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Dave Long, Chattanooga sophomore, takes advantage of the break in the cold, overcast weather that has gripped Middle Tennessee for the last month, to fly his model airplane in the near spring-like weather that embraced Tennessee yesterday.

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Experts give approval on required no-fault insurance

By Robin Dial
TCPA Legislative Correspondent

NASHVILLE—Insurance experts representing several states and companies told the Governor's Blue-Ribbon Committee on no-fault insurance that the no-fault system could work in Tennessee, but that it would have to be made mandatory for all drivers and enforced.

The insurance representatives also agreed that the system did not decrease insurance rates as earlier believed. Robert D. Preston, vice-president of the Kentucky Central Insurance Co., pointed out that Kentucky experienced a 10 per cent decrease in rates.

"However," Preston said, "There is no guarantee that rates won't rise eventually, but I believe that the institution of the no-fault system kept rates (in Kentucky) from rising higher at the time." Kentucky has been under the no-fault system approximately 18 months, during which there has been a freeze on rate increases.

Preston indicated that public acceptance of the system has been good. "people love it, especially uninsured drunken drivers who can go out and hit a tree and get paid for it."

Persons who accept the Kentucky system can receive payment from an assigned claims pool, insured or not.

There are problems associated with the system, according to the insurance representatives. Enforcement of non-insurance is expensive and difficult, and the fine is cheaper than having insurance. Vague definitions, lack of established court procedures and insurance of motorcyclists have been stumbling blocks for states under no-fault systems.

The system also has other kinks. Net loss is figured on the basis of medical expenses and loss of wages less Social Security benefits would be unable to collect under the

no-fault plan.

By accepting the plan, the accident victim waives his right to sue for damages, up to a certain threshold in most states using the program. While the amount varies from system to system, most limits are between \$500 and \$1000 or the loss of a body member or function, permanent injury or disfigurement, or death. Damages to vehicles usually are not covered under the no-fault system.

Robert W. Pike, assistant secretary of Allstate Insurance Company, Northbrook, Ill., warned that there were serious deficiencies in plans under current use. Allstate is the nation's largest writer of no-fault insurance.

Pike echoed the feelings of the other representatives, saying that the Tennessee insurance situation was "under control compared with densely populated eastern states."

The no-fault plan has been introduced to the legislature once each time during the last two General Assemblies. Both attempts, modeled after programs in other states, were defeated by a legislature heavily populated with trial lawyers.

Rep. Ben Longley, D-Cleveland, and a member of the no-fault study committee, said, "I believe that there is virtually no chance of no-fault legislation this year. I feel that the situation today is no better than it was a few years ago."

Rep. Roger Murray, D-Jackson, and sponsor of the 1975 no-fault bill, declined to say if he would consider submitting legislation again until the committee makes its recommendation. Rep. Murray is a member of the study committee.

The committee, composed of 23 legislators, insurance executives and trial lawyers, is expected to make a recommendation to the General Assembly by March 1.

MTSU vehicle collapses, kills Smyrna mechanic

A Smyrna mechanic was killed Tuesday when a large bus collapsed while he was doing repair work on it.

The victim was identified as James Leroy Lewis, 39, a mechanic at Skip's Coach Corral. The bus belonged to the MTSU Foundation.

"It appeared he had broken a connector that went to an air bag on the bus and when he did that it let the bus down on him," said David Hollie, a bus driver for country

music singer Tammy Wynette who was at the scene when the accident occurred.

The air bags act somewhat like shock absorbers. When the bags deflated, the bus fell on the midsection of Lewis' body.

Hollie said that he did not hear the man cry out and added, "He was caught between the wheel and the body (of the bus). It had to have just crushed him instantly."

The Kiosk

These companies or groups will be on campus in the near future to interview students for jobs: U.S. Navy, Feb. 4, interviewing for Office Training Programs; Federal Reserve Bank, Feb. 4; National Life Insurance Co., Feb. 8; Shelby County Schools, Memphis, Feb. 9, interviewing for teaching positions; Memphis City Schools, Feb. 9, interviewing for teaching positions. Appointments may be made through the Placement office.

