

State will investigate dormitory fire

The Tennessee Department of Arson will begin an investigation on campus this week after two fires have been reported in men's dormitories within the last week.

Early Monday morning, the Murfreesboro Fire Department responded to the second dormitory fire when the lobby of H-Hall was struck by fire and resulted in \$700 estimated

damages, according to police reports.

Last week, a mattress was burned in a second-floor bathroom at Beasley Hall.

When asked if there was a possible connection between the two fires, Shewmake answered, "Right now I have no idea if there is a connection with the Beasley fire. I hope it's an accident."

According to reports filed by the university police, the fire "could have been started by a smoldering cigarette, but the possibility of it being deliberately set is not being ruled out."

Though he could not actually say that arson was involved, Lt. Dayton Porterfield of the Murfreesboro Fire Department said arson was "very strongly

suspected" and "not to be ruled out."

He cited the reasons behind suspecting arson in the fire last week at Beasley Hall were obvious because a mattress was set on fire in a bathroom stall.

And, Rick Pendagrass, a representative from the Tennessee State Department, will begin the investigation to determine the nature of the fires.

The last arson investigation was at High Rise West last year when a fire broke out there.

The H-Hall fire apparently started on a small couch in the recently remodeled lobby and spread to a nearby chair, according to Murfreesboro Assistant Fire Chief Jim Fite. Heat damage also destroyed the lobby television set and light fixtures.

Ivan Shewmake, dean of students, men and head resident of H-Hall, remarked that because of the burning plastic of the telephone, the smoke made things seem much more worse than they really were.

"There was a whole lot of smoke but not much of a fire," claimed Fite.

The call was first received at 2:19 a.m. and city firemen arrived on the scene five minutes later. Because the fire was located in a dormitory, six units were sent to the scene — four pumper trucks, one ladder and one tank truck. Shewmake explained that it is normal procedure for at least five trucks to answer all calls on campus.

The fire was first discovered by head resident assistant Pat Towns. Towns and Clay Good, another H-Hall resident, were studying in Towns' second-floor room when smoke started to come up through the floor around water pipes into the room, Shewmake said. Towns then activated the fire alarm, informed Shewmake of the situation and started the evacuation of residents.

Most of the hall's residents gathered outside the dorm to watch as firemen gained control of the situation.

After the fire was extinguished, a search of the immediate area began. "We started looking for anything that could have been used to hold a flammable liquid or start a fire," remarked Shewmake. "All that came up was a Jergen's Lotion bottle, an empty beer bottle and an empty STP can."



photo by Eddie Braswell

Murfreesboro firemen were called to H-Hall lobby early Monday morning to extinguish a blaze that caused \$700 worth of damages.

Election for frat row in March

The Election Commission voted yesterday to hold a special election next month on the issue of the proposed organizational row.

Polling stations will be open Wednesday, March 26, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the UC and Peck Hall.

Louis Holiday, sponsor of the resolution allowing students to voice their opinions on the proposed organizational row, submitted a new petition after his old one was tabled by the house and senate last Thursday. The wording was changed from "fraternity row" to "organizational row" and the bill was given a title.

Holiday said that he was not necessarily for or against organizational row, but that students should have a right to vote on the issue.

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\$3 million center needs student support

By RENEE VAUGHN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Overwhelming support from the students may be needed to get approval for construction of a \$3 million recreation facility now in the planning stages for MTSU.

This was the overall sentiment expressed when 12 students and faculty members met yesterday in Murphy Center. The meeting was organized by students Roger Fenner and Roger Wakefield to explore the possibilities of sustained student backing for such a project.

After discussing the pros and cons of the issue, the group decided to follow up yesterday's meeting with the creation of a task force to work on a survey of student attitudes.

Joe Ruffner, director of campus recreation, is one supporter of the idea. He will be leaving MTSU in May, but is

interested in spending the next two months exploring student sympathies toward the subject.

"The state will not justify funding any non-academic projects which is understandable. The most logical funding for our purposes is a use-type fee. A \$20 per semester cost for each student enrolled would cover the payment of bonds to be used for construction purposes. Faculty and their dependents, community members and active university supporters could maintain operational expenses of something like \$175,000 on a yearly basis," Ruffner said.

The facility plans include 12 raquetball courts, four basketball courts (not regulation size but adequate for play), weight rooms of several types and possibly some bowling lanes. An elevated observation deck was also mentioned which

could include two or three joggers' lanes, an oversized swimming pool and patio area for sunning and socializing.

Ruffner talked about the HPER department taking on one-half of the responsibility for staffing and operating the recreation center. The new facility would emphasize non-academic pursuits so as not to take away from Murphy Center's role. As long as there was a sustained use-demand for the courts and other activity areas, class instruction time would be strictly limited.

ASB President Kent Syler brought up the question of student support repeatedly. He advocated a survey to determine the extent of interest. The possibility of the survey being conducted during fall registration met with approval as did the idea for a student information blitz.

"This issue needs to have the kind of popular mandate that this campus has never before seen," Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, claimed. "To get commitments for the yearly operating expenses, not to mention staffing, would take a whole lot of money. It could turn into a white elephant if we couldn't get

exterior support from the community.

"Students must know what they are being offered. They must understand the financial commitment as well as the benefits of using the facility," he continued. "The timeliness of the proposal is really poor because we are looking at ex-

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Students run up phone bills; illegal calls misdemeanor

Approximately 10 MTSU students have been caught using stan card numbers illegally in the past three months and one student ran up a bill of \$500, W.B. Bragg, security supervisor for South Central Bell, said yesterday.

Bragg, who came from Nashville to find the students who were making the calls, interviewed each student and explained what could happen if students use stan numbers that are not their own.

"Each offense (each call) is a misdemeanor, which in this

state could get a person up to 11 months in jail," he explained. "If they get convicted, they will have a criminal record."

Bragg, who only receives names of persons who have a bill over \$100, said he did not take any of the students interviewed here to court.

"Everyone admitted to making the calls." In some cases, Bragg said he had to call the student's parents, but in some cases he handled it solely with the student.

"I don't want to take students to court," Bragg said. Usually,

he said he can explain everything to the students and work everything out.

Bragg usually makes the person who illegally used the number pay for the bill. "Now if I find out that they start making the calls again after I talk to them, I'll take them to court," he declared.

How does the telephone company trace the calls?

"Well," said Bragg. "You have to call from somewhere and you have to call somebody, so we just put two and two together."



photos by Philip Prater

Professional bagpiper Mike Cusack performs in the grill in full costume as part of Fine Arts week at MTSU. Cusack has been playing the bagpipe since fourth grade.

Concert will honor teachers

Recipients of the Outstanding Teacher Awards since 1967 will be honored at the Presidential Concert in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Sunday, at 3:30 p.m.

Continuing a tradition that he began last year in place of any formal presidential inauguration, President Sam Ingram has asked that a concert by each MTSU University Band every year honor a group or individual who has made

outstanding contributions to the university.

"I want to continue this tradition because I think it is appropriate to give much emphasis and recognition to those individuals who deserve it," he said. "There is no more important group than those voted on by students and their colleagues for Outstanding Teacher."

Performing with the band

will by United States Navy Band Senior Chief Musician John Ceoulehan.

The concert will be followed by a reception in the University Center Lounge. Both events are free and open to the public.

"I would expect and hope that many would attend this, not only to honor these outstanding people, but also to hear an outstanding musical program," Ingram said.

Dorms' mattresses pass all safety tests

Mattresses in the dormitories are not made of the flammable material polyurethane, but they do have a layer of polyurethane mesh between the cotton ticking and the wiring, Director of Housing David Bragg said.

On 60 Minutes a few weeks ago, a study was conducted on the governmental regulations for polyurethane and the materials' flammability.

"The mattresses (used in dorm rooms) purchased last year met the federal regulations and are stuffed with cotton ticking," Bragg said.

He added that the ones bought previously had about a one-eighth inch thick piece between the cotton ticking and the spring. This was to keep the cotton from bunching up and held the ticking in place.

"All of the mattresses have passed the test where six cigarettes were placed on different areas of it to see how fast it would smolder and burn," Bragg added.

Sidelights

Ball benefits Heart Association

The Soroptomist International of Murfreesboro is sponsoring the Heart Ball to be held at the Smyrna Country Club Saturday, March 8.

Tickets are \$20 and are available from Edna Bedman at Citizen's Central Bank or David Moore at First Tennessee Bank.

All proceeds will go to the Heart Association. Space is limited, so you are encouraged to make your reservations early.

Camp jobs available for this summer

Various summer job interviews will be conducted here the next two months.

Feb. 27, the Cumberland Valley Girl Scouts will be interviewing for summer job positions at Camp Sycamore in Ashland City, Tenn. They need a business manager, nature program director, waterfront personnel staff and an arts and crafts director.

Feb. 28, Tennessee State Parks officials will interview for a recreation specialist.

March 3 officials from Camp Starlight, in Starlight Pennsylvania will interview students for jobs as counselors, waterfront activity personnel, gymnastics, dance, music, arts and crafts and cheerleader personnel.

March 6, job interviews to work at Camp Confrontation Point, a wilderness camp in the Savage Gulf area will be conducted. Counselors with experience in backpacking and camping are needed.


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Write a letter to celebrate week

The United States Postal Service, hoping to restore the art of writing home to the folks, is sponsoring a National Letter Writing Week Feb. 24-March 1.

The Postal Service has offered the following advice on how to write more effective letters to parents, girlfriends, boyfriends and prospective employees for students who have a hard time trying to put their thoughts into words.

