

Music department thefts exceed \$800

By RENEE VAUGHN
Sidelines Copy Editor

Police are still investigating last week's theft of more than \$800 in music equipment from the Saunders Fine Arts building and the music annex, according to University Police Detective John Driver.

"The morning of Sept. 8, it was discovered that someone had broken a glass on the door to a rehearsal room, gained access and had stolen two amplifiers with a total value of approximately \$575," Driver said. "Thursday morning (Sept. 12)

another amplifier and a turntable were discovered missing. They were valued at about \$250. This time there was no forced entry," he continued. "The equipment was all state property."

The break-in, which would normally have been noted by the campus police's silent alarm system, went undetected due to interruptions in the underground alarm cable. The cable lines were disrupted when the campus police station was moved to its new location on Main Street.

"The security system is in order now," Tom Naylor, music department chairman, said yesterday. "We've been involved in a move and so has security. Somebody who knew and observed the situation very closely was probably involved."

Several leads have been discovered, Driver said, and he encouraged any students who may have information regarding the case to contact him.

The music department has traditionally kept its buildings open longer hours than most other university departments so

that students may practice at night and early in the morning.

"The building opens at 7 a.m. and stays open until 10:30 p.m., unless students have a late pass to stay until midnight," Driver explained.

"When the last person locks the doors at night, clips on the top of the doors set off an alarm here at the police station if they are opened," he explained. "The alarms have been off a month or more, since the station's move."

Other buildings on campus that were without alarm protection during this period

were Cope Administration and the bookstore.

Besides connecting the alarm systems, campus police plan to increase surveillance and institute "periodic stake outs on the buildings that have a high theft rate," Driver said.

A Thursday night stakeout by Driver in the music building's rehearsal room yielded nothing.

He installed steel mesh and doors inside the building and more strict security measures were being planned.

"We will have to institute less liberal hours in the buildings and keep things under lock and key. There won't be as many keys being passed out either," Naylor said.

According to Driver, most of the thefts on campus can be traced to "traffic from the city."

"Fifty to 60 percent of the thefts are by people who are not from the campus community. That makes them harder for us to solve because we have no record of them and no place to look," he added.

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Group learning boosted

By STEVE SPANN
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It comes as no shock to anyone in the academic community that students sometimes learn as much outside the classroom as inside.

Students are able to comprehend from each other items that sometimes do not make it across the gulf that separates them from the classroom instructor, according to Benet Scanlon of the English department.

These ideas may appear obvious, but what is news is the using of these ideas to facilitate classroom learning.

The concept is called collaborative learning, and Scanlon was recently awarded a fellowship (along with 14 others from 11 states) by the Fund for the Improvement of Post and Secondary Education to study and research the idea at Brooklyn College of the City of New York.

MTSU also partially supported Scanlon.

The fund also gave a grant to Kenneth A. Bruffee, who served as coordinator at the host school.

"Collaborative learning is a way of involving students in each other's intellectual, academic and social development, an involvement which can benefit both tutors and their students," wrote Bruffee in an article in *Liberal Education*.

The idea of peer group influence, student attitudes and values being most affected by

what goes on outside the classroom, has been around since 1940.

The sixties are particularly interesting to look at, Scanlon said, "because how students looked at learning brought about changes on college campuses."

Throughout the seventies, there was still an interest in how students affected each other's learning processes.

"As educators, we're rarely examining what goes on outside the classroom," Scanlon said. "But when learned outside the classroom, ideas seem to take on greater value. So we're trying to make classroom learning more relevant."

Classroom learning can involve more than the one-way direction of teacher to student. There are instead multi-levels of discourse, including student-teacher and student-student.

The student-student interaction, or peer-group tutoring, was the primary emphasis at the Brooklyn conference, which lasted five weeks.

"The students make the classroom a place where they learn from not only the teacher, but from each other," Scanlon explained. "The teacher can serve as a guide and not as simply one who sits on Mt. Olympus and hands down knowledge."