The ASB Typing Referral Service is still taking applications for qualified typists to participate in the typing service. Contact the ASB office for an application before Monday, Jan. 31. For more information contact Andy Hardin or Diane Pilkinton, call 2464 or drop a line to Box 1.

Feb. 5 is the final day to drop a class without a grade. Classes dropped between Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 will result in a grade of withdrawal passing (W/P) or withdrawal failing (W/F). After Feb. 19, dropped classes will result in a grade of "F".

An outstanding selection of antique oriental woodblock prints plus original etchings, woodcuts, and lithographs by contemporary oriental printmakers will be featured in an exhibition and sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 31, in the UC.

"Prints from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries are included," said Lon Nuell, acting chairman of the MTSU art department.

The exhibition is from the Marson Gallery, Baltimore, MD., and is sponsored by the MTSU Art Club.

Gamma Beta Phi honor society will send out invitations to prospective members today. Requirements for membership include top 20 per cent class ranking, or a GPA of 3.1 for freshmen, and sophomores; 3.19 for juniors and 3.24 for seniors. Qualified students who have not received an invitation by next week are asked to contact president Stan Martin at 890-5596 or Vicky Qualls at 898-3639.

Dr. Betty Harper, administrative assistant to the graduate dean, has been featured in the College and University Bulletin as a "Woman in Action."

Harper's job includes monitoring graduate programs and graduate students. She has developed a data bank for research on MTSU students who have received graduate degrees from the University.

All persons interested in taking New Testament Greek this summer should leave their name with Dr. John McRay, room 217, NCB, no later than Jan. 28.

The class will be taught June 6 to August 12, from 7:30 to 9:50 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

Taught by McRay, the course is designed to prepare the student to read the New Testament in its original language. For more information, contact McRay at 898-2460.

Kenneth Stockdell Sr., assistant professor of audiology and speech pathology, has been appointed associate editor of the Journal of The Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology.

The Office of Continuing Education of MTSU will offer a course in Folk and Bluegrass Guitar for beginners, taught by professional guitarist Lawrence Thornton.

The class will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 7 and continuing through March 7. The fee for the 12 lessons is \$25.

Classes will be held in room 305 of the UC. Registration forms may be obtained in the business office at MTSU. One may register at the first class meeting on a space available basis. A maximum of 25 will be allowed to register.

All-Sing competition Tuesday

Fourteen MTSU organizations are slated to participate in this year's annual All-Sing contest at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. Admission is free.

The contest will include five female, four male and five mixed choruses competing for respective first- and second-place trophies.

Host will be John Hood, formerly with MTSU, now an officer with Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Company. Scoring will be by five

judges from Nashville and Murfreesboro.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., said Laurie Shirley, All-Sing director. Audience seating will be restricted to floor chairs; the balcony will be reserved for participating groups, Shirley said.

The program will include themes from a Broadway musical medley, an Elvis Presley medley and sacred songs. Special surprise entertainment will be featured while the judges tally scores.

Campus Calendar

Today
 Service Awards Presentations: SUB, Dining Room C, 9:30 a.m.
 McDonald's Art Show: Through Feb. 1
 MTSU Photo Show: LRC, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. featuring works of freelance photographer George Walker III.

Tomorrow
 MTSU Founder's Meeting, SUB, Dining Room A, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Track Meet: MTSU/Furman, Murphy Track, 1:30 p.m.

Monday
 Movie: "Little Big Man," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