For the first letter home, it is extremely important to reassure parents about how you have adjusted to college life. It's particularly helpful for parents to know that you are being

intellectually stimulated in your new environment and that you are really learning the true meaning of being independent.

Another type of letter to be sent home is one asking for money. When requesting this, one will notice that students always have to speak with dear ol' Dad. Here again, some subtlety is in order along with a good sense of timing. One should never write for more money just after semester tuition bills have been sent home, though, and when you do write, be sure to dramatize your need a little.

Statistics show there are more letters written to sweethearts by

freshmen than from any other class of college students. For some reason they tend to decline in volume by the end of the first semester.

Another time when one needs to write letters is when he is about to receive his degree. The student is interested then in how to write an effective letter of application to get a job. He should stress all relevant experience and coursework. Also he should not hesitate to list any references that might vouch for his potential.



photo by Mark Holland

This scene is common to students who prefer to gaze out the third floor windows of Peck Hall instead of listening in class.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday
 Student Nurses Association: Blood Pressure Clinic, UC Basement, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Interfaith Council: Meditation, UC Theatre, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Fine Arts: Jazz Ensemble, UC Grill, 10 a.m.
 Fine Arts: MTSU's Permanent Collection of Photography, UC Lounge & Lobby, all day
 Fine Arts: Student Films selected from MTSU Film Projects, UC Theatre, 12 p.m.
 Personnel: Training Program for new employees, UC 305, 2-3 p.m.
 Traffic Court: UC 313 & 315, 3-5 p.m.
 Fine Arts: Silent Films: "Othello" & "Faust," UC Theatre, 7 p.m.
 Campus Interviews: Cumberland Valley Girl Scout Council: Business Manager, Nature Program Director, Waterfront Staff, Arts & Crafts Director
 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Tennessee: Internal Auditors and Accountants

Thursday
 GED Test: UC 314, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Fine Arts: Musical Variety Production, DA Arena, 12 p.m.
 Faculty/Press Luncheon: Tennessee Room, 12 p.m.
 Fine Arts: Film, "Winter Lights," UC Theatre, 7 p.m.
 Omega Psi Phi: Black History Week - Gospel Show, LRC Multi-Media Room, 7 p.m.
 Continuing Education: Beginning Photography, UC 314, 7-9 p.m.
 Campus Interviews: Bibb County Board of Education of Macon, Georgia: Teachers - Elementary, Secondary (all areas) & Special Education

Tuesday
 Young Republicans Meeting: Speaker-David Copeland, UC 322, 7 p.m.
 Fine Arts: University Concert Choir and Chamber Choir, UC Theatre, 12 p.m.
 Interfaith Council: Film, LRC Multi-Media room, 3 & 7 p.m.
 Traffic Court, UC 313 & 315, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 Continuing Education: Driver Education Instructions, UC 312, 4-6:30 p.m.; Investment Tips, UC 318, 7-9:30 p.m.
 National Science Foundation Special Lecture Series: Dr. Robert Corlew, Historian, "Material Culture & Early Tennessee History, New Science Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
 SUSH Meeting: UC 313, 7 p.m.
 Fine Arts: Piano Recital: Natalia da Roza, D.A. Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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 pense increases of 7 or 8 percent in food, dorms and tuition for the next few years." *

Financing for the project would most likely come in the form of a 30 year bond, Ruffner said.

"Can we make a decision now which will obligate students for the next 30 years?" asked one person.

Twenty dollars will not be worth as much in the coming years, Syler answered. The commitment will not be as much of a burden to them as it may now seem, he said.

Ruffner noted that MTSU is a unique school which continues to draw students even when other universities have declining enrollments. He said the proposed recreation center would add to the "retention and socialization" of the student enrollment.

He added that MTSU President Sam Ingram had given tacit support to the exploration of the issue, but there have been no commitments from his office concerning the project yet.

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from the editor

Issues: *know them before you vote*

Since the MTSU Associated Student Body elections are only 15 days away, students should start keeping themselves closely attuned with campus issues so they will know who to vote for March 12-13.

In order for students to know exactly where they stand on the issues brought out in the election, it is necessary to keep up with them long before voting day.

This can be done by consulting local media, (*Sidelines*, WMOT, ect.) attending house and senate meetings, going to ASB President Kent Syler's dormitory meetings and taking part in other similar activities.

Qualifying petitions to run for an office must be filed by March 5. Until then, we will not officially know who will be running. Nor are we sure what will emerge as issues in the election, but we have a pretty good idea.

Fraternity row will more than likely be an issue, along with possibly the proposed recreation center, voter registration for the city elections, housing and parking on campus.

It may seem a bit premature to discuss without knowing for sure what they will be, but it is important that students keep a tight watch on all possible issues before the election in order to vote the right person into office.

Write: *Sidelines receives many letters*

Since this is National Letter Writing Week, we would like to take the opportunity to applaud our readers for sending *Sidelines* so many letters this semester.

For the past several weeks, *Sidelines* has received so many letters we have, regretfully, not had space in the paper for all of them. Hopefully, this will not discourage you from writing since we plan to print all letters after they are verified.

We realize timeliness is an important factor in many letters, so we try to print the immediate ones first and save less immediate letters for another issue.

We would also like to ask that you keep letters as concise as possible due to limited space.

It is encouraging to see that students and faculty members are involved enough in campus and local issues to feel the need to voice their opinions in *Sidelines*. Opinions of others, combined with those of the *Sidelines* staff, provide for a well balanced editorial page with a variety of viewpoints.

So please continue to write letters to the editor and do not be discouraged if they are not printed the issue after they are written.

Letters can be mailed to *Sidelines*, Box 42, or they can be brought to the JUB room 310.

Election: *voting rights on row at last*

It is good to hear that finally, students will be able to vote on the proposed organizational row.

First, there was much debate over whether or not students even had a concern over the project. Dorm meetings were held by ASB President Kent Syler to find out just how students felt about organizational row and other projects.

Then controversy arose over a petition for organizational row to be put on the March ASB Presidential elections. The petition was presented at a joint house and senate meeting by sponsor Lewis Holiday.

Officials there said the petition was not publicized in *Sidelines* the legal 21 days before the election and that it was not correctly written up as a petition.

It seemed as though students would never get to vote on the issue that they were, by this time, obviously concerned with.

Yesterday at an ASB election commission meeting it was learned that the proposed organizational row will be voted on in a special election after spring break.

That was good to hear. Finally, we will know how students really feel about the proposed fraternity row.

Tuesday, February 26, 1980

Viewpoints



the last word

by Warren Denny

Vows say 'Til divorce do us part'

If you're thinking of getting married in the near future, you should probably think twice. Marriage as we know it may be on its deathbed.

One out of every three marriages today ends in divorce. The average length of the American marriage has now declined to less than six years.

Why do they break down? Can the trend be halted? These are questions that people must face up to if they are concerned with saving the concept of marriage.

The American culture is a

family-oriented culture that places the single person in the abnormal category. By its own nature, the culture creates a pressure on individuals to marry. Peer pressure has become the primary factor of motivation for marriage, not love. Marriage is an attempt at conformity.

The sex roles have become nebulous. They have become somewhat neutered through technology and socio-economic factors. Men and women no longer have to perform their fundamental roles because technocracy does it for them.

Some people refer to this phenomenon as liberation while others refer to it as chaos.

The concept of the "American home" suffers as well. Inflation has forced both spouses into the working world for survival. The result is a home without a central core. But for the "home" to exist as a unit, each individual must give priority to meeting the demands of his/her job. Such a situation is destructive to the mutual support needed in nurturing a marriage.

It would be crazy to suggest that there is a simple solution to

the marriage problem. There may be no solution. Perhaps highly advanced and highly technological societies will not need the institution. As society progresses, it may be cleansing itself of a useless order.

It was Margaret Mead who said, "Nobody knows how to be married anymore. We have this antiquated notion of what marriage was. It used to be when we said 'til death do us part,' death parted us pretty soon. That's why marriages used to last forever; everybody was dead."

as i see it

by Chuck Keller

Types of teachers make learning interesting

During our years in the educational process of today's modern society we become part of a particular group — students.

Students are checked and balanced by another group — teachers. Even though they are a minority when compared with students, teachers affect our lives on the average of five days a week for nine months out of

each year. They alone have the power to control what we learn, when we learn and how we learn.

If an acceptable amount of learning is achieved by the student, then we are rewarded with a "promotion" to a higher grade of learning. But if the proper level of learning is not achieved, then we are "punished" by being held back

or retained to the same level for another year.

Since teachers hold so much power over our lives, it is to the best of our advantage that we are able to identify those who are teachers. By being able to identify teachers and knowing something of their behavior, then we as students should be able to get through the long drawn-out (over 12 years) educational process.

The first kind of teacher that we will discuss is the Babe. The Babe has been involved in the teaching profession for at least one week and no longer than one year and therefore has few (if any) distinguishing characteristics.

Babes are in a very precarious situation. They do not wish to get the reputation of being a "hard teacher" so they go kind of easy on the amount and type of homework assignments given. In the classroom the situation is the same — in order to avoid a bad reputation, the teacher will stop at no ends to please his/her students. This plan usually doesn't work all too well because the teacher gets a reputation anyway. By giving very few homework assignments and even less classroom assignments, the teacher gets the reputation of being "soft."

Besides not wanting a reputation, the Babe is involved with another conflict — trying to behave in a manner pleasing to both students and older superiors.

