

Tornado touches in city

By EDDIE GOSSAGE and LIBBY WILLIAMS
Sidelines Staff Writers

Even though the conditions were not right and no warning was given, a tornado touched down in north Murfreesboro at 12:08 p.m. yesterday leaving downed power lines and windows, trees and houses torn in shreds.

According to a WTVF-TV spokesman, they were baffled as to what happened. "Conditions were not right for a tornado. The alto cumulus clouds were not high enough for a tornado to occur. We are not sure what really happened," said a newsroom member.

However, much damage was sustained on East Northfield Boulevard where trees were thrown through houses, roofs collapsed, windows were shattered and power lines were destroyed.

Derrel Martin, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Nashville, said a service researcher from its Boulder, Colo., office called the center.

"He just happened to be passing through and was at a restaurant," Martin said. "He called to say he had seen a funnel cloud."

According to Associated Press wire reports, Elam Carlton, Rutherford County school superintendent, said the twister ripped into the gym at Oakland High School. Extensive damage was done to the roof of the gym

and various other areas at the school. Windows were blown out and fences were twisted.

Johnny Bly, an 18-year-old student, was thrown against a metal pole by the winds, Carlton said. However, a spokesman for the Rutherford County Hospital said Bly was listed in good condition.

Also, another student suffered from a broken leg when a door slammed open on it.

John Hopkins, building maintenance superintendent of the school, said, "I was eating lunch and I looked out and there was enough material to build a house about 300 feet up in the air. I came out checking (the area about the school grounds) and it was all over two minutes after it started."

Hopkins also said half the gym was unroofed and will have to be replaced except for the insulation.

The students that had been in the gym at the time of the tornado had gone to the cafeteria to eat.

"I was standing at the back door and the sky looked like it was going to clear off," Ed Alsop, part-time MTSU student living on West Clark, said. "The wind wasn't blowing. I walked out to my car and I heard this sound, sort of like a train. It only took eight or 10 seconds."

Several house trailers at a trailer park just off Memorial Boulevard were turned over and damaged. Sheet metal torn from these trailers were lying tangled

in power lines along the highway.

Windows were blown out of several houses as were the windows of a truck parked in the driveway of a house at 205 E. Northfield.

According to AP wire reports, Powell McClellan, Red Cross diaster chairman, said an unidentified man was injured when winds flipped his car over.

A Murfreesboro Electric Department spokesperson said power was knocked off on the city's north side.

The house that seemed to receive a great amount of damage was at 207 E. Northfield and appeared to have been in the direct path of the tornado. All the windows were broken out, the garage door was twisted and gutters and wood were ripped off the house.

"I was sitting in my dining room and it kept getting louder and louder and my windows started rattling. I saw a big gray funnel going round and round right in the back of my house," Mary Jean Clark, owner of the home, said.

Jim Cheatam, MTSU biology senior who lives on West Clark, said, "We had just finished eating and I went to the back door and told my wife, kidding you know, that it was the kind of day you would see tornadoes on. It got real dark and just didn't sound right."

"I turned and went into the living room when I heard a roar and then all of a sudden, it was like a suction cup on my ears. We tried to get to the basement and then we heard an explosion. I looked out back and saw all of this trash whirling off."

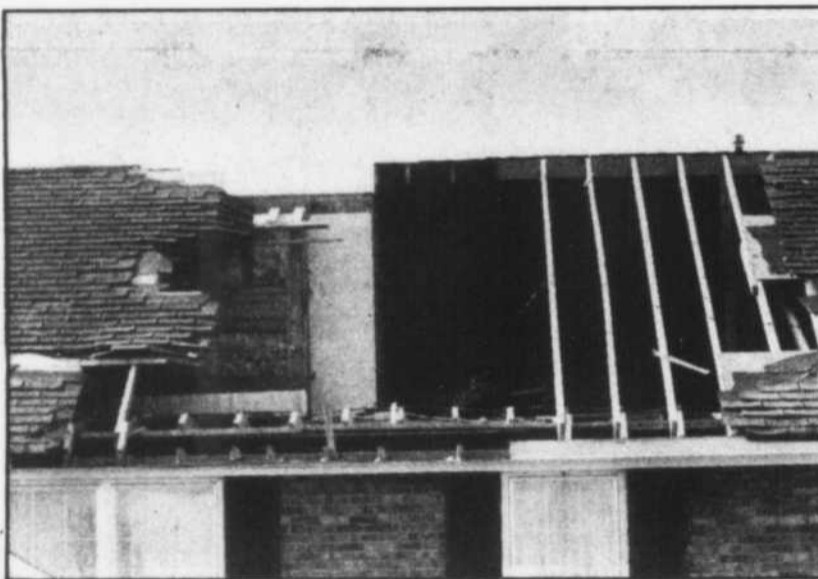
The Henry Nixon family, 206 E. Northfield, said that their roof was knocked off, the columns on the porch were blown away except one and windows were blown out.

Tom Young, 211 E. Northfield Boulevard, said, "I've got about an estimated \$30,000 worth of damage to my roof, windows and fence. Luckily no one was injured."



photos by Don Harris

The Brian Jackson home, 207 E. Northfield, was heavily damaged yesterday when a tornado hit north Murfreesboro yesterday at noon. A neighbor gazes through what was once the Jackson's front window.



Scenes of the tornado's aftermath were prevalent. Windows were blown out of many houses, power lines were downed and roofs were blown off.

Hillman not recommended again

Despite much student support in his behalf, speech and theatre instructor Ralph Hillman learned yesterday he has been denied recommendation for promotion and tenure by the University Committee on Promotion and Tenure.

The committee is headed by

Jack Carlton, vice president of academic affairs, who informed Hillman of the decision through two letters dated March 21.

One letter states that "after thoughtful deliberation of the recommendations of your chairman and dean and the advice of the University Committee on Promotion and Tenure, I am, by means of a copy of this letter, recommending to the President that you not be promoted this year."

The second letter contains virtually the same information, but recommends Hillman be issued a letter of non-renewal stating that his annual tenure-track contract not be continued beyond the 1980-81 academic year.

In January, Hillman was denied recommendation for tenure by the speech and theatre departmental advisory committee on promotion and tenure, headed by department Chairman Larry Lowe.

There was much student opposition to this decision, which was forwarded to a committee chaired by Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew. Again, Hillman was denied recommendation for tenure and promotion.

Corlew's decision went to the University Committee, who forwarded their decision to MTSU President Sam Ingram.

Ingram's decision will go to the Board of Regents for final authority.

Possible shakeup in administration studied

Major cuts in the university administration may be forthcoming with the development of a new organizational chart by President Sam Ingram and his

administrative assistant Otis Floyd.

Several sources have indicated the positions of the vice president of administration and vice president of business and finance may be cut. Ingram said it was too early to tell what positions would be effected.

Floyd said he does not know at this time what cuts will be made, where they will be made or how many will be made.

He emphasized that although a new chart might call for cutting some positions, he is looking more at organizations with management blocks rather than people.

"We have talked with all the vice presidents and taken input from them, looked at the ratio of administration to faculty, taken reports from the Blue Ribbon Committee and gotten other information."

From these things we are going to see if we can come up with a better operational system," he added. Floyd said within the next few weeks, he may be able to come up with some sort of organizational chart. "We will know more then," Floyd said. "Right now

we don't have any figures in mind."

"We are trying to save in administration so when we have to ask others to cut back we can say we are practicing what we preach," Ingram said.

Floyd and Ingram indicated they hope to get services more directly to the students by

cutting out some of the layers of administration.

In a *Sidelines* interview in January, 1979, Ingram's first semester at MTSU, he said he wanted to be sure that the administration was not becoming "top heavy" as compared to the students and faculty.

No thefts reported over break; first time in school's history

There were no dormitory burglaries reported over spring break for the first time in MTSU's history, according to Capt. Larry Nixon, university police chief.

"We're either doing our job or people are bored," he said. "Things have been pretty calm around here lately."

Ivan Shewmake, dean of men, saw two people walking outside of I Hall while he was patrolling the campus Thursday night, but was not able to get to them in time to question them.

"I thought I heard a window

break when I was over there, but I checked all the doors and windows and nothing was wrong," he said. "I still think somebody was trying to break into the dorms. If they were there, we scared them off."

Shewmake usually patrols the campus over holidays, as do campus police.

He said the campus is virtually empty over the holidays and that any intruders are easy to see.

The area usually hit hardest is the southeast side of campus, Shewmake added.

400 students registered to vote

Almost 400 students registered to vote in the upcoming city elections, estimated ASB President Kent Syler.

"We have a list of all who registered and will be calling them to remind them to vote," Syler explained. "The ASB will also be running a flier campaign to remind people."

He added that he thought perhaps a total of 2500 students were registered in Rutherford County as almost one-fourth of all MTSU students are from the County.

The election will be April 15. Deadline for mail-in

registrations was Friday, March 14.

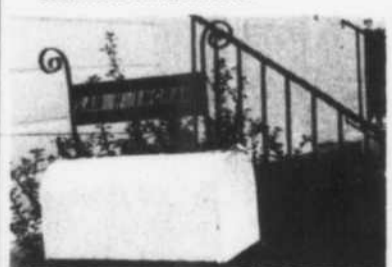
"After the election we will get a definite ruling on whether registered students have to pay a wheel tax or not," Syler said. "They can rumor it and use it as a weapon now but if it's definitethey can't use it as a weapon."

