

## Holiday thefts hit two dorms

Eight different dorm rooms were reportedly broken into but little property was taken over the Christmas holidays, according to John Driver, MTSU campus security detective.

Cummings and Smith Hall were the prime targets for the culprits.

Driver talked about how the people gained entrance to the rooms.

"They chiseled around the door's dead-bolt and then punched it out with some type of metal tool," he explained.

A open sorority room window in Cummings Hall was used by the burglars to gain admittance to the dorm.

"Some silver pieces were missing from the sorority room but the exact amount and description of the goods is not available at this time," Driver commented.

Three rooms in Cummings were broken into besides the sorority room, but no property was reported missing from them.

Smith Hall was the target for five break-ins, all of which were done using a chisel and hammer.

"There is definitely a connection between the break-ins at Cummings and the thefts in Smith Hall," he stated.

A gold key was reported stolen in Smith. The key weighed nearly an ounce and was worth approximately \$500. The other rooms were broken into but no property was reportedly taken.

The MTSU track locker room was forced opened and ransacked, campus security reported.

Again, the door was chopped with a metal object but no connection has been determined between this break-in and the thefts in the two dorms.

"About \$500 in theft and property damages occurred in the locker room," Driver said.

"With students just getting moved back into the dorms, it hard to find just exactly what is missing," he added.



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Sophomore John Gimple watches intently while MTSU bookstore teller Mrs. Green totals up his purchase of books for the spring

## New aides to help frat row and tuition

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Two students have been selected to head plans with the city of Murfreesboro for a fraternity row on campus and to halt the proposed tuition increase, ASB president Kent Syler announced yesterday during a press conference.

Doug Cole, former director of student information for the ASB, and Jeff Ellis, a senior journalism major and former Sidelines editor, have been chosen as executive assistants to the president. Cole will work solely with the plans for fraternity row on campus and Ellis will lead the campaign to fight the tuition increase.

"Doug and I have both set goals to have definite plans from the city by the end of the semester concerning frat row," Syler said. "We don't want to have the situation hanging in the air; students need to know what will happen in the future."

"On Jan. 16 we are on the agenda of the city planning commission," Cole explained. "We plan to talk to the board about developing the land and aiding us in establishing a fraternity row on campus. We hope to maintain good relations between the city and the university."

Syler added that Senators Bob Rucker and John Bragg will be

contacted in hopes of obtaining state funds for frat row.

"Getting students organized and making some headway" is the goal of Ellis in his tuition increase fight.

"We've got to let the board know that we don't appreciate the increase and that we aren't going to sit back and take it," he said. "And we need to tell them that in the future they had better avoid other increases."

The State Board of Regents has already approved a seven percent increase in tuition and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission has suggested an

additional eight percent increase. This is intended to bring the Regents' schools up to the level of tuition paid by schools in the U.T. system.

"In December, a Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) bill in favor of fighting a tuition increase was passed overwhelmingly," Ellis said. "This shows that not just MTSU students but students from all across the state are behind this."

Ellis plans to meet with finance commissioner Lewis Donaldson within the next two weeks to start laying plans for halting the increase.

## Charges dropped against students due to error

By DAVE COOPER

Sidelines Staff Writer

Charges against three MTSU students were dismissed Wednesday during a preliminary hearing due to errors in the warrant statements.

The three students, Michael K. Curtis, Leamon Bratton and Andrew Cannon, were charged with the Dec. 1 attack of Harry Majors in K-apartments.

Judge James Buckner dismissed the warrants because the charges were not accurate with the actions that took place.

The original charges on the

warrants stated the three were accessories before the fact of assault.

"The warrants had the wrong charges on them and will have to be redrawn," Jeff Henry, Rutherford County Assistant District Attorney, said. "The judge felt that the evidence supported a charge of accessories to the assault, not just accessories."

The evidence pointed to two of the three being participants in the crime, since Bratton and Cannon were the first to approach Majors and allow 30 to 40 males to enter his apartment.

Charges against the third suspect, Curtis, were dismissed due to a lack of evidence.

It was thought that Curtis drove the automobile that tried to hit Majors after he fled his apartment.

The facts showed it was Majors' word against the testimony of Curtis, since no witness could be obtained to substantiate what Majors said.

## Suspensions due to theft, assault

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Copy Editor

Disciplinary suspension is given to about a dozen students each semester, according to Ivan Shewmake, dean of students and men.

The three main offenses that can warrant suspension are theft, physical assault and having or selling hard drugs.

Almost all cases of theft are suspended.

Disciplinary probation occurs when a student has done something against the rules but the act does not warrant suspension. They are notified of the lengths and terms and there is a restriction on their extracurricular activities, Shewmake explained.

He added if a student is on probation and violates the rules and regulations of the university, suspension can result.

The student can then elect to have the case heard in either Judy Smith's (dean of women) office or in Shewmake's office.

He said the only way he would agree to hear the case was if there was no question of fact and was clear cut.

If Shewmake's or Smith's decision is agreed to by the student, it goes no further, but if not, the student can appeal the decision to a hearing board.

All material and information concerning the case is then sent to the Routing Committee which reviews the file and decides which board to send the case to.

Three boards hear the cases. They are General Sessions Court, Supreme Court and the University Discipline Committee.

Shewmake said generally the Discipline Committee hears faculty/student cases; the Supreme Court hears cases rising out of the ASB constitution; and General Sessions hear most of the other cases.

## Academic suspension appeals falling under tougher review

By BILL TROUP

Sidelines News Editor

The committee on appeals of academic suspensions is taking a much more strict stance on granting appeals from now on, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records.