It is an unofficial estimate

that about 10 percent of all Babes quit teaching in favor of other less trying jobs, such as boiler operators, wrestlers and brain surgeons.

The second most common group of teachers is the Rock-Of-Ages. These people have been around for at least twenty years (it is a popular belief that some have been around since the days of Adam).

The Rocks are an established part of the school. They were there when the first piece of ground was dug up; they were there when the first stone was laid; they were there when the doors were first opened and, more likely than not, they will be there when the place is condemned.

The Rocks teach all of your "favorite" subjects — Latin, Geometry and Square dancing. The classes are almost always full (the courses are required in order to graduate) and are so much fun (getting teacher to recall the "olden days").

A third group of teachers are the Freestylers. The Freestylers deeply and faithfully believe that education should be a

spontaneous type of thing. Open classrooms where students can come and go as they please, do whatever they want and absolutely demand that you call them by their first name.

"Hell, Dan, I just can not get into this stuff. Maybe if I took a few days off I could . . ."

"Hey, man, don't worry about it. It's not all that important. English isn't everything."

Our final group of study is the Establishment. Coats, ties and "That's mister to you!" *Robert's Rules of Order* prevail in the classroom and English is everything. Homework is given and expected to be completed on time if not sooner.

Not much can be said about an Establishment teacher. They demand total dedication from their students and for the "few good men" who can make the grade, the rewards are great. Live your life by their standards and (according to them) you will go far in life.

These are just brief glimpses inside the complicated world of teachers. I hope that you will be able to benefit from it.

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Perspective

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from our readers

Student representation has many problems

To the editor:

Lately, we have been having a lot of problems with student representation. First, it was the difficulty we had with Ralph Hillman's tenure case — the students and much of the faculty feel that it is a shame to let such a dedicated and qualified instructor go. He was just recently voted the Gamma Beta Phi instructor of the year.

So far, those with the responsibility have refused Ralph Hillman's tenure. Dean Corlew's committee voted to

recommend Hillman's, but Dean Corlew still did not do so. The Senate Committee has thus far been unable to schedule a meeting with Dean Carlton — the next to make a decision.

Now, a problem of adequate student representation has developed out of the organization row project. People in control just cannot understand why students insist on expressing their opinions on the project. If an issue concerns the university then it concerns the

students. I personally am glad to see such widespread student involvement in the issue. Apathy has long been a major problem. I like the idea of the petition that Lewis Holliday is circulating to give students the opportunity to vote on fraternity row in March. Maybe the era of student apathy is coming to an end.

As a Senator in the ASB it is my job to represent the needs and concerns of my constituents — the students. So far this year when I wanted to know how the

students felt on a particular issue I had to go out and ask. I know that there are probably many issues of importance to the students that go unnoticed by me. What I am trying to say is that if you have a problem or would like to see something done, let me know. My phone number is 898-3623, my post office box is 1578 and if you want to come by, I live in Gore Hall Room 110. Let me hear from you.

Daniel Brown
Freshman Senator

Gamma Beta Phi needs to learn students have other things to do besides attend meetings

To the editor:

I just want to express my opinion about a recent Gamma Beta Phi meeting.

At this meeting, it was decided to enact a point system that could decide whether or not a member is allowed to remain in this club.

First let me say that I agree that something must be done for participation in the

organization. I am not against it but when people are forced to do something they usually resist. I have helped in some of their projects when I have had time to do them.

Some of the officers do not realize that some projects (participation earns points) conflict with other things we have to do.

Second, and my major gripe, is that we should schedule things around Gamma Beta Phi. At least this is the impression that I got from one of the faculty advisors. I had said that I had a class which interfered with the meetings. I was not able to attend them. The advisor told me that I did not care about the club because I was taking this class. This is absolutely false.

Many people I know are in agreement with me about this organization. The entire quality of the club has decreased tremendously since I joined. We are being treated like children by some officers.

Kenny Kleespies
Box 1999

Republicans, Democrats speak out on issues

Cut in school is necessary

By ALAN ELAM
Republican

The administration has acted properly in regard to the staffing of Liberal Arts and any proposal to retain instructors above what has been deemed appropriate for the number of students enrolled is clearly inappropriate.

Our administrators have a duty to serve the interests of the students, just as our legislators are bound to serve their constituents. In performing their duties they are required to maintain staff members in the schools at levels suited to the needs of the students of those schools. The only logical criterion for determining staffing levels is student enrollment.

Mr. Allen will argue that society needs Liberal Arts graduates with well-rounded educations and that the administration of this university should maintain high staffing levels in these programs to further the needs of our liberalized society. He is wrong. Society has dictated its desires and low enrollment in Liberal Arts shows clearly that society does not currently demand as many Liberal Arts graduates as it has in the past.

Increasing staffing levels in Liberal Arts is nothing more than subsidizing an area that can not create sufficient demand for itself. Obviously, to subsidize one requires a draining from those schools whose enrollment has risen. This would not be fair to the students or the faculty of either.

Mr. Allen paints a picture of a rank and file society of devils with no imagination straight out of "1984." I do not believe this to be the end result of less liberal arts education. Were it true that this is where de-staffing the Liberal Arts school would lead us, it would remain a grave mistake to ignore the educational demands of the bulk of our students and cater to the demands of a few.

Liberal arts important; shouldn't be cut

By BILL ALLEN
Democrat

Liberal Arts holds under its broad umbrella a range of disciplines such as political science, religious studies, music, art, psychology, speech, theatre and others. The disciplines hold great significance to the students and teachers involved in Liberal Arts. A great number of men and women have devoted their lives to the various areas and subjects that are not so much technical skills or avenues into current job markets; but those subjects are every bit as important as any professional skill, even if they don't have a 100 percent placement in chosen careers.

The American people are built upon diversity; their strength lies in their differences. Our educational systems are built upon that diversity. Education offers choice to the individual and a multitude of career roads to follow. The intelligence of the American people and their dedication and desires to learn have placed the nation in the forefront of the world's eyes.

Variety has not suffered here at our own university. A problem is starting to surface here, though, slowly working its way into the Liberal Arts curriculum and the ratio between students and teachers.

Departments are being cut back and the student-teacher ratio is going up; that is, classes will continue to get larger and larger as more and more

teachers are denied tenure. Without tenure, there is little security for a professor here at MTSU. Those teachers will look for work elsewhere. The school will suffer, because the quality of education will become lower.

The money for Liberal Arts is being channeled into the Business School. The reason is that more people can find work with a business diploma. That is a good reason, but not good enough to cut back departments that are doing equally good work.

The strength of a democratic nation is built upon how people think, not what they do. The courage of thought and new ideas have carried this country through numerous crisis. The ability to think in new directions solves problems. Abstracts and new concepts have placed men in the stars, created deficit spending and exploded the atom bomb.

Dean Corlew, in an earlier issue of *Sidelines*, spoke on the subject of cut-backs and denial of tenure because of student enrollment and majors in certain subjects are falling off. It is evident that specialization in subjects that have a high placement percentage for jobs is preferred. Specialization does not give new answers to the pressing problems of society today. It merely maintains a status quo.

Specialization creates rigid class systems. America has always maintained social

mobility. Rather than see MTSU become a professional school and provide a steady stream of clerks and business assistants, it would be more profitable and satisfying (though not in a monetary sense) to see MTSU take the lead in providing some answers to social problems, to create rather than copy and to be able to provide new directions and knowledge for the area around us.

Liberal arts is necessary for a progressive program of education. The benefits that society receives out-weighs the cost of the program. The final analysis is a cynical outlook of chances on the job market versus majors in liberal arts. Since few people really enjoy their work, a major in a field of interest may benefit people more in terms of happiness than profit.

For those that pursue a Master's degree in the liberal arts program, interesting work rather than collecting a paycheck may be a better reward. A university is a multi-purpose facility, incorporating both a liberal arts and a professional school is beneficial to all types of people. One does not deserve more attention or funding than the other.

The world is shrinking through communication, and events that occur in far-away places affect all of us; it is necessary to have knowledge, both professional and otherwise, to be an educated man or woman.

punchline

By Danny Tyree

Arthritic thumb weak platform in the 80 presidential runoff

I don't know about you, but I refuse to let an arthritic thumb stand between me and a good president.

I am, of course, speaking of 69-year-old Ronald Regan. I'm afraid there is a significant portion of the electorate that apparently thinks Regan's age automatically makes him a senile old fool who would collapse at his first White House dinner party.

But the former Californian governor's latest checkup showed him in good condition, the aforementioned thumb being his biggest difficulty. Regan keeps his weight down, goes in for horseback riding and follows a daily routine of exercises. Even George Bush admits Regan is not too old to be president. The younger generation and middle-aged folks don't like being stereotyped. Why not look at senior citizens as individual capacities?

Perhaps the age issue is being blown out of proportion because it's so hard to find fault with Regan's policies. Sure, I know there are knee-jerk liberals who have been conditioned to gag at the very mention of Regan's name, but that's prejudice, not an open-minded reaction. No one is going to agree with Regan 100 percent of the time... but apply some good old common sense to his ideas, and he doesn't sound so bad after all.

If we follow President Carter's energy program, 10 years from now we'll still be heavily dependent on OPEC oil. Regan wants to turn private industry loose to produce all the energy this country needs.

Carter wants to increase Social Security taxes — without really doing anything to stop the system from going bankrupt in the coming decades. Regan intends to organize a task force of finance experts to straighten out this sorry mess once and for all.

