

## Rape suspect arrested

By **ANGIE GALLOWAY**  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

A 28-year-old MTSU graduate student was arrested Tuesday evening and charged with the rape of a 17-year-old freshman coed, who has since withdrawn from school.

Richard M. Lawson, a first-year Nigerian graduate student, was on his way to class in Kirksey Old Main when University Police Capt. Larry Nixon and three officers from the Murfreesboro City Police served the warrant for his arrest at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Lawson is presently being held at the county jail in lieu of bail.

The rape allegedly occurred at Lawson's apartment on Ewing Boulevard in Murfreesboro Saturday night.

Capt. Walter Gough, of the Murfreesboro City Police Department, said the rape victim and Lawson went on a dinner date to Nashville, leaving Murfreesboro at approximately 5 p.m. The report said they

returned after midnight and went to his apartment, where he forced her to have oral sex.

"We were unable to get a lab report, seeing how it was oral sex," Gough said.

Lawson was charged with rape, rather than statutory rape, even though the victim was a minor, he said.

Gough said the victim did not claim to be harmed or threatened by Lawson. The rape was reported at approximately 1 a.m. Sunday by a friend of the victim.

The friend, who lives in Allen House apartments, said the victim called her from Lawson's home at 8 p.m. Saturday (prior to the alleged rape) and told her she had gone out with Lawson.

"She was scared and wanted to come over to my apartment," the friend said. "At the time she called, Lawson was downstairs talking to some friends. I wanted to have his phone number, but it was not on the phone. I told her to call me back, but she never did."

Around midnight, after the alleged rape occurred, Lawson took the girl to her friend's apartment.

Her friend said she was upset and shaking. The police were called and came to the apartment to question the girls.

The friend said the victim told her that, after the alleged rape occurred, "he took her clothes downstairs. She got his sweater from the floor, but he came back upstairs then. After he did it, he went downstairs and even ironed her dress.

"I don't think they [the police] even knew she was a minor. We had to get in touch with her parents, and that was not until 4 a.m. They finally arrived at 8 a.m. Sunday morning," she said.

Capt. Gough added, "I have heard a lot of rumors, floating around on campus concerning the previous rapes. Lawson has not been charged before with rape, and, to our knowledge, this is the first incident he has been involved with."



photo by Charlie Hunt

Passers by at the Graphic Arts Building Wednesday were shocked to see an automobile accident. The accident was simulated to give spot news experience to the photojournalism class taught by Pat Casey Daley. Photos were required to be shot, developed and printed within an hour and *Sidelines* photographer Charlie Hunt came in first with a total time of 36 minutes. Judy Chamberlain, left, Sgt. Burkehalter of the Campus Police Department and Lisa Human, assisted the project.

## Error delays campus road repairs

By **ERIC STEINBERG**  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Due to a 10,000-square-yard miscalculation on a paving contract, the resurfacing of campus streets and parking lots may be delayed until spring, according to Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

"We identified the roads we wanted surfaced," Pigg said.

**THE FIRM OF** Johnson and Bailey Architects was hired to survey the area south of the maintenance complex, along with other bad areas on campus, and to come up with an estimate on the cost of recovering the damaged areas.

"The architect prepared a map and shaded in the areas to be resurfaced," Pigg said. "Whoever [from the architects' firm] added up the area on the map made a human error," Pigg continued. "They dropped a one."

This miscalculation caused the figures received by MTSU to be 10,000 square yards too low.

**THE SEALED BIDS** submitted ranged from \$66,878 to \$105,485 and were based on the map which charted the true area to be resurfaced as 35,000 square yards.

"We thought the area to be repaved was 25,000 square yards," Pigg said. "When we opened the sealed bids [on Nov. 6] and saw the low bid was \$66,878. We were shocked—we didn't know what had gone wrong.

"We only had \$50,000 to work with," Pigg continued. "We figured it would cost about \$2 a square yard.

"I definitely thought we got a good bid [after realizing the error]," Pigg said. "Rebids will delay the work until spring."

**PIGG SAYS** he will see if the State Building Commission will allow MTSU to submit the adjusted figures to the low bidder and avoid going through the rebidding process.

"I don't know if they will let us do that," Pigg said. "We will just have to wait and see."

If the building commission won't allow renegotiation with the low-bidding paving company, then the campus planning office will have to start the bidding process all over again.

"**WE WILL HAVE** to put ads in newspapers all over the area for 30 days," Pigg said. "Then we will have to wait for the new sealed bids and go with the lowest bidder.

"I don't think we will get as good of a bid next spring as we got this time," Pigg concluded.

According to the architect responsible for the estimate, the error was an accident.

"We apologized for the mistake," said architect Charles Johnson. "It was just human error.

"In this profession," Johnson continued, "there is always this kind of thing that happens.

"**AND I DON'T** see why this is so newsworthy anyway," Johnson said.

The main problem facing MTSU officials now is that they only obtained \$50,000 to work with. Since the original estimate was \$2 a square yard for 25,000 square yards, the planning office has been left \$16,000 too short and can not continue with the project.