Last semester over 500 MTSU students were put on academic suspension for maintaining grade point averages below minimum retention standards. Of those who were suspended, 179 filed appeals to be readmitted to school and only about half of the appeals were granted.

The committee is made up of seven people — two students and five faculty members: Jack Forrest, chairman and assistant professor of management and marketing; Dean of Students Paul Cantrell; Joe Evans, professor of mathematics; Keith Carlton, associate professor of psychology; T. Coy Porter,

Once the board's decision is made, the person has 48 hours in which to appeal his case to the advisor to the board that heard his case.

All appeals go to the Dean of Students Paul Cantrell for the final decision, Shewmake said.

The amount of time a person is suspended is determined by the court and the offense.

spanish professor. Susan Denny and Janet Waddel are students currently on the committee.

The procedure to appeal suspensions begins at Gillespie's office where an academic suspension appeal form is filled out. From there the form is sent to the committee where it is reviewed and sent to Vice President for Academic Affairs Jack Carlton for final approval. At this time the student can re-appeal his case directly to Carlton as a last resort.

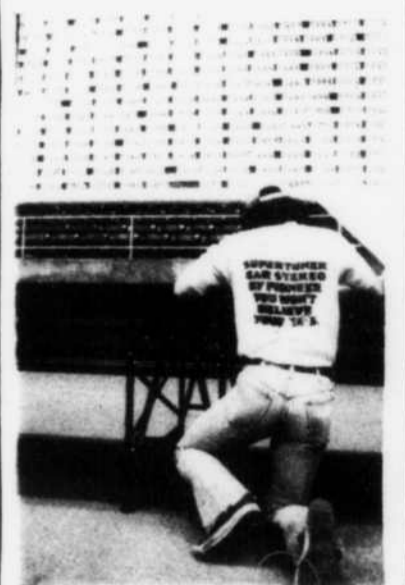
Appeals are granted to students who come within one quality point of minimum grade requirements and present good reason for him or her to be readmitted to the university. Some students who present evidence showing that they were experiencing extenuating circumstances during the semester, such as family problems or personal illness, can sometimes be readmitted after a hearing.



photo by Larry McCormack

Junior Bridgett Rumsey wandered through the maze of textbooks to find her materials for the new semester, just as many students had to do before classes began yesterday.

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This is one of the photographs of John Grady that will be featured in the LRC photo gallery Jan. 13-31. Grady is currently an instructor of photography at Elgin Community College in Illinois.

### Pool to reopen after passing inspection

After several months of renovation, the MTSU swimming pool will hopefully reopen next week, according to Joe Ruffner, director of campus recreation.

The pool was scheduled to reopen Jan. 4 after inspection, but due to construction and material delays, opening of the pool was postponed. "The scheduled date is now Jan. 14, provided it passes inspection on Jan. 10," Ruffner said.

There are a few things that

are still needed to be done, such as painting, handicap facilities completion and cleaning up.

Materials for the chair lift for handicapped students were delayed but should be installed in the future.

Provided the pool passes inspection next week, the hours will be as follows: Sunday 6-8 p.m.; Monday and Friday 4-6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 5-7 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.-midnight. The pool will be closed on Wednesdays.

# Gore to speak Saturday in UC

Albert Gore, Jr., U.S. Representative from District Four, will be a guest speaker on campus Saturday, Jan. 12.

The meeting, which will be held from noon to 1 p.m. of the UC, is open to the public.

Gore will address such issues as historic preservation, the future of aviation technology and the unity of the Democratic party, club vice-president Cynthia Cline said.

"This is an opportunity for students to participate in national government. Since it is election year, it is important to be active," Andrea Stewart, treasurer of the Young Democrats, said.

Gore is the youngest Congressman elected from Tennessee in this century, according to the *Tennessee Blue Book*. He has a particular interest in energy resources and is a member of the House Com-

mittee on Science and Technology and the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

"Gore is also active in subcommittees on Energy and Power and Energy and Development. He is on a panel that includes 18 House members, which will determine policy regulations concerning gasahol, synthetic fuels and energy conservation," according to Washington aide Ken Jostin.

He has also been working on the problems of hazardous waste disposal. Gore chaired a hearing this term which compiled a list of the country's hazardous waste sites, approximately 100 of which are in Tennessee. Jostin said. Gore has opposed the inaction of the Environmental Protection Agency on this issue.

This event is sponsored by the MTSU chapter of the College Young Democrats.

## P.O. window service discontinued on Sat.

The campus post office has announced they will discontinue their Saturday morning window service effective Jan. 19.

"There is just not enough business to justify staying open on Saturday," Postmaster Kenneth Summar said.

The majority of the students who use the windows on Saturday do not do so until at least 11 a.m. he said. It is hard for the post office workers to close at the scheduled time of 11:30 a.m.

On an average week day, the post office may take in over a thousand dollars in sales from the windows, according to Summar. On Saturdays, \$60 in sales is average.

The post office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The windows go down at 4 p.m. for the workers to complete the daily reports.

"If students need to pick up packages on Saturday morning they may do so by coming to the side door," Summar explained. There is a stamp machine down the hall.

The only service that will not be available to patrons on Saturdays now is the sale of money orders.

"It is more fair to the postal workers not to make them drive in on Saturday mornings. We will be working with only a skeleton crew," Summar said.

## Bluegrass and dance will highlight Jan.

*Kentucky Fried Movie, Harold and Maude, The China Syndrome, The Wiz, Capricorn One* and *Pretty Baby* are only a glimpse of the excitement that will come to you courtesy of MTSU Student Programming.

