

## Dorm director stops Gore Hall meeting

By JIM DE MARCO  
Sidelines Staff Writer

The location of ASB President Kent Syler's second meeting to discuss issues with dorm residents was changed because of a conflict with Gore Hall's head resident.

The meeting was originally scheduled by Syler to be held in Gore Hall's lobby, but was changed to H Hall when Steve Mills, head resident of Gore, discovered the meeting had been planned in Gore's lobby without his permission.

Syler posted signs around Gore Hall's lobby announcing the meeting. When Mills discovered the signs, he removed them and called Syler.

"I called Mr. Syler's secretary and explained my position," Mills said. "We didn't mind Mr. Syler having the meeting in our lobby, but we didn't like it that

we didn't know anything about it.

"If anything had happened to anything in the dorm, I would have had to charge the residents for it, which wouldn't have been fair to them because they didn't have any knowledge of the meeting."

Mills asked Syler if he would be able to schedule a meeting in the ASB Conference Room without his permission.

Yesterday, Syler said that lobbies are public areas and saw nothing wrong with his planning of the meeting.

"The lobbies are public places. Those meetings are purely for the benefit of the residents," Syler said. "When I called Mills and he told me he had torn my signs down, I told him he had acted like a 'jackass' and if I had it to do over again, I would do the same thing."

"He said that was no way for a person in my position to act, but I didn't think it was appropriate for an administrator to come to a meeting just to heckle."

Mills attended the meeting in H Hall.

The main topic of the meeting was organization row. One student asked if the fraternities had the capital to make the move to organization row.

"The organizations are capable of deciding if they can financially make the move to fraternity row, but if we got the money to build tomorrow, it would be three to five years before organizations could build on it," Syler said.

Interfraternity Council President Don Taylor said five fraternities presently own their houses and would probably be able to move soon. But the four that rent their houses wouldn't

be able to move so quickly and would have to depend more on their national organizations for money to build.

Several students complained that they didn't have the chance to vote on the issue. One said he wasn't for or against the row, but did want the opportunity to vote on it.

Syler stated he was neutral on a vote on fraternity row and would not sign a petition for or against putting it to a vote.

Another student wanted a survey of students conducted on the issue.

"The reason I've decided to go

from dorm to dorm myself and respond to questions and not rely on surveys to be passed out by a third party is because I have felt there has been too much third party interference all along. It's time that you ask me a question and let me answer it directly," Syler said.

One student asked why the ASB was so involved in fraternity row and had spent so much time on it.

"Fraternity members compose about 15 percent of the university population. We haven't spent most of our time

on frat row. This is what makes the headlines because most of what we do is everyday stuff and people don't want to read about it."

Students asked about the short hours in the library and grill and having no movies in the UC Cinema on the weekends.

Syler agreed that weekend library hours were too short for the people that stayed on the weekends, but that the grill operated on a profit basis and it probably would not be profitable for them to stay open for very long on the weekends.

## Petition fails meeting

By JANE MIER  
Sidelines Managing Editor

A petition requesting that the proposed organization row be submitted to a referendum and put on the ballot in the March Associated Student Body elections was tabled in a joint meeting of the senate and house yesterday.

Sponsor Louis Holiday presented the petition and proposed before the meeting, claiming that students "deserve the legal and democratic right to have a say so in all issues."

Protestors of the proposal argued that any campus election must be announced in the official campus newspaper 21 days before the election and that submitting organization row to a referendum on the March ballot at this date would violate the laws and policies of the ASB.

This argument was verified by Janet Clark, election commissioner.

Another point brought up was that the petition and proposal were not presented in the proper fashion — the proposal was not titled; the words "fraternity row" were used instead of "organization row," etc.

Motions to table the bill were made twice; the first one failed 20-16.

"We will look like a bunch of dummies if we pass this and violate our own constitution," Mark Eaton, speaker of the senate, exclaimed.

"It is our intention the entire 'Don't look Ethel!'"

student body has a concern in every activity of the student government," Holiday countered. "We don't agree or disagree with the idea of organization row; it is just part of the democratic process to let students voice their opinions."

The second motion to table the bill passed 26-15.

Randy James, speaker of the house, said, "I don't think anyone here who voted to table the bill is against students having the right to vote — it's just the way the petition was presented."

After the meeting, Holiday said he would not give up.

"As far as I'm concerned, right now we've reached a place where we're stuck in the mud. And anytime you're stuck in the mud you can get chains and pull yourself out," he said.

Holiday plans to reword his petition, get the required amount of signatures again and present it to the ASB Election Commission in hopes of obtaining a separate, special election.

Student Representative to the State Board of Regents Pat Prill addressed the meeting.

"I travel all over the state and talk to student government leaders," he said. "I usually find that no one has any problems or issues, but I've found them here."

This says a lot for the school and I thank all of you for having the guts to stand up for what you believe in."



Louis Holiday

In other actions, the senate and house passed a joint resolution calling for the creation of a committee to study the opening of university facilities on weekends.

"At the present you can't check out sports equipment on the weekends and sometimes the doors to the gym are locked," Don Wilson, one of the senate sponsors of the bill, explained. "It's really sad and we need a committee to investigate this."

The committee will be composed of two house members, two senate members and a committee chairman who will be appointed by Syler.

A bill requesting approval for \$300 in activity fee funds for the Miss Black MTSU pageant also passed. The pageant, sponsored by Students United to Save Humanity (SUSH), donates its proceeds to the Willy Brown Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to a minority student.

