

Former employee files against state

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Sidelines Staff Writers

A civil action suit alleging constitutional violations has been filed against the state by former MTSU clerical worker Alma Baldwin.

Baldwin contends that her rights were violated when she was fired from the University March 1, 1979.

Recent developments in the complaint, which was filed in April, 1979, include the testimony Monday of MTSU Affirmative Action Officer Joy Callahan and a testimony taken

before Christmas from MTSU Personnel Director Robert Arnette.

Depositions were taken from MTSU President Sam Ingram and from associate professor of education Linnell Gentry Sept. 14, 1979.

Baldwin's complaint states that she was denied her constitutional rights as guaranteed under the first, fourth and fifteenth amendments and of article 1, section 19 of the Tennessee State Constitution, which reinforces the above Constitutional amendments.

Baldwin, former president of

MTSU Clerical Caucus, stated in the complaint that she was concerned about low wages of MTSU clerical employees in relation to clerical workers at other universities under the State Board of Regents, and about the employment procedures used in hiring Joy Callahan as Affirmative Action Officer.

After sending a letter to the Board of Regents stating the views of the caucus concerning clerical pay, the complaint states that Gentry, Baldwin's supervisor, then associate dean of institutional research and

planning, took extreme disapproval in that Baldwin "exercised her constitutional rights, without his approval and without going through university channels."

The defendants deny that Gentry "at any time 'took umbrage' that the plaintiff (Baldwin) exercised her rights," as stated in the defendants' answer to the complaint. However, the defendants' statement points out that Baldwin was verbally reprimanded for not forwarding her complaint through university channels.

Gentry refused to comment about the case yesterday.

Baldwin wrote to Roy Nicks, Chancellor of the State Board of Regents, July 31, 1978, questioning Callahan's appointment.

In the letter, Baldwin notes that Callahan's appointment was stamped "Received by Office of the Graduate School," but it did originate in the office of President Scarlett. It has no date, no name of the person appointed, no signature as to the authorization and is not even typed on MTSU letterhead.

The letter further states that Baldwin questioned the appointment because Callahan "(1) was hired March 2, 1978 as a temporary employee in the office of institutional research, at an annual salary of \$15,000. (2) she had never worked in an office. (3) she was given an increase of \$750 while she was still a temporary employee. (4) she was then made a permanent employee. (5) she is now Af-

firmative Action Officer and the position was never advertised even on campus."

"We did not go through regular procedures when hiring Callahan," Ingram said. "She was and is to this day serving in a temporary position that Frank Yates had held."

Yates, presently working on a research grant for the State Department of Education, is scheduled to return July 30, 1980, according to Arnette.

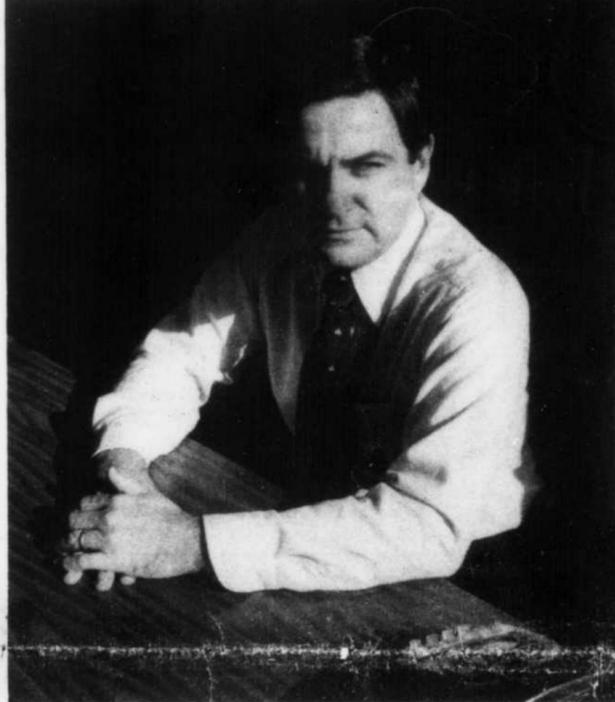
"If he comes back and goes to another job we will have to advertise that position," Ingram said, explaining that to his knowledge, temporary employment did not have to be advertised.

After Baldwin wrote the second letter, her grievance states that "in retaliation against the Plaintiff for her exercise of her constitutional rights, Gentry then set out upon a malicious campaign of petty harassment" directed at her.

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Ralph Hillman, above left, was not recommended by the speech and theatre departmental advisory committee on



photos by Larry McCormack

tenure and promotion. Larry Lowe, right, is the department chairman. Also see page 4 for related articles.

Students arrested for purse thefts

By DAVE COOPER
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU police arrested an MTSU student and a juvenile yesterday in connection with a series of pocketbook thefts in four dormitories on campus.

The two girls were arrested for seven different purse thefts and formal charges are currently pending.

The thefts occurred in Monahan, Reynolds, High Rise West and McHenry dorms. One purse was stolen from McHenry and two purses each were taken from the other halls.

The police report has not determined the total value taken yet, but the largest cash amount was stolen in McHenry.

"The (arrested) girls have made statements indicating their involvement to related thefts in dorm areas during the fall semester," Lt. John Driver, university police detective, said.

"We had a witness report that she had seen the juvenile, who we knew, standing around McHenry Hall," Driver explained. "Further questioning of the suspect led to an admission of guilt."

He added this type of offense was a "15 second crime."

"Many students go to the showers or down the hall without thinking about the fact that it takes no time for someone to walk into a room and lift whatever is in sight," he commented.

Police reported these offenses actually did happen while the occupants had left their rooms unattended.

He added, "Students need to take their own precautions and help themselves from being victimized."

The two suspects told authorities where the stolen property could be found. "We have recovered approximately 70 percent of the stolen goods taken from the four dorms, but tracing the remaining property from last semester will be more difficult."

