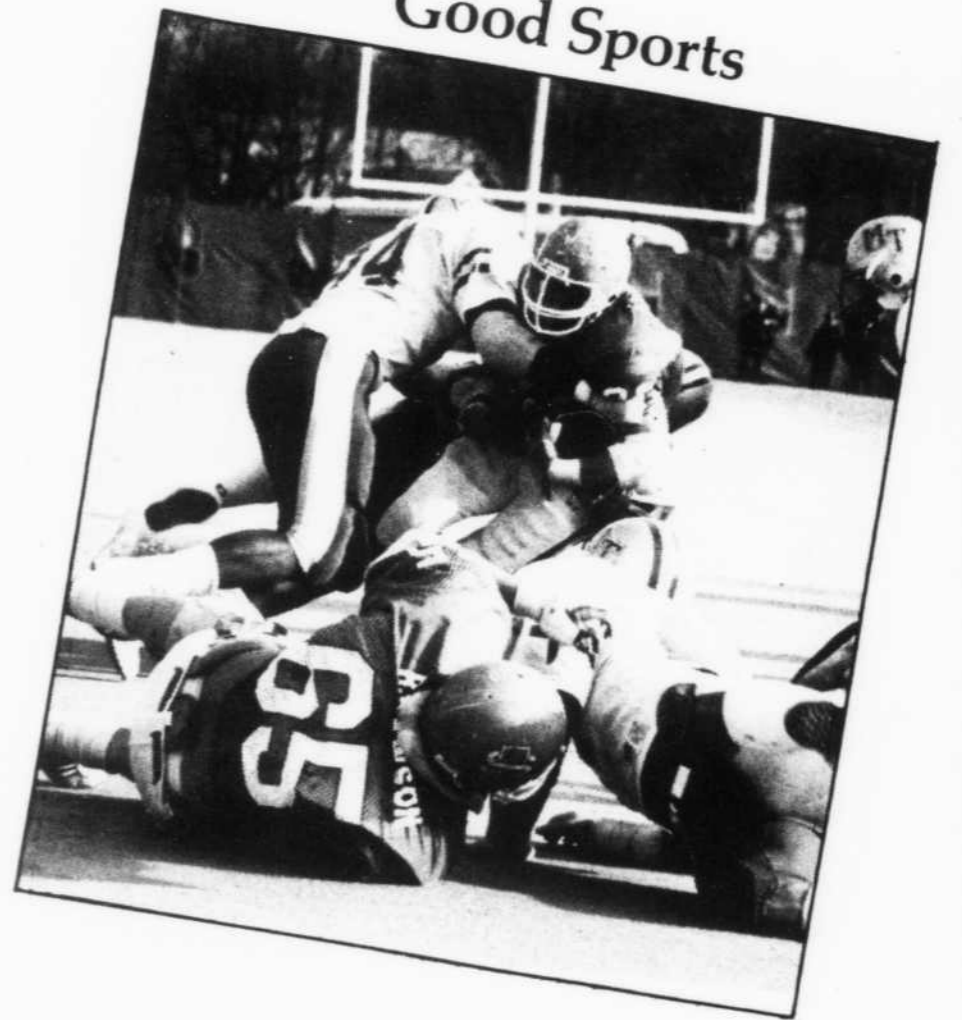
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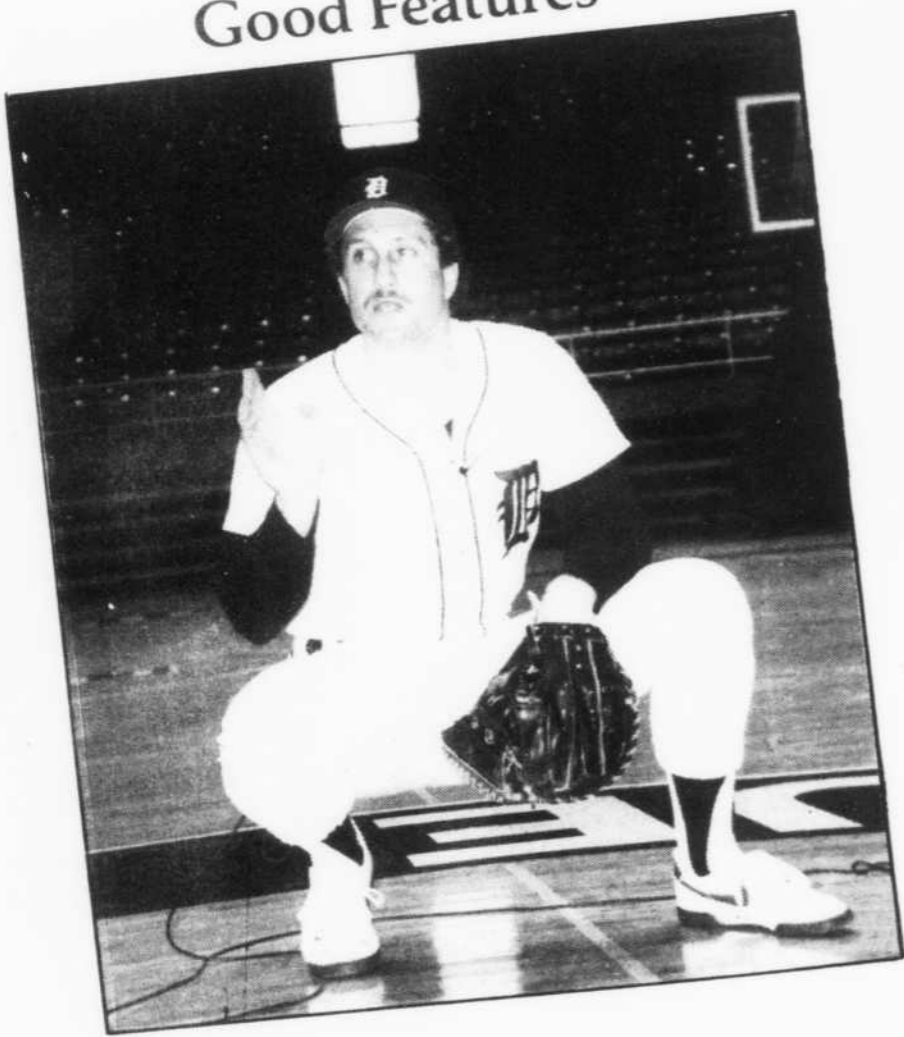