## Inter Faith Council sponsors movie

The Inter-Faith Council is sponsoring a series of activities that include a movie, an awareness of world hunger and prayer for the world situation in Iran.

Starting Feb. 25-26, the council plans to sponsor the award winning movie, "The Hiding Place." The movie is based on the life of Corrie Ten Boom, who was a prisoner of the Nazi concentration camps in World War II, but managed to escape the Germans. Before her capture, Ten Boom helped Jews escape the areas and different places where Jews were in danger of capture. "The Hiding Place" has been nationally



photo by Mark Holland

ASB President Kent Syler spoke to students in H Hall lobby Wednesday night during his second dorm meeting. These meetings are designed to bring out main issues that students are concerned with.

## \$6,000 left in activity fee fund

Organizations can still apply for the remaining 6,000 of activity fee money even though the deadline was Jan. 31.

"Allocation of the remaining funds may be made during the semester and after the deadline at the discretion of the committee, or said funds may be carried over to the next award period," section 10 of the student activity fee guidelines states.

Last month the Activity Fee Committee allocated approximately \$12,000 of \$18,000

to 10 of the 21 organizations applying for the money.

The remaining money can be allocated this semester or it can be saved for the fall fund, Dean of Students and committee chairman Paul Cantrell said.

"I would suggest that groups who apply for money consult the guidelines seriously and tell the committee everything they possibly can about how they plan to use the money," he said.

"They need to be as comprehensive in their application as possible."

Cantrell said some of the committee previously reviewed were not filled out properly or were not specific enough for the committee.

Groups that did receive grants must show to the committee receipts or cancelled checks proving the activity fee money was used for the intended purpose before the money will be released to them, Cantrell said.

Applications are available in Cantrell's office, UC Room 126.

## Beasley fire set by pranksters

A fire in a bathroom in Beasley Hall early Tuesday morning was apparently caused by pranksters according to University Police Capt. Larry Nixon.

"One or more students dragged a mattress in a second floor bathroom and set it on fire," Nixon said.

"We evacuated the building and called the fire department," he said.

He added, "We think we have some leads as to who did it."

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photo by Don Harris

Two unidentified streakers head for home after journeying around Woodmore cafeteria Tuesday at lunch-time.



## Sidelights

### Kool Club sponsors halftimers' show

The MTSU Kool Club will present its sixth annual "Battle of the Halftimers' Show" Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Gym.

High school dance groups from the midstate area who perform during halftime at their basketball games will compete for top honors during the competition.

Members of the MTSU Performing Arts Company will present a special performance during the competition.

### Graduate student receives ROTC award

An MTSU graduate student from Smyrna has been named the winner of the George C. Marshall ROTC Award from MTSU.

Ellis J. Smith, a Marine Corp veteran and a Criminal Justice Administration graduate student, was given the award, which is sponsored jointly by the U.S. Army and the George C. Marshall Research Foundation of Lexington, Va.

Each Marshall ROTC Award winner receives a special certificate of achievement and the authorized Marshall biography by Forrest C. Pogue from the Foundation.

Winners will also attend a conference on national security issues in Lexington April 17-19, sponsored by the Marshall Foundation. Award winners will participate in roundtable discussions led by outstanding military and civilian authorities.

### Violinist, pianist perform Feb. 29

Violinist Christian Teal and pianist Allison Nelson will be presented in concert on Feb. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium as a part of the Fine Arts Festival.

Teal is the first violinist of the Blair String Quartet and has performed solo with the Colorado Philharmonic, the Richmond Symphony, the Nashville Baroque and Classical Society and the Abilene Philharmonic.

Nelson, a native Australian, studied piano at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia with Serkin and Horszandki. She is presently artist-in-residence at the University of Tennessee at Martin and was voted Tennessee's Music Teacher of the Year in 1976.

The concert is free and open to the public.

# ASB pushes voter registration

The Associated Student Body plans to begin pushing student voter registration drive again, in an effort to bring the program back to a positive level, ASB President Kent Syler said.

"Last month the ASB undertook a major project to register MTSU students to vote," Syler said in a prepared statement. "At that time our efforts were met with the support of persons throughout the community and the university."

However, he added, "During the past few weeks, relations between the MTSU student body

and the community have reached an alarmingly low level. This can be directly attributed to recent threats of a wheel tax on those persons who register to vote." Syler said from reading papers and talking with citizens, he has noticed a sort of "negitivism" between the university and community.

"This project was begun on a positive note and we hope to bring that project back to a positive level," he said.

At the start of the semester, Syler's goal was to register 2,000 students to vote in Rutherford County elections. Although a

total of approximately 350 students have registered, only about 30 students registered after the wheel tax issue was brought up January 28.

At a pressconference last week Syler said "It is time to announce the reaffirmation of our goal to register MTSU

students to vote in Rutherford County."

This conference came after the ASB and Sidelines received a letter from State Senator Victor Ashe of Knoxville stating his opposition to students paying a wheel tax.

## J, K close during summer

J and K Apartments will be closed from July 7 to August for painting and maintenance, according to Joyce Vaughn of Student Housing.

Painting, weather stripping around doors and other maintenance needs required will be done in each apartment, she said.

"This is the first time J and K have been closed for maintenance since they were built in 1973," Vaughn added.

Students from J and K have a choice of dorm living or off-campus housing, explained

Vaughn. "We generally keep one dorm open in the summer," she explained, "and it is usually High Rise West or Cummings Hall."