The Rutherford County Commission raised that possibility January during a public hearing, when Commissioners Homer Cannon and Ellis "Doc" Benson stated that students who declare residency and register to vote in the county should be made to pay a wheel tax.

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ID's will be stamped when voting

Organizational row will be voted on in a referendum this Wednesday and ASB elections will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Election Commissioner Janet Clark said yesterday.

A rubber stamper with the words "ASB Voted" on it will be used to determine who has voted, Clark said. This will delete the possibility of students voting twice.

"We have six stampers that will be at each voting pole," Clark said. They will be stamped in black ink and in the

case of a run-off, the ink color will change.

She said the election commission thought about marking another box on the validation sticker and about hole-punching the student ID's, but the stamp seemed to be a safer idea.

Before spring break, elections had to be cancelled because students working the poles were allegedly told to mark the first of 21 boxes on the back of student ID cards when each student voted.

Other organizations had already used the first box. In-

vestigation revealed that no one person or organization is in charge of designating what organization is to use which box.

Clark said the stampers should alleviate that problem.

Editor chosen for Collage

Senior Zane Smith has been named the Editor of Collage for the 1980-1981 school year, according to the MTSU Student Publications committee.

"Collage has always been ignored," Smith stated in his application to the Student Publications committee. "I want to change that."

Smith, from Fayetteville, came to MTSU in 1979 after transferring from Cumberland College in Lebanon. He is majoring in history and has a 3.93 GPA. His minors are English and philosophy. He has currently applied for a graduate assistantship.

He claims he has drawn his experience from working on yearbooks. This year Smith is the feature editor at Midlander. At Cumberland, he was the business manager of the yearbook.

"Collage should be going into an interesting year next year," Frank White, advisor to student publications, stated. "I think Zane will make a good attempt to get to these changes."

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Students not required to carry nine hours for 2.0

A change in academic retention standards now requires students to attain a 2.0 GPA without necessarily having to attempt at least nine semester hours, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records.

The change was made during a recent vote by the Tennessee Board of Regents, he said.

"The previous requirement worked a hardship on many part-time students who have done 2.0 work, but were unable to raise their cumulative GPA to the required cumulative retention standard," Gillespie explained.

"This was not just hypothetical. Students came to school and either went the party route, got married or joined the army and dropped out of school.

"They came back," he continued, "and are now taking just one or two classes, but are not taking nine hours. In spite of the fact they got an 'A' in their course, they did not meet the retention standards.

"We use to have this type of requirement two years ago, but we changed it, perhaps unwisely," Gillespie said.

This change was taken into effect immediately, he added.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday
Georgia Merit System, Atlanta, GA: List of positions at Placement Center
Wednesday
Oak Ridge Schools, Oak Ridge: Elementary and Secondary Teachers
Camelot Music: Retail Music Stores Management Trainees (RIM, Business Majors)
Service Merchandise Co., Nashville: Showroom Manager Trainees

Sidelights

Students have chance to show film

Collegiate filmmakers wishing to enter their works in the Seventh Annual Student Film Awards competition have less than 30 days in which to do so, say sponsors of the event.

Entry deadline is April 1 for the Student Film Awards, a program of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Academy Foundation and co-sponsored by The Bell System. The program recognizes the most outstanding cinematic efforts by students enrolled in accredited colleges and universities across the country.

Six regional committees composed of faculty, local film professionals, journalists and critics review entries in preliminary competitions. Regional winners then vie in the national finals culminating in an award ceremony during June in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Cash grants up to \$1,000, an expense-paid trip to Hollywood for the awards ceremony and the chance for student filmmakers to discuss their works with leaders of the motion picture industry.

Entry forms and rules may be obtained for free by contacting Karen Arandjelovich at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 8949 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif., 90211, 213-278-8990.

Honors program offers lectures

The MTSU Honors Program is offering lectures throughout March and April of varying topics which will be open to the public.

All lectures will be in the JUB Dining room C at 3 p.m. on the dates given:

March 26 — "Behaviorism," Robert Prytula, professor of psychology
April 2 — "The Civil Rights Movement 1954-59: Social Philosophy in Action," Wilson Welch Jr., honors director and acting director of race relations institute at Fisk University
April 9 — "The Religious Movement," Patricia Sharber, assistant professor of history
April 16 — "McLuhan and Media-Made America," Ed Kimbrell, department chairman of mass communications
April 23 — "The Selling of a President," will be a panel discussion including: Everett Cunningham, professor of political science, Richard Stanley, professor of marketing, Harold Whiteside, assistant professor of psychology, Robert Wyatt, associate professor of mass communications.

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Key is county Demo chair

By TERESA GAMMON
Sidelines Staff Writer

Zadie Key, secretary in the basic and applied science department, is the first woman to be elected as the chairperson of the Rutherford County Democratic Party.

"I feel I have a lot of training for this job," Key said. She has been involved in the Democratic Executive Committee for some time and is also vice-president of Community Development and serves on the Board of Directors for the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce.

"I find working in the

Democratic Party very challenging," Key said, adding her main goal as chairperson will be to encourage people to get out and vote in the presidential primary.

"I feel voting is a privilege and something to be proud of. I feel everyone should exercise their right to vote," she explained. "I have never missed voting in any election."

Key's other duties will include presiding over meetings and getting information between the state and county offices as well as raising money to elect Democrats.



Zadie Key

Price of canned soft drinks goes up

With the rise in cost of Cokes in campus vending machines to 35¢ over spring break, inflation has hit yet another facet of student life.

James Winsett of Murfreesboro's Coca Cola Bottling Works said the main reason of this price hike is the rising cost of raw materials and packaging.

"The price of cans has gone up three times since our last increase," he said, adding this price hike involves everybody, not just the university.

Nominees for award named

Seventeen finalists have been chosen for Teacher of the Year, three of which will receive \$1,000 at the Alumni Banquet April 26.

Finalists are Jeannette Heritage, psychology; David Arnold, speech and theatre; Richard Callahan, accounting and information systems; Ed-

ward Daley, economics and finance; Carl Freitag, psychology; Bella Higdon, elementary education; Anne Holland, HPERS; Charles Jansen, art; Mary Martin, youth education; William B. McCash, history; John Paul Montgomery, English; Margaret Ordoubadian, English; Harold Parker, philosophy; John

Patten, biology; John Ray, geography and geology; David Walker, speech and theatre; and Beryl West, psychology.

These finalists will be rated by their students, department chairmen and tenured colleagues, according to a memorandum from Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton's office.

Student evaluation forms are shortened

By CYNDI CLINE
Sidelines Staff Writer

Changes in the student evaluation forms have been approved by the faculty and the administration, said Fred Colvin, president of the faculty senate.

Revisions in the student evaluation form were made last winter by the Faculty Blue Ribbon Committee during a review of the evaluation process, Colvin said. Evaluation responses were received from a teacher survey made last February.

"The new student evaluation form is quite similar to the old one," he explained. "The main change in the form is that it is shorter and easier for students to follow."

According to Colvin, the changes in the form provide for the elimination of a question dealing with overall teacher effectiveness and provides for a new method of recording student responses.

"Some teachers felt that the last question dealing with overall teacher effectiveness drew the students focus away from other items on the evaluation form," he said.

The Blue Ribbon Committee also recommended that the evaluation process apply to all new teachers and teachers up for tenure and promotion on a yearly basis while all other teachers will go through the evaluation process every three years, Colvin explained.

"The State Board of Regents still has to approve of the changes," said President Sam Ingram, who approved of the proposed changes last week. "However, it is fair to say that the recommended changes will be approved."

The student evaluation form was started in the fall of 1975 when the State Board of Regents established an evaluation policy, stated Bob Jones, assistant vice president of academic affairs.

The basic purpose of the student evaluation form is to provide a method for teachers to base their programs and to communicate with the students," he said.

The student evaluation form does play a significant part in tenure, promotion and pay-raise decisions, as does peer and chairman evaluations, Jones explained.

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from the editor

Endorse: *No candidates fill the boots*

After studying each of the ASB presidential candidates, their issues and plans for the future of MTSU, *Sidelines* has found no candidate for endorsement.

We have listened to the candidates at the ASB open forum, talked to them over the phone, received campaign literature and saw posters of them all.

They have all worked and campaigned hard, but we do not find anything that makes any one exceptionally outstanding.

We saw Randy James get cheered on by Greeks who understandably want a Greek ASB president. There's nothing wrong with that, but seeing how the student government has attempted to undertake the fraternity row project without going through the house and senate, we're a bit leery of what could possibly be a Greek dominated student government.

Then we saw Lewis Holiday start a petition to give students the chance to vote on the proposed organizational row. That impressed us. But then we watched him rush into the matter without giving the petition a proper title. Holiday's position as general sessions court judge did not lend itself to keeping him up on technicalities of many current issues.

We listened to Bill Mercer tell jokes at the speak out. His speech went over well because of the jokes, but a man should not be elected president because he can make people laugh. Mercer's statement that he had seen people fall on their faces making promises they could not keep and that he refused to do likewise was not in line with his assertion to fight the tuition increase. That would mean a fight with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, a fact he failed to mention.

Each of the candidates told us they want more communication between students and the ASB. That's a point for all three of them. Still no one stands out.

