

## Beasley residents refuse to move

# Possible football dorm meets opposition

by Faye Hale

The possibility of converting Beasley Hall into a dorm exclusively for football players met with heated opposition last night when Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, and David Bragg, director of housing, presented the idea to a group of approximately 100 students.

Charlie Akers, head resident at Beasley, introduced LaLance and Bragg by saying that they were there to clear up the rumors that had been flying around for several months.

LaLance said his purpose in speaking to the group was to cite the situation and to field any questions the students might have. "I give you my word no decision has been made as to the occupancy of Beasley Hall next year," LaLance said.

According to LaLance, football Coach James "Boots" Donnelly asked Athletic Director Charles "Bubber" Murphy in early February to assist him in forming a football dormitory.

Donnelly, who did not attend the meeting, said that the dorm situation that now exists for his football team was not a good one. Donnelly said that since Beasley is a small dorm with 106 beds, which is reasonably close to the size of the football team, it would be a good place to have all of the athletes together at one time without disrupting other MTSU students.

"With what we are trying to accomplish at this time, it is what we need," Donnelly said.

Donnelly also said the use of Beasley as an athletic dorm would be a stepping stone to having a quality football program.

He went on to say that his number one concern was for the football players with his second concern being that if the players were placed in the dorm with regular students neither would

enjoy their four years here.

"A regular student's life is totally different from a football player's life," Donnelly said.

LaLance presented the students with three alternatives and asked for their suggestions and input. The alternatives included leaving the situation as it is and consider the proposal a year from now, to place a coach as head resident of I Hall, or to implement the project and place the residents of Beasley Hall wherever there is space available at the same rate of rent that they pay for Beasley.

LaLance said that these are not the only solutions, but that he didn't know of any other alternative or if they would be vital at this time.

One suggestion offered by a resident was that a dorm be built for the football players. LaLance pointed out that several years ago the State Board of Regents put a moratorium on dorm building but agreed that this was possibly the best solution.

Representatives from

surrounding dorms were also there to voice their opposition. Cassie Martin from Gracy Hall said that she had talked to "almost everyone in Gracy and no one was for the decision" since the athletes have a reputation that is on the "wild side."

The students also expressed a fear of rising tuition costs if the team had a dorm of its own. LaLance said that this would have little effect on tuition cost alone since there was a 95 percent chance the tuition will go up no matter what the football players do.

The single most-voiced complaint was that the residents would lose their comradery and that they would have no part in making the final decision.

Don Aarons, manager for the team and Beasley resident, said that since Donnelly had taken over there had been tighter regulations on the players but that he too would like to remain in Beasley.

The residents plan to submit a petition to Bragg in hopes of remaining in their dorm.



Beasley Hall residents protest possible athletic dorm.

photo by Robin Rudd

## \$2.5 million recreation center proposed

by Faye Hale

An estimated \$2.5 million recreational center with possible funding by student fees was discussed at Tuesday's joint house and senate meeting.

Joe Ruffner, director of campus recreation, asked the ASB to pass a resolution that would place a referendum before the student body asking if students are willing to have an approximate \$12 tuition increase each semester in order to pay for the facility.

The ASB took no action on the

resolution due to the lack of a quorum in the house.

Ruffner, who designed the facility, said it was needed since the present campus facilities can't keep up with student demand.

"People are coming and going all the time and there is no place for them to play," Ruffner said. He added that the present situation leads to vandalism because, he said, if there is nothing to do students will find something less constructive to occupy their time.

At the approximated cost of \$12

per student per semester it would take almost 30 years to pay for the facility.

According to Ruffner, the \$12 figure could be changed since the project is only in the planning stages. However, Ruffner said he felt the \$12 was a good estimate and not "a deceiving amount."

"It (the \$12) may vary during the planning since some changes and revision may be needed," Ruffner said.

"What we want from the students right now is to determine

the amount of interest and support there is," Ruffner said.

The facility would include 14 handball/racquetball courts, four basketball courts, six volleyball courts, a jogging area, two tennis courts, sauna rooms, and an Olympic size pool with sundeck.

Ruffner said that the students are being asked to pay since it is almost impossible to get tax dollars for construction.

The facility would be open 100

hours a week with administrative and faculty family members being

eligible for paid membership to help pay for the facility.

Other advantages of the center, according to Ruffner would be the availability to students due to its location between J and K Apartments and the wider range of sports the facility could offer.

The ASB will meet in a joint session at 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday to vote on the resolution.

## Alumni director resigns

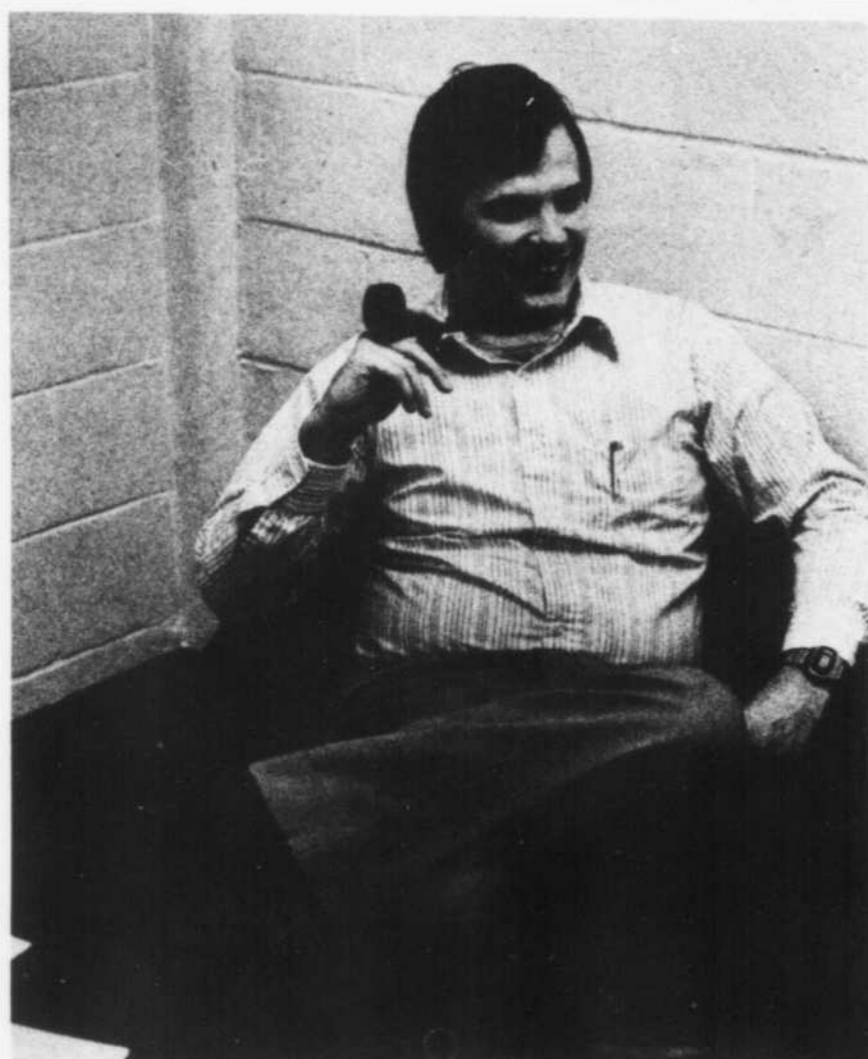
Rusty Evans, acting director of alumni relations, submitted his resignation to MTSU President Sam Ingram last week.