Hubert Davis and The Season Travelers will be presented by the Special Events Committee on Jan. 15 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The Season Travelers, a bluegrass band, features Hubert Davis on the banjo, Rubye Davis on the guitar, Gene Bush on the dobro, Mike Compton on the mandolin, Richard Hoffman playing the fiddle and Phil Wimett on the bass. Also appearing will be Sam Weedman. Tickets are on sale now at the Concert Ticket Office, room 309 of the UC. For further information call 898-2551.

The final event planned for January will be the American Dream Dance Scene presented by the Dance Committee on Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Room. This disco show, put together by Steve Hill of Atlanta, has toured throughout the U.S. Admission will be 50 cents.

Any student interested in joining a Student Programming committee can go by the Student Programming Office, UC 308, and obtain an application.

## Campus Calendar

- Tuesday
  - GED Test: UC 314, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
  - Continuing Education: Nutrition Workshop, UC 322, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
  - Placement: Opryland, Recruiting and Reception, UC Basement & UC 324 A-B-C, 10 a.m.-4p.m.
  - Movie: "Kentucky Fried Movie," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.
  - Multi-Media First Aid Class: AM 204, 6-10 p.m.
- Wednesday
  - Forrest Raider: Recruiting, UC Basement, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
  - Movie: "Harold & Maude," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.
  - Multi-Media First Aid Class: AM 204, 6-10 p.m.
- Thursday
  - President's Office: Luncheon, Dining Room A, JUB, 11:30 a.m.
  - Faculty/Press Luncheon: Tennessee Room, JUB, Noon
  - Graduate Test (English only): UC 314, 1-3 p.m.
  - Movie: "Harold & Maude," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.
  - Lady Raider Basketball: MTSU/Tennessee Tech, Murphy Center, 5:15 p.m.
  - ASB General Sessions Court: UC 322, 6-9:30 p.m.
  - Men's Basketball: MTSU/Tennessee Tech, Murphy Center, 7:30 p.m.



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## MLT auditions open

Auditions for the Murfreesboro Little Theatre production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?" will take place Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2:30 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Nan Keenan, theater director, announced.

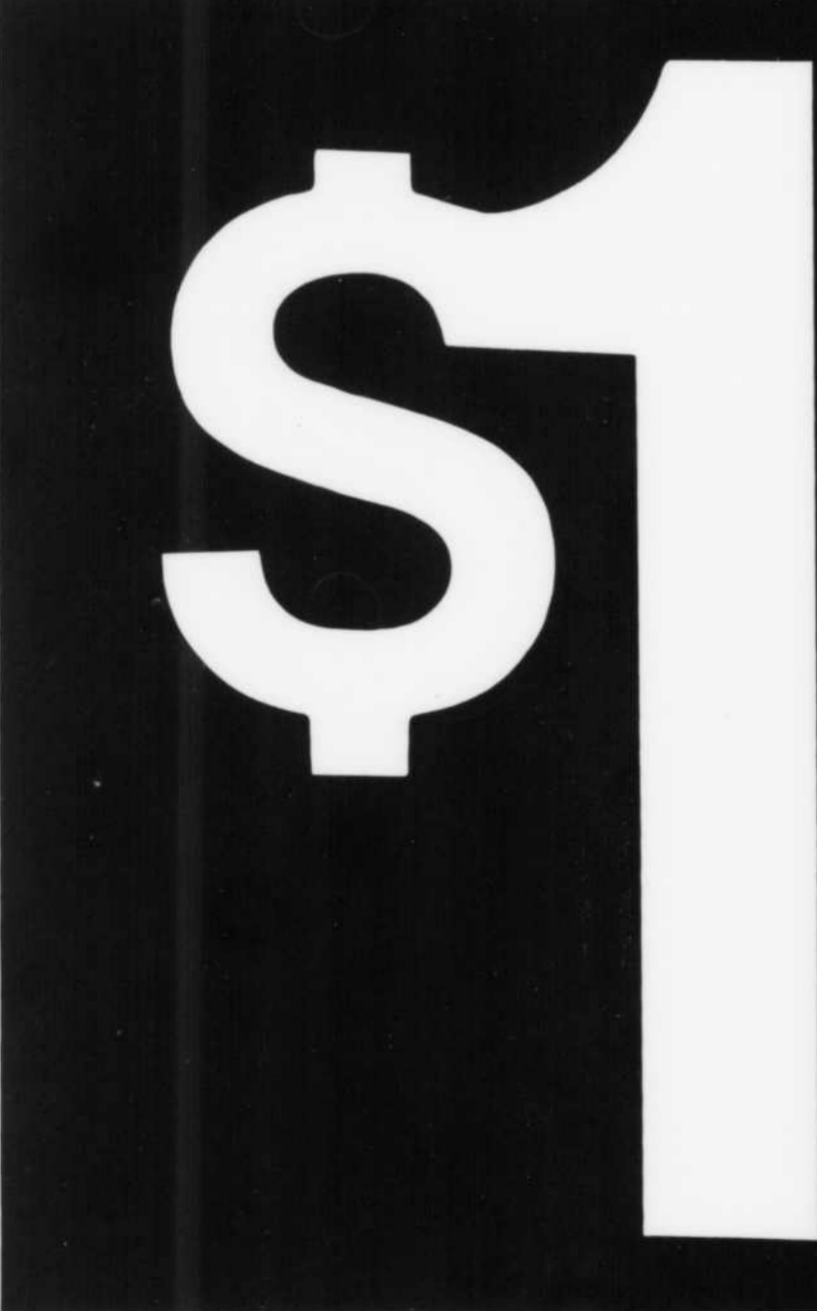
Keenan said she is looking for two twenty-year-olds to fill the roles of Nick and Honey, the major supporting characters of the play.