The girls were after cash — something that is easy to get rid of, he continued. Any other merchandise taken during the thefts, such as purses, credit cards, etc., was probably burned in the dorm's incinerator.

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Tenure decision is not final

Speech and Theatre instructor Ralph Hillman has been informed of a departmental decision not to recommend him to higher authorities for tenure, but this decision is not the final say, according to several sources.

Members of the speech and theatre departmental advisory committee on tenure and promotion, which is composed of eight tenured faculty members, recommended to department chairman Larry

Lowe, by a slight majority vote, not to give Hillman tenure, according to David Walker, Speech and Theatre instructor.

This recommendation has been sent to Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew, who will make a recommendation to Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton, who in turn will advise President Sam Ingram. Ingram's recommendation will then be forwarded to the Board of Regents.

"The academic office will get

lists (of recommendations) from the deans by early February," Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Jones said.

Along with the departmental recommendation, a minority report was filed by several instructors in support of Hillman.

Jones commented, "Without the minority report it might have appeared as though there were no support for him (Hillman) in the department."

Four-car wreck

Some \$2,800 damage occurred from a four-car accident which took place late Wednesday night.

Tim Amacher, 23, from Estil Springs, was driving north on Tennessee Blvd. when he decided to pass a van driven by Jimmy Huges of Murfreesboro. While passing, Amacher struck a parked car owned by MTSU student Vera Prince.

Prince's car slammed into another parked car owned by MTSU student Gerald Brown. Amacher then struck Huges's van.

"I just don't know what happened," Amacher said.

There were no witnesses to the accident although several students heard the crash. When the police arrived, Amacher was caught pouring liquor into the street, Murfreesboro City policeman John Lassater said.

Amacher was later charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.



photo by Don Harris

A four car collision occurred Wednesday night when a driver tried to pass a van and hit a parked car on Tennessee Boulevard.

Spring housing is up; full occupancy hoped

The housing office hopes for 100 percent occupancy for the spring semester, according to David Bragg, director of housing.

"The number this year is a definite change over past springs," he said.

Approximately 96 percent of the spaces were expected to be filled, whereas last spring only saw 92-94 percent returning.

All of the people who flunked out then appealed their suspension and got back in school had a room on campus if they requested one, he said. In some cases, it was the same room the student had in the fall.

"The credit should go to the head residents who held the rooms for the students," Bragg explained.

According to Bragg, some halls have already moved the

residents around and cleared out people in three-to-a-room situations.

"Only Smith and Clement halls have not moved the occupants," he added.

He hoped there would not be any refunds given because they will have everyone.

"Hopefully this week we can begin to get paint to the students again. Ed Snyder in married student housing is in charge of the supplies," Bragg commented.

He also hoped to have a dorm meeting at Beasley hall concerning what the residents of Beasley want. "If they want to stay together in one dorm, we can put them in I-Hall, if not they will have first priority in where they want to live," he said.

RIM fund named in memory of student

The Recording Industry Management Development Fund will be dedicated to the memory of Andrew K. White, according to Christian Haseleu, RIM instructor.

White, a 22-year-old senior RIM major from Lawrenceburg, was killed in a two-car collision last Nov. 21.

According to Haseleu, White was one of the best engineering students in the program. "He

was a prolific composer and possibly the best producer in the program," he added.

The name change for the development fund was submitted as the Andy White Memorial Fund. Haseleu stated he felt it was appropriate to name the fund after White since he spent most of his time in the studio.

The fund will be used to buy equipment for the studio.

Sophomore hit in parking lot

By LIBBY WILLIAMS
Sidelines Staff Writer

A MTSU student was injured Wednesday afternoon after she was struck by an on-coming car.

Melanie Williams, a sophomore Early Childhood Education major, was struck by a car driven by Martha J. Brewerton of Murfreesboro in the James Union Building parking lot around 3:30 p.m.

Williams had just crossed the parking lot with two other students, Caroline Davidson and Margaret Mayes. Davidson and Mayes had already crossed the parking lot when Williams turned around to wave at some friends north of her in the JUB parking lot, according to university police reports. Brewerton saw Williams turn into her path, honked her horn and hit her brakes, but was too close to keep from hitting

the student.

The vehicle hit Williams in the side, knocking her up over the hood of the car and throwing her onto the pavement. Williams struck her head on the pavement, causing a slight laceration above her right eye. Damage was also done to her right knee.

"I didn't know what had happened. I turned around to wave at some friends and this car hit me. I never saw it," Williams said.

Baldwin

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The defendants, however, denied in their answers to the complaint that harassment had ever occurred.

Because of the alleged harassments, Baldwin submitted a formal grievance Feb. 9, 1979.

On March 1, she was notified of her termination, despite the grievance, according to the complaint.

Gentry said in his deposition that a grievance had not been filed before the letter was planned. "I don't recall any grievance procedure at that time, (Jan. 31)."

When asked in a recent interview if the letters were reasons for Baldwin's dismissal, Ingram said "as far as I am concerned, her dismissal was not related to writing of the letters. My position is that anyone on this campus can write anyone they want to."

Baldwin filed another grievance March 13, "in order to protest her termination," according to the complaint.

Arnette held a meeting March 14, but at this meeting, according to the grievance statement, Baldwin had no rights to cross examine Gentry nor to require Gentry to back up charges placed against her.

Baldwin met with Ingram April 5, 1979, but according to the complaint, "no evidence was presented to substantiate the charges against her nor did Gentry appear to testify."

Baldwin stated in her complaint that Ingram officially sustained her discharge April 13, 1979. Ingram said in an interview yesterday, "If I've made a decision that was wrong, it ought to be corrected." The defendants maintain in answer to the complaint that Baldwin was never officially terminated by Ingram.

Gentry's position was abolished and he moved into another position around July 1, 1979. Gentry holds faculty tenure and is now an associate professor of education.