Carter has responded to the crises in Iran and Afghanistan with weak threats and a lack of planning and coordination. Regan proposes a "grand strategy" for foreign relations in the 80s.

Senator Kennedy wants to land the U.S. into the same socialistic quicksand that has engulfed Great Britain by initiating national health insurance. Regan favors tax credits or tax deductions so all Americans can better afford standard private insurance.

True, four years ago a very sincere Jimmy Carter made an empty promise to tame big government and improve the economy. No matter who is elected, there is only so much a president can do. But I think Regan can do more than his opponents.

Don't make a snap judgement on your presidential choice. Study the candidates, their records and their stands on the issues. If you can then honestly say you don't think Regan's ideology and leadership qualities are what we need, fine. That's the American way. but don't turn thumbs down on the man just because of an arthritic thumb.

meandering

By Cindy Houston

Parking situation bad enough but tickets make it worse

To the student, they're a constant nuisance. To the police department, they're a very prosperous business. To be exact, in the previous year, \$67,543 was collected from parking tickets. I feel sure they will surpass that amount this year.

Now, that astronomical amount acquired mostly from tight-budgeted college students is bad enough by itself. But several of the procedures regarding tickets make the situation even more agonizing.

First of all, this large amount of money is no surprise to the administration who compose the budget. In the proposed budget for 1979-80, approximately \$63,000 is planned on for the year from tickets. Personally, I feel this is a vast understatement. With the "generous" allotment of student spaces and the choice locations, the administration need not lose any sleep worrying that they may not make their budget.

However, the students must realize that the ticket-givers are not to blame. They are only doing their job. And their job is to make sure every misparked car is given a ticket. Keep that money rolling in!

Which leads me to my second point. This money does not go back into the police department. After looking at their salaries, heaven knows they could use the money. But no. This income goes back into the general fund.

And next we ask where the general fund goes. That's hard to say for sure. Popular rumor has it that part of the general fund goes to the football team. Doesn't that make you feel loyal — knowing your parking fines are helping to establish another great winning football tradition?

Finally, what about getting your ticket voided once you get a ticket? Chances are very good that if you're a good-looking girl you won't have to pay your ticket. Many tickets have been voided solely on the basis of good looks. However, I made the mistake of being on the rampage when I visited the complaint officer. I'd received a ticket while I'd been parked only five minutes to check my mail box. (By the way, the parking meters do work.)

When I explained the situation to the complaint officer, I received only generous amounts of sarcastic remarks. It's a bit ironic that, up till then, all the other policemen I'd met had been friendly and helpful. However, once I reached the officer who's meant to deal with the public, he turns out to be the most discourteous and rude person on the force.

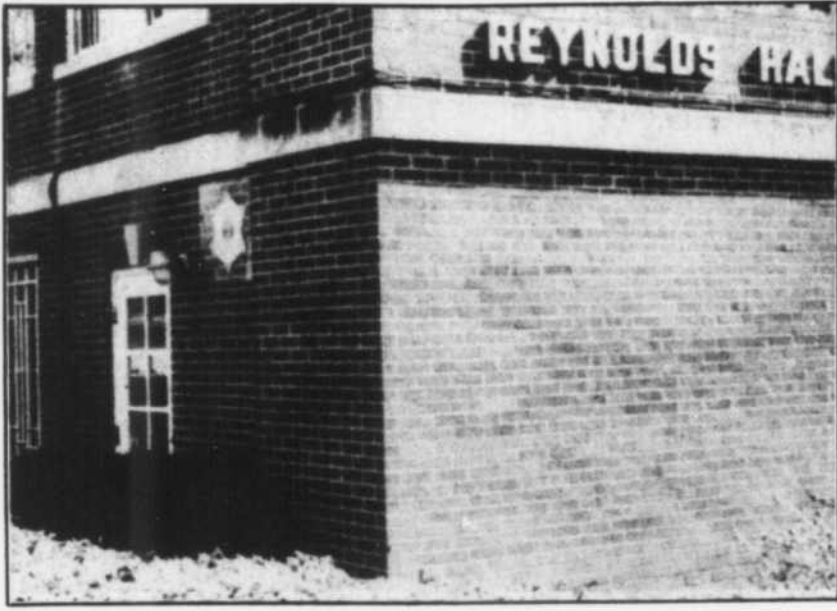
Needless to say, I paid the ticket. And to that particular Busch-drinking, bald-headed officer — thanks for nothing.

The parking situation on campus is bad enough as it is. I can't understand why something hasn't been done. Feel sure that if the faculty and administration didn't have enough spaces to park in, something would be done. But we are only lowly students.

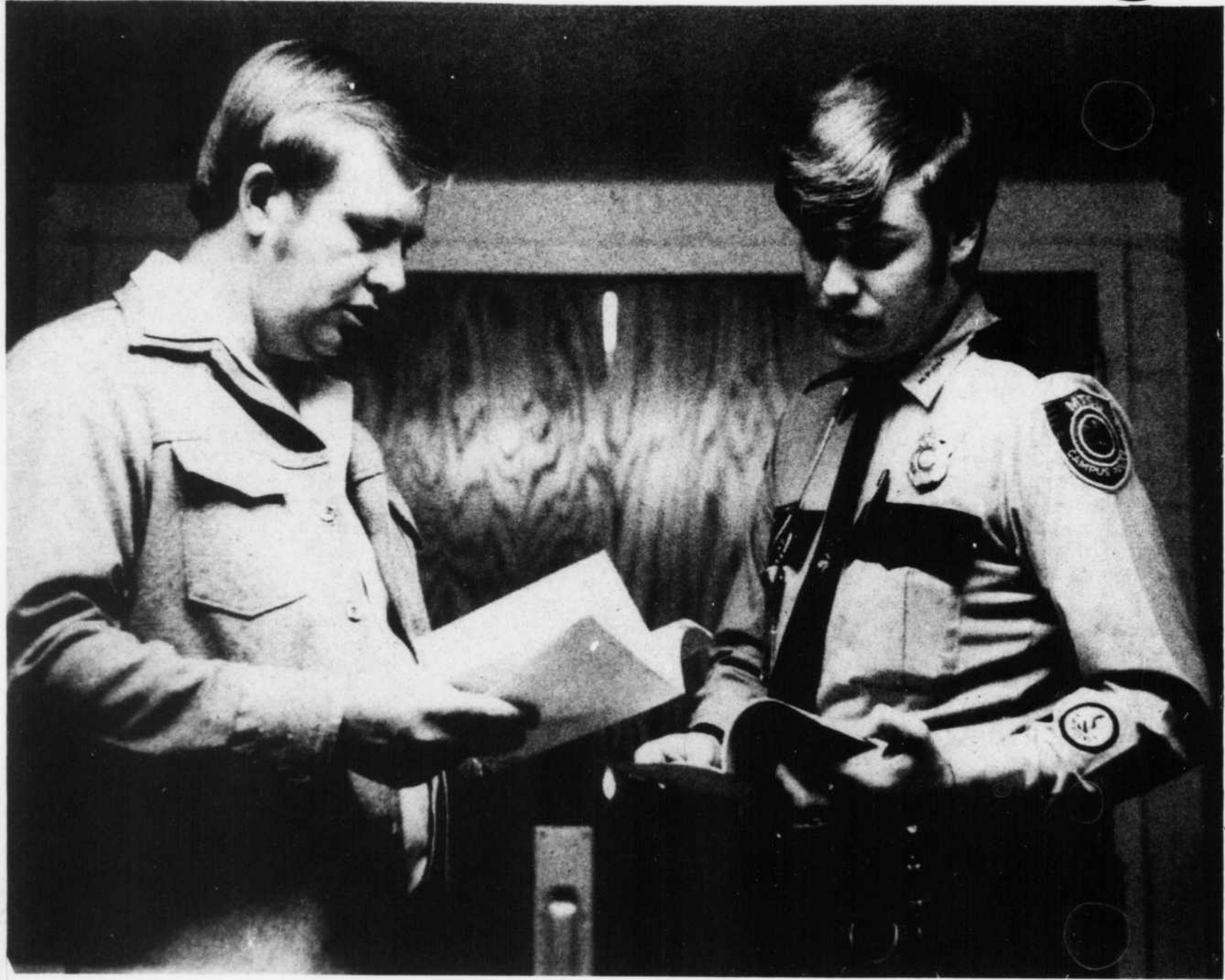
The shuttlebus is a start. But why hasn't there been a move towards a high-rise parking lot? I don't know. But until then, good luck searching for a legal parking space.