Nick is an athletic and cerebral young man, while

Honey is a less than brilliant blonde beauty, according to Keenan.

The auditions are open to all interested students, however some acting ability is preferred. Murfreesboro Little Theatre is a community organization so there will be no monetary remittance.

The theater is located at 700 Ewing Boulevard in Murfreesboro and the auditions will be held there.



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# Registration went smoothly: Gillespie



Julie Rater, senior, and her two-year-old daughter, Amanda, went through registration together Thursday. From Amanda's point of view, registration doesn't look too exciting. Around 4,000 students registered Thursday.



Above, Tim Jewell, a sophomore from Memphis, said his cap helped him fly through registration. Left, Janet Nunley takes a break from her tedious job in the assessment line during registration. More than 8,800 students were registered for the spring semester last week.

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**David Mudd  
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## Registration down 2000 from fall

Registration went very smoothly last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, according to Cliff Gillespie, director of admissions and records.

The only problems that occurred were Wednesday night during night class registration, he said.

The office advertised night registration in the bottom area of Peck Hall and 493 people showed up the first night.

Gillespie added that nine more registered for night classes on Thursday night.

Even though the people working night class registration worked as hard as they could,

people still had to stand in line for two hours, he said.

He explained they would have to do something to improve the situation for the fall semester. Gillespie said they might open the floor of the Murphy Center to night class registration.

The total number of students that registered was 8,791. Thursday 3,992 enrolled; Friday, 3,942 and Saturday 355 athletic scholarship students registered.

"This is 200 ahead of last spring's registration number," he said, "and there were 10,880 this last fall."

"The difference was about

what we expected," Gillespie commented.

He hoped that one day registration could be done by a master computer that could register people in hardly any time.

"We have a big enough computer, but we are short on terminals. People could just call in at a specific time or come by. The call numbers would be typed into the computer and if the classes were not full, they could print out their schedule and hand it to them there," Gillespie said.

"Of course they would come by to pay at a designated date," he added.

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## from the editor

### Credit to contributors but not by holiday

Martin Luther King Jr. was perhaps one of the greatest civil rights leaders in this country, and he definitely deserves recognition, but his birthday should not be proclaimed a Federal Legal Public Holiday unless others who have contributed just as much to America be given the same honor.

King's birthday is Jan. 15, and there has been much controversy over whether or not his birthday should be recognized as a national holiday.

Technically, there is no such thing as a national holiday, according to the *World Almanac and Book of Facts*, 1979. Each state has jurisdiction over its holidays, which are designated by legislative enactments or executive proclamation. In practice, the states observe the federal legal public holidays even though the President and Congress can legally designate holidays only for the District of Columbia and for Federal Employees, according to the almanac.

Federal legal public holidays, according to this almanac, are New Year's, Washington's Birthday, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Columbus day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Columbus day.

The only birthday celebrated is Washington's and Columbus is the only other single person recognized. Not even President Lincoln's birthday is considered a holiday in Tennessee, nor is it celebrated in several other states.

Perhaps more of our national figures, including King, should be recognized. But if King's birthday is recognized here, Lincoln's should be, too.

It cannot be argued that King "was instrumental in introducing the strategy of civil disobedience to the black struggle for equality and turning the struggle into a mass movement," as stated in an encyclopedia.

King should be recognized for founding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, for leading campaigns against racial discrimination in Chicago housing, for organizing the Poor People's Campaign in 1968 to "unite poor of all races in a fight against poverty," among other things.

However, King is already recognized for these accomplishments, just as Lincoln is recognized for the Emancipation Proclamation and freeing of the slaves.

There are other leaders who deserve recognition, such as Robert Kennedy, Frederick Douglass, Warren Burger, Jane Pittman and many others. Each of these individuals is outstanding and well deserving of national recognition, but to proclaim a day in the name of each one would be impractical. We know who these people are and what they have done; if one deserves a day, so do the rest.

### Night class registration needs more space, staff

Night class registration this semester did not run smoothly for Cliff Gillespie and his staff.

Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, spent Wednesday night trying to register 493 people for night classes in the crowded first level of Peck Hall. The following night only nine students registered for night classes.

On Wednesday, students stood in line for two hours because of limited space and staff. All available help was used, but apparently it was not enough. The first level of Peck Hall did not provide adequate space to hold the nearly 500 registrants.

On Saturday, 355 people registered in Murphy Center. Why can't the night class students register there the night before regular registration begins each semester?

Gillespie seems to think this is an acceptable answer to the problem and is hoping to improve the situation by fall.

He will have to do more than hope and must begin to plan a more workable and feasible solution for night class registration.



## between the lines

by Jeff Ellis

### Farewell, good ol' Bert Parks; Hello . . . ?

Poor Bert Parks! Another American institution has bit the dust.

Last week good old Bert, who has been master of ceremonies of the Miss America pageant since the '50s, was relieved of his duties because, officials say, "he's too old."

At 65, Bert was given his walking papers when officials decided it was time to give the pageant a more youthful appearance. To get the desired result they chose to start at the top of the heap and give Bert the heave-ho.

But do you know whose name is being bandied about as a possible replacement? John Davidson! My God, what has come over those people? John Davidson, the lackluster entertainer with craters (er, I mean dimples) in his face — I don't trust anyone who runs a summer camp for would-be nightclub performers.