"He (Evans) said, 'I heard that the future of my employment in alumni relations is uncertain,'" Ingram said yesterday.

Evans, who is now filling the position for Bryant Millsaps while he is on leave working with the General Assembly, will continue to serve in his position until after spring graduation. His resignation will become effective May 11, Ingram said.

Although Millsaps earlier said he would be returning to MTSU, Vice President Lynn Haston said rumors were circulating as to whether or not he would return.

"If Bryant comes back, he will probably return when Rusty leaves, but if he doesn't return we'll begin looking for someone else," Haston said.



Darek Baker was surprised with father's decision.

photo by Gary Long

## Search procedures ruled illegal

by Janet Hyatt

One roommate cannot give permission for another's private possessions to be searched, according to a general sessions court ruling yesterday in the case of MTSU vs Alfred James Twitty.

Theft, misappropriation or unauthorized sale and misuse of or damage to property charges against Twitty were dismissed because the defendant's rights were violated due to an illegal search by university police, Chief Justice Louis Holiday, said.

Holiday said the court based its ruling partially on the United States Supreme Court's ruling in U.S. vs Matlock of 1974. It said that if two people are occupying the same room one person can only give permission to search in his private area and common area, but not in the private area of his

roommate.

Associate Dean of Women Judy Smith said the court made a decision based on their interpretation of university policy. "University policy in *Campus Living* doesn't say anything about the joint search," she said.

ASB Public Defender Mack Kelly said he was unaware of any Board of Regents policy allowing one roommate to give consent for a search of the whole room. "If it is a new policy that the student can give consent for the entire room it should be publicized to the student body and it has not been."

Mike McDonald, student member of the Regents' student life committee said that this policy has been passed but will not go into effect until the 1979-1980 printing of the *Campus Living*.

"The concern of the court is to protect student's rights and to see that their rights are not violated in any way," Holiday said.

He added that although he did not know for sure, because of testimony he assumed that the police have been using consent to search forms to search both the property of the person who signed the form as well as his roommate, whether he is present at the time or not.

He added that in the future "we would hope that when university police come to our court that they have not violated student's rights, but conducted the search in a legal manner."

Twitty's roommate gave permission for his premises to be searched by campus police; however the evidence was found in Twitty's private area of the room.

## Politics are not for Baker's son

by Jackie Gearhart

When you were younger, did you ever wonder what it would be like if your dad were president?

Darek Baker, son of Senator Howard Baker, said he never did, but yesterday morning Baker announced at a private breakfast in Dover, N.H., that he would be running for the presidency of the United States.

Darek, a senior math major at MTSU, said he knew that his father was thinking about running for president but didn't think that he would announce his candidacy until mid-summer. Last year, in an interview with *Sidelines'* D'Nice Lawson, he said jokingly that his father would probably wait until 1980 to make up his mind. Needless to say Darek was quite surprised when a reporter told him last night

that news came over the wire that Baker had announced his candidacy.

Much to the surprise of many people, Darek is not interested in politics himself, even though it seems to run in the family with both of his grandfathers having been in Congress and his father being a senator. "People do expect more of me," said Darek, "Every senator's brat should be good at something. They always ask the question 'Where you gonna go to law school?'"

But Darek is interested in math and has a full-time job at Murrefreesboro Bank and Trust and says he enjoys it.

Darek said that at one time he didn't want any part of his father's political scene, but he said that at that time in his life he was, like

everyone else, trying to find himself, and didn't want to go through life just being known as "such and such's little boy."

Darek said he plans on campaigning for his father and doing anything he can to help. He said he had thought about how his father's being president might alter his family's life and when he started thinking about the secret service, he just decided he would "worry about it later."

Although Darek said that being a senator's son is not something you go around and broadcast, it seems he may be in the spotlight more than he had ever expected to be. But one doubts that popularity will change the soft-spoken style of Darek Baker, and it's for sure we won't be hearing about anything called "Darek Beer."

## Briefly

If you wanted floor seats to Jimmy Buffett or the Beach Boys, it's too late, but plenty of reserved seat tickets to both concerts are still available.

Buffet tickets are \$7.50 reserved and Beach Boys are \$8.50 reserved.

Tickets to the Spring Bluegrass Jam I, which will take place in Murphy Center April 17, are still available for \$3.

"Anything Goes," sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha, will be held April 11, at 4:30 p.m. behind the football field in the picnic area.

Any student, not a member of an organization or club, who wishes to participate, should form a team of at least six members. Those teams should call 898-3838 or 898-3165 by Monday.

A program of grant-in-aid for American college juniors, seniors and graduates whose previous records and study of French qualify them for admission to one of the universities of Paris on the Academic Year Abroad program, is being sponsored by the Centre European d'Echanges Universitaires.

The grants will amount to approximately \$500 per year. Deadline for filing an application is April 15. To apply, send a letter stating full name, birthdate, birthplace, permanent address, college year and major, along with 28 cents in stamps to: C.E.E.U., P.O. Box 50, New Paltz, NY 12561.



# News Digest

## Baker will run for president

DOVER, N.H. (AP) Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., announced yesterday morning at a private breakfast meeting that he is a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, a Baker supporter said. But one of Baker's aides later amended that declaration.

Rob Mosbacher, an aide to Baker, said the senator's statement was not meant to be a formal announcement, but that he did plan to be a candidate and would make a formal announcement this summer.

Stewart Lamprey, a former speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, quoted Baker as telling the breakfast meeting, "I am going to run for the presidency of the United States." Lamprey said Baker asked the selected Republicans attending the breakfast for their support.

The senator said later at a news conference he believes he has the best chance of defeating President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Carter, who is expected to run for re-election, has not yet formally announced.

## Call for convention postponed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) By one vote, the House Calendar Committee today postponed action until next year on a Senate-passed resolution to call a U.S. Constitutional Convention to outlaw abortion.

The 18-17 vote came after more than a half hour's discussion. Rep. James McKinney, D-Nashville, moved to defer action to give legal authorities time to determine if a convention can be limited to one subject.

The vote came after Rep. John Tanner, D-Union City, told the committee, "We're not talking about abortion or anything else. We're talking about a constitutional convention."