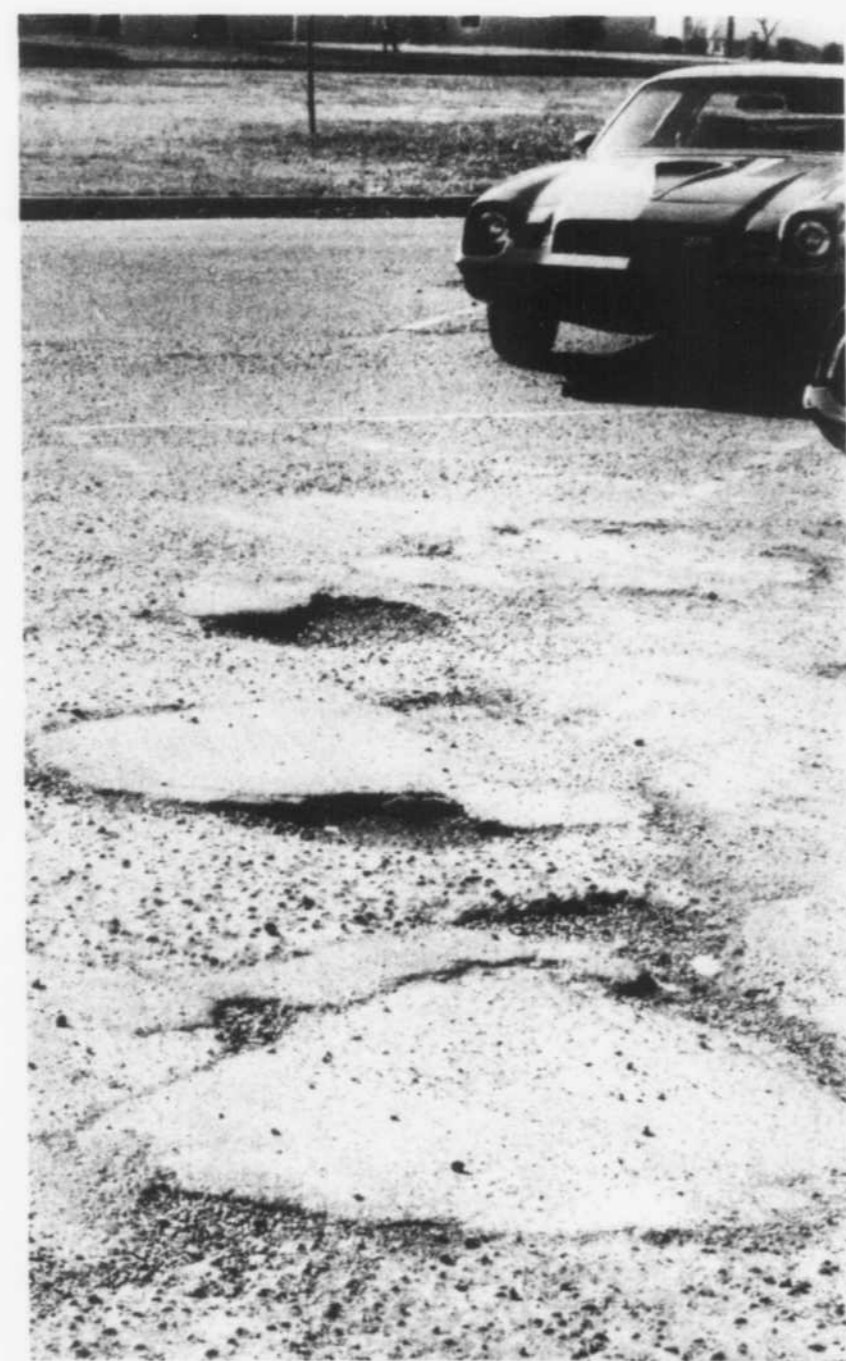


photo by Susan Loggins

Due to an error in square-mile calculations, road repairs which were scheduled for fall will have to be delayed. Potholes and road hazards on campus will be repaired by spring semester.

## James addresses joint ASB session

By **DENNIS MYERS**  
Sidelines Staff Writer

ASB President, Randy James commented on the campus parking problem and the 13 percent increase in tuition facing MTSU students during a joint session of the House and Senate last night.

"I want to compliment both the House and Senate for passing the parking resolution," James said in reference to a resolution which requests the administration to experiment with one week of open parking on campus.

The resolution, if accepted by the administration, would eliminate color-coded parking for a one-week trial period.

James also commented on the ever-growing tuition increases facing MTSU students.

"The 13 percent tuition increase facing students is intolerable," James said. "MTSU will lead in sending Gov.

Alexander a resolution opposing this increase.

"I don't think we can roll the increase back, but at least they'll know how we feel," James continued. "The fact that we have as many registered voters as the University of Tennessee-Knoxville is important in having our voice heard."

James ended his address by commending the ASB for the number of resolutions passed this year, saying that it was the highest number ever passed by the student government.

Under the direction of Speaker of the House Byron West, the joint session began its discussion of old and new business.

The first issue discussed was House Resolution Number Eight—a bill designed to limit student late-registration from 21 days to 14.

ASB Senator Mark Ross, sponsor of the resolution,

defended the bill, which was passed by the House last night and will go to the administration as soon as possible.

"What this accomplishes is cutting down on students who take an extra-long vacation," Ross said. "It is not fair for people who register on time because if they miss 21 days of school, they've missed nine Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes—enough to be flunked.

"However, those students who are allowed to register late face no penalty at all," Ross concluded.

Other resolutions discussed were:

- A request for adequate lighting to be installed on campus, which was passed.
- An increase in the check-cashing limit in the University Bookstore.
- Opposition to the unfair impoundment of higher education funds.

## Work-at-home mail advertisements still on campus bulletin boards

By **ERIC STEINBERG**  
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Forms promoting work-at-home mail advertising businesses remain on campus bulletin boards even though two of the companies are under investigation by U.S. postal authorities for mail fraud.

Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, said that just because a company is under investigation is not enough justification to remove their ads from our bulletin boards.

"In my opinion, the material does raise a question to its legality," LaLance said. "I am going to consult the council [the Board of Regents] for a ruling."

The state Board of Regents policy manual states that each institution may require prior approval for the use of any or all bulletin boards on campus, and if required, the name of the

official authorized to approve use of the board shall be posted also.

Use of the board may be denied on the basis of one of the following: (1) the person or group is not authorized to use the board in question; (2) the material is not the type authorized for the board in question, or fails to meet any special conditions as posted on the board; (3) the material is obscene or otherwise violates any federal or state law or regulation of the institution.

Tim Gunnels, ASB freshman senator, submitted a bill last night during a joint house and senate session that would prohibit posting the advertising of work-at-home employment programs that require a fee to participate.

"The bill is to ban these things from campus because they are rip-offs," Gunnels said. "I

realize that there are legitimate work-at-home businesses, but I don't feel that they have the need to advertise in this manner."

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## Sidelights

### 'Great American Smokeout' is Nov. 20

The American Cancer Society's annual "Great American Smokeout" will be Thursday, Nov. 20. During the smokeout, all smokers are urged to quit for at least one day and, hopefully, forever. Last year, 5 million smokers succeeded in going smokeless for one full day.



photo by Stuart Marshall

Pipes for the new air conditioning system are being laid down by construction workers near Woodmore Cafeteria.