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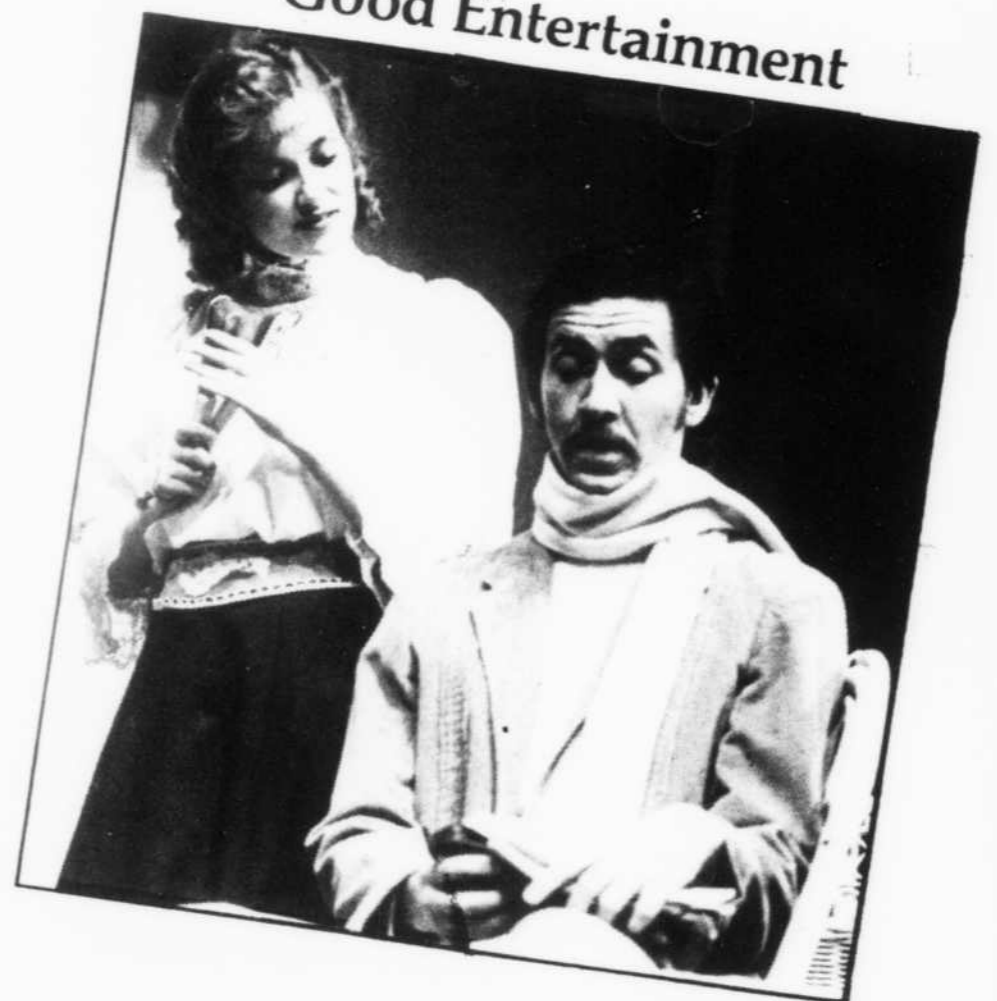
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