Opryland auditions begin this month

By DEBBIE MAGEE
Sidelines Staff Writer

Opryland, famous across the country for its musical entertainment, is lining up talent for its ninth season.

Local auditions begin in Nashville this month on Jan. 12, 13, 26 and 27. The audition team, comprised of the park's entertainment director, entertainment manager, choreographer, musical director and show directors, will visit 25 other cities. They are searching for 400 singers, dancers, instrumentalists, dance captains and musical leaders/conductors. Experienced stage managers, lighting technicians, sound engineers and stagehands are also needed.

Scheduled hours for auditioning are from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Jan. 12 and 26, and from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 13 and 27 at the ranger station at Opryland's employee entrance during the scheduled hours. No

appointment is necessary for an audition, but no one under 16 will be considered.

"Nashvillians know that we have many kinds of shows and look for many kinds of people," Bob Whittaker, entertainment director for the park, said. "For instance, we need people who can perform in a country music show — although only three or four shows are strong country — and we need people who can do Chorus Line dance routines; we need people who can sing gospel and people who can play 1950s rock 'n' roll."

"We have other strong points, too. We have the professional staff — and time — to work with promising entertainers to develop their talents and give them that extra polish that turns them into great entertainers," he continued.

"Our entertainers also make extra money doing shows for conventions and travel industry events across the nation.

A piano accompanist, record player and cassette player will be provided by Opryland. No microphones will be used; therefore, instrumentalists who need amplifiers must provide them. Those auditioning must bring their own music in the proper key and instrumentalists may be required to sight read.

Campus Calendar

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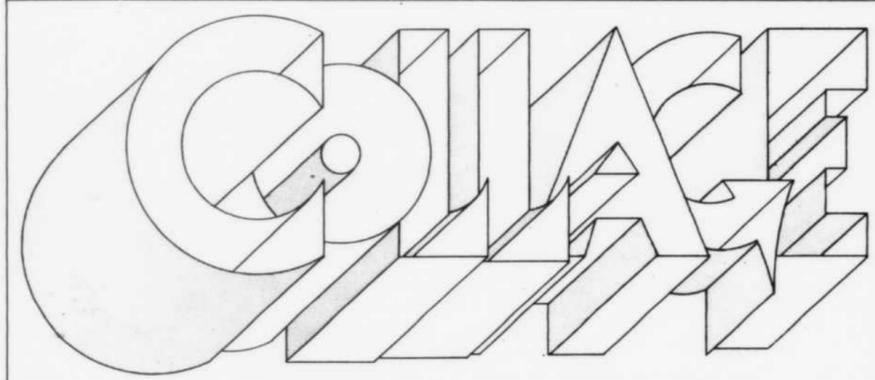
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Campus Rec sponsors sports

By LISA SMITH
MTSU News Bureau

Softball, handball, badminton, volleyball, bridge, racquetball, backgammon and four on four coed basketball — all of these and many more activities are scheduled for MTSU students yearly by campus recreation, a department of the Division of Student Affairs.

The Campus Recreation program is divided primarily into three areas, the biggest part being devoted to intramural sports. Dorm students, Greeks, independents and other campus organizations are divided into leagues and each sport has a scheduled time, usually half of a semester.

Individual and dual sports include activities such as those in the University Center game room and tennis and racquetball tournaments. The service area makes it possible for students to check out and utilize university-owned equipment for various sports and activities.

The expense and lack of storage space for equipment not

in use prevents a larger inventory.

"We spend a week to two weeks looking over things necessary to start planning yearly activities, from publicity to equipment," Joe Ruffner, director of Campus Recreation, said. "My people (a staff of 25 or 30) are trained in organizing, setting up games and knowing the rules."

People interested in working with campus recreation can go by the office, Alumni gym 203, and every effort will be made to get them involved in some aspect of campus recreation, according to Ruffner.

Games room activities were previously operated by the games committee, a Student Programming function, but Campus Recreation is now in the process of assuming the responsibilities, he said. "We intend to continue the past activities and carry on the outcomes from students winning. Some changes are anticipated, but not too many at the present time."

Ruffner solicits and welcomes

comments and feedback from anyone involved with game room activity. "No one can give as much expertise in feedback as those who play the games," he said.

Maximum use is made of campus facilities, Ruffner said, comparing intramural sports activities to the Elvis Presley concerts held at MTSU. "You can't sell more tickets than you have seats for, and we can't schedule more intramural activities than we have room for."

Intramural sports are generally conducted Monday through Thursday, but Ruffner would like to see more student interest in activities scheduled for the weekends.

"Intramural sports at MTSU operate on a competitive concept," he said. "I would like to see students' attitudes and

concepts change to a more fun-oriented attitude for participation."

He would also like to see more experimentation in events and activities on campus. Ruffner wishes they would be more open to "frivolous" activities such as frisbee throwing, pool, backgammon and the like. "Don't get into a rut by doing the things you think are appropriate for your lifestyle," he advised. "You should broaden your activity concept to complement academics."

People should learn recreational activities they can use for the rest of their lives so they will develop a more constructive attitude toward leisure time. He believes that in today's technological society, it is necessary to find ways to unwind.

Professor publishes book

Kenneth Stockdell, assistant professor of speech at MTSU, has recently written a book on audiology entitled *Speech Protocol in Audiology*.

It was edited in cooperation with Dr. Ralph R. Rupp of the University of Michigan and will be published sometime in April.

The book, according to Stockdell, "is the only book where all the aspects of speech audiometry have been addressed. It covers not only classical approaches but current practices and new techniques."

Stockdell added the book also includes comments and views of renowned scholars and their insights in the future of audiology.

The book is being considered by a number of universities. Other schools are already using excerpts in classes.

Stockdell has worked in audiology for 24 years and is editor of the *Journal of the Academy of the Rehabilitative Audiology*.

He got his start working for the Kentucky Department of Public Health. There he headed the Hearing Conservation Program for the state of Kentucky.