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by Phyllis Skipper

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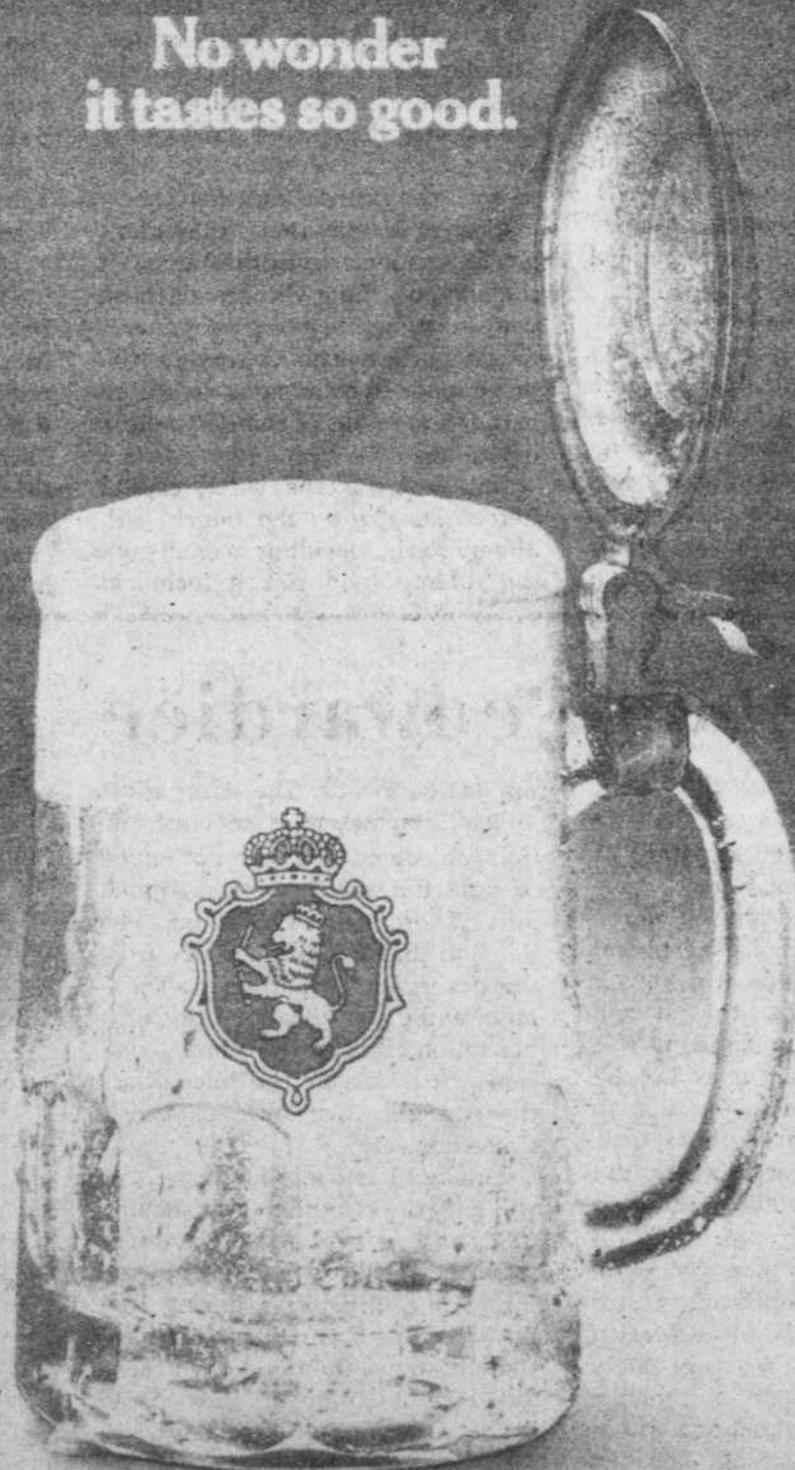
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Cheerleader criticism fills space—unconvincingly

by John Pitts

Tis the season of little excitement.

During this stifling calm, newspaper people are sent dashing wildly about in search of anything and everything that might look good in headlines (and fill up space.)

Unfortunately, this often leads to statements made by the press just for their own sake; a sort of tangible equivalent to "talking to hear your head rattle."

Such an item was an editorial column written by a friend of mine in Tuesday's paper. The crux of the argument, in this case, was that the cheerleaders (and the MTSU mascot) accomplish very little of their mission—obviously to lead cheers.

It would be rather difficult for readers of this newspaper to find anyone who disagrees with this assessment any more than I. Though I am sure Tom Wood meant well by his criticism, the argument is hardly convincing.

The real story about school spirit is in the stands, not at the press table where most professional observers of the spectacle choose, out of their own laziness, to observe. In search of some definite answers about school spirit, the press table, down on the floor and close to the action, is about as useful a location



as standing outside in the parking lot.