Other dorms may have to be opened if student request is heavy for summer housing.

Students in J and K desiring summer housing on campus should fill out a housing application and will not be required to pay a deposit fee, Vaughn added. While there is no set deadline, she suggested students fill out an application as soon as possible.

## Bishop photos in LRC

Photographs by Jim Bishop featuring the Appalachian Mountains will be on exhibit Feb. 24-March 13 in the MTSU photographic gallery at the LRC.

The photographs in the exhibit were taken between 1976 and 1979 in the Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee, Alabama and North Carolina.

"My goals lie in continuing to document the mountains, their culture and peoples and to show regionally and nationally to express to others his views of the beauty and mystery of this unique part of the United States," Bishop said.

Bishop has done a one-man show in the University of Alabama at Huntsville Gallery of Art and was the recipient of the purchase prize for best of show at the Greater Birmingham Arts Alliance National Photography Show in 1978.

Recently a technical illustrator in the aerospace industry and NASA, Bishop received a Bachelor of Arts

degree from the University of Alabama at Huntsville and specialized in painting, printmaking and photography.

"My primary interest in my early work was mainly concerned with nature studies and abstractions of nature. In early 1978 I realized something was missing from these studies," he said. "I began experimenting with combinations of negatives to create a 'unique' image, these later works let me express my artistic feelings in 'creating' a world all my own without losing the beauty of the photographic image."

"From a mixture of Jim Bishop's earlier and recent works, I see a major change which is taking place in his photographs as he is searching for a niche of his own," Harold Baldwin, mass communications professor and gallery curator, commented.

Hours for the gallery are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and 6-10 p.m. Sunday.

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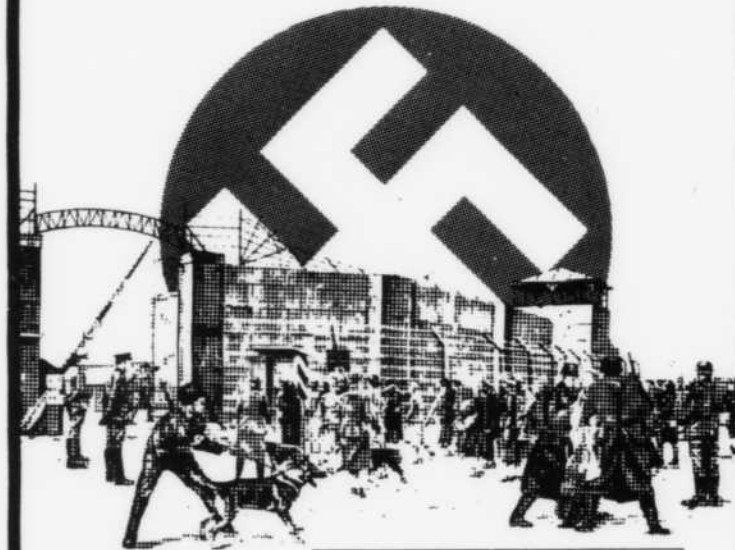
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# Bagpiper to perform here Mon.

Mike Cusack, one of America's leading professional bagpipers, will perform at noon in the Grill Feb. 25 as part of Fine Arts Week.

A serious bagpiper at 18 years old, Cusack has been playing the bagpipe since he was a fourth grader when he and about 14 of his classmates signed up for the bagpipe band.

"The first year wasn't a whole lot of fun," Cusack recalled. "We didn't get to touch a real bagpipe; we spent hours and

hours learning fundamental fingering techniques on a chanter."

The chanter is the long wooden flute-like part of the bagpipe that hangs down below the bag and is fingered with both hands.

In the summer of '75, he enrolled at the North American Academy of Piping, in Valley Crucis, N.C. There he worked with the late John MacFayden of Glasgow, Scotland. After two sessions at the academy, Mac-

Fayden invited Cusack to come to Scotland and live with him.

After his visa expired in February, Cusack returned to Houston and to the competition circuit. He returned to Scotland six months later where he moved up from amateur status to professional.

At the Scottish Piping Society's competition in London, Cusack was the youngest participant of the several hundred world pipers. However, he came away with two second place trophies in the amateur division.

In Glenfinnan, he won fourth place out of 30 people in open Piodaireachd.

When asked what it was like to compete in the homeland of the bagpipe, Cusack replied, "It was interesting and kinda scary. I was very surprised to have even

placed under such pressure. They still expect a Texan to come riding out looking like John Wayne," he said, "so you do your best to overcome this image by wearing a coat and tie and the traditional Scottish attire."

This summer Cusack will be off to Canada to participate in some more piping competitions. This fall he hopes to be accepted into Vanderbilt to study business or political science.

Even though he will be in college, he plans to keep on piping. Cusack's long range dream is to win Scotland's coveted Gold Medal and to become a bagpipe recitalist. The Gold Medal has only been won two times by non-native Scottish pipers.

"I'm going to keep plugging away at it until I get it," he said confidently.



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John Polk, commercial loan officer with Murfreesboro Bank and Trust, spoke to a business society on campus Wednesday. He is also director of the Young Bankers of America and president-elect of NOON-Exchange.

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Deadline for entrants in the Quiz Bowl sponsored by the Residence Hall Programming is March 7.

The matches will be held in the University Center on March 11. A list of five names must be submitted to Greg Denton, director of men's residence hall programming and coordinator for the event, by 4:30 p.m. on deadline day. Four names will be the team members and the other name will be designated as an alternate.