It took him 22 years to write his first, and so far only, book. Stockdell is currently working on a sequel and hopes his publisher will accept it sometime next month.



photo by Don Harris

Half-time festivities at last night's MTSU/Tech game included a spaghetti eating contest. Several members of the crowd were selected to participate in the event.

Looks like it's 'The Jerk' for the 80s

By BILL TROUP
Sidelines News Editor

In the 20s it was "The Little Tramp," in the 30s it was W.C. Fields, in the 50s it was Jerry Lewis, and now for the 80s it looks like it's going to be "The Jerk."

Cult comedian Steve Martin is "The Jerk." "An ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill, renaissance millionaire" who was born a poor black child and

never dreamed he was adopted. Sound silly? You bet he is.

"The Jerk," a Carl Reiner film, is Martin's first attempt at motion picture acting. Even though Martin's performance is little more than a string of his own stand-up routines, it is still one of the funniest comedy performances of recent years.

Martin plays a simple-minded country boy named Navin Johnson who was raised by a

black sharecropper family. One day Navin discovers that he is adopted and decides to go off into the world to seek his fortune.

While on the road to fame and fortune, Navin encounters several interesting characters who take their turns at playing straight man for Martin's humor. Of all these characters, Harry Hartoonian, the gas station owner who gives Navin his first job, proves to be the best partner for Martin. Hartoonian provided perfect set-ups for Martin to do what he has become very good at — making people laugh.

Although the story line of "The Jerk" is not exactly great, it is sufficient in providing Martin with a new outlet for his

zany. The story is simple — a young man decides to go into the world to find what it holds for him, he accidentally becomes a multi-millionaire after years (or months, it is never quite clear how much time passes in this film) of working at the bottom, and then somehow loses it all and becomes a derelict.

Navin meets and falls in love with a young girl, played by Bernadette Peters, and adds a light touch of romance to the plot. Peters gives a typical performance, just like most actresses who's careers consist of only guest appearances on "The Tonight Show."

All in all, "The Jerk" is well worth paying to see, even if only for another glimpse of Steve Martin humor.

Bookstore sponsors giveaway

The University Bookstore has long appreciated the value of a good promotion, bookstore director Charles Phillips said. And added the giveaway idea is one of the best they have had so far.

Phillips was referring to the 19-inch color television set that will be given away in a drawing Jan. 18. The TV was acquired through an advertising allowance with Johnson and Staley Job Printers.

The first bookstore giveaway was last summer. The contest

got its start when the bookstore acquired a moped through the advertising arrangement. The thought of giving it away to a student caught on with store administrators and Don Franklin rode away as the winner.

According to Phillips, bookstore promotions are based on research in the college-store market. They are designed to stimulate interest among patrons and employees. Before the drawings, store promotions were mainly limited to special sales, he added.

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from the editor

Hillman issue confusing and unclear; questions, rumors need to be answered

Ralph Hillman, an instructor from the Speech and Theatre department, has outstanding credentials as a teacher, and MTSU students deserve to know why a departmental decision was made not to recommend him for tenure to higher authorities.

Hillman has a 4.75 rating out of a possible 5 in student evaluations and a 4.81 out of 5 on the last question of the student evaluation, a question dealing with overall effectiveness of the instructor. He received an average of four on peer evaluation — an evaluation of Hillman by tenured faculty members in the department. Department chairperson Larry Lowe gave him an overall rating of four out of five on an evaluation and rated him higher than the rest of the department in 10 out of 14 items, according to David Walker, Speech and Theatre instructor. Hillman was rated average on the remaining four items.

"When Ralph came to MTSU, Voice and Diction (a speech communications class taught exclusively by Hillman) was offered once a year and was sometimes not full. Now we offer that class five times a year," Walker said, explaining Hillman's ability to attract students to the department.

With these credentials, it seems odd that the departmental advisory committee on tenure and promotion advised against his tenure.

Obviously, all the information is not yet out in the open. Officials in the Speech and Theatre department are extremely closed mouthed about the issue.

Several members of the departmental advisory committee on promotion and tenure refused to comment. One committee member, Pat Lane, said that "it would not be fair for me to break the confidentiality of the groups' vote. I also wouldn't want to hurt his (Hillman's) job possibilities elsewhere."

In a prepared written statement, Lowe said "A majority of the tenured faculty making up the departmental advisory committee on tenure and promotion advised that the department not recommend Dr. Hillman for tenure. In that departmental review and recommendation is one of several reviewing authorities for faculty being considered for tenure, it is inappropriate to comment further at this time."

Numerous letters have been sent to *Sidelines* concerning this situation and petitions has been circulated by students in the department. Many questions and rumors have risen from this issue and students have the rights to know the answers. They should be answered soon.



fields & richards, inc.

by Mary Ann Fields and Mary Ann Richards

Advice to the lovelorn and sex satiated

Dear Fields & Richards, Inc.,

My boyfriend recently hocked his Nike's for a pair of weejun loafers, declaring he was going to major in a foreign language — Greek. Being a fine arts major, I worried when I heard him say, "Sure, I like music, art and literature in their place, but I'll be damned if I'd let my

daughter marry one." Should I dump him?
Signed,
Fine Arts Major

Dear Fine Arts,

How do you expect to find a job, much less a seat in the Grill? The question is not if you should dump him — you have been dumped. Take your tray to the annex.

Dear Fields & Richards, Inc.,

I'm feeling very rejected. No, I'm not a freshman. Is there a plot out to get me? I've read *Murfreesboro Can Be a Fun Place on Weekends . . . It's Up To You*, but I feel very down.

Last year after being sufficiently warned by my horoscope, I lost one of my true loves during registration. After assuring my girlfriend that Murphy Center was not the Kennel Club, I advised her to take an effective dying course as she was opposed to Effective Living 310. Needless to say I have suffered from extreme anxiety attacks due to guilt because she hasn't been seen or heard from since. After extensive therapy at the infirmary and massive doses of B complex, I worked through this trauma and found another lover.