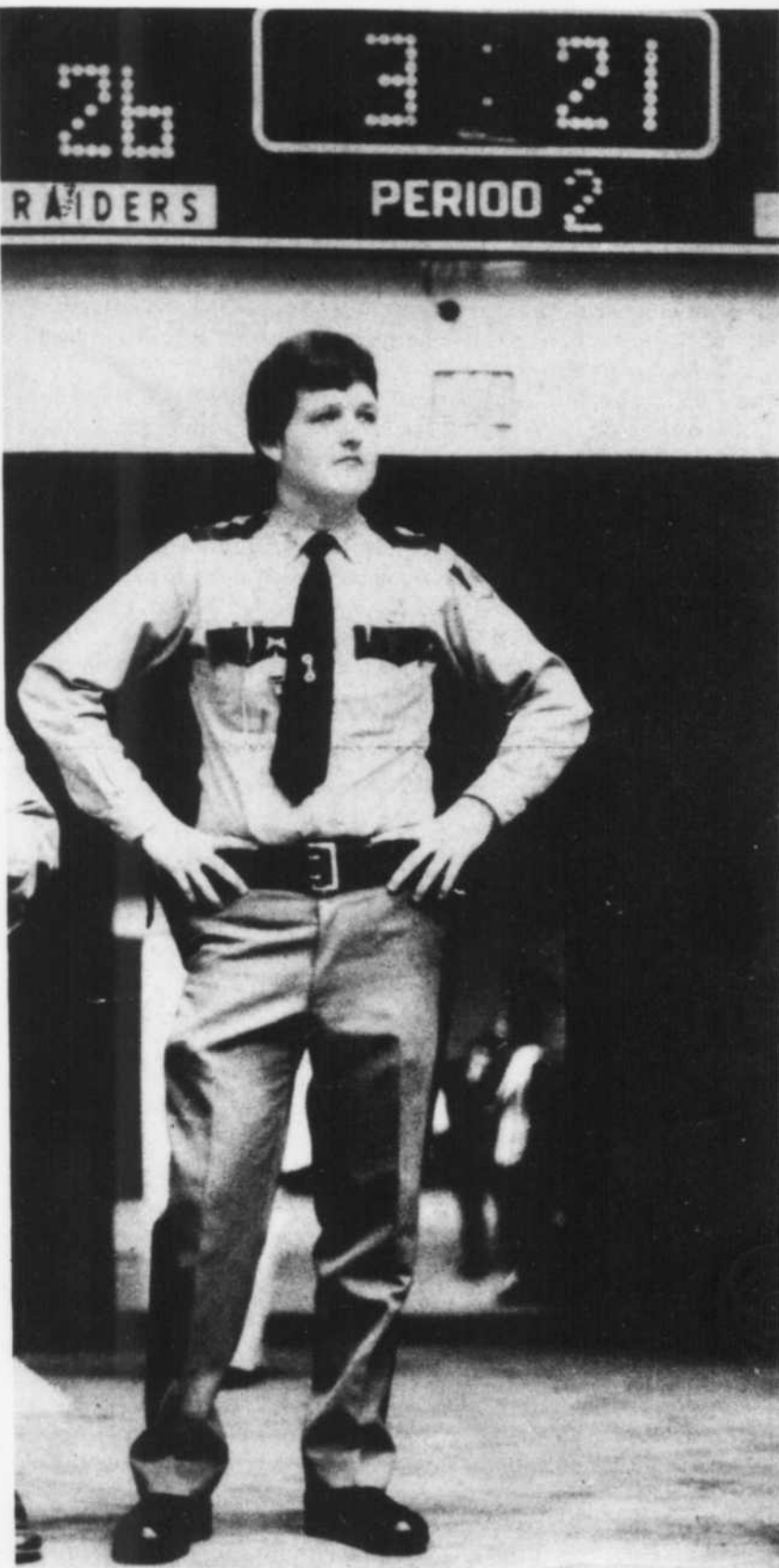
Campus police: the job behind the badge



text by Jane Mier
photos by Don Harris



Police Captain Larry Nixon(left) and officer Ricky Keyt discuss departmental business.



Student patrolman Chuck Thomas watches the game while providing security for the crowd. University police are a familiar sight whenever Murphy Center is in use.



The feeling I got sitting in the back seat of a university police patrol car must have been akin to the feeling a rabbit gets when the trap snaps shut on its leg.

You can't help but notice the window handles are missing, the doors automatically lock from the outside and the standard wire grill does a very effective job separating you from the front seat.

Escape is impossible.

University police officers Ricky Keyt and Ron Wilson, my escorts for the evening, did what they could to make Don, my photographer, and me feel at home.

"Most students feel that we're just here to harass them," Keyt said. "We really aren't. If this university did not have any type of law enforcers it would be in bad shape."

Being a law enforcer is a 40-hour-plus job. Add that to several hours of classwork and/or family time and you have a hard-working, dedicated officer.

At the beginning of the shift, Keyt and Wilson had to take a girl with appendicitis to the hospital. Later, we were stopped by a family who needed assistance in finding the LRC.

Then a call came over the radio to ticket a Camaro Z28 which was parked on a handicap ramp at Gore Hall. The owner of the vehicle was notified and told to move his car by the dispatcher at the station while Wilson wrote out a ticket.

"It would make us a lot happier not to have to write tickets," Wilson said. "But you think, 'Maybe if I give a ticket, people will stop to think next time' and won't park in front of a handicapped ramp and block someone's passage or hitting someone else."

Patrolman Tom Davis, head

of the ticket writers, agreed with Wilson.

"No one likes to write tickets," he said in a later interview. "But it's got to be done."

There are currently seven students who work part-time as ticket writers, but Davis claims more are needed.

He estimates that 300-400 tickets are written each day. About 25,000 have been issued since the fall 1979 semester began.

"For no reason whatsoever can someone park on campus without a permit," he said. "It's amazing the people that try to. Last week a girl came in and had to pay \$76 because she'd been parking on campus without a permit since Sept. 25. It takes two minutes to get a permit and it is cheaper to buy a decal and park wrong than not to (\$2 versus \$5 tickets)."

Davis guessed about 10 tickets were voided each day, most because a person had not registered his car or was a visitor. Ticket writers make mistakes, also, and sometimes a person can get two or more tickets while parked in same spot.

If a person is parking on campus without a permit, he is allowed five tickets warning him to get a permit. These are \$5 each. With the sixth ticket a red warning is also given. Parking on campus is allowed for five days after the warning is given and the person will just get ticketed. On the sixth day the car will get ticketed and towed.

"We tow about 10 vehicles per week," Davis said.

"This is not a high school; it's a college. Anyone can see that 98 percent of the cars here have decals," he emphasized. "We can't and don't and aren't going to lead you around."

After ticketing the Z28, Wilson and Keyt decided to take Don and I downtown to see the county sheriff and the city police departments.

The sheriff's department is a two-story concrete building with heavy slats over the top windows.

"Let me give you an example of the processes we go through when we arrest someone for DWI," Keyt suggested.

"After we pick someone up, we must get a mittimus signed. Now if you arrest someone in the county you must have a warrant signed before anything can be done," he explained. "It simply

protects officers more. A judge or magistrate must sign it."

If a breath sample registers more than .10 on the intoximeter, a policeman must file several reports, Keyt said. All property is taken and sealed in an envelope, and the person arrested is given a jail card.

He is then placed in one of two drunk tanks. These tanks have to be one of the nastiest creations of all time. The cinderblock rooms are cold and dank and the bars have paint peeling off of them. High ceilings tower above metal benches (also with paint flaking off) that have obscenities scratched into them.

A small toilet occupies the middle of the cell. The smell is bad, but I was told it was fragrant compared to the odor the tank obtains in the summer. Separate cells with heavy metal doors stand nearby; these are for the violent drunks.

"I've seen a good percent of college students in here before," Keyt remarked. "You can get out as soon as bail can be made. Metro has a law that you must spend six or eight hours in their tanks, regardless of your ability to make bail."

The second floor of the jail is reserved for those who commit felonies; we weren't allowed up there. "I've seen four or five (students) go upstairs before," said Keyt.

The Murfreesboro City Police Department is housed in a newer building.

"The city has real good equipment and facilities," Wilson remarked as we were shown the offices of the city detectives, which were filled with confiscated items and FBI wanted posters.

"They cover 30 to 40 thousand people in a spread out area and we've got 10,000 in a compact area," he continued. "In a way it's harder for us because we've got off-campus people coming over all the time, too."

University police officers are commissioned by the city, so they have jurisdiction all over Murfreesboro.

"We have to have city-wide jurisdiction. I once chased a guy from the far side of town. He ran eight stop signs," Wilson recalled, adding that it was rare to get out into the city unless asked to by the city officers.

The campus patrol cars are equipped with two radios — campus and city. One can also

switch to sheriff's net if necessary.

"We work hand in hand with them (the city and county law enforcers)," Keyt stated. "We take turns helping each other out."

I discovered how they help each other out within the next few moments.

Traveling down C Street (between Gore, H and I Halls), we passed two motorcycles. As soon as the bikes passed us they began drag racing. Keyt whipped the car around and began to chase the two. Going 70 miles per hour, we rounded corners on what felt like two wheels. I laced my fingers tightly through the screen in front of me.

The racers split up, just as a car pulled in front of us. Luckily, a city patrol car was able to catch one of the cyclists, who was charged with reckless driving and fleeing and evading an officer.

While we were still parked on the road, "baby blues" flashing, a woman drove up and requested the police to follow her home and see her safely inside. It seems that she always closed and locked her back screen door in a certain way, but found it changed when she returned home from a church service.

Two city cars and one campus car followed her home. The officers guarded the front and back of the house while she opened a door. I waited breathlessly, certain that an escaped convict would break through the doors, firing a machine gun. Surprise! The "real careful lady," as she called herself, had been left a package from her neighbors inside her screen door.

Next we stopped to assist a city patrol car that had stopped another vehicle with four people in it for a muffler violation. Two of the occupants in the car had shot at the Sigma Chi fraternity house last month. Keyt and Wilson helped the city officers search the car and frisk the two men because, according to Wilson, they are known to usually carry weapons. Everything was in order and we soon left.

I ventured a question about the use of the pistols the men wore. "It's a rare occasion when you have to pull a gun," Keyt answered. "I've done it twice — once when someone pulled a

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Police

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knife on me and another time when a guy pulled a gun."