The action is in the stands. No matter whether there are 3,000 fans (as there were at most of the early season games) or 10,000 fans (like at the Austin Peay contest Monday night) the students are the ones who make the crowd go. And the cheerleaders are a part of that action.

First, the attack on the cheerleaders maintains that "they don't get any support from the fans." If they do not, then who are all those people screaming at the ballgames? Surely not impartial observers who just happened by and got caught up in the excitement of some nameless ballgame.

No, these are fans, with a capital fierce. They're on the bench with Jimmy Earle, deciding to challenge the referee (and risk a technical

foul) to get his point across.

They're on the court with Lewis Mack, Greg Joyner and Bob Martin, driving to the basket, pulling down the rebound, making the game-winning play for the Blue. And most importantly, they're on the sidelines with the cheerleaders, hooting at the opponents, hoping to force a mistake at a crucial moment without stepping foot on the court. They're not just fans, they're...well, they're the game.

When I watch people like John Bryant, Mimi Hodges, Diane McCord and the others bust their tails throughout the game, always watching the game or on their feet during timeouts or making sure there's no ice on the floor to endanger a player, then your charges of "inept and worthless" fall on ears that are a little deaf.

"A hint of excitement?" The faces of the cheerleaders are etched with it.

As for the mascot, it's a new idea. Give it some time, and I think the concept will become clearer to everyone. The Eagle at Tech or the Indian at UT Chattanooga are established symbols—why not give the Raider a chance?

Yes, I know most of the cheerleaders. I also know a lot of student newspaper hack writers. So maybe I can speak for both sides a little.

It irks me, nevertheless, that you can say "coaches often complain the fans are not behind them." Jimmy Earle will never say that. How could he, when the Raider fans have been so good to him?

The cheerleaders are probably the most loyal fans MTSU have; they train long and hard, risk numerous injuries and make long and grueling trips to such paradises as Murray, Ky. and Clarksville and are always behind the team, whether the score is 68-68 or 68-0.

Perhaps it is an old bromide, but anytime anyone thinks they can do a better job, then maybe they should be given a little blue uniform and sent out to face the crowds.

Are you listening? Maybe then our opponents would laugh themselves out of the game.

Vietnam 'cowardice' cannot be forgiven

To the Editor:

I would like to take exception, if I may, to your comments of Jan. 25 concerning President Carter's pardon of draft evaders. You agree with the President and the liberal media that the pardon will have a great healing effect, that it will allow us to place the Vietnam War behind us, and that it would be unfair to punish men whose consciences prevented them from participating in a war which the American people finally admitted was wrong.

This is so much poppycock! In the first place, the United States was not wrong in her intervention in Southeast Asia. We very nobly went to the aid of a republic threatened from without and within by Communist aggression. The fact that we, for various reasons, failed in this endeavor in no way detracts from the honesty of our motives.

Secondly, why is cowardice considered a noble act of conscience? Let's face it; only a small minority of those who avoided the draft did so out of moral

opposition to war. The Army gives special consideration to conscientious objectors. They are not forced to fight but are given non-combat jobs. There are even those who demand that the ultimate cowards, the deserters, be pardoned. These men, and I use the word with some hesitation, endangered their comrades by deserting the lines. Only the Almighty can forgive such a traitorous act.

Finally, it is contended that this will put the Vietnam War behind us, and bring the country together—that we will be able to forget our difficulties during that period. But I wonder if anyone thought to ask the families of those killed in Vietnam if they could forget. Or those men now in Veterans' hospitals around the country. Or those veterans who sacrificed two years of their lives because they felt that freedom carries with it responsibilities. Were these people honest, patriotic Americans, or just so many fools for not taking the easy way out? And what of the next time America

calls upon her young men to defend liberty and freedom? We can only hope that there will be enough responsible men to answer the call. Meanwhile, you'll have to "pardon" me if I cannot forgive and forget.

Gary Howell

Box 4530

P.S. I thought the cartoon accompanying your editorial was very good. However, I feel it would have been more appropriate if you had depicted Jimmy Carter dragging the American flag through the dust.

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MTSU student Randy York tunes his guitar [left] before performing for a sparse audience [right] at last night's Rip-off Concert in the UC grill.