If *Sidelines* had seen one candidate that was outstanding enough to deserve a blanket endorsement, we would have given that person one without hesitation. Unfortunately, there are none.

Vote: *Use extra time to re-evaluate decision*

Instead of letting interest in ASB elections drop because of the election postponement prior to spring break, students should utilize the two week delay to re-evaluate their choice for president.

The elections, originally scheduled for March 12-13, were cancelled an hour after the polls opened March 12 because of an irregularity in voting procedures. Students working the polls had allegedly been told to mark the first of 21 blocks on the back of student ID cards when each person voted.

Several students who said they had not voted came to the polls with the designated box already marked. Investigation revealed other organizations had already used that box and that no one person or organization is in charge of telling who to use what box.

Left sitting in an uncomfortable position, the election commission, backed by the ASB Supreme Court, decided to postpone the elections until March 26-27.

Although that decision was perhaps the best alternative to the ridiculous situation, it unfortunately gave students a chance to forget the election.

This is very distressing, especially since student interest in the elections was considerably high before the postponement. Approximately 200 students had voted before the polls closed. Those votes were destroyed.

Several candidates said they felt it would be hard to ask students who had already voted to go back and vote again.

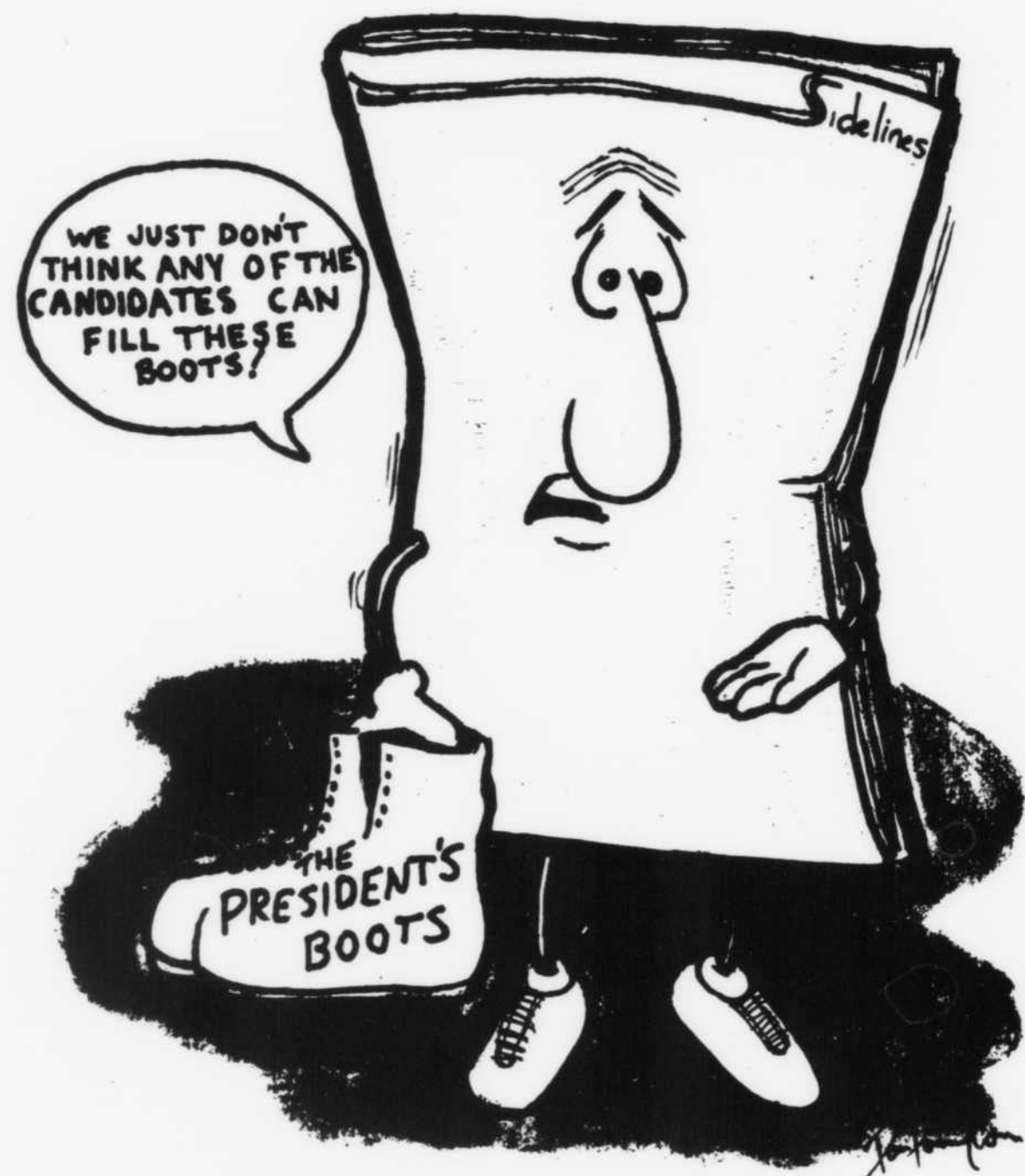
We're asking you to do just that.

Don't let this two week delay dampen your spirits. Use the time to re-evaluate the election candidates.

Go back to the polls Wednesday and Thursday with the same enthusiasm that was there before the postponement. But this time, give it a little more thought so you can feel secure you are voting the right candidates into office.

Tuesday, March 25, 1980

Viewpoints



the last word

Writer apologizes for his terrible mistake

by Warren Denny

In response to an editorial that I wrote on Feb. 19, referring to an Olympic boycott as a useful and potent weapon, many people have expressed dismay over my position.

The prevailing bitch seems to be aimed at the results of such a boycott. What can a U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics possibly accomplish? How foolish it was of me to suggest that an expression of sympathy with the people of Afghanistan was in order.

More importantly, it has been pointed out to me that a boycott will definitely shatter the dreams of many deserving athletes. How selfish I was to think that mere human lives were worth a sacrifice.

It must have been very preposterous of me to suggest that the U.S. has a moral obligation to boycott the Moscow Olympics while 105,000 Soviet troops romp through Afghanistan. After all, I have been told that Afghanistan has been a puppet state of the USSR for more years than I have been alive and therefore such behavior is justified.

I also must look very silly to those who would wish to keep politics and the sport completely separate. The Soviets were nice enough to leave their political differences behind and come to

Lake Placid, N.Y. I forgot that the Russians only boycott in the face of serious issues.

They boycotted all dual track meets with the U.S. in 1966, 1967 and 1968 to protest American involvement in Vietnam. I think it was because we were shooting at some of their tanks. They boycotted the 1967 World University Games in Tokyo because of a dispute over the exact wording of North Korea's name. They boycotted the qualifying round of the 1974 soccer World Cup because it was to be held in Chile.

They did not participate in the 22nd Chess Olympics because it was held in Israel. In 1979 they boycotted the women's world basketball championship because South Korea was the host. That is not to mention their 20-year boycott of numerous sports events staged in West Berlin. Gosh! I never realized that the boycott was such serious business.

The Soviets are very quick to say that the Olympics are different, of course. Gee, it must really take something serious to

boycott the Games. Maybe something like Russia's 34-year boycott (1917-51) of the Olympics because they were declared a "bourgeois movement." Senseless human slaughter practically will in the face of such an occurrence. I would rank it right up there with the wording of North Korea's name.

I must have been crazy to have suggested that an American expression of sympathy and even solidarity to the people of Afghanistan could accomplish anything. I stand corrected.

as i see it

Trip turns into baggage run-around

by Chuck Keller

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high. There's a land that I heard of, once in a lullaby.

For millions of "munchkin" fans, these 18 words, more than likely, bring back fond memories of the annual televised fantasized adventures of Dorothy and friends. But, I know for a fact that there is a land over the rainbow. The "Land of Messed up Airline Travel."

My story begins with the start of spring-break. After deciding where I wanted to spend my vacation, I consulted the "Good Witch of Travel," the all-powerful travel agent.

Using her magic keyboard, the travel agent quickly reserved me a seat on the first plane leaving Nashville on Saturday, the 15th (this qualified me for weekend excursion rates). However, I had no idea as to exactly where I was going. The agent told me to have faith, for the ticket was round trip therefore assuring my return to home once again.

That Saturday morning, I was magically transported to my destination in a matter of minutes by the proud bird with the golden tail. Upon my arrival, I reported to the baggage claims section and

proceeded to locate my suitcase.

After waiting patiently for more than half an hour at the baggage claim desk, I heard a voice calling my flight number.

"All persons arriving on flight 359 from Nashville, please report to the ticket information desk immediately."

Faster than O.J. Simpson, I followed a well-worn path down the red carpet road to my desired location.

Upon my arrival, it was announced that all of the luggage on board the plane that was to be unloaded was currently on its way to Tampa, Fla. We were assured that our property would be promptly returned the next day on a return flight from St. Petersburg. Apologies were made and half-heartedly accepted: I myself accepted this as an act of Providence.

But not wanting to waste any more time than necessary, I quickly made my way to the court of *The Wizard of Avis*. By the magical power of the "Good Witch of Travel," I had reserved a car which would be waiting for me at the airport.

The Wizard was out, but my means of transportation was ready. But before I could claim my automobile, the "Keeper of

the Cash Box" requested that I produce at least one major credit card. Not having the all-powerful piece of plastic, I produced the steady government issued pictures of Andrew Jackson.