Her name was Juanita Jones but after meeting me, she changed her name to "Cookie Crumble." After five semesters of English 102, she still believed that a semi-colon was part of her anatomy. That's when I knew I loved her. During her Renaissance periods she was creative, but during one of her Victorian periods she cramped and threw me out. Hence, she declared herself an English major.

She was last seen trying to park in a remote cow pasture in the vicinity of the Ag building and married S.H., quoting Walden Thoreau. I brought this problem to the attention of the administration. I was told I didn't have enough credit hours to discuss it. Incidentally, she was color blind and mistook a Klan rally for a sorority rush. She wouldn't see blue for gold and even though she kept parking in the president's slot, I still told her I loved her. Since her

departure, I have been in a holding pattern and feel as though I am about to dump fuel. Recently I pulled up to Wendy's and after hearing a warm voice say "Will that be a manic depressive with or without onions?", I knew I was in trouble.

Did my last two girlfriends subconsciously dump me or should I major in communications? I would have called the help line, but I don't have a stan card. Can you help me?
Signed,
Mr. Goodbar

Dear Mr. Goodbar,

How presumptuous of you to infer that there are any good bars in Murfreesboro. But if you insist, there is help for you — change your name.

P.S. After extensive research, we located alias "Cookie Crumble." Ms. Crumble has finally "found herself" in Pulaski, Tenn., through the aid of an est group. Rumor has it Ms. Crumble can't reach herself for further comment.

Dear Fields & Richards, Inc.,

Last week I had group sex by myself. I am tired of taking advantage of myself. Am I metaphysically inclined or do I have a problem?
Signed,
Simply Beside Myself

Dear Simply,

All of you need to sit down, pull yourselves together and have a long talk with yourself. It's always nice to remember God created people like John Dunne to fill sophomore literature books. No more metaphysical slots are available. Just don't tell anyone that neither one of you is schizophrenic.

from our readers

Hillman's refused tenure is unprofessional decision

To the editor:

After hearing of the plight of speech teacher Ralph Hillman, I find it very hard to believe that justice and fairness exist in this so-called "institution of higher learning."

One would think that a professor that earns "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" (which is voted on totally by the students) would be a valuable and good instructor. One would think that a professor who

Party theme is offending

To the editor:

Today two American students brought a very interesting notice to my office, which had been posted in an obvious place on the campus. The notice informed us that one of our fraternities is going to hold an "Embassy Party" where the guests will be "held hostage;" and that once inside, one might never escape. I found the notice rather alarming and in poor taste.

Perhaps my sense of humor leaves something to be desired, but I do not think that fifty of our people being held hostage in a foreign country is a laughing matter, and I doubt that their friends and families would think so. I believe that we owe these people some respect.

I am sure the students who posted the notices and planned the party did not mean to offend anyone and that they were merely looking for a catchy theme. I would suggest, however, that they might have chosen a more appropriate one.
Elizabeth Perez-Reilly
Assistant Director of Admissions

received extremely high student evaluations would be a valuable and good instructor. And certainly a professor who takes the time and effort to help individual students whenever they needed him would be called a valuable and good instructor. Any sane person with even an iota of sense should take a hint from all these factors and deduce that Ralph Hillman is a valuable and good professor.

But no. Obviously, the committee for reviewing tenures uses a different standard than performance. Could it be that maybe he didn't mingle with just the "right" people? Or could it be that his untraditional "open door, popcorn" policy is looked down on?

Whatever the reason, it is a tragic and grave miscalculation on the part of the committee. As it had been said before, Dr. Hillman is a very valuable asset to this university. They would do well to hold on to him. The Speech and Theatre department has already suffered a loss of two other fine teachers last semester, thanks to the department. They

seem to enjoy plotting their own demise.

The university as a whole is offering less and less benefits to the student. A MTSU student can look forward to living in hotels or doormrooms with bugs, nice long hikes daily from their parking space to their class (if they're fortunate enough to find one) and neat pink tickets if they park in the wrong color of the vastly unbalanced parking color code.

Now they seem to want to run off one of the few sincere, concerned professors we have. Dr. Hillman's students have been quoted as "looking forward to going to his class." What a rarity! And yet this fine person was not recommended for tenure.

How ironic, also, that this same man was selected to be the topic of a short story in *Collage*. He is written of as "one of MTSU's most beloved professors."

The students have had their voice in this issue, and thus far, it has not been heard. Contrary to popular belief, the students do have some channels of power

and we will use them if need be.

Dr. Hillman deserves the tenure. The question is: Does he still want it?
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Some greek ads lack taste

To the editor:

Throughout this last week, I have been appalled by the apparent lack of taste demonstrated by some Greek organizations' advertisements on campus. At a time when our nation is severely distraught over the holding of 50 of our countrymen in a foreign land, I feel that the capitalization off of an event of that nature is in very poor taste, and does not reflect the patriotic views held by most Americans.

I would hope that in the future these Greek organizations would show more taste and thoughtfulness towards the views of others in planning their advertisements for the MTSU campus.

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Earle still involved with MTSU athletics

By EDDIE GOSSAGE
Sidelines Sports Editor

Believe it or not, only ten months after resigning as MTSU basketball coach, Jimmy Earle said he might be tempted to coach in college again — but not at MTSU.

"When I quit last year, I said I never would coach again," Earle confessed. "Never is a big word. I miss coaching more than I thought I would and if the right situation came along, I would go back into coaching.

"I still don't think I will ever coach again," he added.

Would the right situation be at MTSU?

"No, I've had my fling here," he said. "Coach (Stanley) Simpson is an excellent coach and he is doing an excellent job. MTSU is not going to need me to coach basketball."

Earle added he retired at the right time, a time in which both his nerves and health were suffering. The decision to leave coaching was made at the end of the 1975 season, a year in which Earle and the Raiders won the OVC, the OVC tournament and made the university's first trip to the NCAA tournament.