Heart and Blue Oyster Cult top reviewer's list

by Steve Huhman

It's customary this time of year for critics of all media to submit best and worst lists for the previous year's products, as well as point out anything unusual about the year and describe the overall atmosphere of the genre.

For the rock critic the task is more difficult than for most, because of the unbelievably high number of records that he never hears at all. Nevertheless, with these considerations in mind, I'm going to give you my list.

For the best single category, two top the field: "Magic Man" by Heart and "(Don't Fear) The Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult. Worthy of mention are "Surfin' Shark" by Darryl Rhoades and the Hahavishnu Orchestra and "Silent Knight" by Son of Pete.

"Surfin' Shark" was available only in Atlanta, but became a top ten hit in that city. "Silent Knight" won the year's Audacity Award; the

record consists of two sides of absolute silence.

For the flip side, Worst Single, I nominate 95 per cent of all products released. I don't even know the names of some of the songs I hated most. However, I do know "I Write the Songs" by Barry Manilow; maximus disgustus.

No albums really stood out front last year; the best of 1976 would be in the Close but No Cigar category most years.

The leaders, in no particular order, were "Leftoverture"—Kansas, "Get Yourself Up"—Head East, "Modern Music"—Be-Bop Deluxe and "Skin 'n' Bone"—Savoy Brown.

In the Almost There category I had "Agents of Fortune"—Blue Oyster Cult, "New England"—Wishbone Ash and "Calling Card"—Rory Gallagher.

The abominations I heard in 1976 were "Flat Out" by Stoneground and "A Fifth of

Beethoven"—Walter Murphy Band. To the many albums that I knew better than to listen to: For Putridness Above and Beyond the Call of Duty, I salute you. You know who you are.

Disappointment of the Year goes to the album that is not actually bad, but is tremendously below the anticipated quality. Hence, it is an extremely personal award. Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow copped last year's award for "Rising."

Starz, Heart, Boston and Reverberi were the outstanding new groups of 1976. The best live performance I saw was unquestionably Kansas on December 9 in Atlanta.

Now for the specialty awards. Group of the Year went to Be-Bop Deluxe for reintroducing the old-time-high quality British group. Record Company of the year went to Capitol for once more becoming an important rock label.

The So What award goes to three artists who have been around for long years and were ignored during their creative peaks by the majority of the public. Suddenly they have become monstrously popular with reasonably good but not outstand-

ing material. The winners: Peter Frampton, Jefferson Starship and Fleetwood Mac.

"Safe" seemed to be the watchword for 1976. Second key word was "Slick." Very little last year was musically horrendous or innovative, fast or slow, exuberant or maudlin.

Everybody went in for slick production, smooth edges and orchestral augmentation. It's what the public wants, or it wouldn't sell.

To me, however, it's sickening, both from the standpoint of personal taste and from what it implies philosophically about our country.

Change is likely to come from two sources. One is today's underground which is always tomorrow's mainstream. Right now, the underground is preoccupied with a new punk music that combines late sixties' heavy metal with middle fifties' simplicity.

Secondly, radio station programmers in secondary and tertiary markets are complaining to record companies about the overkill of disco and ballads and the lack of good rock singles that their constituency is demanding.

New ROTC course offered

Sophomores at MTSU who are not currently enrolled in Military Science can still become eligible for the two-year advanced Army ROTC course, Col. Raymond C. Smith, professor of military science, announced this week. This same opportunity is available to junior college and community college graduates who will be entering MTSU next fall.

Col. Smith explained that students who do not take the basic ROTC course, MS 101, 102, 201 and 202, may qualify for advanced ROTC by attending a special six-week summer program at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

At the basic camp, students receive instruction in communications and leadership techniques as well as military drill, tactics, history and weapons.

According to Col. Smith, "the ROTC Basic Camp stresses leadership development. Its purpose is to bring the student to a level of military education and experience which will allow him or her to enter the advanced course next fall."

For most students, completion of either the basic course or the basic camp is required for enrollment in the advanced course. "However," Col. Smith added, "veterans normally receive credit for the basic course based on their prior service, and can enter directly into the advanced program."