Questions will be from all

areas of academia plus some general information, and trivia, Denton said.

He added the winning team will get to go to the regionals in April.

Each toss up question with a correct answer is worth 10 points but an incorrect answer is a minus five.

Teams can confer on bonus questions which are worth more points. The other team does not get a chance to answer if the question is missed.

## MTSU choirs perform Tuesday in UC

The MTSU Concert Choir and Chamber Choir will perform Tuesday in the UC Theatre at 3:30 p.m. as part of Fine Arts Week.

The Concert Choir consists of 50 auditioned vocalists. Their part of the show will include selections from Igor Stravinsky's "Mass" for mixed chorus, double woodwind quintet, as well as spiritual and novelty tunes.

The other part of the show

will feature the MTSU Chamber Choir. The choir is made up of fifteen members from the Concert Choir. They will sing a quintet by Himrich Schutz, some English Madrigals and pop tunes.

Both choirs will tour East Tennessee and Kentucky this spring. The Chamber Choir has also scheduled a 10-day tour in May to parts of Michigan and Canada.

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## from the editor

### Weekends: *Study to examine university facilities*

A joint resolution passed by the ASB house and senate yesterday calling for a committee to study opening university facilities on weekends is an excellent idea.

It is excellent because many students would stay on campus during weekends if there were more things to do.

It is often argued that it is not economically feasible to maintain many campus facilities when there are so few people around, but with gasoline prices continuing to rise, more people will be likely to remain on campus during the weekends and they will need something to do.

Hopefully the committee will look into all aspects of whether or not more facilities should stay open during the weekends.

Whatever their findings conclude, more facilities should be available to students who have to, or simply want to stay here on weekends.

### Wrestling: *ASB, IFC funds nice, but too late*

Both the ASB and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) deserve a round of applause for their recent offers to donate money to save the MTSU wrestling team.

The MTSU athletic committee recently recommended that wrestling be dropped as a varsity sport. The committee's reasoning dealt with rising financial pressures on the athletic department.

This week, the ASB said it would petition for \$1,000 in activity fee money to be donated to the wrestling team, thus lessening the burden on the athletic department.

The IFC also showed similar interest and said it would add an additional \$1,000 if the team was continued.

However, MTSU president Sam H. Ingram said earlier this week that he sent a memo to university vice-president of administration Lynn Haston and MTSU athletic director Charles "Bubber" Murphy approving the committee's decision.

As a result, both the ASB and IFC withdrew their offers after Ingram revealed his choice.

Had the offer of the ASB and IFC been accepted, the athletic department would have been faced with funding the team with \$13,000. That figure is substantially less than the team's current, and unfortunately last budget, of approximately \$21,000.

"We are faced with a dilemma that we need to address," ASB president Kent Syler said. "Are we going to let economics spell an end to the quality MTSU has come to be known for?"

"The Ralph Hillman issue and the wrestling program show that economics speak louder than quality," Syler added. "As a result we may lose a quality teacher and a quality athletic team."

Although the offer might have been a little too late, the ASB and IFC deserve credit for trying to save an important part of MTSU.

## from our readers

### Syler not courteous

To the editor:

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to clarify an incident that occurred this past Wednesday. I am both disappointed and angered at the actions of one of our student leaders, Kent Syler.

Mr. Syler took it upon himself to call a meeting for the

residents of our dorm with no consideration of the resident's wishes. A dorm is a student's home while at school, and I know of few people rude enough to schedule a meeting in someone's home without asking permission first.

I am not sure who Mr. Syler envisions himself to be, but even the Director of Housing and the Associate Dean of Male Students did not demand a meeting when they wanted to talk to us recently. They politely asked to be invited to our next meeting. It appears that illusions of grandeur are interfering with Mr. Syler's manners.

This lack of courtesy and his abusive language during a telephone conversation may seem trivial to a few, but I do not believe that it portrays the actions of a student "leader" worthy of respect. This lack of tact may be the reason why Mr. Syler has so much opposition on topics that should pose such controversy.

Steve Mills  
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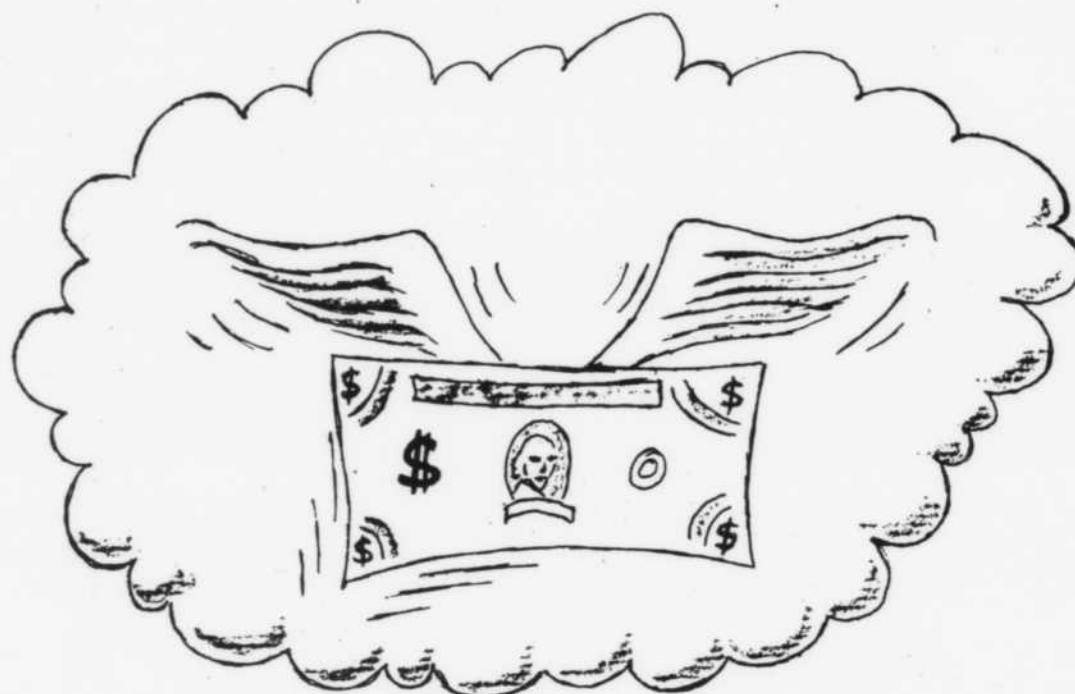
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# Viewpoints