Under the Constitution, Congress must call a convention if asked to do so by 34 states. This has not occurred since the Constitution was adopted in 1787.

If a convention is called, its work must be approved by 38 states before it could become effective.

## U.S. oil ceilings to be lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) President Carter told the American people Thursday night "each one of you will have to use less oil and pay more for it" as he announced plans to gradually lift ceilings on U.S. produced crude oil by 1981.

Carter said he is asking Congress to impose a "windfall profits tax" that would sop up half the extra revenues that oil companies would get from higher prices under decontrol or from price increases dictated by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Although Carter may legally lift controls without congressional approval, the House and Senate must approve the tax, which faces an uncertain fate on Capitol Hill.

## Soviets may have found Atlantis

MOSCOW (AP) A Russian diving bell has taken eight underwater photographs west of Gibraltar and they may show the ruins of the fabled lost continent of Atlantis, Soviet scientist Andrei Aksenov says.

Aksenov said Soviet researchers found a group of mountains with flat tops 100 to 200 yards below the surface of the water and "consider it fully likely that the hills represent a rather big archipelago that sank as the result of tectonic activities."

He said experts on deciphering underwater photographs looked at the pictures and saw "the rather clear forms of a bridge or stone walls and fragments of a stronghold with wide stairways. All of these were covered by underwater plants, were ruined and flattened."

## Student artwork exhibited in show

Art work by Shelly Hughes and Barbra Conrad, MTSU senior art students, will go on display in the Art Barn gallery Sunday at 2 p.m. with a reception from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. opening the show.

Fifteen to 20 prints, paintings and drawings of Tennessee landscapes will be displayed by Conrad, who has been working on this series for the past three semesters. "I enjoy driving along and looking at the landscapes," Conrad, who classified her work as expressionistic, said.

Hughes' work consists of 11 prints and 14 paintings of interiors and still lives.

The presentation is a part of the students' requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. The students will be graded on total presentation, art work and the entire program in general.

Each week for the rest of the semester, two student art exhibits will be shown in the gallery.

## Prof will exhibit photos at Vandy Sarratt Center

Photography instructor Jim Norton and MTSU student Libby Buyler Hurt have several photographs in "The Bathroom Show" at Vanderbilt University's Sarratt Student Center.

The exhibition is part of Vanderbilt's Rites of Spring Celebration. "The Bathroom Show" began March 25 and runs through April 18.

According to Norton, the idea for the gallery showing has been in the works since last fall. The bathroom idea was presented by Hurt and several friends. Hurt knew the art director of the Sarratt Center and a home was found for the exhibition.

"Bathrooms," Norton said, "are something that people come in contact with in everyday life. This show tries to communicate another side to your typical bathroom."

Norton believes this is the first photographic exhibition done totally on the bathroom.



Moonshiner Hamper McBee will be spotlighted on PBS next week.

photo by PAT DALEY

## Locally-produced film

# PBS network to air documentary

by Jackie Gearhart

Two Murfreesboro residents, assisted by an MTSU faculty member and administrator, produced a documentary which will be aired on PBS Tuesday at 9 p.m. The film is about a Monteagle moonshiner, Hamper McBee, a popular figure in the area.

Charles Wolfe, associate professor of English, assisted in producing the documentary and Frank Forgette, chief engineer of the LRC, engineered the film, which was created by Murfreesboro residents Blaine Dunlap and Sol Korine.

McBee, who appeared on the *Tomorrow* show with Tom Snyder Wednesday night, is an interesting character, according to Wolfe.

Wolfe said he was attracted to McBee at first because he is a fine

folk singer, but Wolfe said that as he got to know McBee, he found that he was 'a lot more than a singer.'

Wolfe cited one time when McBee spoke to a folklore class at MTSU and diagrammed a moonshine still on the board as the students frantically copied it down.

In doing the documentary, permission was granted by the sheriff for McBee to construct a still, which was promptly blown up. McBee's popularity has caused him to retire from moonshining, but he revealed to Tom Snyder that he was going to start again this

summer because he found a new spot that no one knows about.

The McBee documentary is second in a series of documentaries on Southern folklore that Wolfe, Korine and Dunlap are producing. The first film was about a Smithville fiddling contest. The third one, which is in the process of being made and has already been accepted by PBS, is about a Murfreesboro banjo player.

The documentaries are supported by a series of grants by the Tennessee Folklore Society which is located on campus.



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Letters termed illegal by officials

Officials upend circulation of chain letters

by Jane Mier

A chain letter, promising good luck and fortune if its instructions are followed, is presently making the rounds on campus. That is, it was making the rounds until the post office began seizing the letters and refusing to deliver them.

"Chain letters are illegal and someone could get into a lot of trouble for this," Kenneth Summar, director of the campus post office, said.

Summar added that all material that comes through the campus mail must have a return address or box number on it. "We check it all," he said. "Right now, we've got a bunch of letters that were caught

before they had a chance to be delivered."

John Ray, geography and earth science professor, received one of the letters before the postal service began checking. "I don't like it a bit," he said. "It also bothers me that there are some impressionable people on campus that this letter will affect."

The letter is, supposedly, all in the name of religion. It claims that it is an old prayer that originated in the Netherlands.

It also promises good luck and monetary gains if 20 copies are sent out within 56 hours of its arrival.

Jerry Hertzner, Tennessee area fraud specialist for the United

States Postal Inspection Service, said that there are federal statutes prohibiting lottery or fraud through mail.

"Normally speaking, most chain letters are illegal," he said. "The elements of chance, prizes, or consideration (investments) make them that way. The pyramid style is usually the type most chain letters employ. As the name implies, the letter starts with a few people and builds up. Eventually, people realize that the chain letter will not bring them luck or \$1000 in ten days after investing \$100. In reality, it just does not work."

Convictions and punishments for instituting, or even participating

in, a chain letter vary depending upon the facts involved. "We investigate complaints about such letters and turn over any reports to the attorney general's office," Hertzner said. "If they want to prosecute, the case goes before a federal court."

The letter that is circulating on campus is technically within the legal federal boundaries, but it is possible that a harassment charge could be filed against someone.

"I think it's very important that all faculty, staff and students should become aware of the joke that chain letters are," Ray said. "These letters seem frightening, but they should just be ignored."



photo by Larry McCormack

Kent Syler takes part in handicapped awareness day.

Hunger Week is scheduled for April 9-13

Murfreesboro Mayor W. H. Westbrook signed a proclamation yesterday designating April 9-13 World Hunger Awareness Week.

In observance of this, the MTSU Interfaith Council will sponsor a week of events including films and guest speakers.

On Monday at 8 p.m. there will be a film featuring John Denver entitled "I Want to Live" in DSB 100.

Tuesday at 8 p.m. there will be simulation groups discussing world hunger at the Wesley Foundation.

On both Monday and Tuesday there will be tables in the UC basement with information about the problem of world hunger available. A film will also be shown about hunger in Ethiopia entitled "Arabatti."

Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the multi-media room of the LRC, there will be a forum including five speakers who will devote time to answering questions.

The speakers include: Aieuh Conteh, an MTSU student from Ghana; Janet Christianson, from the MANNA organization; Cynthia Taylor, Department of Human Services; David Sap, from the Christian Life Commission; and Jim Mays of the Presbyterian Church.

All the activities are free and open to the public.

Problems of handicapped to be analyzed next week

Handicap Awareness Day, April 12, sponsored by Sigma Delta Sigma, has several speakers and events scheduled.

SDS is the campus organization for handicapped students. Awareness Day is not only to define problems, but to show how one can succeed in the face of those problems, Vicki Justice, coordinator for the group, said. "The main emphasis will be success," she said.

A tour of the campus is planned at 10 a.m. which will allow handicapped students to point out the barriers and problems they confront every day while attending classes.

Albert Gore, U.S. representative from the 4th district; O. E. Reese, head of the Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation program; Dale Wiley, Tennessee State Planning Office; Sam Ingram, MTSU president; and the student guides

will all tour the campus in wheelchairs.

All of the speakers will talk to the group in UC 320 after the tour. Mike McDonald, president of the ASB, will represent Governor Lamar Alexander in presenting the proclamation of Tennessee Handicap Awareness Day to the Sigma Delta Sigma organization.

Justice said members of SDS will appear on the Teddy Bart show on April 11, Mornings on 5 just after Awareness day and on WMOT on the 16th.

A wheelchair rodeo is scheduled for the guests at 2 p.m. At 3 p.m., a five-event rodeo will be held between campus fraternities and sororities, and men and women's residence halls. Events include the flying saucer, plank ride, spiral race, obstacle course and the relay race. All events will be in wheelchairs and winners will receive plaques of distinction.



Students look over the Dr. Martin Luther King exhibit

photo by Gary Long

King memorialized by fraternity

by Ken Jobe

MTSU students are to be commended, according to Dr. Charles Sueing, dean of students at Shelby State Community College, for their dedication to "one of America's most important sons."

Sueing spoke at the Alpha Phi Alpha, "Tribute to Brother Martin Luther King," Wednesday night.

Chairman of the deans' sub-committee for the State Board of

Regents, and an active member of the Southern Association for Schools and Colleges, Sueing is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

On the eleventh anniversary of King's death, Sueing urged students to ask themselves, "Have I given all I can?" He said that "looking" is the only way to get ahead in the world today and it takes dedication to get the job done.

Sueing also said that minorities in education are like short-distance runners, but because of their late start they must become long-distance runners, pole-vaulters and anything else necessary to overcome life's hurdles.

Also featured on the program was Tommy Brown, director of student information and minority affairs and the film "The March from Montgomery to Memphis."

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## Newsroom Comment

# Mythical unicorn is a rare gem of beauty in a world of ugliness

The unicorn, like Santa Claus, is mythical symbol to some.

Yet, there is an organization on campus that holds the unicorn in very high esteem. This organization is found not only on campus but across the nation.

Perhaps organization though, is the wrong word here, for there is no constitution, no meetings, no campus recognition. They don't even walk around campus in a single file line!

There is, in fact, only one qualification for the "underground group" that is the affection with which they hold the unicorn. The mythical, white, graceful horse with a horn is, to them a personal symbol, but there the unanimity ends.

To some, the unicorn is a symbol of rare beauty standing out in a system of ugliness; or maybe personal accomplishment; or individuality, real or imagined in a world of conformity; or the spark of creativity,

defying definition.

The symbolism, in fact, goes farther than words can adequately express, with members holding a certain affinity for the illustrious beast, an affection perhaps likened only to the jeweler's attraction to that once-in-a-lifetime perfect gem.

You won't hear about the unicorn group participating in any beneficial activities that could be recognized by the un-indoctrinated. Their beneficial activities are wholly below the surface. Aside from a unicorn print or tapestry on some obscure wall, the one distinguishing wild appears to be a slight gleam in the left eye. It is a wild and uncontrollable light that appears only sporadically.

And some, like the unicorn, retain a measure of beauty even after the "capture," not worrying about whatever shall come because in their hearts they are true. Others fear, not the capture, but its inevitability.



**"Quick" Quacks for Easter**

photo by Robin Rudd

Smith Hall has two new residents: Quick and Quack. The two ducks are being raised by junior Jimmy Ary from Greenville, S.C., for his seven-year-old sister back home for an Easter gift. Terri Jordan, a Jasper junior, helps to get the camera-shy couple ready for the photographer.

## 'Heaven Can Wait,' DeNiro, Clayburgh picked

# Critic announces predictions for 51st Oscars

by Jeff Ellis

Oscar has come a long way since he made his debut some 51 years ago when Janet Gaynor won the first best actress award and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences recognized "Wings" as the year's best film.

Next Monday night, a new crop of stars will be waiting with baited breath as the Academy Awards are announced in Los Angeles' Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

But, before the gold statuettes are presented, here goes the First Sidelines Academy Awards Predictions:

Nominated for the best picture Oscar are "The Deer Hunter," "Heaven Can Wait," "An Unmarried Woman," "Midnight Express" and "Coming Home."

While "The Deer Hunter" is by far the year's best film, more than likely the Oscar will go to "Heaven Can Wait," Warren Beatty's film based on "Here Comes Mr. Jordan."

Although the film is a remake, it signals Hollywood's new move

toward films that are mostly entertainment; a move geared toward attracting more movie-goers to the theatre.

"Coming Home" and "Deer Hunter" are both different movies with Vietnam themes and could conceivably cancel each other out in the balloting. "Midnight Express" is not a so-called "big" film and has virtually no chance against the other big burners in the field. "An Unmarried Woman" is an excellent film, but lacks that which is necessary to overtake "Heaven Can Wait."