If they're going to give Bert the boot, why don't they consider some real heavyweights for the emcee position? For example, Pat Boone is having a hard time keeping his daughters supplied with Acne-Statins (now that Debby's career is on the skids) and desperately needs a job. His reputation is above reproach and he could sing all of his old songs in between the evening gown and talent competitions.

There is the possibility, however, that he would continue to wear his white bucks during pageant week. And we all know wearing white shoes after Labor Day just isn't done in the proper circles. Further, Pat would probably see to it that Debby would be one of the guest performers for the finals, thus dashing any network's hopes of a ratings coup.

Of course if the pageant is looking for youth (and since it's on the NBC network), there is a strong possibility that Gary Coleman will get the nod and assume Bert's role in the Atlantic City extravaganza. And any chubby-cheeked black male is going to have a hell of a time in one of the last bastions of lily-white supremacy.

Should officials decide to stem part of the flood of protests from women's rights groups, then chances are that a former Miss America will be named to the pageant's helm. Thus, we may

hear Mary Ann Mobley singing "There She Is, Miss America." Up to now, Mobley's television appearances have been restricted to the annual Circus of the Stars and if she becomes mistress of ceremonies, there is always the chance that a high wire will be installed in the Atlantic City convention hall.

Phyllis George would be an excellent hostess, but by September she'll be reeling from the birth of her first child. Most likely, Phyllis would feel somewhat paranoid — what with stretch marks and all — but perhaps she'll experience a miracle (like the current Miss America) and the marks will disappear at a revival meeting in Kentucky.

Bess Myerson still looks good but age and her political career may be working against her. If she is elected to the senate from New York, her committee appointments could take up most

of her time and she'd be unable to make it to Atlantic City for an entire week.

In view of the problems he encountered while allegedly snorting cocaine at Studio 54, Hamilton Jordan's chances at the emcee's job are dim. He would, however, lend a certain Southern gentleman's charm to the role.

Hell! None of those people can hold a candle to Bert. He's been singing "There she is . . ." for 20 years and although he is a little off-key now, it's still his trademark tune. And there are a lot of other people who dance much better than he, but damn it, Bert Parks is the Miss America pageant and they're going to have a long row to hoe before they find someone to fill his Weejuns.

But now that I think about it, perhaps Bill Bixby would be a good host . . .

## observations

by Billy Edwards

### Most people perceive God incorrectly

I take this opportunity to welcome you back to MTSU for the spring semester 1980.

If your holidays were as merry as mine were, I am sure they were full of joy and cheer.

A special Middle Tennessee welcome goes out to all those of you who are attending MTSU for the first time. I hope you like our campus and your stay here will be prosperous.

They say that everyone has a bag, and I guess you can say that my bag is helping people find hope, meaning and purpose through the love of God in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many people have the wrong conception of God. They see God out yonder in space somewhere sitting upon his royal throne being worshipped by all of the hosts of heaven. But

the Bible reveals God differently.

In fact, the Bible is a revelation of God to man. Through it we learn of God and his relationship. To rob man of the Bible would be dismissing him from the joys and assurance of a personal relationship with God.

The Bible is the inspired word of God to man. Through it we read of the greatest love story ever told. We are told that even while we were yet sinners, God commended his love toward us that He sacrificed His Son as a ransom for our sins (Rom. 5:8).

To those who will accept Christ by faith and trust Him as Savior, to them it is given power to become a divine heir to the

throne of God (John 1:12).

I would like to get to know you and give you the opportunity for you to get to know what kind of character I am! I guess you would most likely to recognize me as the speed demon of campus driving the red tripped! When you see me around, relax; I am not dangerous. So, stop and chat with me. I want to get to know you better.

One thing I learned last semester in my mass communications is to get involved. That's what I invite you to do. If you have anything you would like to share with the reading audience, write me at box 5572. If you have a subject you want me to cover or just to share a word of personal testimony, I encourage you to write.

## Sidelines

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# from our readers

## Random tickets make students feel harassed

To the editor:  
I have never written a letter of this sort. However, recent developments compell me to complain to someone concerning certain aspects of student life at this institution. Perhaps, if this letter is published, some positive effect will be achieved. If nothing else, by penning this correspondence, my frustrations are somewhat ameliorated.

Specifically, I address my complaints to the Security Department at this institution. Last semester, I was the recipient of more than one traffic ticket for parking violations. The bulk of these tickets was for parking on the grass in the Bell Street parking lot near Campus School. I hazarded parking in this frequently flooded area only because of necessity due to the inavailability of other parking places. Inexplicably, on two occasions, I was ticketed for parking here. Yet on a host of other occasions, I was not.

This amounts to selective enforcement of whatever applicable statutes, and is unacceptable and inexcusable. Additionally, I feel that the vigorous and persistent enforcement of the parking restrictions has a harassing and demotivating effect upon the student body.

Some enforcement is doubtless necessary, but the current degree of enforcement is un-

necessary. This is especially true when one considers the fact that the students, not more powerful groups, i.e. the faculty, receive the vast bulk of the parking citations. We are here to be formally educated; we are not here to be harassed by a group of clones.

I also have another grievance concerning the Security Department. On two occasions, my locker in Murphy Center has been broken into. On the first of these two occasions, I suffered a loss of cash. The security guard to whom I appealed informed me that this sort of theft was a frequent occurrence. I have also heard other students make similar complaints. Yet, to my knowledge, nothing has been done in the way of increasing security in this area. When the school stands to benefit from existing laws, such laws are energetically enforced. However, when the student is victimized by careless enforcement of laws, not a damn thing is done!