My pleas along with my cash were ignored. By not having a credit card it became a requirement that I be at least 21 years of age before a cash payment could be accepted. Again, I accepted this as an act of Providence.

The next morning, I once again made my way to the baggage claims desk only to discover that my suitcase was still not where it was supposed to be. Discouraged by the recent chain of events I boarded the next plane leaving for Nashville.

Within a matter of minutes, I was returned to the origin of my adventure. My chosen path of exit from the terminal would carry me past the baggage claims desk. Suddenly, from the corner of my eye, I noticed a very familiar suitcase. Just to satisfy my curiosity, I went over to take a look at the suitcase.

You guessed it, the mysterious suitcase was my very own. My trip to the "Land of Messed up Airline Travel" was gratefully over.

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Tuesday, March 25, 1980

Perspective

punchline

By Danny Tyree

from our readers

Abortion: should men be sterilized to halt killings?

Reader foresees war coming to America

To the editor:

War is coming! All the indications are there and all the signs point to it. America is following the same trends now as we did in all the previous pre-war eras of our history. First of all the economy is in terrible shape. The inflation rate is higher than it has ever been and bankers recently raised the interest rate at an alarming 17 and a quarter percent. How have we boosted the economy in the past? Through war. It is a proven fact that the economy has boomed during every war. The explanation is simple enough — same amount of money, less people here to spend it.

Secondly, there is a rise in the hatred and fear of Communism, but is this a valid fear? Recently on national news there was a report which stated that "sources say" that the Russians were dropping nerve gas on Afghanistan. This "news story" was accompanied by drawings (not film) of people under the effects of nerve gas. What kind of news consists of rumors with illustrations for evidence? You can bet they couldn't report on the illegal actions of congressmen with such scanty evidence so why is this sufficient in matters of such grave importance?

This is an example of the great American propaganda machine at work. Every persuader knows that a rumor, even if reported as such, will come to be believed as truth. Surely the Central Intelligence Agency is aware of

practically everything which is going on in Afghanistan right now, especially something as serious and drastic as dropping nerve gas on people and if it were true that information would be released as fact, not possible truth, in every nation in the world.

When Americans hear and believe that the Russians are dropping nerve gas our blood boils and an even deeper sense of hate for the Communist is instilled within us. This very type of propaganda has been used in previous wars and was especially widespread during WWI. How better to prepare us for war than to show us how inhuman our enemy is? If the enemy is seen as something less than human then it makes it much easier to justify killing him.

During the war with Germany, Brigadier General J.C. Charteris, Chief of Intelligence of the British Army during war, stated boastfully in New York in 1925 that he had invented the report that Germany was boiling down the bodies of her dead soldiers to be used as fertilizer. He did not know there were any reporters present. An article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Dec. 6, 1925, said, "A few years ago, the story of how the Kaiser was reducing human corpses to fat aroused the citizens of this and other enlightened nations to a fury of hatred. Normally sane men doubled their fists and rushed off to the nearest recruiting sergeant. Now they are being

told, in effect, that they were dupes and fools; that their own officers deliberately goaded them . . . using an infamous lie to arouse them."

Don't think America is free of propaganda because it was American propaganda which somehow convinced blacks to fight in wars for justice and freedom abroad when they weren't even receiving the same treatment here at home.

Some will argue that America has only fought in wars as a defensive measure when in fact every nation in the world believes the very same thing. It only depends on which side of the fence you're on. Americans view the War of Independence as gaining their freedom from a larger, unfair government. If the South had won the Civil War would not their opinion be that they had gained their independence and freedom from the Union which was treating them unfairly?

The way we view the Russian presence in Afghanistan is probably no different than the way they view our presence in the Philippines. We refused in 1898 to accept a peaceful method to separate Cuba from Spain but insisted upon fighting to effect the separation; and we still keep armed forces in the Philippine Islands against the protest of the inhabitants.

Our past wars certainly do not represent the "sole innocence" of the United States as opposed to the "sole guilt" of our opponents. During the period of

securing the Philippines, the natives put up a guerrilla warfare to resist the United States. The American army then concentrated the inhabitants in camps, which was the same policy we objected to Spain using in Cuba. One notorious officer known as "Hell Roaring" Jake Smith commanded that every building in a certain area be burned and every native over 10 years of age be slain.

The military leaders of this country have a great deal of control in government matters. These are people who have received very narrow training focused on fighting wars. It is they who convince the people and the government that war is needed rather than go through the slower process of diplomacy. All branches of the U.S. military were very much in favor of the Vietnam War and we all know where that got us.

My point is, don't let yourselves be goaded into war through false reports and discrete brainwashing techniques. Decide for yourselves if there is cause enough to lose your friend, your brother or your husband to war. The thought that good can be achieved by doing evil is hypocritical and goes against the first basic law of life — God's law.

War belongs with all the old world evils and it's our duty, not as Americans, Communists, blacks or whites, but as human beings to wipe it off the face of the earth.

Name withheld by request

Student finds gapping holes in logic of candidates

To the editor:

By the time this letter was to have been printed the elections were supposed to have been over, thus I would have avoided hurting the feelings of our precious candidates. But the elections aren't over and if I do strike a nerve of any candidate, that's their problem.

For the most part, I have tried to remain neutral, but I was at the speak out along with a "packed" audience. Contrary to what most of the candidates think, students of MTSU do have

the ability to listen, read and formulate opinions, myself included, so to the candidates I ask, "Just who are you trying to fool?"

I sat and watched as the political rhetoric such as "organization row" and "weekend activities" piled higher and higher, got deeper and deeper and as there seemed to be no end, I left! What disgusted me at the immediate time was the absence by most candidates to take a decisive stand on any issue. Fur-

thermore, what was said was so masked by political niceties and vague terminology that I knew no issue of relevance (or intelligence) would be discussed.

As for intelligence, I found gapping holes in the logic of several candidates as well as having observed it in the logic of the audience.

As far as I can tell, most candidates are entrenched in their own little system of ignorance and have no regard for issues (most will be forgotten, like this year) or the

people (they will be forgotten like the issues).

To those few candidates who are of the people and for the people, I extend my appreciation, best wishes and my vote.

But to the others who perceive their noses as being so nice they often forget to look behind them, I want to pose one final question.

"Is it true that the hierarchy of the ASB serves only itself and not the students who elected them?"

Name withheld by request

Traffic court not fixing tickets

To the editor:

In recent weeks, many irrational opinions have been written in both editorials and letters on the parking problem at MTSU. It is unfortunate that everyone cannot always find a convenient parking space. I drive a car every day, and I know the problem is real.

Last week, Susan Gentry implied that pretty girls can get their ticket voided. This charge is absurd. Traffic Court members always try to be impartial. I do not buy my friends for the price of a \$2 parking ticket. We do not get any cheap thrill by upholding tickets.

Since I have been on Traffic Court, we have returned hundreds of dollars to students who were unjustly ticketed.

This does not include students who park illegally and want

their ticket voided because they could not find a more convenient parking space. I might add that our court has been charged with leniency in a few cases.

The University Police and the Traffic Court inherited the same parking problems that every student inherited. The police enforce the rules, and we interpret whether or not a student committed a violation. We do not have the power to change the rules.

I challenge every candidate in the upcoming elections to look for solutions to the parking problem. Change does not come from opinionated criticism. Change comes through working together.

Boyd H. Creasman
Chief Justice, ASB Traffic Court
Box 5865

After voting, all help

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the letter by Robert Jackson in the March 11 issue of *Sidelines*.

Just as Mr. Jackson, I was happy that there was to be a vote on the proposed organizational row, and I feel Mr. Louis Holiday is deserving of many thanks. I cannot, however, agree with him about the ASB.

True, there are persons in the present ASB who are not putting forth their best effort to

represent the MTSU students, but the ASB is not all bad.

As the MTSU students have finished voting for next year's ASB officers and senate members, I feel we should look forward to next year with an open mind and should be willing to help and encourage the ASB in any way. If we do our best job at helping the ASB, the ASB will be able to do its best job at helping the MTSU students.

Donna Kay Sinclair
Box 3707



Sidelines would like to welcome you back after last week's vacation. We hope you had a nice spring break and are ready to finish up the last five weeks of school.