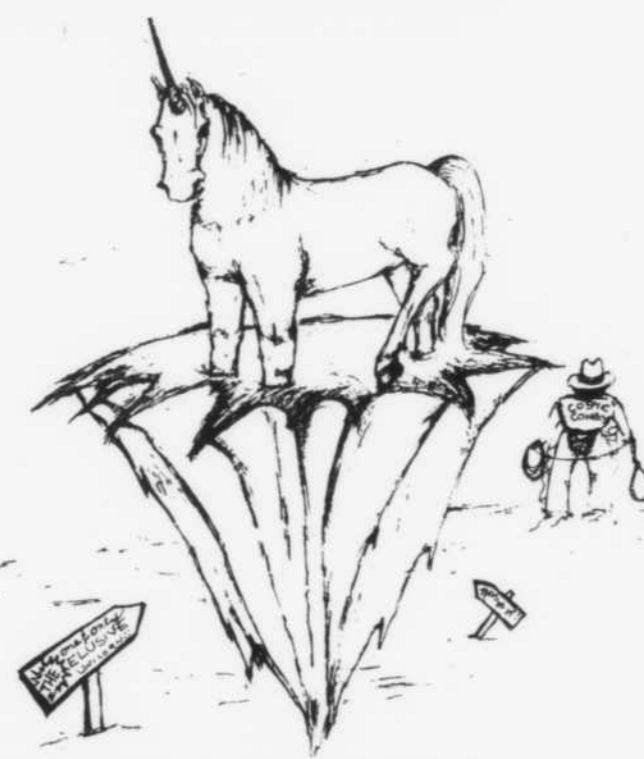
For Robert DeNiro this should be the year for him to take Oscar home for his stunning portrayal of the Vietnam war veteran in "The Deer Hunter." Nominated for the award several times in the past, DeNiro should hit pay dirt this year. Also nominated are Jon Voight for "Coming Home"; Gary Busey for "The Buddy Holly Story"; Laurence Olivier for "The Boys From Brazil"; and Warren Beatty for "Heaven Can Wait."

Jill Clayburgh has come a long

way since her horrendous performance in "Gable and Lombard" to "An Unmarried Woman." Her performance as the woman who suddenly finds herself unmarried when her husband leaves her for a younger woman was touching and believable. She is my pick for the award, although the smart money is on Ingrid Bergman for her performance in Ingmar Bergman's "Autumn Sonata." Also nominated are Jane Fonda for "Coming Home"; Geraldine Page for "Interiors"; and Ellen Burstyn for "Same Time, Next Year."

"The Deer Hunter" should take another Oscar in the best supporting actor category with Christopher Walken's exquisite performance such a strong one that he could have conceivably won the nod for best actor. Expected to be nominated last year for his performance in "Roseland: The

## Winnowing



## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On behalf of the First Platoon, Bravo Company, MTSU ROTC, I wish to apologize for the awakening of "name withheld by request" in married student housing.

Please forgive us for the noise we made coming in Sunday morning. Overlook our stupidity of thinking that most people are awake by 8 a.m., for you see, we had been awake since five a.m. that morning.

Try to understand that for three days the cadets had been pushing themselves along in the rain and mud and the trip home in the helicopters was an award for many miles walked. For most of us infantry-types, it was indeed a joy! So please forgive us for coming home to Murfreesboro.

But, how dare you call those pilots "hot shots." In four years of ROTC, I have flown in a number

of aircraft with many different pilots and can easily say that these were not "hot shots."

Bomb runs? That shows how little you know about helicopters. Those copters were troop-carrying aircraft, not gunships, so why would they be making bomb runs?

The pilots are senior Aviators which means that they both have well over 2,500 hours of flight time of which several hundred of these hours are combat missions in Vietnam. Thus, these pilots have nothing to prove, their record speaks for them. Both are Majors, so if anything, you should call them professionals.

You said that we are too "gung ho." What is wrong with that? Some of us need and indeed have to be. We are future officers of the United States Army and it is our duty to prepare ourselves to protect this country.

Excuse us if we make a little noise, better two of our helicopters

than two hundred of theirs. On May 11, I along with others will be commissioned in the regular army as a Lieutenant. It is my hope that on May 11, 1999, I will retire having never fired a shot in anger. The job before all of us is hard, harder now because "name withheld by request" doesn't support us.

We must reassure our will to protect our freedom; because, believe it, freedom isn't free.

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To the Editor:

April 4, 1979 marked the 11th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King's life should remind all human beings that no progress is reached without a struggle, and no struggle reached without some loss in one's life.

His dream should be our dream, for social indignities still exist in not only America, but the world. Blacks need to be reminded of the price King and others (black and white) paid, so that we might be "freed" from the bondage of social, economic and political injustices in this society.

The 100-year transformation from plantation to ghetto should motivate, not silence us as a people.

The future is in what we do today. We must accept this challenge as a people for Dr. King, who said that "no man is free until all men are free." While the ultimate price of freedom is physical death, many have "died" a psychological or sociological death; they gave up. But we must not give up.

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away from the popular favorite. This could hold true for "Hopelessly Devoted" from "Grease" and "Ready to Take a Chance Again" from "Foul Play." Because I like it and also because it fits the mold of the traditional theme song more than the others, I pick "The Last Time I Loved Like This" from "Same Time, Next Year" for the Oscar.

Michael Cimino's direction of "The Deer Hunter" was excellent and he should win the Academy's nod as the year's best director.

The predictions for the 1979 awards mark my eighth or ninth year to make such predictions. I must admit that my batting average is pretty bad, however. Therefore, if you plan to make your own list of predictions, pick the people, film or song which I didn't and you'll probably do better.



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Frizzell speaks on campus

# Green Peace battles to save whales

by Jane Mier

"Whales are not just skyscrapers lying on their sides," John Frizzell, director of Green Peace, said. "Whales are really graceful, intelligent, remarkable animals."

Frizzell addressed a crowd of about 60 people Tuesday night in the LRC. Sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Committee, Frizzell presented a multi-media presentation on Green Peace and the plight of the whale.

Green Peace, a San Francisco-based environmental organization, has members in all fifty states and in several foreign countries. Recent efforts of the group to save whales from being killed by commercial and pirating whaling fleets have attracted attention everywhere.

"Whales have large brains which aren't necessary. That is, just because an animal has a large body doesn't mean that it has to have a large brain," Frizzell said. "But the whale does have a large brain... why?"

Humans perceive a three dimensional world by light, Frizzell continued. Whales perceive a three

dimensional world by sound and can "see" 200 to 300 miles.

"If the way something thinks depends on the way something is perceived, then the whale thinks differently from us," he explained.

"All brains house silent areas which are responsible for emotions and abstract thinking," Frizzell continued.

"Since the intelligence of a chimpanzee is lower than that of a human, one would expect the silent areas of the monkey's brain to be smaller than those of a human's, which it is. But the silent areas of a whale's brain are larger than a human's."

Industrial pollution in the oceans is a growing problem and is drastically affecting the whales.

Whales also have trouble with fishermen's nets; a whale's sonar is excellent for almost everything except nets. "All the whale sees is a large school of fish just waiting to be dinner so he swims in to eat," Frizzell explained. "This almost always results in the whale being entangled in the net and sometimes drowning. It also enrages the fishermen who lose money from the eaten catches and the net repair bills."

Some scientists have developed a high frequency sonar device which can be attached to the fishing nets. The noise is high-pitched and bothersome to the whale, but the devices cost between \$300 and \$400 and not many fishermen are willing to buy them.

However, whaling is the single biggest threat to the world's largest animal. Explosive harpoons, sonar devices and, in some instances, even aircraft for tracking the whales are used.

"Thirty years ago, the International Whaling Commission

(IWC) was born to regulate the growth of the whaling industry, not to protect the whales," Frizzell said. "In 1947 they were warned that the whales were in danger. In 1963, they realized the extinction threat when about twenty whaling fleets could only find about a dozen or so whales."