"After that season, I was offered the head coaching job at New Mexico State. It was an excellent offer with a very good salary," he recalled. "It was at that time that I had to decide whether to remain in coaching or to leave the profession.

"If I was going to stay in coaching, I would have to have taken the job at New Mexico State," he continued. "It would be a definite step up for me. I decided not to take the job and to leave coaching in four or five years."

Four years later, Earle retired and assumed the newly-created position of Assistant Athletic Director.

"I really enjoy my job and I really enjoy working with Coach (Bubber) Murphy," Earle said. "He's been like a father to me and I have always looked up to him."

Murphy's retirement has been rumored time and again. Only he knows exactly when the end will come to the most illustrious career in MTSU athletic history. It has been said, though, that Earle will pick up where Murphy leaves off.

"I can't imagine not having Coach Murphy around,"



photo by David Mudd

Former MTSU basketball coach Jimmy Earle reviews the action in last night's game against Tennessee Tech. Earle stands alone at the end of the corner playing floor ramps, unable to sit during the games because he is too involved in the games. The current assistant athletic director said he would return to coaching if the right offer came along.

Earle said. "He is an institution at MTSU and the athletic department."

For the meantime, though, Earle says he is happy as assistant athletic director and his role as a leader in the Blue Raider Club. Presently, Earle is trying to institute satellite chapters of the organizations designed to increase interest in MTSU athletics. The former OVC Coach of the Year insists that he is learning quite a bit about athletics administration, something which would come in handy if he were to ever become Athletic Director.

"Some people look at me and say I'm all basketball," he explained. "That's not necessarily true. I'm for MTSU in whatever game they are playing, whether it be basketball or marbles. As long as they are wearing the right colors, I'm behind them."

And he does support MTSU teams. His presence is most visible at MTSU football games, but he is perhaps most visible at the Raiders home basketball games. During the entire contest, Earle stands at the end of any one of four ramps leading to the playing surface, calmly cheering Simpson and company on.

"I do stand throughout the game, I just can't sit down," he laughed. "My wife has asked me why I don't sit with her, but I just can't. In time, I may be able to, but not yet."

And while he is standing, just exactly what is running through his mind?

"It's only natural to look at what's going on on the court and think about what to do in a situation," Earle said. "After 20 years in coaching, it's not easy to look at a game and wonder whether a zone would work better here than a man-to-man, or some other situation that pops up during a game."

But the transition, while it is tough, is being made. Earle is slowly moving away from his days in coaching, despite the fact he has left the door open for his return to the profession. In the interim, though, he is enjoying what he is doing.

"I have more nights at home now that I am out of coaching, and I enjoy being with my family," he said. Him and his wife, Francis, have two children, Jimmy Jr., a college freshman, and Tammy, a high school freshman. "It's nice being able to spend some time with them."

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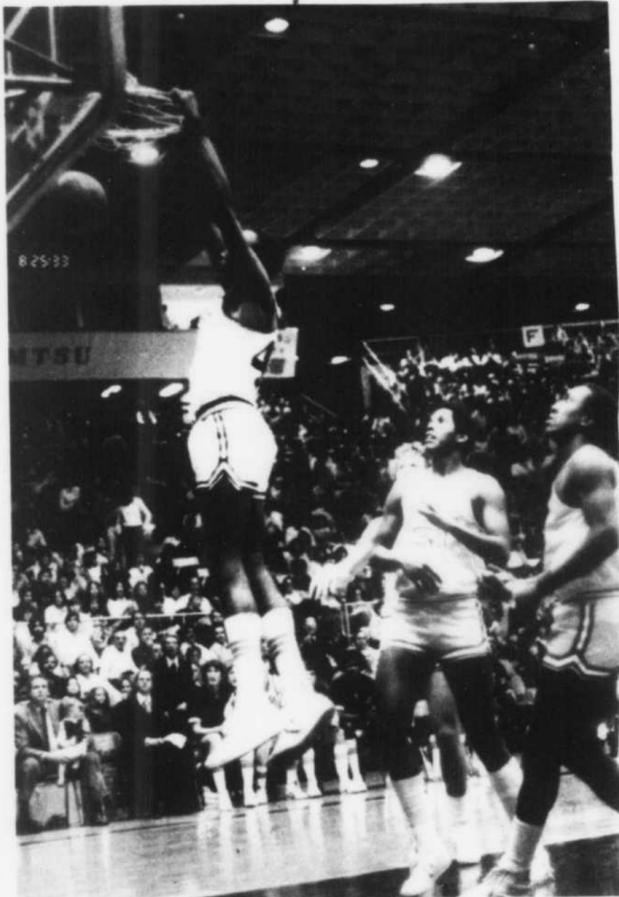
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Simpson, Raiders nab first OVC win



Forward Jerry Beck slams two home in second half action last night against Tennessee Tech. Beck sustained an eye injury at the end of the game, but should be ready to see action Saturday against OVC-newcomer Akron.

Denen leaves team; cites lack of play

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

Sophomore guard John Denen, one of the most popular players on the MTSU basketball team, has left the squad according to coach Stan Simpson.

Denen apparently left the team citing a lack of playing time.

"John Denen came in yesterday (Wednesday) and said he would like to transfer to another program to get more playing time and we wished him well," Simpson told yesterday's Faculty-Press Luncheon.

The first-year head coach went into further detail following the gathering.

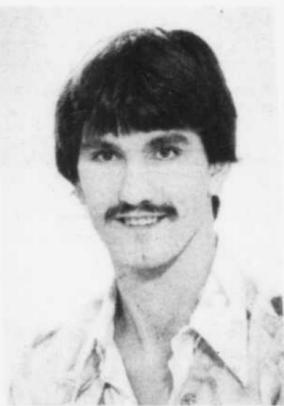
"I think it (Denen's transfer) will make the program stronger," Simpson said. "It will show people they will really have to play well to see action."