### Better late than never?

## on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

### Hard to find dates to compliment major

"That does it. I'm taking out that psychology major I met the other day."

"Okay, but don't come running to me when she's diagnosed you as a paranoid schizophrenic who has a phobia of dead homosexuals."

"She's not like that. She's normal."

"I've never known a normal psychology major. The more they learn about deviant behavior, the more deviant they become. And they're all bald with scraggly beards, and their favorite phrase is 'hm, I see.'"

"Well, I'm sure you could have a really good conversation with one when you get on one of your Walt Whitman binges and start dissecting poetry."

"Speaking of dissecting, what about that biology major you went out with last week?"

It's tough being an English major. I just can't keep a boyfriend. I was writing a term paper for my Shakespeare class last night when George called and asked me to go out and have a beer.

"Sorry, George," I said. "Shakespeare's really taking up a lot of my time lately."

"I'm tired of competing with a homosexual who's been dead for 300 years!" was the reply.

"Listen, don't take it all out on him. I've also got to read some Emerson. And if you don't like it, why don't you just start dating an art major or something?"

"No way. They all dress weird and have clay under their fingernails all the time."

"They all dress weirdly," I said. "Ain't ya got no grammar?"

"So she carried a pair of tweezers with her all the time. Big deal."

"Don't forget the earthworms. And didn't you get tired of her telling you the generic name of every tree you passed?"

"Well at least she's not as bad as that physics major you went out with."

"I don't want to talk about it."

"What was he wanted to do with those scales? And then there was the animal science major, one of those farm boys."

"Okay, okay. But you never told me about that aerospace major."

"Boy, she had really slipped the surly bonds of earth."

"And she kept saying 'fly me?'"

"Anybody that went out with

a photography major who freelances for "Oui" . . . But you've stooped lower than that, haven't you?"

"I never did go out with that football player and you know it. When he said 'duh' for the tenth time, I told him to take me home."

"You just can't relate to anybody unless he smokes a pipe and quotes Nietzsche, can you?"

"What are you talking about? I can relate to you, can't I? And you even speak in double negatives."

"Listen, why don't you forget about that term paper. I'll come over and you can tell me all about comma splices."

"Okay, but I have to watch 'Hamlet' on PBS."

"Great. I'll bring the popcorn."

## next to last word

by Henry Fennell

### College entrance exams needs broader questions

I've become convinced there is a flaw in the tests we are required to take before entering college. They just aren't realistic.

ACT just doesn't cover the issues important to basic survival in the university community. We just don't find out how we might fit in from the standard test. I would like to propose the following questions as a partial indicator of how a prospective college student might fare in higher education.

1. Complete the following: I am most comfortable reading . . .
  - a. The Bible.
  - b. Shakepeare.
  - c. Twain.
  - d. Tee-shirts.

2. I've never seen . . .
  - a. Paris.
  - b. A rabbi.
  - c. A sunrise worth getting up for.
  - d. The inside of a library.
3. My favorite initials are . . .
  - a. ABC.
  - b. FBI.
  - c. ERA.
  - d. BEOG.
4. A major is . . .
  - a. Just above a captain.
  - b. A musical notation.
  - c. The name of a horse.
  - d. Impossible to decide on.

6. Grades are . . .
  - a. important to eggs.
  - b. difficult to run up.
  - c. usually lower in the spring.
  - d. not important if they are low.
7. Security is found in . . .
  - a. a strong family.
  - b. good friends.
  - c. a rich relative's will.
  - d. a complete collection of Cliff Notes.
8. If a policeman knocked at my door, I would . . .
  - a. be unconcerned.
  - b. be interested to know what the problem was.
  - c. wonder if the grand jury was meeting.
  - d. probably have a backed-up commode for the next few days.

- phrase: Dodge . . .
  - a. ball.
  - b. City.
  - c. Dart.
  - d. The Draft.
10. The best reason for attending college is . . .
  - a. to pursue a career.
  - b. to get out of the house.
  - c. to overcome a khaki allergy.
  - d. unknown.

Eight or more "d" answers should indicate that you will fit in at any public college or university. If you have more than three "a" answers, consider a private and/or religious institution. There are, however, no correct answers. Real college material doesn't believe in tests anyway.

9. Complete the following



# 'Crimes' is one neat package

By KATHRYN WHITELEY  
Sidelines Staff Writer

The lights were low, and out of the background came a flash of light. There stood Doc Autry.