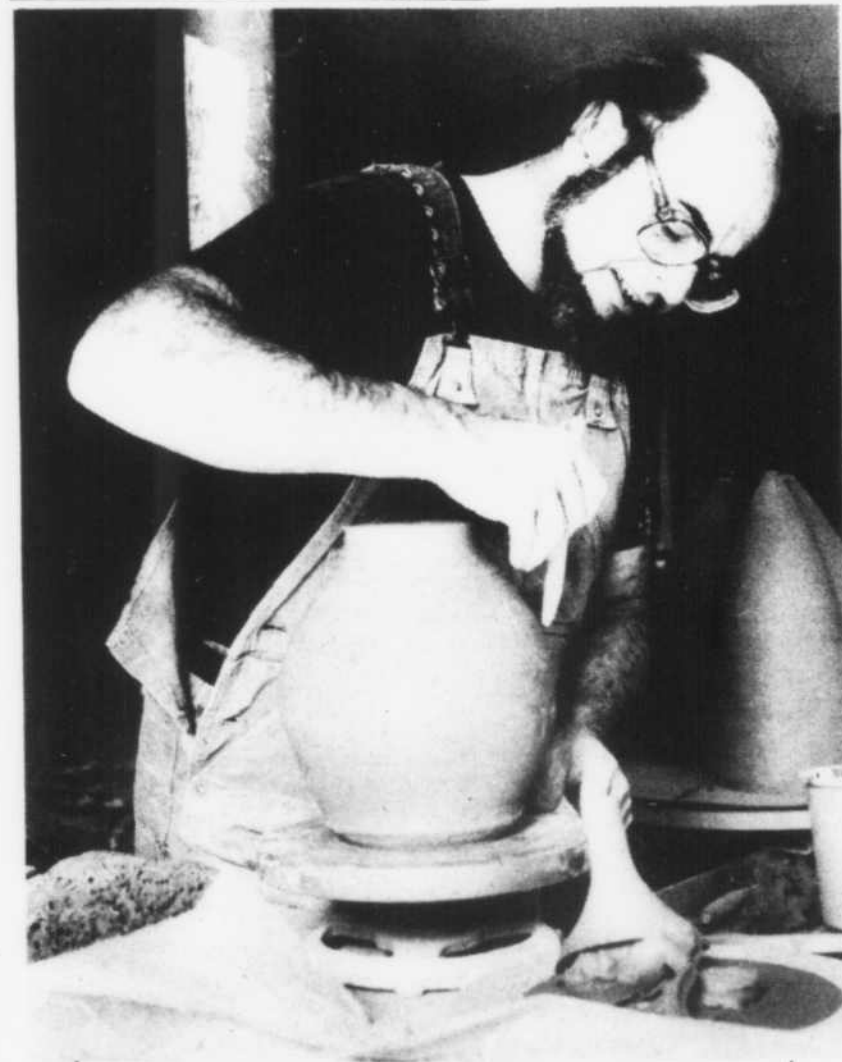


photo by Brian Wright

Norman Schulman constructs a large sculptural piece during a workshop conducted in the Art Barn pottery shop yesterday. The ceramic artist also made two teapots and will paint the pieces and construct others today from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. in the pottery shop.

Schulman shows art techniques

Norman Schulman, studio potter from Penland, N.C., demonstrated ceramic techniques during a workshop yesterday in the Art Barn pottery shop.

Schulman constructed a large sculptural piece and two teapots as he described his work to approximately 40 participants.

His large sculpture consisted of three cones serving as legs which supported a disc. The base of the cones was molded into the disc.

Two teapots of varying size and shape were made as

Schulman explained where the spouts should be placed.

"In making a teapot, there should be a strong, gracious quality to it. A teapot should have character," he stated.

Schulman explained what is needed to succeed as an established ceramic artist:

"Work on developing your craft and stay with it, and you'll have a chance. If you can create something unusual and original at the right time, you'll have your break.

"But in a couple of years you may create something else and it may not receive the same recognition as the timely work,"

he continued. "This is when it is very important to keep working and don't be discouraged."

Schulman will paint the large sculpture and teapots and construct other ceramic pieces in a workshop today. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. in the Art Barn pottery shop.

April 12 meeting for Europe tour

Persons considering a European tour this summer can combine pleasure and learning with the International Aerospace Educator's Seminar offered through MTSU.

Anyone interested can meet in Old Main on April 12, according to Tour Coordinator Wallace Maples, associate professor of Youth Education. A travel agent will be on hand to answer questions about the tour and will show slides of points of

interests which the group will visit.

The 23-day tour will feature the hotel accommodations, two meals per day, transportation, all entry fees, taxes, guides and other expenses. The group will be escorted by Gene McDaniel of V.I.P. Travel Agency.

Tourists will visit England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. The tour is available for both credit (up to

six semester hours at \$22 per hour) and non-credit.

To make application for the seminar, contact Maples at 898-2686. An application and a \$200 deposit should be mailed on or before April 30, with the balance due by May 15.

Reservations may be cancelled 60 days before departure at no charge. Cancellations up to 45 days prior to departure will be prorated. Cancellations less than 45 days before departure will be \$200 minimum.

Chess quadrangular to be held March 29

A spring chess quadrangular will be held at Oakland High School in Murfreesboro March 29.

Registration will be held from 8:15-9 a.m. with the first round of play scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

The entry fee will be \$5 for high school and over and \$2.50 for those below the ninth grade.

Each person will play every other person in their quadrangle during the day. Quadrangles will be selected to put players of similar strength against each other.

The winner of each quadrangle will receive a cash prize of \$10. In case of a tie, prizes will be shared.

All MTSU students and other interested persons are invited to participate.

Census Bureau to administer tests

The Murfreesboro district office of the U.S. Census Bureau will be administering employment tests on campus March 27 and March 31 in University Center Room 314.

Don Levine, spokesman for the office, said a total of 500 jobs throughout 16 counties will have

to be filled between now and May.

"We will be filling office positions in Murfreesboro and field jobs in 16 counties in Middle Tennessee," he said.

People who work in the field may have to work some evenings and weekends and will need to supply their own transportation.

"The field jobs will last through June or July and it's possible the office jobs may last through August," Levin explained.

Testing hours are 10:45 a.m., 1:40 and 3 p.m. on March 27 and 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. on March 31.

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Tickets for banquet on sale in UC Friday

Tickets for MTSU's International Banquet, a dinner and talent show put on by the Student United Nations and the department of foreign languages will go on sale Friday in the UC

basement. Tickets are \$3.75 for adults and \$2.75 for children under 12. This annual event will take place in the Tennessee Room of the JUB at 6:30 p.m., April 5.

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President's home has 69-year history

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Copy Editor

History has a way of being shoved back on the shelf and rarely dusted off except when needed.

The presidential home has seen a lot of history in its 69 years. Changes to the two story structure involve more than routine maintenance and repairs.

Completed in 1911, the modified colonial style building has four columns on the porch and a balcony on the second floor.

When the house was completed in the summer of 1911, it cost \$10,000 to construct, Charles Pigg, director of campus planning, said. The 7,000 square foot house would cost between \$230-250,000 to build today at current building rates.

"Classes began on Sept. 10, 1911, for Middle Tennessee Normal School, which had been established by a General Education bill in 1909," reflected Homer Pittard, former director of university relations.

The campus included 100 acres and ran from Main Street to Halls Hill Pike.

"Five main buildings comprised the entire campus — the main building (now Kirksey Old Main), the women's dormitory (Rutledge Hall), the hitch barn where students could hitch their buggies and horses, a cafeteria (now the industrial arts building) and the president's house," he reminisced.

The house lay to the south on the edge of campus across a marshy area that bred mosquitos and flooded when it rained heavily, he added.

Pittard recalled, "Prior to the building of the house, the president lived in a rented house at 521 East Main Street."

Air-conditioning and additional windows were installed in the house in 1944 when Q.M. Smith was president.

After Smith's administration came Quill E. Cope, who had the house thoroughly remodeled.

"A kitchen was added to the back, a central temperature control was set up and a furnace was installed to heat the house," he recalled.

The architect who drew up plans for the house was C.K. Colley Sr. of Nashville. He designed the other original



buildings on campus as well, Pittard explained.

Harold Jewell, superintendent of buildings and grounds, said the west side sun porch was enclosed during Cope's administration also.

The most recent change was during the administration of M.G. Scarlett. "The basement was made into a game room. An acoustic ceiling was put up and carpet was laid," Jewell recounted.

M.G. Scarlett, currently the first Regents distinguished professor, teaches at Memphis State University. He reminisced about his favorite part of the house — the basement.

"When I came to the house (1970), there was just the ordinary pipes and floor. It was carpeted and paneled. It was nice to entertain student groups," he reflected.

One of the most memorable series of events during M.G. Scarlett's administration occurred in the fall semester of 1971.

"It was a few weeks before Christmas one night when there was a cross burning in back of one of the men's dormitories where some black students lived," Scarlett, former president of MTSU, recalled.

"A short time after that, about 200 blacks came over to the president's house and we sat on the porch and talked from 11 p.m. until 3 in the morning.

"One night not too long before Christmas break, there was a huge gathering of blacks out on the front lawn. When I went outside, they were all singing Christmas carols. That is the most memorable occasion that I recall during my stay at MTSU," Scarlett said.

The house has been the site for many historic events.

Pittard recalled, "Robert L. Jones was Middle Tennessee Normal School's first president. When he died in 1936, his body was brought back here and funeral services were held at the president's home."

A yearly tradition was started in 1941 when Q.M. Smith was president. The large tree in front of the house was decorated and students and faculty would gather for a Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Another tradition is the yearly Easter egg hunt that is conducted on the presidential lawn by community children.

The changes made to the house have not altered the traditional appearance of the home.

Inside the house on the main level, there is a double parlor, one on each side of the entrance way. Matching furniture adorns the rooms. A piano sits in the right parlor against the wall and each room has a fire place.

One restroom is located on the main level and has all of the modern conveniences, including

a shower. This was one of the changes made during the complete remodeling during Cope's administration. A den is located towards the back of the house.

A modern kitchen and the dining room are connected by a solid sliding door. The master bedroom is located at the back right side of the house.

The stairs are directly in the middle of the hallway and sweep up to a landing. At the right and left, the stairs continue up to the second floor.