Simpson added that Denen desired to play more offensive basketball than the coaching staff preferred. In recent years, MTSU has gained national attention as a defensive-oriented program.

Denen traveled home to Washington Court House, Ohio yesterday after moving out of his I-Dorm room.

He was selected Ohio's "Mr. Basketball" in 1977 — the state's highest award, and will reportedly enroll at Otterbien College in Westerville, Ohio. The school competes in the NCAA's Division III, the collegiate small school rank.

"There were some personal reasons why I left the team," Denen said last night. "I know that Coach Simpson has told the team and everybody else that it was because of a lack of playing time and that's true. The school I'll be going to, I'll get to play more."



John Denen

Denen added that his decision was not a hurried one. He said he considered transferring last summer but decided to return to MTSU and play for the new coach. Denen said he was hoping to see more action and did start several games early in the season, only to be edged out by Edward "Pancakes" Perry.

Otterbien College is located only an hour and fifteen minutes from Denen's parents' home and he said it was a key factor in his decision to leave.

"I don't want anybody to get me wrong, I loved going to school at MTSU, I loved the people and I really appreciate the players," he said candidly. "MTSU is a tremendous school and I'll miss some of my friends like Mark Lynn and Mike Frost (teammates)."

"However, I think the move was a positive one for me and that is what I really had to consider."

Denen will become eligible to play for Otterbien next December.

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson achieved something many coaches long for.

In his very first attempt, Simpson won an Ohio Valley Conference game, topping arch-rival Tennessee Tech 65-62 in Murphy Center last night.

"Any win is important, no matter what it is," Simpson countered, indicating that he felt last night's game was no different than any other.

However, the game was not decided until the last second when senior David Thornton stepped to the foul line, giving MTSU the final margin and icing the victory.

Thornton replaced forward Jerry Beck on the free throws after Beck was jabbed in the eye and fouled on a mad scramble for a loose ball.

Beck's injury was said to be minor and he is expected to see action Saturday in the Raider's next game.

The first half of the game was rather uneventful as MTSU took an early 10-4 lead only to see the Golden Eagles come back and knot the score on six unanswered points. Middle pulled away and led, 21-14, a seven point deficit that was the largest spread throughout the contest.

The highlight of the half, at least fan-wise, was a friendly conversation between the crowd behind the Tech bench and reserve center John McNish. The burly 6-8, 220 pounder entered the game and members of the student section began riding him. After being removed from the action, McNish stood on two occasions and yelled back at the crowd, something which added more to the fire.

"I was just playing around with them, I really enjoy getting

it on with the crowd," he laughed after the game. "Some guys let it (the crowd) bother them, but I ignore it."

MTSU retired to the dressing room at the intermission with a 31-27 lead.

The second half began much like the first half ended, with Tech pulling in close and the Raiders moving back out to a seven point lead on four occasions.

Then Golden Eagle coach Ben Ledbetter was working in the absence of head coach Cliff Malpass who is on sick leave.

Ledbetter installed a sticky full-court press that proved effective against the Raider guards and Tech chopped away at MTSU's lead. The visitors were successful to some degree as the margin was cut to two points on four occasions, but Tech was never able to assume the lead.

With seven seconds left, MTSU held a two point lead, 64-62. MTSU guard Curtis Fitts snatched a rebound off of the Golden Eagle backboard and the Raiders appeared to have the game well in hand. Fitts was tied up under the basket, however, and John Mathis held on for a jump ball. MTSU controlled the ball on the tip and that was when Beck was jabbed in the eye as the two squads fought for a loose ball. Thornton went to the line for Beck and iced the victory.

Before being injured, Beck canned 19 points and grabbed a game-high five rebounds. Edward "Pancakes" Perry added 12 while center Chris Harris had 11. They were the only Raiders in double-figures.

For Tech, Pete Abuls had a game-high 20 points, Pat Kannapel tossed in 11 and Mike Williams pitched in 10.

Lady Raiders demolish nationally ranked Tech

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

Playing like a bunch of seasoned veterans, MTSU's Lady Raiders might have turned the corner onto "Consistency Street" in their young college careers last night.

The Lady Raiders, using an eight point surge by Lisa Justice in the second half, thumped the once powerful Golden Eaglettes of Tennessee Tech, 72-57, in Murphy Center.

"This is what we have been needing," head coach Larry

Inman said after the game, "to be in a close game and come out on top."

MTSU jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead while holding Tech scoreless for the first four minutes of the game. The Lady Raiders kept 10 and 12 point leads throughout most of the first half, virtually shutting down the Eaglettes' powerful inside game of Trish Bell and Carmen Dowdell.

MTSU got a little careless in the latter stages of the opening period and turned the ball over

three straight times allowing Tech to cut the margin to six at the half, 37-31.

Tech didn't waste much time tying the score in the second half as they locked it up at 37 with 17:16 to play. The game stayed close for the next eight minutes until with the game tied at 47, Justice exploded for two quick baskets and then hit teammate Josephine Wright cutting to the basket for a layup to put MTSU ahead to stay.

"Lisa needed this kind of game to help her confidence," Inman said. "She really killed them toward the end."

After Justice's outburst, Sherry Smith hit a couple of long jumpers and "Ily" Portik added a few from the corner to seal the win.

"I think a key in our win tonight was that we were in mental control of the game. We didn't go overboard trying to get them fired up before the game

because sometime I think they have a tendency to burn out if we get 'em too excited early," Inman stated.

The Lady Raiders led in almost every statistical category tonight hitting on 27 of 56 shots from the field for 48.2 percent and 18 of 26 from the line for 69.2 percent.

Tech was 24 of 57 from the field for 42.1 percent and nine of 14 from the line for 64.2 percent.

Ester Coleman led the MTSU scoring attack with 20 points followed by Smith with 15 and Justice with 14.

Pam Chambers led the Eaglettes with 14 and Barbara Dam added 11 points.