The military science department will be interviewing prospective candidates for the summer program until April 1, 1977. Students interested in basic camp and the advanced course should write Box 52 or call Col. Smith or Cpt. Taylor at 2470.

Works of Nashville photographer showcased in LRC exhibition

Nashville-based free-lance photographer George Walker III is currently exhibiting selected materials at the MTSU Learning Resources Center photographic gallery.

The show runs through Feb. 3.

Walker, 27, is a graduate of Fisk University and presently is an instructor of photography at Tennessee State University. His photographs have appeared in Time magazine, Rolling Stone, Ebony magazine, New York magazine, the New York Times, the Charlotte Observer, Paris Match and other publications. His work

will be published in a book on country music by Frye Gaillard. The book entitled *That Old Time Feeling*, will be released by St. Martins Press in spring of 1977.

Walker is affiliated with Gamma/Liaison Picture Agency in New York and Paris. His work has been exhibited at Fisk University, North Carolina Central University and Nashville Technical Institute.

The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday and 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

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Frances hopes so

Raider luck to change at Western?

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Jimmy Earle can't escape the question. Neither can his wife, Frances.

Each time the phone rings in the Earle household, Jimmy cringes. Frances answers.

Waitress' in The City Cafe report Murfreesboro townspeople are asking themselves over lunch, while students discuss the topic with a coke in the grill.

"How are the Raiders," they ask. Yesterday Earle answered... again.

"If I said we weren't down, I'd be lying," Earle confided after two of the toughest losses of his career that came a mere three days apart.

"Something good needs to happen to this ball club real quick. This is the time a team needs support. We are struggling."

The first "heart breaker" came last Saturday in the hostile surroundings of Murray, Ky. A see-saw battle finally found MTSU on top by six with 38 seconds to play. The final score?

Murray 71, MTSU 70.

Next came mighty Austin Peay.

Earle, who was so upset after the Murray game he could not talk to reporters, watched his Raiders rally to the cheers of 11,000 in Murphy Center and have the ball (trailing by one) with 23 seconds to play. The final score?

Austin Peay 63, MTSU 62.

Earle told the weekly faculty-press luncheon yesterday that Middle Tennessee is still alive in the conference race...but they must beat Western Kentucky in Bowling Green tomorrow night.

"If we can go in there Saturday and win it will be a big boost."

Earle projected. "With a win we will still be in the OVC as a contender for the championship. But we must win."

MTSU has whipped the once mighty Hilltoppers the last two times the teams have squared off in Bowling Green. It's been 43 years since an MTSU team has won three straight in Bowling Green.

So much for history. Unless your name is Jim Richards and you coach Western.

"I'm sure Coach Richards has reminded the players with signs on the locker room wall. The Hilltoppers are gonna be ready," Earle warned.

But Richards wasn't on the war path last night.

"Our season has been one problem after another," Richards said over the phone from his home. "We've hardly gotten involved working on Middle Tennessee. We played at La Salle last night."

La Salle trounced the Toppers 93-79. Back up center Lloyd Terry missed the contest with an ankle he has sprained six times this year. He is doubtful tomorrow night.

Regular center James Johnson has been out for a month with a broken knee cap. He goes to the doctor Monday for permission to resume playing.

Western is 1-5 in the OVC, which is about as acceptable in Bowling Green as an epidemic of swine flu. MTSU is 4-2 and needs a win to remain in second place with the loser of the Murray State at Austin Peay clash Saturday.

Both Raider assistants are on the road. Stan "Ramrod" Simpson scouted Marshall University at Virginia Tech Wednesday and should return today. Marshall lost

by four and plays here Wednesday at 7:30.

Jan Stauffer has been in Ohio the past "nine days searching for a 6-11 post man who can either dunk and shoot or read and write," Earle laughed.

...Earle predicted guard Louis Mack would start shooting more. Louie took only one shot against Austin Peay and hit it. Mack has been having some difficulty making baskets, but his floor leadership alone makes him one of the top two guards in the league.

...MTSU plays at UTC Monday. Several campus organizations are sponsoring buses to the game. Pat Jones' women have the opening contest at 5:15.