Upstairs, there are three guest bedrooms and the Ingrams' son, Glenn, has a bedroom. Three bathrooms are also located on the second level, Pittard recounted.

He described coal fires, a water tank heated by fire and old-fashioned radiators as the only sources of heat the house had when first built.

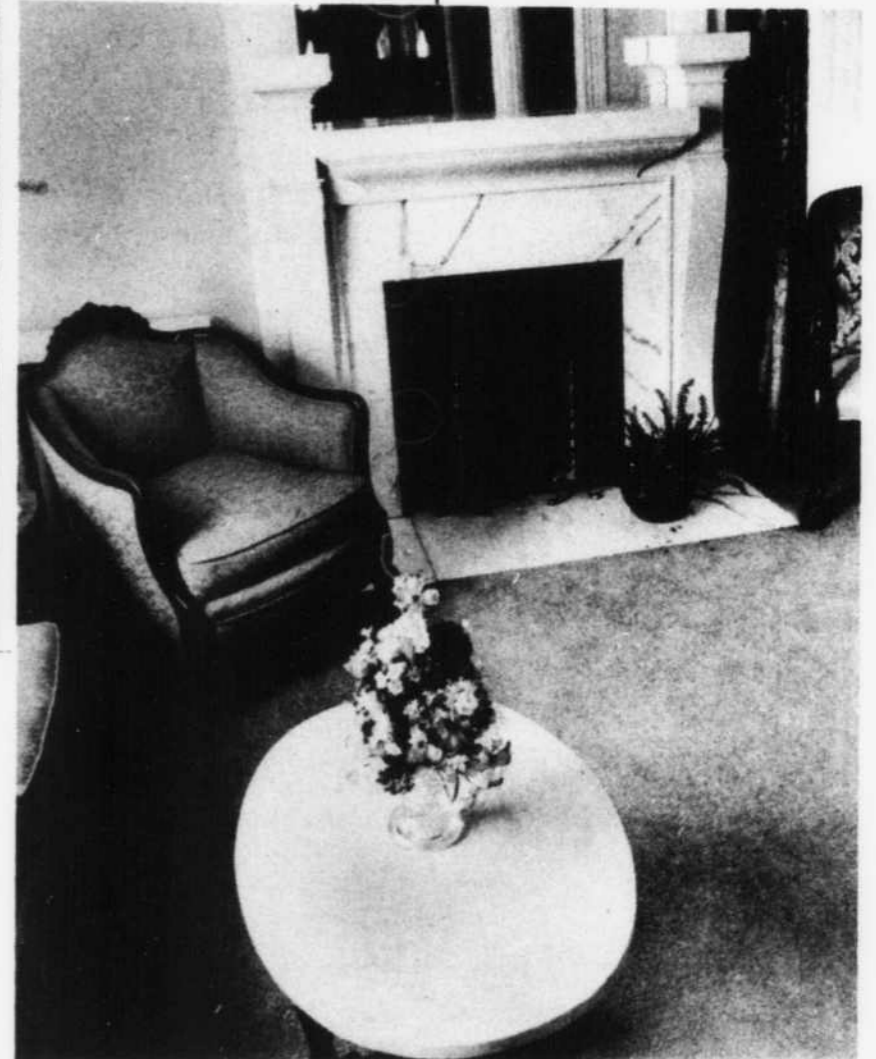
There is a fire place in each room, but now just two are still in use.

The house is fully furnished for each president and his family, although Betty, the president's wife, said some of the present furniture belonged to her family.

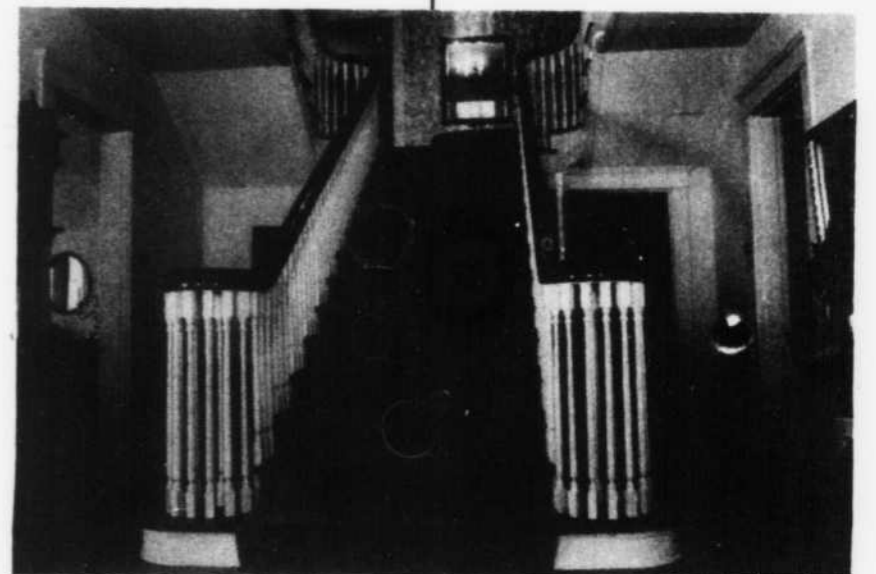
During the past 69 years, MTSU has had six presidents and numerous happenings to the campus.

Who will be the next to stay at this stately home? Only the future will tell.

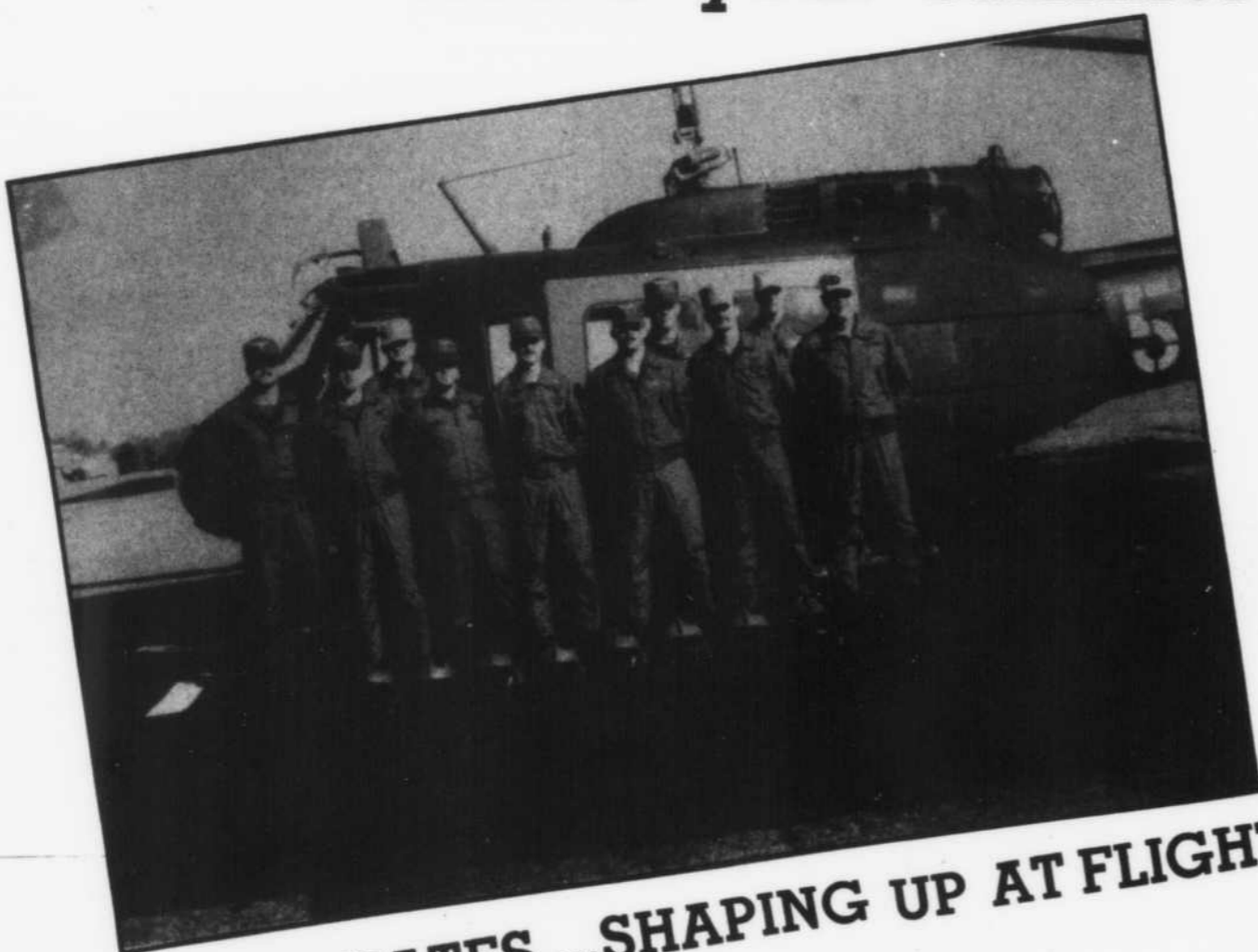
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The president's home, which lays to the south side of campus, was completed in 1911 when Middle Tennessee Normal School first opened. The top left picture shows the porch columns, the side porch which was originally an open area and the balcony on the second floor. Above, is just one of the fireplaces located in every room. Only two are used in the house now. The stairs, below, lead from the main entrance hall up to a landing. The steps then go to both the left and right up to the second floor.