Over the past two years, the whale population has dropped 300 percent, he said. Right now, no one, not even the IWC scientists, knows how many whales are left in the oceans.

"The IWC scientists recommended that only male whales be hunted, for obvious reasons," Frizzell said. "The IWC said fine, then set a quota of 4,000-odd females. They did this because Russia and Japan complained that it was hard to tell a male from a female whale."

"If you can't tell the difference, don't hunt either one," he added.

Green Peace has two boats, one a 153-foot Canadian mine sweeper called the "James Bay." The boat follows whaling fleets around and when a pod (school) of whales is spotted, the Green Peace vessel lowers small rubber dinghys equipped with outboard motors over the side.

These small boats, called Zodiacs, travel in between the pod of whales and the whaling boat. Green Peace people have even been known to jump into the water in an effort to dissuade the whalers from firing harpoons at the fish.

"We think it is more important to get directly involved than in writing our congressmen to push animal protection laws," Frizzell said. "To us, it is worth risking our lives."

"We've had our share of aggression against us, too. Whalers

have jammed our radio communications, fired 250 - pound harpoons with steel cables attached over our heads, tried to use high pressure hoses to blow us out of the way and have held collision courses with our boat. All of these attempts have been unsuccessful."

"Ray Campbell, secretary of the IWC, has publicly said that whaling is dying and the days of the ocean-roaming fleets are limited, although coastal hunting will probably remain. I hope he's right about the first part and wrong about the second," Frizzell exclaimed.

Even if there were an abundance of whales and they were just dumb creatures, whaling should be stopped because it is cruel. "There is no way to kill a 40-ton animal quickly," he said. "It can take up to 45 minutes for a whale to die and that's cruel."

Green Peace's major plan is to save the whales and stop whaling forever. "I think it's the goal of every environmental group to put itself out of business and let the government take over with protecting."

"If we can't save the whale, we can't save ourselves," Frizzell continued. "If we can save the whale, maybe we can save ourselves."

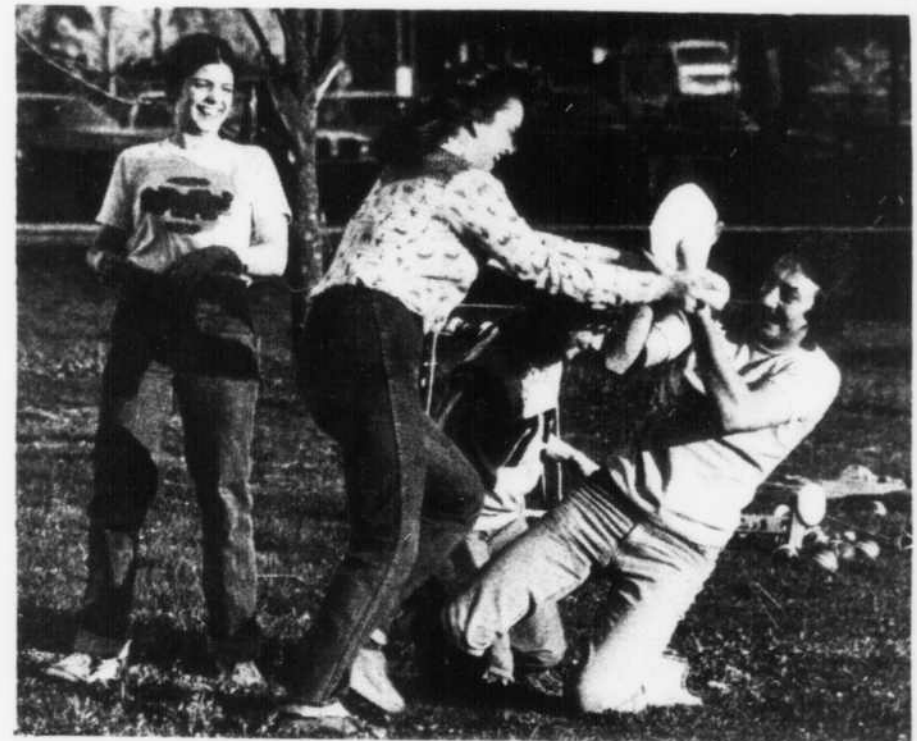


photo by Robin Rudd

A fast-paced game of whiffle ball was featured at yesterday's picnic sponsored by residence hall programming.

## WMOT will celebrate 10th year anniversary

In celebration of their tenth year of broadcasting, WMOT will give away 30 concert tickets and 18 WMOT tee-shirts as they broadcast from the ground floor of the UC April 9.

Each hour between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., the station will give away a pair of tickets to the Beach Boys concert April 24, the Jimmy Buffett concert April 14, and the Spring Bluegrass Jam I Concert April 17.

Four tee-shirts will also be given away per hour.

To be eligible for the prizes, students must register in the UC

before the end of each hour, at which time winners for the hour will be drawn and the rest of the names registered for that hour will be set aside. "We will have a new batch of names for each hour," Duane Alewine, WMOT promotion director, said.

A grand prize winner, who will receive two tickets to each of the concerts and two tee-shirts, will be drawn from all names registered throughout the day at 4 p.m.

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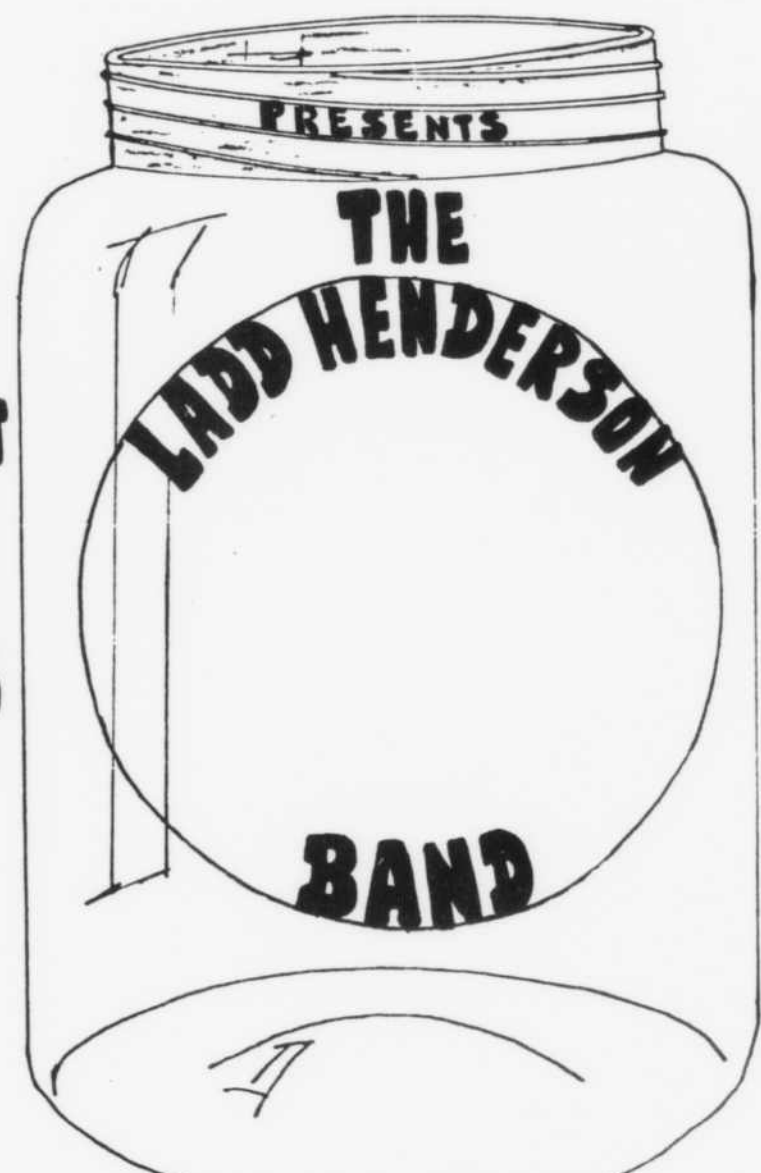
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## Blue Raiders blitz Tech ready for Death Valley