Check 'da tube

Saturday

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Frances hopes so

Raider luck to change at Western?

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Jimmy Earle can't escape the question. Neither can his wife, Frances.

Each time the phone rings in the Earle household, Jimmy cringes. Frances answers.

Waitress' in The City Cafe report Murfreesboro townspeople are asking themselves over lunch, while students discuss the topic with a coke in the grill.

"How are the Raiders," they ask. Yesterday Earle answered... again.

"If I said we weren't down, I'd be lying," Earle confided after two of the toughest losses of his career that came a mere three days apart.

"Something good needs to happen to this ball club real quick. This is the time a team needs support. We are struggling."

The first "heart breaker" came last Saturday in the hostile surroundings of Murray, Ky. A see-saw battle finally found MTSU on top by six with 38 seconds to play. The final score?

Murray 71, MTSU 70.

Next came mighty Austin Peay.

Earle, who was so upset after the Murray game he could not talk to reporters, watched his Raiders rally to the cheers of 11,000 in Murphy Center and have the ball (trailing by one) with 23 seconds to play. The final score?

Austin Peay 63, MTSU 62.

Earle told the weekly faculty-press luncheon yesterday that Middle Tennessee is still alive in the conference race...but they must beat Western Kentucky in Bowling Green tomorrow night.

"If we can go in there Saturday and win it will be a big boost,"

Earle projected. "With a win we will still be in the OVC as a contender for the championship. But we must win."

MTSU has whipped the once mighty Hilltoppers the last two times the teams have squared off in Bowling Green. It's been 43 years since an MTSU team has won three straight in Bowling Green.

So much for history. Unless your name is Jim Richards and you coach Western.

"I'm sure Coach Richards has reminded the players with signs on the locker room wall. The Hilltoppers are gonna be ready," Earle warned.

But Richards wasn't on the war path last night.

"Our season has been one problem after another," Richards said over the phone from his home. "We've hardly gotten involved working on Middle Tennessee. We played at La Salle last night."

La Salle trounced the 'Toppers 93-79. Back up center Lloyd Terry missed the contest with an ankle he has sprained six times this year. He is doubtful tomorrow night.

Regular center James Johnson has been out for a month with a broken knee cap. He goes to the doctor Monday for permission to resume playing.

Western is 1-5 in the OVC, which is about as acceptable in Bowling Green as an epidemic of swine flu. MTSU is 4-2 and needs a win to remain in second place with the loser of the Murray State at Austin Peay clash Saturday.

...Both Raider assistants are on the road. Stan "Ramrod" Simpson scouted Marshall University at Virginia Tech Wednesday and should return today. Marshall lost

by four and plays here Wednesday at 7:30.

Jan Stauffer has been in Ohio the past "nine days searching for a 6-11 post man who can either dunk and shoot or read and write," Earle laughed.

...Earle predicted guard Louis Mack would start shooting more. Louie took only one shot against Austin Peay and hit it. Mack has been having some difficulty making baskets, but his floor leadership alone makes him one of the top two guards in the league.

...MTSU plays at UTC Monday. Several campus organizations are sponsoring buses to the game. Pat Jones' women have the opening contest at 5:15.

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Campus-recreation activities outlined

Eight recreational activities have been scheduled on campus by the intramural office for the spring semester.

Men's and women's racquetball doubles will get underway Feb. 14 at the Alumni Memorial Gym. A meeting is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at the gym, room 203, where all organizational meetings will be held unless otherwise noted.

A co-recreational kite day is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. March at the High Rise fields. Both full and part-time students are eligible to participate.

Flag football for full and part-time women students will begin March 28. An organizational meeting will be held at 4 p.m. March 15.

Volleyball will begin March 28 for full and part-time male students, with organizational meeting at 4 p.m. March 15.

Tennis doubles for men and women will begin March 29. The organizational meeting for teams will be at 7 p.m. March 17.

Fun activities for individuals will be All-Fools Day at 3 p.m. April 1 at the picnic area behind Murphy Center. Full and part-time students may participate in the "frivolous" games.

The final event will be a track meet for men and women April 18-19. The organizational meeting is set at 7 p.m. April 14.