"It's amazing the amount of people carrying weapons that can be found. You think it wouldn't happen here much, but people are people and when you've got this many you find clubs, knives, almost anything," Wilson interjected.

We then answered a call from a student in Smith Hall. Upon arrival we discovered he had been in his room when another guy walked in, picked up a knife that had been lying on a stereo speaker and threatened to kill the other.

The student had called the campus police almost four hours after the incident occurred. Keyt took a description of the would-be assailant and we left.

The rest of the night was pretty quiet. We once received a call to check a truck parked at one of the university's coal piles. The caller thought someone might be stealing coal. Nothing.

A disturbance call came from someone at Married Student Housing, complaining that "a bunch of kids were running around and yelling." Once again, we found nothing.

While driving around MSH, Keyt told a story of a recent occurrence there. "We got a call one night about a baby choking. We came on over and Ron (Wilson) here is a paramedic so he knew what to do and everything turned out fine.

"The next day you wouldn't believe the rumors going around. Things like we didn't know what we were doing and the baby had died and everything. Rumors about us go around all the time," he laughed bitterly.

"You get called a lot of nicknames in this job," Wilson added. "But you learn not to get mad."

"I know what I can do and I know what I have done in the past," Keyt added.

Another call came in, this time from the dorm mother at High Rise West, requesting assistance to remove a male from a dorm room (it wasn't visitation night). Keyt went upstairs with her and the couple came down quietly. Keyt gave both of them a dean citation and confiscated their IDs.

A dean citation is a "handy little device," according to Keyt.

"I personally feel it's better to make a drunk park his car, take him home and give a dean citation so he can go explain to Ivan Shewmake why he was out driving his car around drunk at 3 a.m. than to take him downtown on a DWI," he asserted.

Later, a car was spotted going the wrong way on a one way street. The officers pulled the car over and warned the driver against any further such practices.

There usually aren't too many bad drivers on campus. Lt. Don Nicholson said radar was set up once in a while but very few students speed. However, there have been 17 accidents on campus from Jan. 1-13.

"We have pretty many medical emergencies to answer," he said. "And many motor assistance calls — dead batteries, flat tires, etc."

"People have a tendency to lock their keys in the car a lot," Wilson agreed. "We have a tool which would probably be illegal to carry if you weren't a policeman. It slides through the door and trips the locking mechanism."

There are currently five student patrollers helping the night shift officers. They tour the campus at night, checking buildings and escorting students. They are "not as conspicuous as cars" and see many things that officers in the cars might miss, Keyt stated.

"We (in the patrol cars) try to be as visible as possible," Nicholson explained. "If a person sees cars all over campus

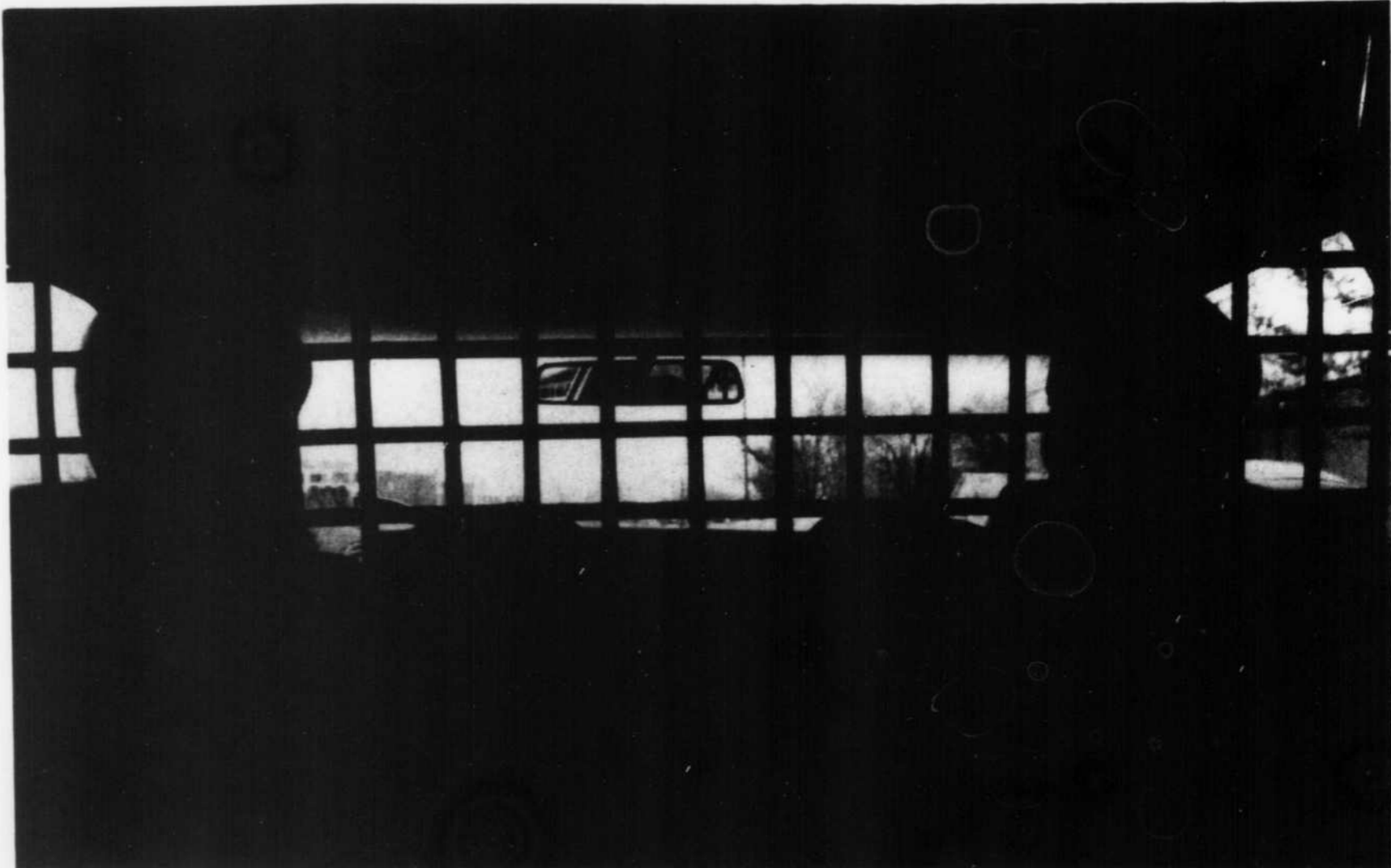
he's usually going to think twice about breaking into a building or something.

"The department used to have two identical Malibus and we had people believing we had 10 cars on patrol," he chuckled.

All officers have to go through the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy before they can be certified as an officer in the state. They must also have a 40-hour in-service every year to keep this.

"Our officers are above average," Larry Nixon, captain of university police, declared. "They are above average in intelligence; they have to be because they are dealing with more educated people.

"Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between a college prank and a real crime. Decisions have to be made all the time," he said. "A police officer has to be a psychologist, a preacher, lawyer, marriage counselor and friend as well as policeman. It's a big responsibility."



The view is different from the back seat of a patrol car. University Police constantly patrol campus in their efforts to combat crime.

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Dance to highlight MD drive

A 24-hour dance marathon will highlight the Muscular Dystrophy fund raising drive sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma March 2-7.

The dance marathon will be held at the Rutherford County Agriculture Center from 6 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Saturday. It will feature live bands and deejays with a trophy going to the winning couple.

Activities for the week will get underway with a roadblock in Murfreesboro Sunday, March 2, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. A place has not been chosen yet.

Hardie Sorrels, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and one of the event's organizers, said he is looking forward to "making this the most successful MD Week ever."



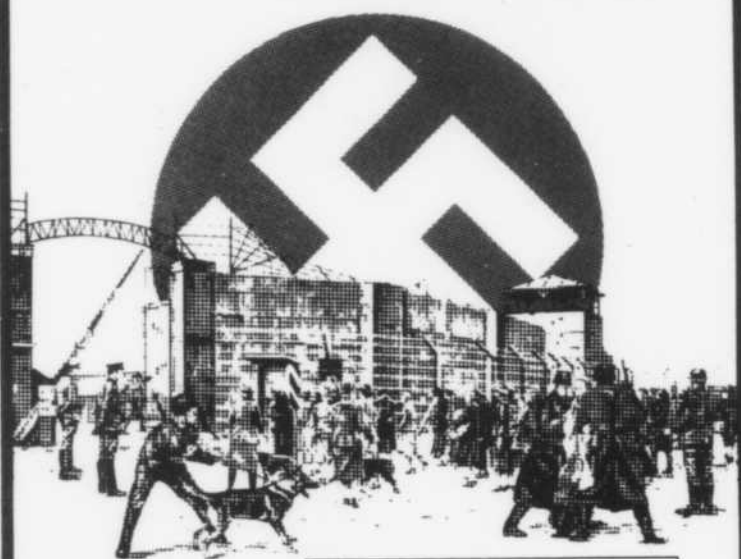
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One day it is warm enough for Brian McCarthy(left) and Marc Kaplon to play chess shirtless. The next day Joy Smith freezes in her wool sweater as unexpected snow and sleet fall about her.



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The Forest Raiders is the Army Rangers group at MTSU. Ben Williams is the Commanding Officer of this 22-man team, who specialize in infantry tactics.

According to Capt. Murphy, adviser to the Forest Raiders, "These exercises are good, small-unit leadership training. They may get wet and cold and miserable, but they will have fun."