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Contact Captain Wayne Wildman,
Forrest Hall, 898-2470.

Cuban Hustle

Disco lessons offered at dance center

Conference to discuss problems

MTSU may provide a window to the future this week as the World Future Society holds its annual mid-south chapter conference in the Learning Resources Center.

Thursday through Saturday solar energy advancements, developing language skills and changing government policies will be among topics addressed by scientists, professors and experts in various fields.

The conference as well as the World Future Society is for "those individuals who are seriously interested in the social and technological development of coming decades," explained Jack Arters, coordinator of the conference and faculty member in the Youth Education Department at MTSU.

Among notable speakers for the three-day event is Konrad K. Dannenberg, consultant to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center. At 1:30 Friday af-

ternoon, Dannenberg will review the space activities of the past two decades and offer a forecast for the last twenty years of the century.

"He will address the possibilities of future colonization in space," Arters said.

A series of short films entitled *Nashville Tomorrow* will be shown at various times throughout the conference.

The conference is being co-sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education, the Department of Youth Education and School Personnel Services, Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi. It is supported by a grant from the MTSU Public Service Committee.

Registration, which begins at 6 p.m. Friday, is \$10 for students and \$40 for non-students.

Disco lessons will be offered at the Murfreesboro Dance Center, 318 North Maple St., for four consecutive weeks under the direction of Steven C. Stacy of Nashville starting Monday.

The lessons, which will meet every Monday from 8:30-10 p.m., will cover the Cuban Hustle and variations. Ruth Hawes, owner and direction of

the Dance Center will be Stacy's assistant.

Stacy started his dance career in July 1977 with Disco Concepts of Columbus, Ohio. His skills improved and in January 1978 his instructor felt he was qualified to teach some classes.

He was chosen to teach some classes in Nashville to set up a new Disco Concepts studio. Stacy has lived

in Nashville ever since and claims "I love to teach as much as I love to dance." He says he shares a genuine joy with his students.

Although he is not with Disco Concepts anymore, Stacy still teaches private and group lessons in Nashville. He also performs for clubs and

organizations with the assistance of his staff.

If interest in disco lessons continues, Stacy plans to teach additional classes in the Swing, Cha Cha, New York Hustle and the Manhattan Hustle.

Anyone is interested in signing up for the lessons contact Stacy at 255-2870 or 748-2482, or Ruth Hawes at 896-0802.

Performing Arts Co. begins spring tour Friday

The MTSU Performing Arts Company began its annual spring tour Friday, March 14, with a trip to McFadden Elementary School.

A one hour show will feature "Grease Lightning," "Voo Doo," "Night Dancing" and "Boogie Woogie" from the March 5 show of "Dance is Timeless."

The show will also feature two mime presentations featuring Darcy Holland and Anne Holland.

"The whole club is excited as being MTSU Ambassadors and we're very happy to represent the school anyway we can," Aurora Daniels, Performing Arts secretary said. "We plan to do the best job possible."

Future plans include a tour to Lewisburg and Tracy City on

March 31. Also, during intersessions, some of the Performing Arts Company members are planning a trip to New York to take some dance classes. The trip to New York is open to all.

"This year we have one of the most talented group of dancers we ever had," Anne Holland, club advisor, said. "At our

recent dance concert, at which we had an invited group of professional dancers from Nashville, our dancers proved equal and often superior."

The Performing Arts Company meets every Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. in Murphy Center Dance Studio B and is open to all that would like to dance.

Blackford to speak at Wesley Foundation Thursday night

Milton Blackford, record producer, song and jingle writer and owner of a Brentwood recording studio, will speak on the recording industry this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

Blackford, who currently works for a Knoxville Advertising agency, has produced records for such artists as Little Anthony and the Imperials, Del Reeves and Billy Joe Spears.

Also to Blackford's credit are such familiar jingles as "Me 'n' my RC." "Walk on over to

Wyer's" and "Have a Sealy Posturpedic morning."

He has produced records for several record company's, most notably United Artists. He has written songs for Dave and Sugar and Crystal Gale. Last year Dave and Sugar put one of his songs, "Breaking up is Hard to do," on the country charts.

The lecture is free and open to the public. The Wesley Foundation is located across from Gore and Clement Halls, adjacent to the campus.

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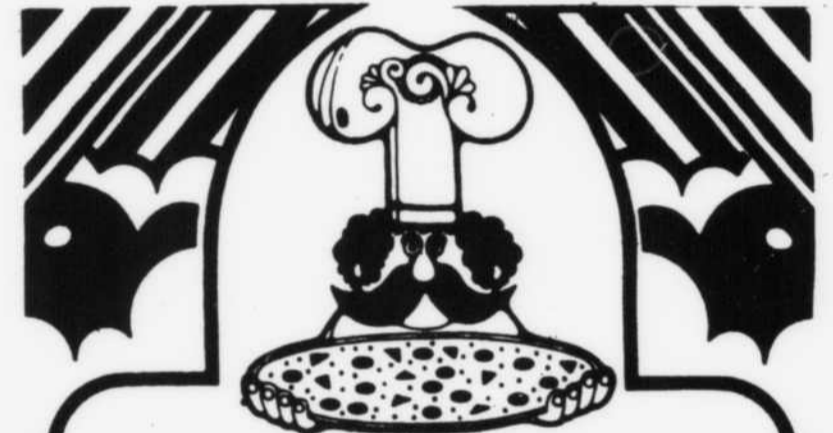
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By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

Two MTSU tracksters earned All-American status during spring break with excellent showings in the NCAA Indoor Track meet held in Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Long jumpers Greg Artis and Andre "Pip" Kirnes earned the All-American title by placing high in the long jump competition at the March 15 meet. Senior Artis took third in the meet and Kirnes, a freshman, placed fifth.

"It is, of course, nice that this kept up the jumping tradition that we have had at MTSU," Track Coach Dean Hayes said yesterday. "For Greg, this is the second time in a row he has been All-American. And we are real happy for Andre. This will help his confidence and make him hungry to do well again next year.

"I think he (Kirnes) is only the second freshman we've had at MTSU to make All-American indoors," Hayes added.

Kirnes, following this year, has three years eligibility left, something that obviously makes Hayes happy.

"There's no reason to think not," Hayes responded when asked if Kirnes could be a four-time All-American. "He's obviously got the talent. The hardest thing is to get the first

one. Once you are over that, it is easier."

The meet was not totally bright for MTSU, though. Middle Tennessee's mile relay team was disqualified during a qualifying session when an MTSU runner allegedly ran into a runner from the University of Tennessee.

Hayes protested the call and the judge who disqualified MTSU admitted no contact was made. The original ruling, however, stood, and MTSU did not compete in the mile relay event.

"It was just one of those calls," Hayes said. "The official said we didn't touch anybody, but we were disqualified. It's alright to throw the flag and then talk about it and then admit that we didn't touch the runner. If the race was run 10 more times the same way, I doubt that any call would be made."

MTSU was leading the race at the time as the fourth and final leg of the team, Pete Williams, was ahead. On the last half of the last lap, both a UT runner and a runner from the University of Maryland made a bump for the lead and the bumping occurred.

Later, it was said that the Maryland and Tennessee runners collided. Nonetheless, Middle Tennessee was disqualified.

The outdoor season began this past weekend as MTSU competed in the Georgia Relays. Middle Tennessee won the mile relay and took second in three other events.

The sprint medley team, made up of Barry Gambrell,



Andre Kirnes

David Robinson, Ed Stegall and Dana McCutcheon, finished second in that competition. The 440 Relay team of Ed Thomas, Gambrell, Stegall and Robinson also placed second while Thomas also took second in the high hurdles with a time of 14.36 seconds.

The outdoor season continues again this weekend as MTSU will divide its squad and compete in two different meets. Some members of the squad will travel to the Florida Relays while the other members will see action at a triangular meet at Austin Peay.



photos by Don Harris

MTSU football coach James "Boots" Donnelly opened the first day of spring drills yesterday by talking to the approximately 100 candidates who showed up. Donnelly is beginning his second year as head football coach. The team posted a 1-9 record on the year last season. Spring drills will continue into next month.

Pushes for OVC title

Blankenship carries load

By WARREN DENNY

Special to Sidelines

Tommy Blankenship had a super season for Middle Tennessee's baseball team last year.

But the senior from Lexington did not win the OVC championship.

It wasn't because Blankenship didn't pull his weight, though. He batted .346 with two homers and 27 runs batted in, in addition to being named the All-OVC centerfielder.

Such honors have come naturally to Blankenship. At Lexington High School he made all-state as a running back in football his senior year. As a freshman walk-on for the baseball team at Jackson State Junior College he was selected

All-Western Conference while batting .427 with 11 homers and 54 RBIs. He followed that year with a .350 batting average, six homers, and 35 RBIs in his sophomore year before coming to Middle Tennessee.

What can he do for an encore?

"I don't like to set individual goals for myself," Blankenship said. "I just try to do the best I can without thinking about numbers."

The Blue Raiders have a very young team this year, but Blankenship thinks the chances of winning the conference championship are very good.

"We are super defensively," he grinned. Our infield could be great. We lost a lot of hitting punch off last year's team, but

we'll make up for it on defense."

One thing is for sure, the Raiders won't be hurting for a centerfielder.