# Some dorms getting new furniture

By DONNA SMITH  
Sidelines Staff Writer

A little paint and new furniture could make even an MTSU dormitory a little more inviting.

At least, that is the idea behind the improvements being made in several residence halls on campus.

Badly needed furniture has been placed in several dorm lobbies.

"Furniture has a life span, and much of ours is on its deathbed," David Bragg, director of university housing, said.

In addition to furniture, the installation of new air conditioning is over two-thirds complete and should be ready by next year's cooling season.

NEW CEILINGs and lighting have been installed in Sims, Beasley and Smith Halls,

and Smith will also be provided with exterior fire escapes.

Those not included in the present renovations can take heart, however, as university housing hopes to eventually make improvements, such as new furniture, in all residence halls.

"Things like new furniture make people happy," said Bragg, "and we want campus residents to be happy."

The problem with renovation is that it costs money. Renovating only one building would cost approximately \$300,000. The furniture for the lobbies of Sims, Beasley and Smith Halls cost almost \$150,000.

MONEY FOR such improvements must come from rental fees. However, the Office of University Housing is a non-profit organization and has little extra money. All their revenue must be used to pay utility bills and mortgages. In order to make improvements, some of the rental dollars must be put aside.

According to Bragg, last year was the first year that money was saved for this purpose. Five percent of last year's rental was used to paint five buildings on campus.

Renovating all the residence halls on campus may take four or five years, Bragg said.

## Author to speak on walk across country

By JIM DE MARCO  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Peter Jenkins, the man who walked across America looking for answers, will tell what he as learned Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Multi-media room of the LRC.

Jenkins and his dog, an Alaskan Malamute, began a walk across America in 1973 after becoming distressed over personal and national conflicts. Expecting to be on the road several months, Jenkins soon realized that he would have to stop along the way to work and live with people he encountered.

"From my first searching journey out of my home town, I had lived a life of extremes," he said. "I had starved my way through the Smokies and stuffed myself Southern style."

"I had lived on a long-haired immune in Tennessee and had learned how to pray at a far-out revival in Mobile," Jenkins continued. "I had shared outer and inner spaces with a hermit

mountain man and had been named Albino by a loving black family."

Jenkins married Barbara Pennell, a seminary student, in New Orleans, and together, they set out for the second part of the walk on July 5, 1976.

"I had come face to face with God, and accepted Him as my own," Jenkins said. "Still, as much as I had expected, there was more waiting to be found."

"I had started out with a feeling of burning dullness and desperation," he continued. "Now I was filled with a thrill and expectation of new discovery."

A *Walk Across America*, Jenkins' written account of his adventures, was a national bestseller and is being developed as a four hour mini-series set to air on CBS-TV next year.

His presentation is sponsored by the Ideas and Issues committee. It is free and open to the public.



The Special Ladies are the university champions in the women's softball division of Campus Recreation. Team members are: first row, Sylvia Parham, Linda Boyd, Rachel Caldwell; second row, Carolyn Sharpe, Alveda Wilson, Tangia Barbour; third row, Paula Moore, Arberdia Howard; fourth row, Coaches Deon Allen, Richard Smith and his son, Reggie.

# African pianist to perform here

South African pianist Steven De Groot, winner of the fifth Van Cliburn International Quadrennial Piano Competition in 1977, will perform at 8 p.m. on Nov. 30 in the new Music Hall.

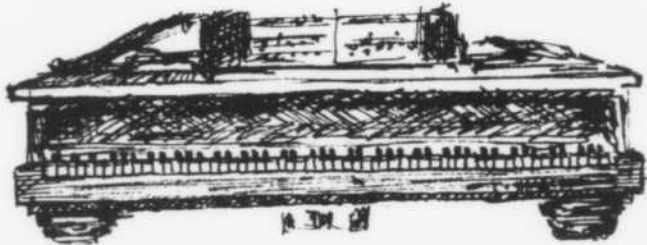
The 27-year-old native of Johannesburg comes from a family of music lovers. For three generations, nearly every family member has been a professional musician. De Groot began performing solo and chamber music concerts throughout Europe and South Africa at an early age with his violin father and cellist brother.

In 1971, De Groot, studying under Eduardo del Pueyo, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels with first prize in piano. In 1972, he entered the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, studying under Rudolf Serkin, Mieczyslaw Horszowski and Seymour Lipkin. In May 1977, he won the Young Concert Artists International Auditions in New York City and, as a result, made his New York recital debut in November of that year, which was received by critics with much acclaim.

The *New York Times* commented, following the New York review, "Make no mistake about

it, Steven De Groot is a superior pianist and musician."

Boesendorfer Imperial Grand piano, which he also chose for



The *New York Post* agreed, noting, "De Groot, in every way, lived up to expectations. His overall impression was that of a penetrating, highly imaginative mind, beautifully schooled and equipped with every tool necessary for the highest musical re-creation."

De Groot will perform on a

his Washington debut in the Kennedy Center in March 1979.

The Public Broadcasting Service featured De Groot in two nationally televised specials during the 1978-79 season. The first special, "Contest to Carnegie Hall," focused on the 1977 Van Cliburn Competition. Second was a concert with the

late Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops.

Free general admission tickets for the concert may be picked up next week by students at the Student Programming Office. Non-student admission price for the concert is \$8.

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## from the editor

**Smokers:** Urged to quit for one day

Next week could change the habits of many people. Thursday, Nov. 20 is National Smoke-Out day, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Smokers are urged to quit, even for just one day—a period of 24 hours.

Here is the chance to see if you *can* quit. It could prove to yourself and your friends that you are not hooked on the "dreaded cancer stick."

One purpose of the American Cancer Society Smoke-Out day is to get people to stop smoking altogether. But even if a small portion of the smoking population quits for a day, then part of their mission is accomplished.

We urge all smokers to give it up permanently.

We could list statistics concerning the health risks involved in smoking until we were blue in the face, but unfortunately, you probably either would not listen or you have heard them all before.

Only you can quit and make it stick. And it is your health that matters most to you.