The Lady Raiders will be back in action Monday night in Nashville against Tennessee State. Their next home game is set for Thursday night against Austin Peay.

OVC television falls as sponsor withdraws

By CAROL STUART

Sidelines Sports Writer

In a last minute decision by sponsors, plans for regional telecast of OVC basketball games were discontinued yesterday, according to MTSU Sports Information Director, Ed Arning.

Tomorrow's game between Morehead and Austin Peay at Clarksville was supposed to be the initial broadcast of the season. However, OVC Sports Information Director John Verner announced yesterday that Budweiser's local distributors decided not to match sponsoring funds.

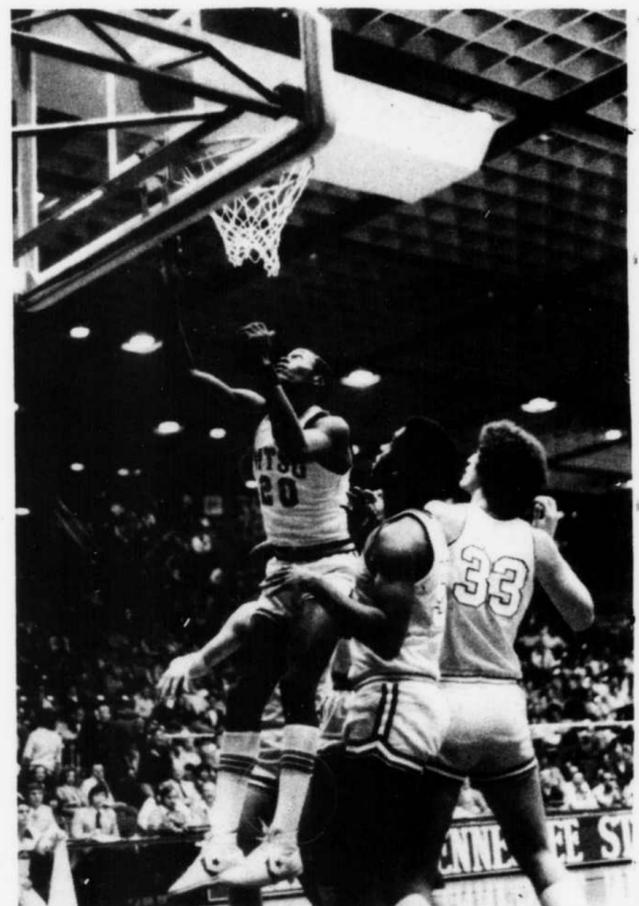
"The national Budweiser people left it up to the Tennessee distributors to pay half," Arning said. "The Tennessee portion of Budweiser just decided that they

could not get their money's worth."

Budweiser had a similar television package with the OVC last year. According to Arning, former SID of the conference, the decision by the local distributors came down to the wire last year with them completing the deal then.

MTSU's game at Murray, Ky., was supposed to be next week's televised game. "It really baffles me," Arning said of the cancellation, "because last year Budweiser said they were pleased and the fans thought it was a good deal. We thought everything had gone fine and the response was good."

The OVC had set up a tentative schedule of games to be telecast, with night games being changed to afternoon times if the deal went through.



photos by Don Harris

Chris Harris scores two of his 11 points last night on a layup as he puts one on the glass. MTSU overcame a late Tennessee Tech rally to hang on for a hard fought 65-62 win.

MTSU had trouble running with the ball, a trademark of Raider teams. Whenever Middle Tennessee did attempt to run, they seemed to incur offensive fouls. Simpson laid the blame on the Tech defense.

"They prevented us from running with the ball, which was our game plan," he explained. "Whenever it looked

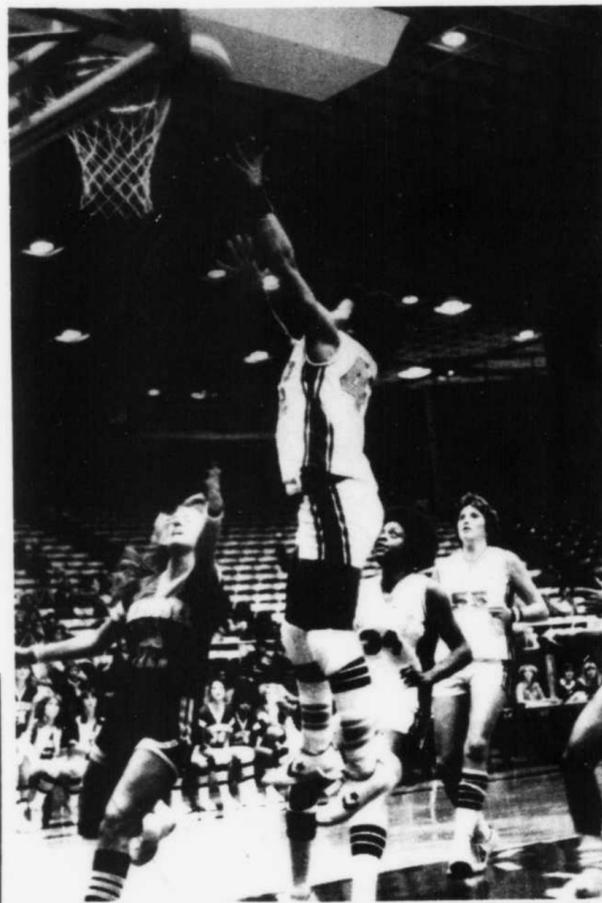


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MTSU's Josephine Wright tosses in a short jumper as the Ladies in Blue shocked nationally-ranked Tennessee Tech 72-57. The win is only the second over Tech in the past few years

Intramural Scoreboard

Kappa Sweethearts 36 — Wesley Women 24
Games Room 71 — College Street 17
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MTM 44 — ITK 37
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Judd(4) 53 — H-Hall(2) 32
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BSU(1) 25 — Stardusters 20
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