"It's like playing quarterback in football," he said. "You get to see everything. There is a lot of ground to cover, but I wouldn't play anywhere else."

Coach John Stanford probably doesn't want him to, either. As one of only a handful of seniors on the squad, Blankenship will be counted on heavily this year for leadership.

"I hope my leadership will come from my performance on the field," he said, "because I'm not much of a talker."

So far, his bat and glove have done most of his talking.

Blankenship is a physical education major at MTSU with a minor in secondary education and athletic coaching. He hopes to get into high school coaching sometime in the future, but for right now, he would like to help win an OVC championship.

"I feel confident and if some breaks go our way, who knows?" he smiled.

Raider fans can be sure that some of those breaks will be made by their own centerfielder.

Simpson inks juco stars to MTSU grants

MTSU basketball coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson signed two more junior college transfers during spring break, both of whom were named junior college player of the year in their respective states.

The two signees were Lucius "the Comet" Hailey and Rick Campbell. Hailey, a 6-5, 180-pound forward, was named Georgia Junior College Player of the Year. Campbell, who will transfer from Hiwassee Junior College in Madisonville, was named Tennessee's Junior College Player of the Year.

"We feel very fortunate to get these two players along with Wardell (Perry)," Simpson said of the recruiting efforts. "These three (Perry, Hailey and Campbell) were our top three prospects on the recruiting list, so you could say we are having a successful recruiting year."

Hailey, Simpson said, played strong ball control offense, is an excellent jumper and plays strong defense.

Campbell, the first player Simpson has signed this year who does not have a nickname, averaged 25 points per game this year at Hiwassee. Simpson described Campbell as "strong outside shooter." Campbell scored 42 points this year in a playoff game.

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MTSU rolls on diamond

Blue Raiders top Tennessee St.

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's Blue Raider baseball team waded to a 16-2 win over the Tigers of Tennessee State yesterday on Raider field, but MTSU's bats were they only thing warm in the park.

"I'm glad it's over," Raider skipper John Stanford said smiling after the three hour marathon game, "it got kind of chilly out there didn't it?"

That remark could go down as one of the understatements of the year as the temperatures dipped into the 40's with the 15 mile per hour winds making it seem a lot colder.

"It's not a whole lot of fun playing or watching on days like today, but we've had too many games rained out to have called this one," Stanford added. "The field was pretty soggy but overall things weren't that bad."

The outcome of the game was never really in doubt after the third inning when MTSU picked

up three runs. David Collier started the rally with a single to right but was hit by Tommy Blankenship's grounder to second on the next play.

Bob Fuson and Randy Starkey followed Blankenship with singles which loaded the bases. Back to back singles by Garry Keeton and Greg Houts did the damage as the Raiders rolled out to the 3-0 lead.

Freshman Mark Novak went six innings to get the win giving up four of the TSU hits and both runs. He was working on a two-hit shutout until the Tigers got to him in the sixth pushing both of their runs across on singles by Dennis Seats and designated hitter Reggie Robertson.

Tim Tant came on in relief in the seventh giving up only one hit and no runs to get the save.

Left fielder Keeton turned in the defensive gem of the day making a diving grab of a sinking line drive falling into a

huge mudpuddle (later named Raider Lake) to kill a Tiger rally in the third.

MTSU added seven more runs in fifth inning to put the game out of reach with the middle of the Raider line-up doing most of the damage again.

Fuson led the Raider 16 hit attack with five hits in six trips while Keeton added three hits in six at bats.

Steve Freeman got the loss for TSU which used four pitchers in the game. The win puts MTSU's record at 9-6 on the year while TSU dropped to 8-8.

The Raiders will see considerable action this week as they play at Belmont tomorrow before returning home to host the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Vanderbilt, Hope College and Western Kentucky on successive days.

The Saturday double header with the Hilltoppers will mark the beginning of the OVC campaign for both teams.

Wrestling program ends with two losses

Despite poor performances by two MTSU wrestlers in the national wrestling tournament, coach Gordon Connell said he was pleased in the last matches ever for the team.

Tony Rowland and Mike Kuziola qualified for the national tournament held in Corvallis, Ore. the first weekend of spring break.

Rowland, competing in the 150-pound class, won his first match against his opponent from Army before facing the class' number one seed. Rowland led the top seed, Andy Ryan of Wisconsin, most of the way before giving in late in the match.

Rowland was ahead 6-1 at one point before Ryan came back to win 15-8.

Kuziola, facing opponents in the 158-pound division, lost his first match against an opponent from Lehigh.

"It was such a big tournament," Connell said. "It was

the first time for both of them in the nationals. If they hadn't led that affect them and wrestled to their fullest capabilities, I am sure they could have qualified as All-Americans.

"But I was still proud of their efforts and for them even getting that far," Connell added. "They are still two of the top 350 wrestlers in the nation, 35 in each weight class.

Connell added that he was disappointed to see the program end just when things appeared to be getting brighter.

"I think this showed that the program was on the upswing," he said "Who knows what might have happened? People will always wonder what the future would have held. We had team potential. Us and track were the only sports that had anybody in the nationals and scored."

Earlier in the semester, the MTSU athletic committee voted to drop wrestling following the season due to increasing economical factors.

MTSU men behind, women lead all-sports

The MTSU women's athletic teams lead in the OVC all-sports standings while the men's teams stand fifth in the seven team competition.

At the close of the winter sports season, the MTSU women hold a narrow three point lead over second place Morehead. Middle Tennessee grabbed first by virtue of winning the OVC women's basketball championship with a perfect 6-0 record. With the championship, MTSU picked up 24 points.

The fall cross country team's fourth place finish picked up five points.

In the men's all-sports competition, Middle Tennessee is well behind leader Murray State. The Racers lead with 61 1/2 points while MTSU holds fifth with 31. MTSU picked up nine points in football with a sixth place finish, four in cross country, 12 in basketball and six in indoor tennis.

The men annually are in contention for the title, but poor records this year has pushed MTSU towards the bottom of the standings. The four Kentucky teams of the OVC are on top while the three Tennessee schools close out the bottom half.



Shortstop Mike Yurotsky rounds third base and heads for home in yesterday afternoon's baseball clash with Tennessee State. The Raiders rapped the Tigers at the MTSU field 16-2 to pick up its ninth win of the year.

'Home sweet home'

Blue Raider netters find old phrase to be true

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

An all expenses paid spring break trip through Louisiana sounds pretty good, huh? Well, for the Blue Raider tennis team it was far from a barrel of laughs.

Coach Dick LaLance's squad dropped four out of five matches, had two rained out and came home probably wishing they had never left the shadows of Murphy Center.

"To say the least we in some fast company," LaLance said. "Those four losses were more than we had all of last season put together. We lost a lot of three set matches and that makes it even tougher to lose."

MTSU got back on the winning track yesterday at home, though, getting by the University of Missouri 5-4 on the Murphy Center courts.

The spring break fiasco started with losses to L.S.U. (8-1) and Nichols State (7-2) with a win over New Orleans sandwiched in between. To indicate the power of the teams MTSU played, L.S.U. is ranked second in the Southeastern Conference behind Tennessee. Nichols State was ranked third in the nation in Division II schools last year with most of those players returning this year.

Southwest Louisiana blitzed the Raiders 9-0 after matches with McNeese State and Southeast Louisiana were rained out, which marked the first time a LaLance coached team at MTSU has been shut out in a match.

"The worst thing about it all was that the teams we really had the best chance of beating were McNeese and Southeast Louisiana and those were the

matches we had rained out," LaLance said.

"During the rain outs all we could do was sit in the motel and that has a tendency to make you go a little stale. But I can't make excuses, we just got beat by some

really great teams."

If you're wondering how many dirty words LaLance said to the person responsible for making the holiday schedule don't worry, because he is the culprit.

"I guess people are kind of wondering about my sanity, but I hope the experience will work for us. We've got until Saturday to get ready for the next match, so I guess only time will tell," LaLance said.



photo by Mark Holland
Mark Tulloch returns a volley in yesterday afternoon's match with the University of Missouri. Middle Tennessee claimed a narrow 5-4 victory over the visitors. The match marked the only home appearance this season by the MTSU netters.

'Raider Rally Day' set

The annual spring intra-squad football game and an OVC baseball doubleheader will highlight the first annual "Raider Rally Day" Saturday, April 26.

Other activities will be included during the day in which Middle Tennessee State University alumni and friends will gather on campus in a show of support for the Blue Raiders.

The first "Raider Rally," in which alumni from every MTSU era and from every interest group will join forces to bring back a variety of reunions, will officially begin at noon with the baseball doubleheader. MTSU will face the Eastern Kentucky Colonels at 1 p.m.

The Blue Raider football team will divide and meet in an intra-squad battle later in the af-

ternoon in the team's annual Blue-White game. Former "T" club members and cheerleaders will be registered during the game.

MTSU athletic director Charles "Bubber" Murphy is spearheading a drive to return former athletes to the MTSU campus for the day. Among the assistants he has enlisted, include Charles Sarver, of Fayetteville, the man who named the Blue Raiders; Chuck Taylor, former pitcher for the Montreal Expos and St. Louis Cardinals; Bob Tillman, former catcher for the Boston Red Sox and Atlanta Braves; Ray Oldham, defensive back for the New York Jets; and U.S. Army Captain Tommy Haynes, a member of the 1976 Olympic team.

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