But if you can quit for just one day, then that will be a great achievement.

It will take a tremendous amount of willpower to do this if you are truly hooked on cigarettes.

But if you are determined to make a change in your lifestyle, then now is the time to do it.

So smokers—on your mark, get ready, and crush.

**Anderson:** Reimbursed for campaign expenses

Independent presidential candidate John B. Anderson got a \$4 million bonus from the Federal Election Commission Thursday for his third place finish in last week's election.

Anderson, who polled 6.5 percent of the popular vote Nov. 4, was certified by the commission to be eligible for \$4,164,906 in government funds to defray campaign expenses.

This is a positive step in the right direction concerning independent nominees, but it must have been a real staggering blow for the candidates and members of the Republican and Democratic parties.

It is a positive step because it now shows that the United States no longer has to be dictated to by the wishes from just two major political parties.

From the ashes of the two-party struggle throughout history, a third party has risen to the ranks of the "accepted ones."

The figure was based on unofficial vote returns and could be revised later when the official vote is certified. Final figures could give Anderson more money or make him repay some of Thursday's grant.

While Reagan and Carter got their money in advance, minor party candidates must receive at least five percent of the popular vote to qualify and get their money after the voting.

But how much money he received is unimportant. The fact that he did receive over five percent is the significant factor.

However, the commission will formally notify the secretary of the treasury of its decision immediately, and the Treasury Department will send Anderson a check.

President-Elect Ronald Reagan and President Carter both qualified automatically for \$29.4 million in federal funds since they were major party nominees.

Well, John, another good thing came from surpassing the five percent minimum, you and your wife won't have to go to work, at least not for a while.

## Viewpoints



## retrospect

by Dennis Myers

**Nissan could benefit MTSU**

SEVERAL articles have been written recently by various Middle Tennessee newspapers about the positive economic impact of the Nissan Company locating a plant in Rutherford County.

But the positive impact goes beyond the significant economic gains that will occur in this area.

This university stands to gain significantly in several ways if it meets the challenge presented by the location of the plant.

Obviously the plant could have a positive impact on enrollment, but more importantly, the plant can have a positive impact on the academic program of the university.

MANY Nissan employees, because of the increasing complexity of technology, will need to keep up with new

engineering techniques, computer skills and business practices. This presents a golden opportunity for new and more innovative programming in these areas of study at MTSU.

Along with new university needs in these areas, the school will need to implement companion-program increases in the areas of English, Distributive Education, and Industrial Technology—just to name a few.

President Sam Ingram and the Board of Regents should begin immediately to discuss the opportunities for MTSU expansion in all of these programs. They should consider that this plant will not only have a positive impact on enrollment on its own, but may very well bring support industries to the area, which will also benefit the

university in the same and other areas.

Presently the Middle Tennessee area is expanding rapidly in its industrial base—witness the addition of the Datsun truck plant and the Kroger Company dairy.

HAVING been affiliated with Kroger for five years, I can assure the university that major companies like Kroger are very interested in the availability and quality of higher education in the areas in which they locate.

For instance, Kroger had maintained a suite of offices and dormitory facilities for the continuing education of their management employees at Memphis State University for many years. They now have such areas located in Atlanta, Georgia and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tennessee is well-liked by

Kroger management; they have located a dairy, meat plant, and huge distribution center in the Nashville-Murfreesboro area and operate a bakery and dog food plant in other areas of the state.

MTSU, by virtue of its central location, capabiltiy for physical expansion, and recent improvement in many faculty departments, is a logical choice to become one of the state's leading universities.

THE LOCATION of major industries in the area should provide the necessary catalyst for the Board of Regents and the legislature to consider this university for dramatic funding increases to establish it as a major school.

With this in mind, faculty and students should look to improving both the academic and cultural atmosphere at MTSU.

## only in america

by Mike Kopp

**Church vigil remains for hostages**

"The cathedral is a house of prayer for all people . . . has served as a focus for the concerns of all of us . . ."—John T. Walker, Bishop of Washington Cathedral.

EACH YEAR a half million people wander in the shadows of the looming gothic towers of the Washington Cathedral in Washington D.C. Some come to celebrate national days, some to remember leaders of humanity. Others come to hear sermons on major issues of our time.

Within its stone walls are locked the tears of mourners; in

its massive chancel the sounds of praising choirs echo their hymns through tiers and down rows of pews. The pews, lined in neat fashion, face the main sanctuary. It is a sanctuary overwhelmed in the splendor of a high altar and crowned by a six foot cross of wood, gilded brass, crystal and enamel.

To the altar's left rests the shell of a smaller, less imposing chapel. There are many chapels in the Cathedral, but this one stands as a modern-day landmark. For kept within its' shell is the hope a nation—a phylactery for fifty-two Americans in Iran.

THE OPENING to the chapel

is never blocked and on its altar a candle always burns—a compassionate reminder of a disillusioned crisis. There's no record of the numbers that have lifted prayers for their fellow countrymen under the vaulted ceiling of Saint Mary's Chapel within the great cathedral.

And there is certainly no way of knowing how many of these prayers are heard. But at any rate, and at all costs, the vigil remains and will continue until the captive Americans come home safely.

The following is a copy of a prayer that is available for the chapel services:

"O God of mercy and power, look with compassion upon the hostages held in Iran. Stand by them by day and by night, grant them strength in body, mind and spirit, and give them patience to the time of their release. Sustain their relatives and all who love them in their plight; guide and preserve in his decisions; and our presence in the world. Finally O Lord, we pray for the people of Iran and the United States, that looking to the welfare of each other we may come through anger and strife to reconciliation and friendship. Amen."

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# The political pendulum is in motion

By MIKE KOPP  
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This was the year they vowed to have their voice heard. An oppressed people turned aggressors. Under labels like the Moral Majority, the Religious Roundtable, the National Christian Coalition, they marched to the right.

Strongly against abortion and ERA, and for school prayer, traditional family, capital punishment, a balanced budget and military superiority over the Soviet Union, they felt ignored—shut out of politics. But this was to be the year of change.

Their voice strained of controversy, not centered on the Hill of Washington but heard all across the country from evangelical pulpits.