MTSU along with several other colleges and universities has been invited to participate in an Extramural Sports Festival at Austin Peay State University on Saturday, Feb. 19.

The activities to be included in the Festival are basketball, volleyball and inertube water basketball. All activities will be

co-recreational, with the men and women playing on mixed teams.

The Campus Recreation office is interested in taking some students to participate in the Festival.

If you are interested and would go and participate, you are invited to come by the Campus Recreation Office, Alumni Memorial Gym, 203, and sign up by Feb. 1.

The selection of those to participate will be on a first come-first served basis.

The following is a list of the activities and number of persons needed for each: basketball—three men and four women; volleyball—four men and four women; inertube water basketball—four men and four women.

For further information, come by the Campus Recreation Office by Feb. 1.

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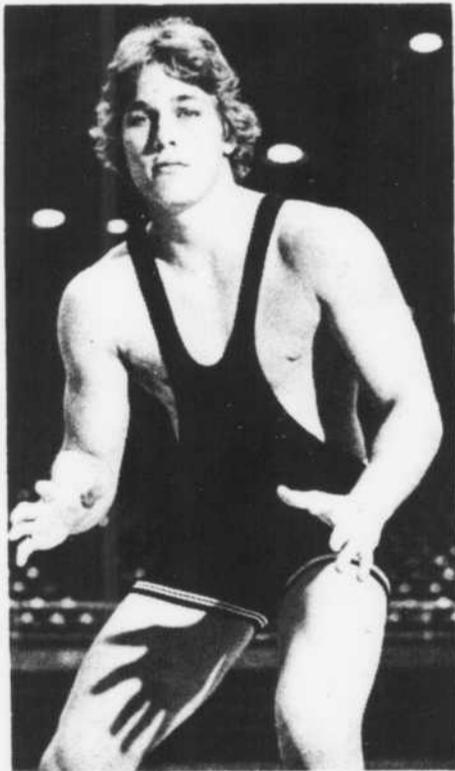
A comedian, too**Quick change grappler is bad news on mat**

by Tom Wood

Mike Kuziola might well be considered MTSU's own version of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

When the sophomore 142-pound wrestler walks across campus, he looks like just another amiable, easy-going face in the crowd. But just let him meet you any afternoon on a wrestling mat, and you'll think you've stumbled head-on into a living, breathing tornado.

Kuziola's reputation is fast growing to those proportions anyway. As a freshman, the Johnson City native recorded 15 wins to go with three setbacks, won top honors at the Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (SEIWA) meet and was named Most Valuable wrestler at last year's Mid-Southern tournament, where Kuziola and his teammates will be wrestling at this weekend in Marietta, Ga.

**Mike Kuziola****Sports preview****Basketball (men)**

Saturday: 7:30 p.m.
at Western Kentucky
Monday: 7:30 at UT-C

(women)

Monday: 5:15 p.m. at UT-C

Indoor track

Saturday: noon Furman here

Wrestling

Mid-Southern in Marietta, Ga.

"Mike is aggressive, all right," wrestling coach Gordon Connell commented yesterday, "but he is also the team comedian. He keeps everybody on the team loose during practice. But he really takes it to his opponents."

Kuziola will certainly have his work cut out for him this weekend in the Mid-Southern tourney

"I hear there's this kid from Colgate (Scotty Perkins) who is pretty good," Kuziola nodded in agreement, "and we'll probably meet in the finals."

"We've got a real good chance of winning this year (MTSU finished third last year), Connell said. "In fact, I'll be disappointed if we don't win."

There have been many disappointments for Connell and Kuziola as well as the rest of the Blue Raider grapplers. One of the biggest is the situation of no scholarships for any of the wrestlers.

So why did he come here—of all places?

He drew a small breath and said,

"Well, it is a smaller school and I thought I would have a better chance of being a starter.

"MTSU also has two of the best coaches anywhere," Kuziola added, referring to Connell and his assistant Muhammed Ghorbani."

The modest Kuziola has set high goals for his career at MTSU. "I want to go to the national tournament this year in Norman, Okla., and my eventual goal is to place. But these are any wrestler's goals. After I get out of school, I would like to coach wrestling."

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