This was just one of the many characters that appeared in the University Theater's new production, "Back County Crimes." Joining him is a cast of characters arrayed in everything from old country clothes to business suits, singing "I'll Fly Away."

From then on, the eerie sequences of events weren't, in some cases, so congenial.

The audience is swept away to the scene of a murder trial. The accused is Honey Turner (excellently played by Valerie Galloway). Oddly enough, she is on trial for the murder of her child, a little girl named Lillian. Known for her motherly care of Lillian, it is almost ironic that she is on trial for her murder.

This vignette employed emotion, and brought pity to the wrongly accused mother. A job well done in this vignette is given to Nick Watson, William Lukemire and Jerry Davis.

A personal favorite was the vignette "The Parkers," a serio-comic tale about a housewife who is neglected by her husband. "The Parkers" was a sheer delight to watch. The acting of Leland Gregory and Sharon Jones was not only enjoyable to watch, but a pleasure to see as the chemistry between the two is superb.

The best characterization of the production came in a vignette called "The Scotts." This particular storyline dealt with a mother's grief over her son's death. Veteran theater actress Laura Leopard added her experience at the university theater to this neatly done and emotionally draining sequence.

Good marks for the vignette are given to Barclay Randall and Cheri Hancock.

Weaker moments in the "Crimes" production came in the part entitled "The Fergusson Clan." Acting on the part of the cast members in this sequence were static, and did not draw the audience into the performance as well as other characters in "Crimes" did. However, the writing and almost comical mishaps saved the day.

Overall, Lanie Robertson's "Back County Crimes" is an enjoyable play to watch. The blend of comedy with violence and the people with each other is tied together nicely in one neat package.

The play concludes tonight. It begins at 8 p.m. in the Arena theater at the DA. Admission is free for students and \$3 for the general public.

# King's new book worth reading

By ALAN SISSOM  
Sidelines Staff Writer

When I picked up Stephen King's "The Stand," I expected something as scary as "Carrie" or "Salem's Lot." While it did have similar grotesqueries and stomach-turning events, it didn't quite live up to the horror story I expected of King's ability to scare the hell out of me. But not surprisingly, it turned out to be worth reading.

The book tells of an unstable and always fatal disease, affectionately named "Captain Trips" by the author, which kills off almost everyone in the world, as well as two of man's favorite animals — dogs and horses. Those who survive suddenly begin having dreams, one of a mysterious dark man with penetrating red eyes, who instills a feeling of extreme cold into whoever he comes into contact with. The other dream is of a black woman who, "by

God's will," is over a hundred years old. It soon becomes evident that the two dream-figures are symbols of one of the oldest struggles in the history of man: the struggle between good and evil.

Soon the survivors of the super-flu have to choose sides between the old woman and the dark man. They travel over many miles of corpse-littered America to reach the respective abodes of the two within the West coast. Then King sets the struggle into motion by forming the two sides into "armies."

"The Stand" is a powerful novel involving an even more powerful and controversial theme. Not many writers will take the chance of writing about the forces of God and Satan in conflict in such a conventional setting as "normal, everyday" America in the 1980s and even fewer who can pull such a story off with such skill.

The characters are also a mark of King's talent. They are very well developed and realistic. Before long the reader begins to pick out a few favorites, hoping they won't be killed by the end of the book. (And there are quite a few to pick from and a lot who are killed.) The number of protagonists in this book is comparable to, say, the number in Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings," and each takes up special qualities of his own, all easy to identify with.

Details are numerous in King's work. He sees fit to describe everything from the first page on. What really sets the ol' tummy a-churning are his descriptions of the corpses, the numerous victims of the disease. I mean, you feel the death all around almost as surely as the characters do.

Well, looking back over this review, it seems I've given King a rave. "The Stand" deserves it.

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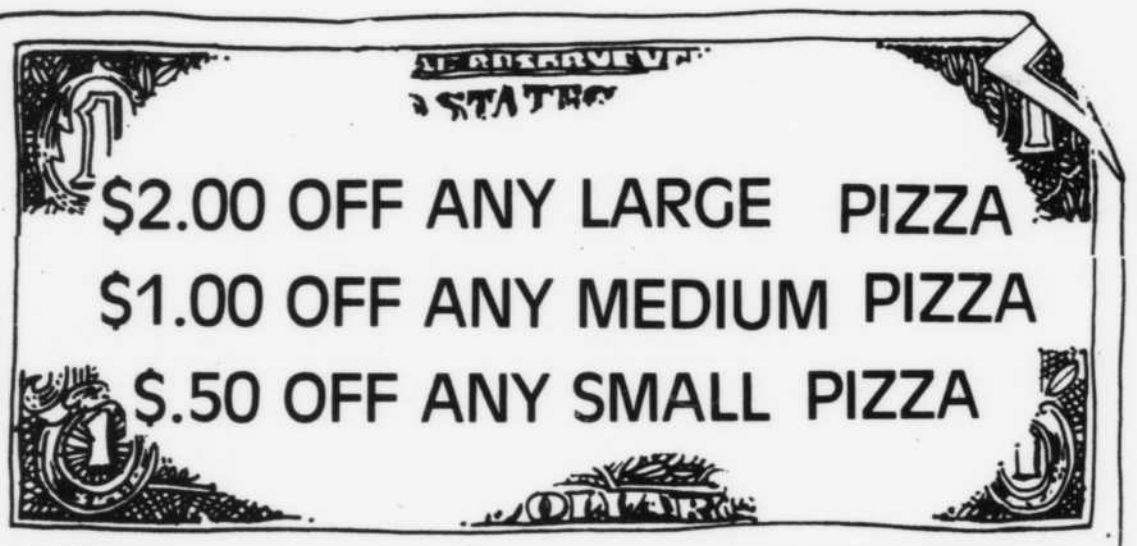
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## Tourney still in doubt

## Blue Raiders fall in triple overtime



photos by Don Harris

MTSU's Jerry Beck and Western's Craig McCormick and Mike Reese battle for a loose ball in the Raider's loss in Bowling Green last night.