With membership into the millions, they lined outside the voting booths of America. But how much effect did they have? How strong was their political foundation? These are questions left unanswered in the aftermath of the largest national

political turnover of the last 25 years.

To find answers, to understand the reasons for the "New Right Christian" existence, one may turn to the grass roots from which it was bred.

"I've taught for 25 years in



Joe Sharp

schools, and I've seen the change in the textbooks," said the Rev. Joe Sharp, pastor of the Pen-

tacostal Church in Murfreesboro.

"We need to return to a society of morals—a return to conservative ideas," he said.

Sharp is a veteran clergyman of 34 years and a Southerner trained by the church in a Kentucky seminary.

"I encouraged people to vote...to vote their convictions," Sharp said. "I don't see any difference in religious leaders pushing their convictions and the guys on the other side pushing theirs."

Sharp is not fanatical. In a controlled manner, he described his vision of a religious nation—much like, in his words, "we had sometime ago."

With little inhibition, Sharp says he preaches politics from his pulpit on occasion.

"Not a lot. For instance, in a revival, when people obviously come to be saved, is not the time to preach politics," he said. "But I have preached on the issues, expressing my convictions."

Some preachers are much more vocal. The Rev. Jerry Falwell, proclaimed leader of

the Moral Majority, took his mixture of politics and religion on the road, traveling thousands of miles in the last year.

Sharp believes "New Right Christians" have come out of the closet and did vote in overwhelming numbers to defeat many of the stauncher liberals of the New Deal. Still, the voting bloc figures are questionable, and will be until more accurate polling can be taken.



Joe Breen

But what of their effect on America's political arena?

"It's hard to know just yet how powerful they are...how much effect they have on the operation of government," Sharp said, "but if they aren't strong enough to make changes this new term, they will be stronger and more powerful in the next four years."

"Their cause is catching," Sharp continued. "They will be stronger."

Flip the coin, and you find the Rev. Joe Breen, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Murfreesboro.

"It's precarious foolishness to think the people stand for politics in the pulpit," Breen said. "People of my congregation are educated—they don't need anyone telling them how to stand on the issues."

Breen's opinions echo those of recent policy-statement outlines by the Administrative Board of the Catholic Conference: "Christians and Christian organizations must certainly

participate in public debate over alternative policies and legislative proposals, yet it is critical that the nature of their participation not be misunderstood. We specifically do not seek the formation of a religious voting bloc."

Breen added that he encouraged his congregation to vote, "but not on my convictions."

It is an age-old battle, the argument of religion in politics. In the early years of our country under the Puritan strong arm, religion, which was the government, was too inhibiting.

It resulted in a migration of individuals, their bodies and their minds. The taste of freedom was too sweet.

To say a return to a Christian republic, prompt or gradual, is possible, is to dream ideologically. History says it's not realistic.

But the battle ensues. This is, in the words of the Rev. Sharp, "the battle of Modern Morality versus Moral Majority."

Only time will tell how far the pendulum has actually swung.

## Rules committee decides that lawyers can be intimidating; given limited role at hearings

By JIM DE MARCO  
Sidelines Staff Writer

The University Rules Committee, after deciding Tuesday that cross-examination by a practicing attorney in university hearings could intimidate students, voted to limit the attorney's role to that of an adviser.

Paul Cantrell, dean of students, asserted that campus trials are different from public court hearings and that attorneys tend to confuse students.

"We have two high-powered attorneys using legal jargon with students present, and it's confusing," Cantrell said.

"They can 'ipso facto' you to death," Ivan Shewmake, dean of men, said, agreeing with Cantrell. "A lawyer can intimidate any student in a case. They intimidate me."

In the past, attorneys were allowed to cross-examine witnesses during the trial.

Some members of the committee pointed out that if the student hearing boards have attorneys present at a hearing, the university will have to have an attorney present in order to prosecute. The hearing would then consist of two attorneys arguing legal matters.

It was unanimously agreed

that "a practicing attorney can serve as an adviser to defendants at university hearings, but they must stand mute during the hearing itself."

The committee also decided that Open-house regulations for dormitories, which were previously determined by the dean of students, are now overseen by the director of housing due to a university policy change, according to committee member Teresa Egan.

Egan stated that sections of the Rescue and Campus Living referring to open house should reflect the change.

## Wolfe forms grievance panel

A panel to hear grievances about student publications has been formed by Publications Committee Chairman William Wolfe.

Appointed to the student publications subcommittee on grievances and complaints were Eddie McGee, graduate student in business; David Bragg, director of university housing; and Boyd Creasman, an undergraduate English major.

"Some fixed procedure for handling complaints seemed necessary," Wolfe said. "The previous situation frustrated both the people who complain and the people who run the publications."

"Irate letters to the editor

don't get much done for the legitimate complainer," Wolfe continued. "Letters in most newspapers seem colloquies among readers from newspaper and reader."

Wolfe said his appointment of the subcommittee was not a response to recent complaints about *Sidelines* and *Collage*.

"The subcommittee was assembled earlier in the semester," Wolfe explained. "Although, after some legislative grumpings about the newspaper, I did ask Byron West, the ASB House speaker, to sit with the committee, and he agreed."

Wolfe added he is well aware

that the subcommittee's existence might also inspire complaints.

"Still, ours is a university committee, and among our constituencies are the staffs of the publications. We have as much interest in protecting those staffs against practical hurt from feckless carping as we have in protecting other constituencies from editorial insouciance."

## Debate team hosts tourney Sat.

By DENNIS MYERS  
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's Debate Team is hosting the Fifth-Annual Blue Raider Classic Debate Tournament will be Saturday.

"There will be over 40 high schools from five states represented by over 500 high school debaters in this tournament," David Steinberg, debate coach and instructor of speech and theatre, said.

The tournament will include eight divisions of individual events and three divisions of debate competition. The tournament begins at 11:30 a.m. today and will end sometime late Saturday evening.

The Blue Raider Classic is one of the biggest high school debate tournaments of the year for schools in the five state area, including Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky, and it has been sponsored by the MTSU debate team since 1975.