by Scott Adams  
Sports Editor

"Well, it was cold and wet, and I'm sure it wasn't the prettiest game in the world to watch, but I'll take two wins in the OVC any day," Blue Raider baseball coach John Stanford said after the doubleheader sweep of Tennessee Tech Wednesday.

Raider pitcher Tom Wilson gave up just three hits and three runs in the opener as MTSU blasted the Golden Eagles 15-3, and freshman Mark Smith twirled a two hit shutout in the Raiders 4-0 second game win.

Things started out a little shaky for Wilson and the Raiders with Tech picking up a run in the first inning.

MTSU, who stranded six runners on base in the first two innings, took advantage of Tech's starting pitcher David Wilkinson's inability to get the ball across the plate and loaded the bases in the first inning. An infield single by designated hitter Chris Faulkner and a walk to Goff scored two runs before shortstop Mike Killian hit into a double play to end the inning.

The Raiders added another run in the bottom of the second when they loaded the bases again and catcher Eric Graves singled home Bert Fuqua.

With MTSU leading 3-1 in the top of the third, Tech fought back to tie the score with first baseman Charlie Parham singling home two Eagle runners who had reached on an error and a walk. But Wilson, who had control problems early in the game also, settled down and didn't let a Tech hitter get further than second base for the remainder of the game.

"The wind was really messing up my curve ball at first," Wilson said. "When the wind is blowing like it

was today, the best thing to do is just throw it down the middle and let 'em hit it."

MTSU's run explosion started in the bottom of the fifth when the Raiders turned the inning into a marathon which saw Tech starter Wilkinson, and two relief pitchers come in before the side was retired. The Blue Raiders quickly loaded the bases with one out, and three straight singles, an error and a wild pitch scored five runs before Tech could retire the side.

With Wilson methodically putting Tech's hitters away, MTSU's seven run outburst in the sixth inning was hardly necessary. The Raiders loaded the bases for the fifth time in the game and when Doug Hicks' fly ball to the center fielder was mishandled, three runners scored. Right fielder Bobby Hines followed Hicks with a long home run to right field to give MTSU its whopping 15-3 win.

Former David Lipscomb standout Mark Smith coasted through the second game of the day relying mainly on his blazing fastball. Smith allowed only six runners to reach base for the game and didn't allow a hit until designated hitter Stan Vaughn singled to left in the top of the sixth.

MTSU picked up a run in the bottom of the second when Killian singled home Goff who had reached on a fielder's choice earlier in the inning. They added two more in the bottom of the fifth when Hines tripled home Tommy Blankenship and Tech's shortstop threw Graves' ground ball away on the next play. The Blue Raiders ended their scoring in the sixth inning when Fuqua tripled home Goff who had doubled to start the inning.

Tech's Parham got the Golden



photo by Nancy Bolen  
Raider freshman Mark Smith delivers a pitch in Wednesday's shutout against Tech. Second baseman Mike Tobbitt awaits the pitch in the background.

Eagles' second hit of the day in the top of the seventh, but Smith retired the next three men in order to seal the win.

Smith finished the day with 10 strikeouts to his credit.

Stanford and the Raiders head for Death Valley this weekend for a Saturday doubleheader with Morehead followed by a Sunday twinbill with Eastern Kentucky's Colonels.

"This is definitely the most important road trip of the season

for us," Stanford said. "If we can do well against Eastern and Morehead, I think we'll be okay."

Both EKV and Morehead have been plagued by bad weather so far this season with both teams getting rained out in their conference openers. In non-conference games, Eastern is 4-4 and Morehead, off to one of the worst starts in the school's history, is 2-13.

MTSU's next home appearance will be on April 11 when the Raiders will host Austin Peay in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.



photo by Nancy Bolen  
Senior Doug Hicks needs only one more home run to set a new record for career round trippers.

## Hicks needs one

Senior first baseman on the Blue Raider baseball team Doug Hicks, needs only one more home run to break the career record which is held by Ed Robichaud.

Hicks, a junior college transfer, broke the single season home run record last year with 13 and has four this season. (All of Hicks' home runs came in the Worth Classic in Nashville.)

Another record within Hicks' grasp is the career runs batted in record of 92, also held by Robichaud. He had 57 last year and has 19 this season for a total of 76.

One thing to note is that Hicks has achieved the statistics in only one and a half seasons, while Robichaud played for the Raiders for four years.

## Calendar

### FRIDAY

Management for Reading Seminar: Continuing Education; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 318  
Environmental Insights Symposium: Ideas and Issues; 10 a.m.-noon, UC Theatre  
Women's Tennis: MTSU vs. Univ. of South Alabama; 10 a.m.  
Women's Tennis: MTSU vs. Univ. of Alabama; 2 p.m.  
High School Speech and Drama League Festival: Speech and Theatre Dept.; noon-10 p.m., DA  
Meeting and Banquet: Tenn. Solar Energy Assoc.; 4-9 p.m., JUB Faculty Senate Lounge and Tennessee Room

### SATURDAY

Meeting: Tenn. Anthropological Assoc. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., JUB Dining Rooms A and B  
Management for Reading Seminar: Continuing Education; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 318  
High School Speech and Drama League Festival: Speech and Theatre Dept. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., DA Auditorium and Peck Hall  
TOEFL Exam: 8 a.m.-noon, UC 322 and 324  
Women's Tennis: MTSU vs. Kentucky; 10 a.m.