The events which I have narrated indicate certain conclusions concerning both the Security Department and the school as a whole. These events clearly point out what appears to be policy of the Security Department and the university.

This unwritten and dimly perceived policy has the effect of exploitation, not education, of the student. The school exists because of and for the student. The reverse is not true. Accordingly, the student is deserving of every consideration from all departments and officials of the school.

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## Tenure refusal causes concern

To the editor:

As seniors majoring in Speech Communications in our last semester at MTSU, we are very concerned with the overall welfare of the speech department. The speech department is now in danger of losing one of its most important assets — that is, the possible loss of Dr. Ralph Hillman from the speech faculty. As concerned speech

majors, we are extremely disappointed with the recent failure of Dr. Hillman to be recommended for tenure.

Dr. Hillman's superior record, including his recent recognition as an MTSU "Teacher of the Year," speaks for itself. He has consistently received extremely high ratings in student evaluations and has won the respect and admiration of those students and faculty members who are familiar with the criterion necessary for good teachers. We question the academic intelligence and

priorities of anyone who would not like to see him on the MTSU faculty.

Dr. Hillman has amassed a great deal of student support at MTSU in his years of teaching. Obviously, Dr. Hillman's academic record and popularity categorize him as an excellent teacher. We do not completely understand the political forces behind Dr. Hillman's situation, but are politics more important than the quality of our education? If Dr. Hillman is not granted tenure, it would seem so.

We sincerely hope those responsible for granting Dr. Hillman's tenure will take into consideration the feelings of concerned students. For the sake of the speech department and MTSU in general, do not let this talented instructor walk out the door.

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## Agriculturist supports grain embargo on Russia



by Nolan Rawlins

In response to the Soviet Union's military intervention in Afghanistan, President Carter has announced restrictions on American exports to the Soviet Union.

Specifically, he announced a complete halt to high-technology exports and a partial

embargo on American grain sales in addition to other less controversial sanctions. The most controversial restriction announced by the President is the grain export embargos and I will restrict my comments to this particular action.

It is unfortunate that any American industry must sustain economic losses as a result of the Soviet Union's aggressive actions around the world. However, I am sure most Americans agree some major action must be taken to express our opposition to the Russian aggression in Afghanistan. The problem is how to provide a meaningful response without causing some hardship at home. As usual, this is very difficult to accomplish.

The key part of the President's grain embargo is the fact that only a minor portion of the total grain exported to the Soviet

Union will be affected. The United States has a long-term to sell large amounts of grain to the Soviet Union and it will be honored.

The additional purchases requested by the Soviet Union are the ones which will be restricted and these are primarily for feeding livestock rather than human consumption. Government statistics show that the Soviet Union has already bought 21.4 billion metric tons in this fiscal year.

To offset the effect of the grain embargo on American farmers, President Carter announced an increase in government grain purchases for donations to food deficient countries. This should minimize the effect of the embargo on the prices on American wheat.

In summary, President Carter has proposed a grain export

embargo which should result in considerable economic disruption for the Soviet Union with minimum repercussions for the American grain market.

The success of the President's action depends on whether or not other grain exporting nations increase their grain sales to Russia. Hopefully, other nations will not only refuse to increase their sales to Russia but will follow the example of the United States and reduce their sales of grain to the Soviet Union.

I strongly support the objectives of President Carter in retaliation for Russian aggression in Afghanistan and I support the grain embargo as a method of accomplishing the objectives. I am confident that most American agriculturists also support the action of President Carter.

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# Road games prove deadly for MTSU