"We managed to wrestle a

dying ex-debate coach David Walker [currently professor of Speech and Theatre] and turn it into one of the largest and best in the southeast," Steinberg said, chiding Walker, the three-time director of the Blue Raider Classic.

Backing up Steinberg's claim was Billy Tate, whose Selma, Ala. high school team is said to be one of the best in the tournament.

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## MTSU looks for first win

# Raiders to 'zip' Akron?

By SCOTT ADAMS  
Sidelines Sports Writer

There will be two desperate football teams lining up to face one another Saturday on Horace Jones Field.

MTSU is fighting a battle to keep from being the first team in Middle Tennessee State history to go through an entire season without a win.

The Zips of the University of Akron, who are making their first trip ever to Murfreesboro to play football, aren't in quite that bad of a situation, although their team has already resigned themselves to only the second losing season in their school's history.

**AKRON COMES TO MTSU** with shattered hopes of an OVC title in their first year of eligibility for the crown after starting off their year with an upset win over defending Division I-AA national champion Eastern Kentucky 21-10.

Coach Jim Dennison's team proceeded to drop their next two games before fighting to a scoreless tie with Youngstown State. They rallied back to defeat Eastern Michigan at home, but then lost their next four games including last week's matchup with Northern Michigan 38-10.

"About all we know about Akron is what we've seen on films," MTSU coach Boots Donnelly said. "With our budget as tight as it is, we didn't have the money to send anyone up to scout them."

It doesn't take much of a scouting report to realize that junior halfback Dennis Brumfield is the key to the offense. He averages over 100 yards a game and is only 83 yards away from a 1,000-yard rushing season.

**FOR THE YEAR** he has carried the ball 230 times and averages over four yards per carry. The Zips have only thrown the ball 125 times this year, completing 41, but when they do throw, it's usually in the direction of wide receiver Pat

Snow, who has caught 24 of the 41 passes completed.

"To say the least, we'll have to stop the run," Donnelly said. "And that could be trouble for us because we didn't do too well stopping Western's runners last week."

For MTSU, just say Sammy Bryant when you talk about the offense. He leads the team in both rushing, 115 carries for 510 yards, and receiving, 17 catches for 143 yards.

**ON THE DEFENSIVE** side of the ball for Akron, Brad Reese is the man to watch. He leads the conference in tackles with 92 and assists with 111. For MTSU, Robbie Ridings is tops with 39 tackles and 28 assists, followed by Tim Dickerson with 31 and 32 respectively.

There shouldn't be any major changes for the Blue Raiders this week, but Akron has planned a rather big shake-up for their line up. The teams third leading tackler will be on the sidelines due to a deep thigh bruise he got against Northern Michigan. Also, their fifth placed tackler, Bob Baumbick, will be replaced by freshman Tim Hodges.

On offense, sophomore Kevin Meade will take over at quarterback for normal starter Tom Freeman, who had a bad game last week throwing two interceptions and completing none of his seven attempts.

**AKRON WILL** also have a new tight end on defense and a new right guard on offense. Both of the regulars are out with injuries.

With all of these new faces in the line up, a scouting report probably wouldn't have helped Donnelly and the Raiders anyway, but "every little bit helps," he contends.

"There are always things you miss when you just have film to look at," Donnelly explained.

Saturday's game will be the last home game for the Blue Raiders this season, scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m.



photo by Greg Campbell

Second-string quarterback and starting tailback Sammy Bryant hands off to a Blue Raider runningback in yesterday's practice session. The MTSU squad hosts OVC newcomer Akron tomorrow at Horace Jones Field.

## Sports

# Ladies picked to place first

By LISA OVERSTREET  
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Lady Raiders and coach Larry Inman are looking forward to repeating last season's performance in the 1980-81 Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball race.

According to a preseason poll, league coaches are expecting the Lady Raiders to sweep the league championship again this season. With six first place votes possible, MTSU secured five of the votes to claim the top position.

Middle Tennessee went unbeaten in six OVC contests last season, holding an overall record of 23 wins and 10 losses with a team dominated by freshmen.

In the 1980-81 season, Tennessee Tech is chosen to finish behind MTSU. Western Kentucky was picked to finish third, followed by Austin Peay, Morehead State, Murray State, and Eastern Kentucky.

This season's OVC race is forecast as being one of the "toughest, closest races ever," according to Inman.

"It is one thing to be chosen to be there; but, it is something else to earn it," Inman continued.

The Lady Raiders have lost two of last year's starting players. Two young players returning are All-OVC forward Ester Coleman and OVC All-Freshman Sherry Smith, both sophomores. Center Lindi Dye and forward Robin Baker return with game experience.

"We had a good recruiting year with some pleasant surprises in the new people," Inman said. "Our back-up people have really improved. Everybody is having to work for what they get. A few ankle sprains and strained muscles are in the process of healing.

"We have a capable ball club, but we need some luck," Inman said. "Our success lies in minimum injuries."

The team's greatest objective for this season, according to Inman, is to be totally prepared for any situation.

"One thing about a single robin situation, one bad night and you're out," Inman stressed.

The Lady Raiders will begin their season Dec. 1 against Belmont for the home opener at Murphy Center.

## Volleyballers lose opening

### round to UTK

Middle Tennessee's women's volleyball team dropped its first match in the state tournament at Cookeville last night.

UT-Knoxville downed the Lady Raiders in the Tennessee Women's Collegiate Sports Federation tournament sponsored by AIAW. The Lady Vols defeated MTSU in three games, 15-10, 11-15 and 15-8.

"We didn't play real bad, but we didn't play good enough to win," MTSU coach Beth Glass said. "The image they [the nationally-ranked Lady Vols] perpetrate can be difficult at times."

The Lady Raiders continue tournament play today against East Tennessee State, UT-Chattanooga and Memphis State and see action tomorrow against Tennessee Tech.

"We have the potential to win," Glass said. "I just hope tomorrow [Friday] that we get together."



photo by Dan Qualls

MTSU women's head basketball coach Larry Inman looks on as returning standout Ester Coleman shoots a freethrow. The Lady Raiders have been picked by OVC coaches to finish on top of the league.