Jazz coming to grill

"Blues Crusade," the MTSU Jazz Ensemble, will perform Wednesday in the UC Grill at 10 a.m.

Arrangements are selected from original compositions and arrangements from the members of the band and from the libraries of Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson, Buddy Rich and Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Orchestra.

Founded in 1974, the ensemble became a charter participant in the Tennessee Jazz Festival sponsored by the Tennessee Arts Commission the following year. Since then, the group has gone on to participate in the Murray State Jazz Festival, the Mid-South Jazz Festival and the Swing Into Spring Jazz Festival at MTSU. In addition, they play concerts annually in high schools in Tennessee and Alabama.

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MTSU out, Eastern in OVC tournament

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

For the first time since the Ohio Valley Conference began having its post season tournament back in 1975, MTSU's Blue Raiders will not be one of the participants.

MTSU dropped their last game of the season Saturday night against Eastern Kentucky, their fifth loss in a row. The Blue Raiders had to win the contest to advance into the tourney which begins Thursday night in Bowling Green.

Head coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson, who has been battling a severe case of laryngitis for over a week, was visibly drained and discouraged after the crucial loss, but offered several words of encouragement.

"We weren't able to do well but we brought it right down to the last game of the season," Simpson said. "I'm really proud of these guys and we'll have everybody back next season with the exception of Leroy Coleman, and our day will come. The sun will shine on this dog, baby."

Simpson had said before the game that the way to beat Eastern was to keep them out of their running game, and for the first 10 minutes of play the Raiders did just that and built a 21-12 lead.

MTSU used a balanced scoring attack to run up the margin as every player, including reserve guard Robby Randolph, scored.

"We got the early lead and were really turning the ball inside well," Simpson said. "We controlled the tempo, and that's what you have to do to win on the road."

James "Turk" Tillman, one of the top scorers in the nation, had been held to only six points in the team's meeting in Murphy Center earlier in the season, but

the 6-4 gunner was not to be denied his points this time.

At the midway point in the first half, Tillman erupted for three straight baskets and added a three point play minutes later as EKV was in the process of outscoring Middle, 17-4 during the next eight minute stretch.

With Eastern up 31-27, "Zoom" Martin canned one from 12 feet and Jerry Beck offset another Tillman bucket with six straight points, and the Raiders went to the dressing room ahead, 35-33.

The two teams wrapped baskets to open the second period before Mike Frost hit two straight to give MTSU a little breathing room at, 42-37. Frost went to the bench with his fourth personal at the 18:00 mark but Martin came back off the bench to score six of the Blue Raiders next eight points.

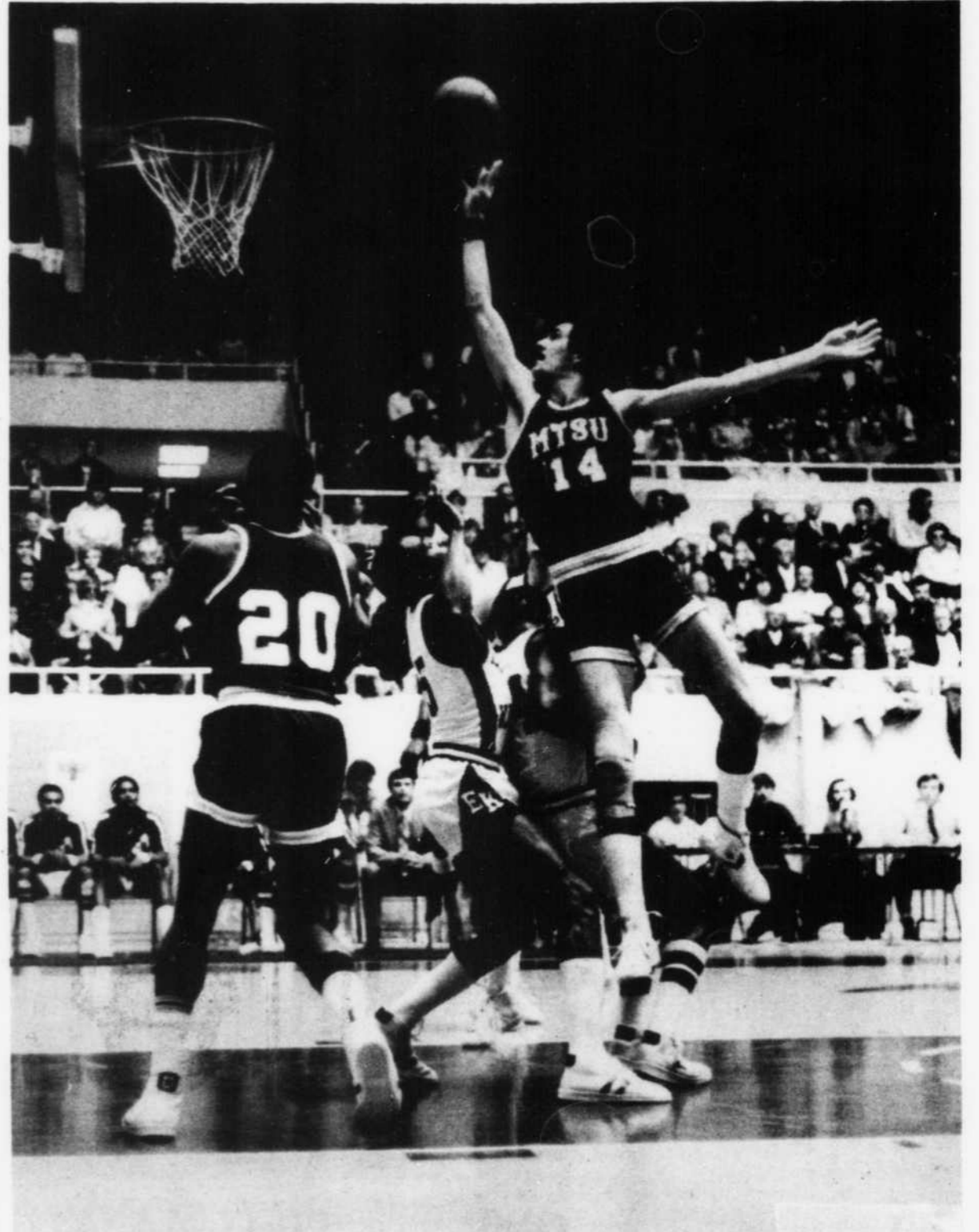
Once again the Colonels came roaring back but this time guard Tommy Baker did all of the damage. The 6-2 junior transfer from Indiana hit a long jumper and made two steals which he converted into goal jarring dunks that brought EKV back to within one, 55-54.

The turning point in the game came during the next five minute stretch as the Colonels outscored MTSU 12-4, blew out to a 66-59 lead, and the game was all but over.

"We let them get into their run-and-gun game and that killed us," Simpson said. "You just can't play catch up ball with Eastern Kentucky."

Leroy Coleman got the lead down to five, 66-61 with 4:49 to go but Eastern went into their delay game and put in seven of nine free throws down the stretch to put the game on ice.

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MTSU center Mike Frost tips the ball in over Eastern Kentucky's Turk Tillman as Chris Harris looks on. Frost, Harris and the other Raiders came out on the short end of the score, 79-67, and lost any chances of making the OVC tournament.

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Senior Leroy Coleman works the ball downcourt against an Eastern Kentucky defender Saturday night. MTSU didn't come up with enough good moves on the night, however, and lost a key OVC battle to the Colonels.

Defeats mar end of wrestling season

By BILLY PUGH
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU wrestling program became extinct Saturday night when the matmen competed in their final matches of the season in triangular competition against Clemson and Cincinnati and a regular match against 11th ranked Kentucky.

The Raiders topped Cincinnati, 51-3, overpowering them with pins by Alvin Gaines in the 126-pound class, Tim Terry in the 150-pound division, Mike Kuziola in the 158-pound class and Curtis Powell in the 177 pound class.

But the day wasn't a totally bright one as the Raiders were defeated by Clemson in the triangular match, 32-12. The only men to win for MTSU were Mike Kuziola who picked up a pin in the 158-pound class, Woddy Sardin, who won on a 3-1 decision over Brad Gregory of Clemson, and Greg Snowden who had to work hard to take a 10-7 decision over Duane Baker.

In the final match of the day, and subsequently the last of the Raider wrestling program, MTSU was soundly defeated by the nationally-ranked Wildcats as they scored a 49-5 win on 7 pins. MTSU had only one win and that was from Tim Terry as he won 18-14. The Raiders did, however, have Woody Sardin tie and picked up the other team points.

In another match, Clemson outmuscled Cincinnati 44-3 as they scored one pin and two major decisions. In an exhibition match, David Jabaley of MTSU defeated Jim McMakin of Clemson 7-4.

Several of the wrestlers will continue to practice as they prepare for the Regional Tournament in Las Vegas this Friday and Saturday. By placing in the top four of their weight classes, these wrestlers could go to the finals at Oregon State University on March 13-15. Among MTSU hopefuls are Mike Kuziola, a senior redshirt

who is looking for his last collegiate chance to make the NCAA finals.

Baseball on air

For the second year in a row, MTSU baseball will be broadcast live on radio.

MTSU mass communications interns will broadcast the home games, starting at 12:55 p.m. for doubleheaders and 2:55 for single games.

Five baseball games will also be broadcast on Murfreesboro cable television, according to Steve Sawyer of the LRC television studio. The student interns at the studio will be manning cameras for at least five games, possibly more, Sawyer said, much like the several basketball games broadcast this season.