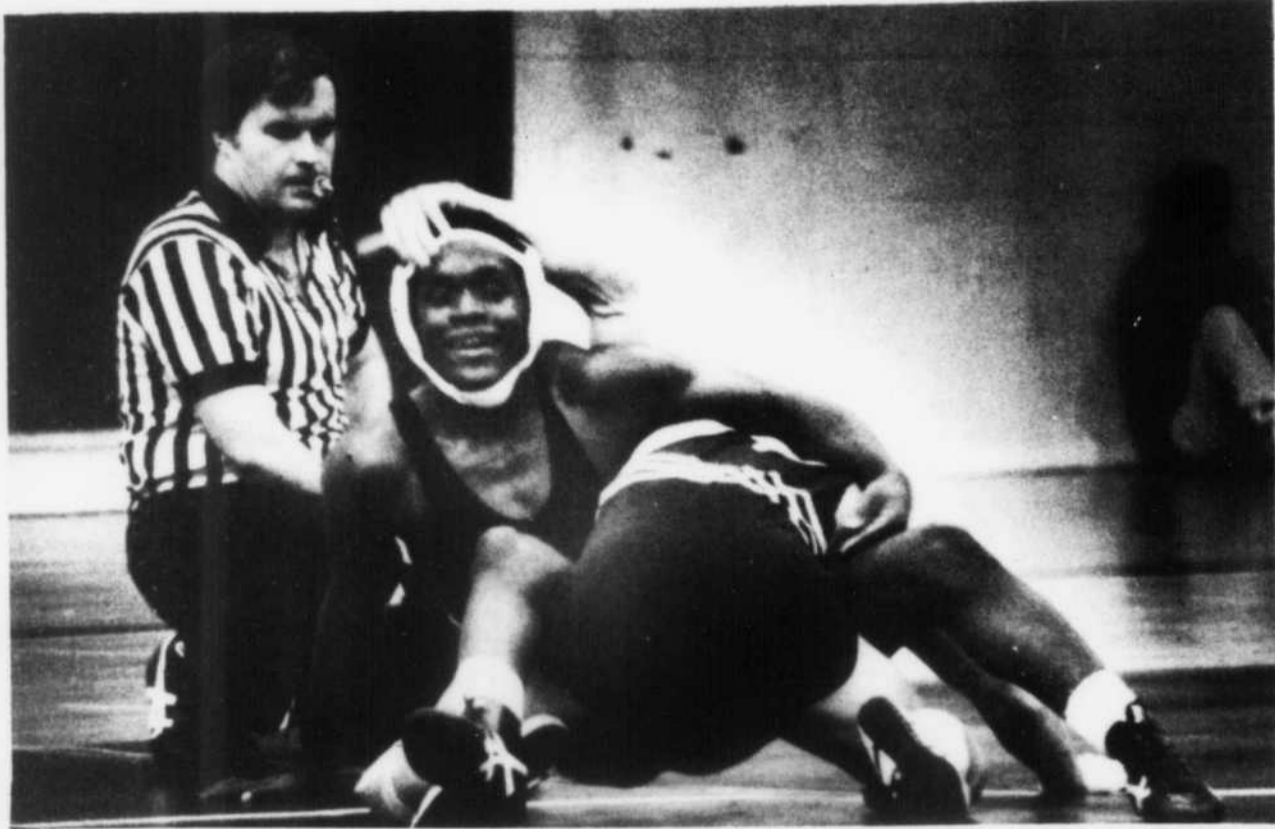


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MTSU's Mike Harvey attempts to get a good hold on a Southern Illinois wrestler. The visitors, however, pinned the Raiders for a 21-17 loss. MTSU faces UT-Knoxville Thursday.

## MTSU tops Lady Buccaneers; faces Tech Thursday night

The MTSU Lady Raiders avenged last year's season-ending loss to East Tennessee with a 71-59 victory over the Lady Bucs in Johnson City last night.

The win, coupled with a win and a loss in tournament action over the weekend, raised MTSU's record to 7-6.

Freshman sensation Ester Coleman, a high school All-American, led the Lady Raider attack with 17 points. Sherry Smith, who has spent most of her time making assists rather than points lately, had a career high 15 points.

Josephine Wright, who recently rejoined the team after missing the early portion of the season, bagged 13 points while Lisa Justice canned 10.

East Tennessee opened the game with a full court press that MTSU easily cracked. The Lady Raiders ran the lead in the early moments to 11-2. Middle Tennessee carried a 32-20 lead to the lockerroom at halftime, but the lead was cut to ten, midway through the second period.

After the short Buc rally, MTSU pulled away and eased on in with the win.

In the Northern Kentucky Invitational tournament, the Lady Raiders placed third after a narrow loss in the opening round to eventual champion Northern Kentucky.

In Middle Tennessee's first game in the initial round of play, Northern Kentucky slipped past MTSU as Coleman's shot at the rimmed out at the buzzer, giving the host team a 70-69 win over the Lady Raiders.

The loss dropped the Ladies in Blue's record to 5-6, but on the following night, MTSU raised their mark back to the .500 level as MTSU demolished Miami-OH 73-49. The win gave MTSU a third place finish in the tournament standings.

Coleman came out of the two games averaging 18.2 points, high on the MTSU squad, prior to last night's game. Josephine Wright, is ranked second on the team, averaging 16.5.

Two other MTSU players are also averaging in double digits as Ileana Portik is averaging 11.8 points per game, while Lisa Justice is hitting 10.2 points.

The Lady Raider's next game is set for Thursday evening against rival Tennessee Tech. The two teams met in a Christmas tournament in December with Tech taking a

71-68 win in overtime. Tech is ranked fourteenth in the nation.

Tipoff is slated for 5:15 p.m. at Murphy Center.

## Donnelly, coaching staff bank success on signees

MTSU football coach James "Boots" Donnelly and his staff have already added nine new recruits to the team in efforts to continue where the 1979 squad left off.

"We feel the players we have signed will contribute a great deal to us next season," Donnelly said. "I imagine most of them will get to play a great deal.

The 1979 season ended with a hard-earned victory over OVC rival Tennessee Tech, but instead of savoring the victory, Donnelly and his assistants hit the recruiting road. The Raiders lost 11 seniors from last year's 1-9 squad, including standouts Stanley Wright, linebacker, and Bill Ming, offensive lineman.

The coaching staff appears to be concentrating on bolstering the line positions as five of the ten signees are expected to see action on the line.

Heading the list of linemen is 230-pound, 6-3 Tim Dockery, a defensive lineman from Coker

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

Nobody said life on the road for Stan Simpson and the Blue Raider basketball team was going to be easy this season. Especially with the likes of Clemson, Tennessee State and McNeese on tap.

But the way the team was treated during the last road swing through Louisiana has to border on brutality.

Game one at Centenary in Shreveport on Jan. 3 turned into a nightmare after the Raiders led at halftime 36-23 and looked to be on the way to a sure win. MTSU was outscored 17-0 in the early stages of the second half and never seemed to be able to get things going again after losing their lead with eleven minutes to play.

Centenary center Cherokee Rhone put in two crucial baskets at the close of the contest to seal the 58-54 win.

Jerry Beck led the Raider scoring attack with 14 points while Rhone was the top man for Centenary with 14, also.

"We just went cold," was the

only excuse Simpson could give after the game. "Centenary is a good team. They have had a pretty long layoff and I think they came out a little flat."