## Ward's Weekend Winners

by Bill Ward

**NOTRE DAME at ALABAMA**—Tide quarterbacks Jacobs and Coley are banged up but should play, and Notre Dame has a much worse injury situation. The key here is whether the awesome Bama defensive front can manhandle young Irish line. Bear Bryant, who's never beaten Fighting Trash, will have what could be his best team ever primed for the biggest game of the year. A very reliable source tells me that during his stirring speech before the UT game, the Bear even shed a few tears. There'll be no reason to weep after this one, though. **ALABAMA** by 6.

**PURDUE at MICHIGAN**—The Boilermakers have piled up 191 points in their last four games, and the feeling here is that their QB Mark Herrmann will edge Herschel Walker for the Heisman Trophy. Recent stats, though, have come against the hapless bottom echelon of Big 10, and Herrmann will be hard-pressed to repeat last year's 20-for-29 performance in Purdue's upset of Wolverines. The Boilermakers are not a very good road team, and Michigan has already faced some tough passing attacks (California, Illinois) this year. Wolverines can't look ahead to next week's Ohio State tilt and will attempt to play ball control here. They should succeed enough against mediocre Purdue defense to take this one, but it may be one of those "whoever has the ball last wins" pointfests. **MICHIGAN** by 6.

**CLEVELAND at PITTSBURGH**—An absolute must game for the Steelers, who trail the Browns by a game and must still travel to San Diego and Houston. Brian Sipe has thrown for more than 1000yards in his last three games against Pittsburgh and should have another field day here. But the Steelers offense will put up a bunch of points, too, as neither team has any semblance of a pass rush. The Browns have never won at Three Rivers Stadium, and that trend should continue. In a wild one, possibly in overtime, **PITTSBURGH** by 3.

Favorite	Underdog	Points	Arkansas	Texas A&M	by
College			Texas	TCU	11
MTSU	Akron	by 3	Baylor	RICE	16
AUSTIN PEAY	Tenn. Tech	by 10	SMU	Texas Tech	3
Eastern	EAST CAROLINA	by 1	TULANE	Memphis St.	34
MOREHEAD	Kentucky St.	by 1	USC	Washington	9
Miss. St.	LSU	by 11	ARIZONA ST.	UCLA	4
Georgia	AUBURN	by 9	Oregon	OREGON ST.	16
Tennessee	Ole Miss	by 7	Washington St.	CALIFORNIA	5
Miami (Fla.)	VANDY	by 10	Pro		
Florida	KENTUCKY	by 7	Baltimore	DETROIT	11
Penn St.	TEMPLE	by 16	Buffalo	CINCINNATI	8
Navy	GA. TECH	by 1	Houston	CHICAGO	13
Pitt	ARMY	by 33	Philadelphia	WASHINGTON	7
BOSTON COLLEGE	Syracuse	by 6	Green Bay	GIANTS	1
MARYLAND	Clemson	by 2	New Orleans	ATLANTA	3
NO. CAROLINA	Virginia	by 14	Tampa Bay	MINNESOTA	4
N. C. ST.	Duke	by 2	DALLAS	St. Louis	3
SO. CAROLINA	Wake Forest	by 8	DENVER	Jets	3
Ohio St.	IOWA	by 42	MIAMI	San Francisco	5
MINNESOTA	Mich. St.	by 3	SAN DIEGO	Kansas City	7
ILLINOIS	INDIANA	by 6	NEW ENGLAND	Los Angeles	2
NORTHWESTERN	Wisconsin	by 3			
OKLAHOMA	Missouri	by 5			
Nebraska	IOWA ST.	by 23			
Oklahoma St.	KANSAS ST.	by 3			
Kansas	COLORADO	by 8			

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# Haskins to lead 'Toppers to OVC title?



file photo by Don Harris

Western Kentucky's Craig McCormick (42) is expected to be the top player in the OVC this season. The Hilltoppers, guided by former NBA star Clem Haskins, were chosen by the OVC coaches to place second in league play this season.

By **BILL WARD**  
Sidelines Sports Writer

Almost anywhere in the country, a team with but one returning starter and a new head coach would be calling this a rebuilding season.

Not so at Western Kentucky, however, as the tradition-rich Hilltopper basketball program will once again field an OVC powerhouse.

The "Toppers lone returning starter, Craig McCormick, is not only the best big man but perhaps the best player in the conference as well. He's joined by four others who averaged more than 10 minutes per game on last year's OVC championship team, not to mention what may be Western's best crop of freshmen in more than a decade.

The fellow who's faced with the enviable task of meshing this vast array of talent into a cohesive unit is one Clem Haskins. Clem the Gem. The only basketballer in OVC history to be named conference MVP three consecutive seasons.

If he's half as good a coach as he was a player, the Hilltoppers should be able to continue as the top-ranked major college in the nation in wins per season. That's right, Western's average of 17.30 wins over the last 61 seasons ranks them above everyone else: North Carolina (17.14), UCLA (16.80), even their bitter rivals over in Lexington (16.39).

With an extremely quick outfit and more depth than anyone in the conference (possibly excepting our own Blue Raiders), it's hardly surprising that Haskins has decided upon a fast-break attack for the coming season. Last year, the "Toppers parlayed a sticky man-to-man defense and offense into their 17th OVC title, but look for this year's squad to, in the coach's words, "loosen it up a bit.

"We'll definitely run when the opportunity presents itself," the conference's first black coach adds. "The fans come to see exciting basketball, and that's what we hope to produce. But we plan to slow it down and take the good percentage shot when the break is not there."