## Grapplers at home Saturday

The MTSU wrestling team will be competing in two matches this Saturday in Murphy Center, the team's last ever home match.

A quadrangular wrestling meet is set for Saturday between Clemson, Cincinnati, Tennessee Tech and MTSU at 1 p.m. in Murphy Center.

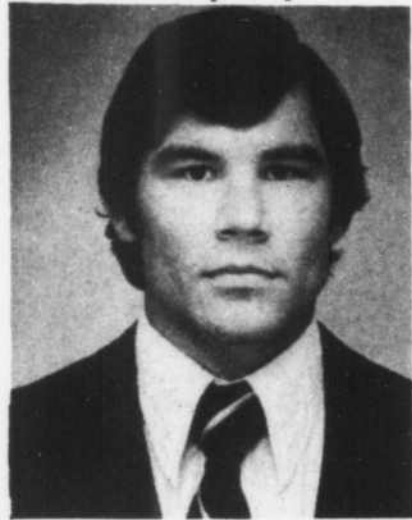
That same night at 7:30, the Raider grapplers will have a meet with the University of Kentucky. Admission to the matches is free.

## Wrestling dropped despite donations

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

A movement supported by the ASB and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) to save the MTSU wrestling team was brought to an abrupt stop by university president Sam Ingram earlier this week when he approved the athletic committee's recommendation to drop the sport.



Gordon Connell

ASB president Kent Syler indicated earlier this week that the ASB and the IFC were considering donating \$1,000 each towards the wrestling team's requested \$15,000 budget. The MTSU athletic committee voted last week to drop the sport after mounting economic pressures were forced upon the athletic department.

The committee's recommendation was forwarded to Vice President of Administration Lynn Haston, who recommended to Ingram the sport be dropped.

"I wrote a memo to Lynn Haston and Coach Bubber Murphy (athletic director) about two or three days ago recommending we follow the committee's decision," Ingram said yesterday. "I was not aware at the time of any student movement to donate money to the team.

"Since sending the memos, I have talked with Kent Syler and he informed me of the possible donation," he continued. "If they were, in fact, able to raise the needed money, we would have to look at not only next year, but the years thereafter before considering continuation of the program."

"I would say it's a dead issue now," Syler said yesterday afternoon after finding out Ingram had made his decision. "I talked with Coach (Gordon) Connell and he said he thought irreparable damage had been done to the program. Besides that, he didn't want live under the threat of not having a job next year.

"He also said the wrestlers would not want to wrestle wondering about next year and the recruiting is totally shot," Syler added.

The ASB was going to request \$1,000 in activity fee money go to the wrestling team. The IFC was going to donate \$1,000 out of an auxiliary fund the organization had.

"As treasurer of the IFC," Tim Stroh said, "I think had there been a possibility a donation might have saved wrestling, I think we would have been willing to help out. We see a viable need for athletics.

"The athletic department did all that stuff so quick the student body had no time to do anything," Stroh continued. "To be honest, it was just this week the IFC realized it could do anything to help."

The plan called for the ASB and IFC to donate a total of \$2,000, leaving the athletic department to make up the remaining \$13,000 deficit. The wrestling budget for the past fiscal year called for approximately \$21,000 to be spent on the sport.

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Jack Washington hit a basket with six seconds remaining in the third overtime to ice an, 81-79 win over MTSU's Blue Raiders last night which gave Western Kentucky another OVC championship.

The Hilltoppers, playing for the league crown and the right to host next week's OVC tournament, have not lost a conference game in Diddle Arena all season, but MTSU almost handed them their first last night.

"Coach Simpson wanted me to be sure and tell everyone how very proud he was of this team, and he said he has never had a group of kids play harder than our guys did tonight," assistant coach Larry Slaughter said speaking for the ailing head coach.

Technically, the game was meaningless to the Blue Raiders who need a win over Eastern Saturday night to get in the post season tourney, but it obviously didn't hurt MTSU's effort.

Western edged out in front early in the first half with their lead see-sawing from three to one points for the first 13 minutes. Leroy Coleman provided most of the firepower for the Raiders hitting four shots all from 20 feet out, or farther.

Craig McCormick started a 'Topper surge with five straight points while MTSU went scoreless for almost three minutes. Curtis Fitts came off the bench to hit two straight jumpers before the Blue Raiders

tell back in the deep freeze, scoring only two points in the last 2:45 of the half.

In the mean time Western was coming alive as they took advantage of MTSU's cold shooting to take a 42-28 lead, and the chants of "we're number one" began even before the first half was over.

Middle played well in the early stages of the second half but couldn't get the deficit under ten points for the first eleven minutes of the period. And when they finally cut it to seven, 64-57, WKU went to their rendition of the four-corner offense and the crowd started to celebrate again.

That's when the fireworks started.