Game two was played at beautiful Lake Charles, the home of McNeese State and David Lawrence. Lawrence, a 6-8 power forward and a full-fledged possibility to go in the first round of the NBA draft, led McNeese to a 65-53 win in the Saturday night game.

McNeese led at halftime 23-14, but MTSU roared back to take a 51-50 lead with ten minutes to play. After taking the lead it was all downhill for the Raiders as McNeese pulled away for the win.

Leroy Coleman led MTSU with 12 followed by Beck and Edward "Pancakes" Perry with ten each. Lawrence led McNeese State with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

After a 17-hour bus trip back to Murfreesboro, Simpson and the Raiders started thinking about Thursday's Ohio Valley Conference opener with Tennessee Tech.

"Basically, Tech has got the same kind of the team they always have. They'll bump you around a lot and as usual they play with a lot of emotion," Simpson said.

Simpson went on to say he thought the team was in pretty good shape for the OVC schedule coming up which brings Akron to Murphy Center on Saturday.

"We're still having to shuffle people around a pretty good bit and we really hate to do that," Simpson added. "But you never can tell who is going to be ready to play a good, solid game."

Tech won their first conference game of the season Saturday over Austin Peay and hosted Murray State last night.

Gametime for Thursday night is 7:30 p.m. with the women's game preceding at 5:15.

"We've got a real exciting team this year and I hope everybody comes out to see us Thursday night," Simpson said. "After all we're here for the students and I think they'll enjoy watching us."

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Boots Donnelly

stands a towering 6-5 and weighs 210 pounds. Bohanan's size should be a tremendous asset at the position where blocking and catching are the key.

MTSU signed one other receiver in Scott Holt, 6-2, 180 pounds from Gallatin High School. "He's a fine receiver," Donnelly said. "We'll put him at the wide receiver's spot, but we're hoping he'll grow physically into the tight end position."

MTSU also picked up two runningbacks in Tommy Townsend of Chattanooga Brainerd and Alfred Wilson of Madison High. Townsend, a speedster who runs the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds, was called by Donnelly the "best runningback in Chattanooga." Wilson will be used at any one of several positions. "He's got great speed... can play almost anywhere... we'll use him at either runningback, wide receiver or defensive back."

The Raider's latest signee also

County High School in Newport, Tn. Donnelly said Dockery had the ability to play three defensive positions.

Donnelly said he expects to see plenty of action out of offensive lineman Danny Hilliard when the next season rolls around. Hilliard, an offensive guard at Mount Juliet High, stands 6-1, 220 pounds.

MTSU also signed center Bill Kemp of Gallatin High School. "Bill's an All-State center with good quickness," Donnelly said of the 5-11, 230 pound lineman. "He'll play both center and guard."

The Raiders have signed Stratford quarterback Glenn Heath. Heath, 6-3, 185 pounds, will see action as a defensive end for MTSU next fall. Donnelly termed Heath a "very talented and tough player."

Perhaps one of the biggest signees for MTSU this year has been tight end Jimbo Bohanan. Bohanan, a product of Nashville's Franklin Road Academy,

## Former Lady Raider pioneer in pro league

By Eddie Gossage

Sidelines Sports Editor

Sharon McClannahan is a pioneer of sorts.

McClannahan, along with another two or three hundred talented young ladies, is blazing a trail for female athletes to come. The former MTSU basketball player is now blazing the trail in the new Women's Professional Basketball League (WPBL) as a member of the Dallas Diamonds, a team now in its first year.

"I think it is going to take a while for the league to catch on," McClannahan said via telephone from her Dallas apartment. "The good teams seem to draw good crowds. Dallas, for instance, plans on losing \$100,000, maybe more this season. They key is to get the right players."

The trail to Dallas has taken some strange turns for "Big Mac," as her college teammates called her. After her senior season at Hickman County High School, McClannahan was not recruited to play college basketball. Instead, she enrolled at MTSU as a freshman and was discovered in a physical education class. She was encouraged to join the team after Christmas of that year, and the rest is history. Among some of McClannahan's biggest feats include being the first female athlete to score 1,000 points. McClannahan finished her collegiate career with 1,464 points.

However, following graduation, McClannahan said her plans did not include a continuation of her basketball career.

"Last year I didn't even think of playing professional basketball



Sharon McClannahan  
Now with Dallas Diamonds

and I didn't think I would be drafted because I went to such a small school," she confessed. "I really wanted to go to graduate school at UT and I would have had I not been drafted."

But when she was drafted, she quickly decided that living in Dallas and travelling all over the nation would be enjoyable.

"Had I been drafted by any other team than Dallas, I really don't think I would have gone into pro ball," McClannahan revealed. "But I got to thinking about it and realized I probably never would get the chance to travel again like this."

She added that the travelling is fun and looks forward to a trip coming up in a couple of weeks that includes stops in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

This past Thursday night, McClannahan and company beat the Houston Angels, one of the strongest franchises in the league. McClannahan, playing in an unusual role as a reserve, came off the bench to match her professional high of 14 points.

The game also marked the first time McClannahan saw a group of her admirers sitting in the stands, carrying a banner that read "McCLANNAHAN'S MEN."

"I really don't know who they are," she laughed. "I think one of the guys is probably from Tennessee because a fellow came up to me earlier this year and told me he was from Nashville. I believe he was one of them, but I don't know."

McClannahan inquired about the success of this year's MTSU women's squad and said she was "proud of them."

From looking at her success, it is an easy bet that they, too, are proud of her.