Such heady play has always characterized Hilltopper basketball. Last year's outfit set an OVC season record with a phenomenal 52.4 team shooting percentage. McCormick, a 6-10, 225 lbs. junior with a soft touch, led the way, hitting 62.5 percent of his attempts. He

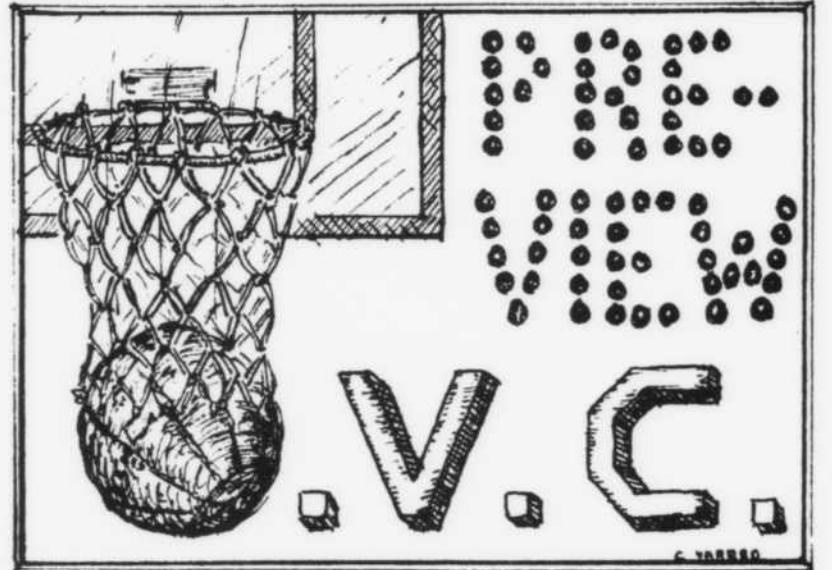
also was the leading scorer on an extremely balanced ballclub with a 14.6 average, and capped the season by being named Most Valuable Player of the league tournament.

He'll be joined in the front court by 6-7 sophomore Tony Wilson, a potential superstar with fine shooting touch and tremendous leaping ability, which earned him the nickname "TWA," for Tony Wilson Airlines.

At the other forward spot, Haskins can choose from a host of fine players, all of whom will play a great deal: 6-8 senior Rick Wray, a super shooter who averaged 10 ppg as a starter two years ago; 6-7 soph Percy White, a bullish leaper who's trimmed down from 257 to 225 lbs.; 6-5 freshman Ken Hatcher, a blue-chipper who should play more as the season progresses; and 6-6 freshman Gary Carver, a heady hustler who needs to add to his 200-lbs. frame.

In the backcourt, the only lettermen are senior Mike Reese and junior Kevin Dildy, both 6-3 and quick; Reese is a streaky outside shooter who's unstoppable when he's hot, while Dildy may be the "Toppers' best defensive player.

But the playmaking role may fall into the hands of a freshman, either 5-10 Bobby Jones or 6-4 Bryan Teater. Jones is both fast and quick, with great court sense and ballhandling ability as well as a decent shooting touch. Teater is not as flashy but commits fewer turnovers. How quickly and effectively one of these first-year men can take charge of the offense may be the most crucial question facing the Hilltoppers.



## Govs can grab second in OVC

By **BOB GARY**  
Sidelines Sports Writer

After ten weekends of grueling, hard-hitting football, the number one question has been answered—Western Kentucky owns the 1980 Ohio Valley Conference football title, lock, stock and barrel.

There is, however, still the question of second place, and it's a question that's not going to be settled simply. As of right now, there are no less than three teams tied for second in the conference—defending national I-AA champion Eastern Kentucky, defending OVC champion Murray State and red-hot Austin Peay. Those three own identical 4-2 league marks, but the Governors from Clarksville have an opportunity to take the second spot by themselves for at least a week.

Peay has the only league game this week, as they entertain Tennessee Tech. Eastern has a non-league contest as they journey to Greenville, N.C., to take on the Pirates of East Carolina. Elsewhere, Morehead State goes against Kentucky State, while Youngstown State hosts American International.

The clash between Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech has all the potential to be a real barn-burner. The Governors have the conference's total offense leader

### OVC standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Western	6-0-0	9-0-0
Austin Peay	4-2-0	6-3-0
Eastern	4-2-0	7-2-0
Murray	4-2-0	8-2-0
Akron	2-3-1	3-6-1
Tenn. Tech	1-3-0	4-5-0
Morehead	1-4-0	3-6-0
MTSU	0-5-0	0-8-0
Youngstown*	0-0-0	1-7-1

\*Ineligible for title

in Sonny Defilippis, who has thrown for over 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns. Defilippis also set a new OVC record for rushing for a quarterback against Murray State last week, as his effort in that game took him to 594 yards for the season.

The Golden Eagles are not without guns of their own, however. QB James Aaron had thrown for 1,210 yards and seven scores before being injured two weeks ago. Aaron did not see action last week against Eastern Kentucky, and is listed as questionable for this week. Even if he is not healthy, however, back up Randy Constatine has shown his capability, as he threw for 281 yards performing in Aaron's stead. Whoever plays quarterback for Tech will be throwing against a Peay

secondary which is tough, having allowed an average of only 105 yards per game.

Eastern Kentucky comes off a 48-7 whipping of Tennessee Tech last week in which the Colonels may have found a new star. Tony Braxton replaced the injured Alvin Miller and proceeded to ramble for 124 yards and three touchdowns. Braxton proved to be a star among stars as far as Eastern's running game was concerned, as the Colonels rushed for a total of 365 yards and five touchdowns. Eastern QB Chris Isaac was also sharp last week as he connected

on six of eight passes for 83 yards.

Despite only a 4-5 record to this point, East Carolina could prove to be troublesome. Three of their five losses have come at the hands of nationally ranked teams such as Florida State, North Carolina and Southern Mississippi.

An Eastern win in this game could go a long way toward getting the Colonels a playoff spot, and therefore, a chance to defend their national championship.

Morehead State faces Kentucky State this week after getting a superb performance from super tailback Dorron Hunter in a losing cause last week. Hunter scampered for 186 yards rushing and 291 all-purpose yards. That performance was good enough to boost him to second place among OVC rushers. The Eagle offense is not all Hunter, however, as QB Dan Reeves rates fourth in the league in total offense.

Kentucky State enters the contest with a 5-4 mark, one of those four losses being a 24-21 nail-biter to Eastern Kentucky.

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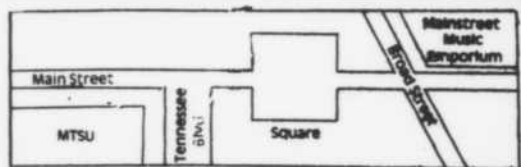
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