Hilltopper guard Trey Trumbo started it all off by missing the front end of a one-and-one opportunity at the free throw line. Chris Harris followed with a three point play to cut the lead to four, (64-60) and Jerry Beck turned a Western turnover into another basket, and it was a two point ballgame.

"Who would have ever guessed that we could have overcome a 14 point lead against Western in Bowling Green and take them into overtime," Slaughter said. "These guys just hustled their guts out tonight."

McCormick put WKU back up by four with two free throws, but Beck quickly countered with an offensive rebound and a bucket to cut the lead to 66-64 with 19 seconds to go in regulation. Washington was fouled on the inbounds pass and after a Blue Raider time out, he

went to the line to possibly put the game out of reach.

He missed the first shot and the Raiders whipped the ball upcourt to Harris who hit a 15-footer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime number one.

Coleman and Beck combined for eight points in the first extra period while McCormick and Mike Prince were keeping Western alive. Coleman put MTSU up by one 74-73 with :51 to go but Washington countered with two free throws with :37. Harris ended the scoring with a free throw with 27 seconds left to tie the score at 75. WKU held the ball for the last shot and again missed. Double overtime.

The second overtime went to the 1:41 mark before the first score when McCormick took a lob pass from Trumbo to put Western up 77-75. Coleman kept MTSU in the hunt with a twisted layup moments later to knot the score once again. Western held the ball for the final shot, again (sound familiar?), but Prince lost the ball and then fouled Perry trying to get it back.

So with Perry, an 85 percent free throw shooter at the line for one-and-one, things looked bright for MTSU. But you guessed it — he missed. Triple overtime.

Once again it was McCormick and Coleman who started the

scoring as the teams swapped baskets. MTSU decided to hold the ball for the last shot but a turnover sent Western to their end to use the same strategy. This time it worked as Washington got a 15-footer away which nestled into the net with only six seconds left. Harris quickly rebounded to Fitts, but his half court shot was off the mark and the marathon was finally over.

All five Raider starters were in double figures as MTSU outshot Western from the field 62.9 percent to 51.5. MTSU hit 13 of 18 from the line to Western's 13 of 19.

Coleman led MTSU with 22 points (10 of 15 from the field) while Beck and Harris added 16 and 13 points respectively. Perry chipped in 12 and Mike Frost turned in perhaps his best game ever at MTSU scoring 10 points, hitting five of seven shots from the field.

McCormick was tops for Western with 27 hitting on 11 of 14 shots from the floor.

MTSU will play their most important game of the season tomorrow night in Richmond against Eastern Kentucky. The winner of the contest will capture fourth place in the conference and will play Western in Bowling Green next Thursday night in round one of the OVC playoffs.

## Raider kickers prepare for tough spring schedule

The Raider soccer club, a group of enthusiasts in what has become the world's largest sport, is going after the Dixie Amateur Soccer League championship this spring.

The team went undefeated in the fall schedule in 11 contests. Vanderbilt was able to tie the team 3-3 to keep the soccer team from having an unblemished record.

The spring season begins Feb.

24 in Nashville against Vanderbilt. Seven games are already scheduled, including four at MTSU. Following the regular season play, tournament action starts in April.

A women's soccer team is also in the works for this spring. Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact Wade Gilbert at 890-3307. Scheduling for the women's team is incomplete as of now.

## Western 21st victim

## Lady Raider's 'recipe' wins

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — MTSU's Lady Raiders ran their record to 21-8 here last night with a 56-53 win over Western Kentucky.

And, they used the same recipe that they have used all season.

Start off with a tenacious full court press, add a better than average fast break and then mix in some good outside shooting and you've got the key ingredients for a victory.

"The first half was our best so far this season," said head coach Larry Inman. "We had trouble stopping their inside game for a while, but when we went to a one-three-one zone it shut them off pretty well."

The Lady Raiders trailed only once in the first half, 4-3, and got out by as much as eight at one time. The Lady Hilltoppers capitalized on an MTSU dry spell to knot the score at 25 with 3:25 to go at the half, but it was all MTSU after that.

Ileana Portik hit two points in a row followed by six layups by Ester Coleman. Josephine Wright capped the 11 point spree with another Lady Raider went to the dressing room up 36-25.

"Ester could not seem to get started tonight," Inman said. "She's only practiced one day

this week because of her blood disorder and you could tell she was really tired."

MTSU went cold in the second half and after keeping a 10 point lead for the first part of the second stanza, WKU closed the margin to four, 47-43, with 8:25 to play. That's the way the score stood for the next four minutes as neither team could hit the bucket.

Portik finally scored to get the Lady Raiders back on track, but they weren't home free yet.

Western, using a tough press of their own, cut the lead to three with 11 seconds left, but missed a shot at the buzzer to end the comeback.

For MTSU, Portik had 23 and Lisa Justice hit 15.

Sherry Smith, Josephine Wright and Ester Coleman all had 6.

For Western, Laurie Heltley and Alicia Polson each had 12 and Renee Taylor had 10.

Middle Tennessee hit only 8 of 29 from the field in the second half and ended the game shooting for 40 percent.

Western shot 45 percent from the field and only went to the line twice hitting one of two.

Western's record slipped to 8-17 overall, 4-8 in the OVC.

The Lady Raiders will be back in action Saturday night at Richmond, Ky. against Eastern Kentucky.



photos by Don Harris

Freshman forward Ester Coleman, goes up for two of her six points in the Lady Raider's victory over Western last night.