Women's Tennis: MTSU vs. Western; 2 p.m.  
Women's Basketball Tryouts: 1-3 p.m., Murphy Center Arena  
Track Meet: MTSU, Akron, APSU, Illinois State; 1:30 p.m., Jones Field Track  
Banquet: International Students; 6:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room

### SUNDAY

Chamber Orchestra and Concert Choir: Music Dept; 3:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room

### MONDAY

World Hunger Project: Interfaith Council; 9 a.m.-3 p.m., UC Basement  
Movie: The Pink Panther Strikes Again; 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre  
Whiffleball Tournament: Campus Recreation; 6-10 p.m., AM Gym  
Jazz Ensemble: music dept.; 8 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room  
Film on World Hunger: University Interfaith Council; 8 p.m., DSB 100

## Inman, Neal add recruits to list

Lady Raider head basketball coach Larry Inman has added another of the state's top scorers to this year's recruiting list with the addition of Lisa Justice, a 6-1 forward from Oliver Springs.

Justice averaged 33 points per game in leading her team to a 26-4 record this past season. In her four-year career at Oliver Springs, Justice played in 109 consecutive basketball games, and averaged 29.7 points per game over that span. During her high school career the Bobkittens won 88 games and lost only 21.

"I got to see Lisa play a couple of times," stated Inman. "One night she got 51 points. She has the potential to be one of the finest athletes to ever attend MTSU, as well as an All-American."

Justice joins Jennifer Taylor of Johnson City as Lady Raider recruits for next year.

It was reported last week that Inman had received a verbal commitment from Humbolt's Ester Coleman and that she would sign sometime this week. Coleman broke seven scoring and field goal records in this year's TSSAA girls' state tournament.

For the second year in a row, MTSU volleyball coach Sandy Neal has recruited the number one high school volleyball player in the state of Tennessee.

Arlen Hale of Chattanooga Kirkman's state championship team has signed a grant-in-aid to continue her career at MTSU.

## Cheerleaders chosen for coming year

Cheerleaders for next year's football and basketball season were chosen yesterday after tryouts on Wednesday.

Suzy Bennett, a sophomore from Nashville; Lisa Fautheree, a sophomore from Nashville; and Leah Norris, a sophomore from Goodlettsville, were cheerleaders last year and were chosen again for next year's squad. Joining the three returnees is Shan Raney, a freshman from Shelbyville; Vicki Keeton, a freshman from Chattanooga; and Karen Boyle, a freshman from Nashville. Alternates chosen were Lea Swan and Ellen Byrd.

Men chosen for the six positions were Scott Berry from Brentwood; John Green, Hixson; Mike Barnes, Fayetteville; Steve Comer, Nolensville; Chris Hargrove, Dickson; and Richard Walker from Jackson. Kort Petterson and Dave Whitworth were chosen as alternates.

## Women ace Tech

by Scott Adams  
Sports Editor

Athletes on Tennessee Tech's women's tennis team and the baseball team must have wondered if they were in a bad dream Wednesday.

While John Stanford's baseball team was thoroughly wiping out Tech's baseball team, Sandy Neal's Lady Raider tennis team was following suit about 200 yards away.

MTSU blasted their conference rivals 9-0 to up their season record to 9-1.

"They didn't play too well, but you have to give the credit to the

girls," Neal said. "They just wouldn't let up."

Neal and the Lady Raiders will have their work cut out for them Friday and Saturday when Alabama, South Alabama and Western Kentucky visit the Murphy Center courts for a round robin quadrangular match.

"These matches will be very interesting," Neal said. "Everybody knows how tough Western is, and these two Alabama teams could be even better."

MTSU will open play with South Alabama today at 10 a.m. and will play Alabama at 2 p.m. The Lady Raiders are scheduled to face Western at 10 a.m. on Saturday.



photo by Bill Cook

Sophomore Nancy Broadhurst has been a solid singles player for the Lady Raiders this season and has accumulated a record of 8-2 in singles competition.

### Sports Talk

by Scott Adams  
Sports Editor

MTSU's Blue Raider spring sports program is off and running this year, with all seven teams having better than average seasons.

The always tough men's tennis team, lead by coach Dick LaLance, is currently 13-2 for the season and will be participating in one of the South's most prestigious tennis tournaments this weekend in Tuscaloosa, Ala., at the Crimson Cat Classic. Almost all of the Southeastern Conference powerhouses will be there, along with several of the country's other top teams participating, also.

LaLance's team returned all of last year's team which was runnerup in the OVC, and junior Dale Short was ranked fifth in the nation earlier in the season.

The Raider netters' next home match will be against Western Kentucky on Monday.

In women's tennis, Lady Raider head coach Sandy Neal has her team off to a roaring start which has produced a record of 9-1 for the season. Neal's netters picked up five wins during a spring break trip to Florida, and returned home from last week's Lady Pacer Invitational to drill conference rival Tennessee Tech 9-0 in their latest match.

Neal lost only one front line player last year in Traci Williams, but freshman Diana Myers has stepped in to do an excellent job. Number five singles player Kaye Wrather has the best individual record on the team so far at 9-1.

The Lady Raiders are in excellent position to capture the conference title this season and will host the OVC tournament later this month on April 20 and 21.

MTSU's Blue Raider golf team, lead by E.K. Patty, are playing as well as ever finishing high in every tournament they have played in this season. Although the golf team rarely receives any publicity or coverage by the media, they have had little trouble making their presence known to their opponents this season. Top golfers on this year's squad are Chris Farr, Steve Goldstein, Chris Hall and Steve Campbell.

A newcomer to this year's spring sports program is the women's track team coached by Debbie Chitwood. The team, which has competed in two meets this season, has seven members and will compete in the OVC Track and Field Championship on May 14-15 at Tennessee Tech.

John Stanford's baseball team is currently 18-5 and 4-0 in the OVC, and needless to say, are off to fine start. The Raiders have gotten excellent pitching so far this season from senior David Booker, Tony Dawkins, Bill Brantner, Tom Wilson, Mark Smith and several others have added spot relief help.

Shortstop Mike Killian is leading the team in hitting with a .375 average followed by Eric Graves (.372), Bobby Hines (.358), Tommy Blankenship (.342) and Burt Fuqua (.320).

MTSU's next home game will be April 11 with Austin Peay. Game time is 1 p.m.

The Blue Raider men's track team, like the golf team, has "suffered" from media inexperience this season, but it hasn't seemed to matter as the team is performing as well as ever. Triple jumper John DoDoo and long jumper Greg Artis were named to the All-America team marking the ninth year out of the last ten that the Raiders have someone named to the team.

Dean Hayes' team won the indoor track title this year in Murphy Center, and will defend their outdoor championship, won last season, at Tennessee Tech on May 14-15.

The men's track team will be in action this weekend in a triangular meet with Austin Peay and the University of Akron. This will be the first time that Akron has been at MTSU since they joined the conference last year. Field events will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the running events beginning at 2:30.