Announcers on WMOT will provide the audio portion of the telecasts.

Ends regular season

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

The old excited and gleam-in-the-eye look was back in MTSU's Lady Raiders' eyes after Saturday night's, 56-54 win over Eastern Kentucky. But the post game talk was not centered around their 22nd victory of the year, but of the upcoming state tournament which begins Thursday afternoon in Cookeville.

"We reached most of our goals early in the season by winning the conference championship in mid-season and we got our second place seeding in the state (tournament) about two weeks ago," head coach Larry Inman said, "but I can't complain about that."

But he did complain about the way his team has been playing during the last few games of the season which saw the Lady Raiders turn in a couple of lackluster games, including an upset overtime loss to UT Chattanooga in Murphy Center two weeks ago.

"One positive thing you can say about us is that even though we played pretty bad in spots lately we've still won, and that's the true mark of a champion," Inman added.

The Lady Raiders blew EKV out of Murphy Center in their first meeting of the season, 70-54, back on January 31, and the Lady Colonels seemed bent on getting a little revenge on Saturday night.

Both teams started out sluggish, and with the exception of point guard Sherry Smith, MTSU was ice cold from the field. Smith hit five of six shots in the first half, but as the Lady Raiders shot only 37 percent, still they trailed by only one at the half, 31-30.

"We missed some layups and inside shots tonight that could have killed us," Inman said, "and those are the things you

just can't do and win consistently."

MTSU finally got things going in the second half and managed to slide out to leads of eight and nine points on several occasions.

Lisa Justice took over the hot hand when the Lady Colonels started making their last run and almost single-handedly kept MTSU in front.

EKV got three straight long jumpers from Loretta Coughlin to whittle the lead down to two points, 56-54, with 1:04 to play, but then both teams missed their next three opportunities to score.

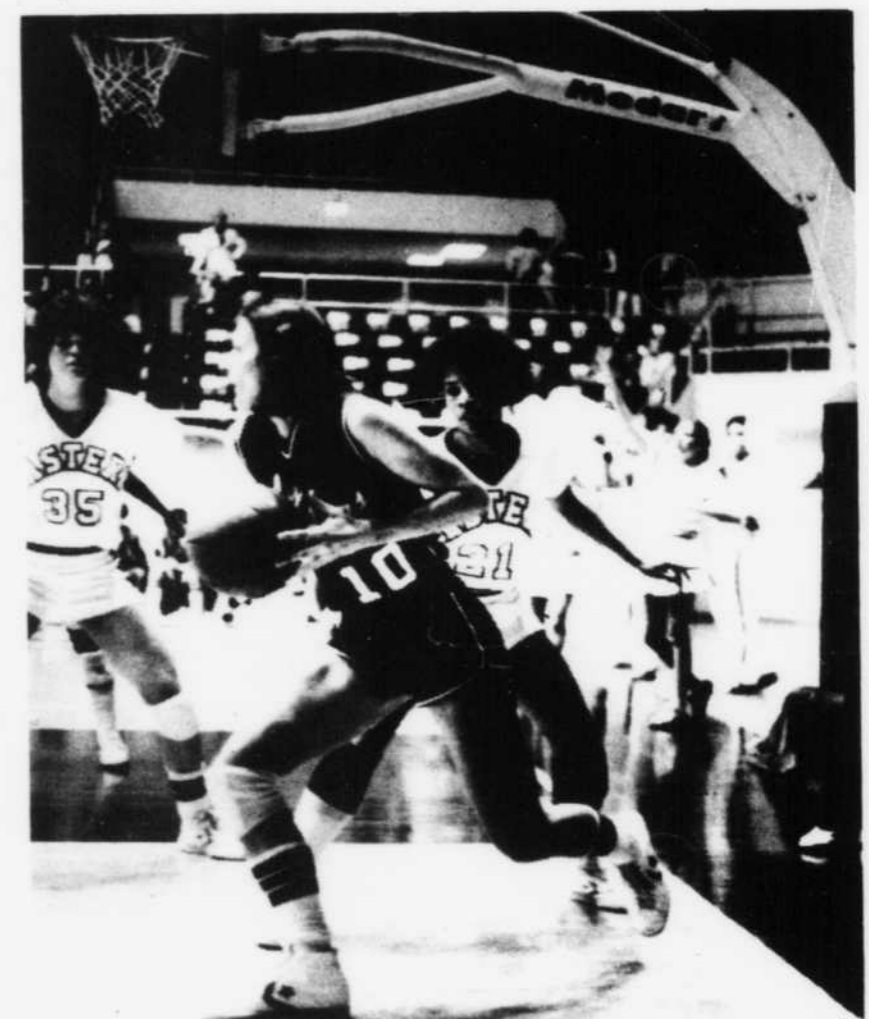
The win looked sewed up with five seconds to go when Rita Taylor's shot went wide and

MTSU got the rebound. But, Ileana Portik let the ball slip out of bounds trying to make an outlet pass to Smith, and Eastern had one more chance to tie with three seconds left.

But it was not to be as senior Tina Wermuth, playing her last game in front of the home crowd in Richmond, missed a 15-footer at the buzzer.

After the game Inman had special praise for freshmen Smith and Justice. "When Lisa gets her rhythm you can't stop her. She was a little off in the first half but she made some real key buckets for us down the stretch. And you can't say

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photos by Don Harris

Working the baseline for MTSU, sophomore Ileana Portik clears the board for the Lady Raiders. Middle Tennessee made the Lady Colonels its 22nd victim of the year and head into state tournament action Thursday afternoon.

MTSU out



photo by Don Harris

Leroy Coleman takes the last shot of his collegiate career as the scoreboard ticks off the final second of the game. Coleman, who started for most of his four years, canned 16 points in the game.

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Tillman led the winners with 34 points; Dave Bootcheck added 22 points and 13 rebounds.
Beck had 22 for the Raiders while Coleman, playing his last game for MTSU dropped in 16. Martin and Chris Harris had 10 and nine respectively. "Pancakes" Perry and Harris, both averaging in double figures for the season, had a combined shooting night of four for 30 from the field while as a team the Raiders shot 40.3 percent.

MTSU outrebounded the Colonels 46-40, Harris was tops with 15.
EKU head coach Ed Bhyre said he thought the key to the game was the defensive job Baker did on Pancakes Perry.
"Perry had a big game against us down there (Murfreesboro) but if you'll notice tonight... one for 12. Tommy did a fine, fine job on him and that was a major factor in our winning the game," Bhyre said.
MTSU ended the season at 13-13 overall and 5-7 in the OVC.

Eastern, at 7-5 in the conference, will face Western Kentucky on Thursday night while Murray State will square off against Morehead in the first round of the OVC tournament.

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Lady Raiders

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enough about Sherry Smith, she's played solid ball for us all year."
Justice led all scorers with 15 while Lindi Dye and Smith chipped in 14 and 12 points respectively. Josephine Wright was tops on the boards with 10 rebounds.
Coughlin with 14 and Sandra Mukes with 12 led EKV in scoring as their record dropped to 9-18 for the year.
MTSU, at 22-8 on the season, will face Vanderbilt Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the opening game of the state playoffs being held at Tennessee Tech.
"We're going to have to play a lot better in the tournament if we expect to do well," Inman said, "but I know the girls realize that, and I think we'll be ready."

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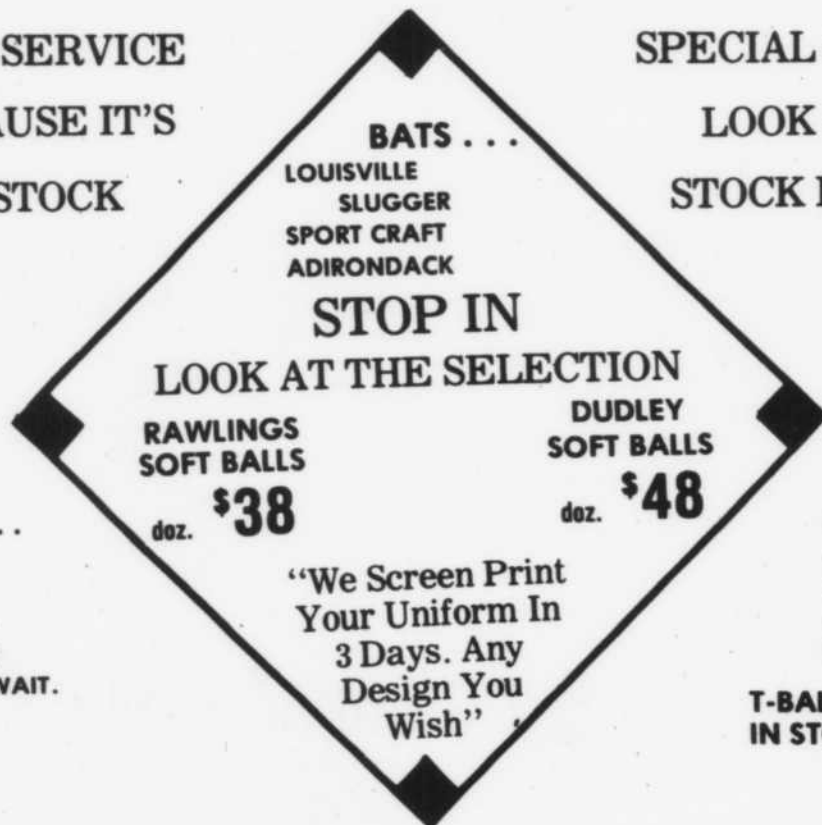
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