The interest in collaborative learning centers around how it affects the higher cognitive

areas of learning, which are math and writing.

Research by Bruffee has involved looking at ways students can develop an idea of how to write and talk about writing.

According to Scanlon, it is widely hoped that collaborative writing can be applied to writing classes to the extent that students will become able to critique each other's writing. If this goal can be reached, then valuable criticisms and insights provided by fellow students can become useful to the student, in addition to the teacher's comments, she said.

Ultimately, the goal is that students will look at their own writing more closely and act as self-critics, so they will become independent writers.

"In my classroom, I use collaborative learning as a form of learning," Scanlon explained. "The language we use is talking about writing and ideas and, in fact, dealing with thought processes."

"My reward as a teacher comes when I enter the classroom and hear students talking to each other about literature, about what they think about it and relating it to other art forms, such as music, painting and sculpture. The ultimate reward for me is for the students to see their own lives as art forms."

"That is difficult to measure," Scanlon emphasized, "much like

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photo by Mark Holland

To bees or not to bees? That seems to be the question someone spotting this flyer might wonder. It was found outside the library a few weeks after *Sidelines* ran a photo of a maintenance man spraying trash cans with insecticide.

Lectures on cable

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON
Sidelines Staff Writer

"Get ready to cue Dr. Messier. Five-four-three-two-one. Cue Dr. Messier."

So began the MTSU Honors Program's Wednesday lecture series for fall semester, "The Contemporary Climate of Issues and Ideas."

Why a countdown? Because this series is being broadcast over Murfreesboro Cable Television.

"It was really Bill Jackson's idea," explains Ronald Messier, new director of the Honors Program. "We were discussing the program over lunch and he suggested we video-tape the lectures."

William Jackson, director of instructional development, is overseeing the production of each program by broadcast students. These students operate the cameras and all the equipment used during filming. They add slides and other effects that enhance the lecture for the viewer.

"Besides giving the broadcast

students experience, it also fulfills one of MTSU's broader responsibilities to the area," adds Messier.

Another benefit Messier sees from the telecasts is the good public relations it gives the honors department.

"We need to arouse more student interest and participation in the program. If they see the lectures, maybe this will encourage them to take part."

The honors students themselves benefit because tapes of the lectures are available in the Personal Learning Laboratory. If they miss a lecture, they can view it in the lab and make up their work.

Sexual harassment and modern sport in the 20th century are topics that will highlight the lecture series this fall.

The series will be presented weekly at 3 p.m., Sept. 10 through Dec. 3, in Studio B of the Learning Resources Center. All lectures are open to the public, free of charge.

Associate professors of psychology Jeannette Heritage and Keith Carlson will be featured in the "Sexual Harassment" address Sept. 17.

Kendall Blanchard, chairman of the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, will deliver "Modern Sport and the 20th Century: An Anthropological Critique" on Sept. 24.

October topics include the future of higher education in the 1980s; possible connections between first world affluence and third world poverty; economic incentives; ethical issues in scientific research; and the Middle East peace process in historical perspective.

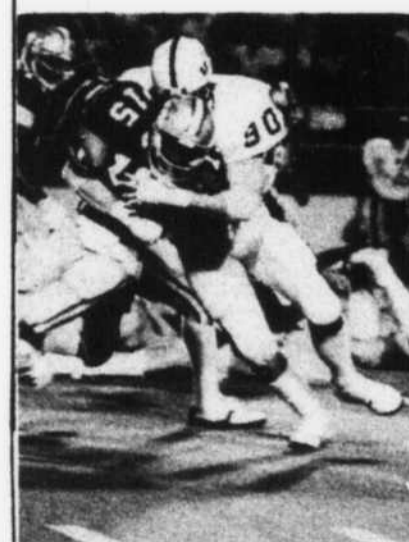
Subjects for November will be strife in Ireland; genetic engineering; the relationship between technology and art; and women in the business organization.

The final lecture on Dec. 3 will deal with contemporary music.

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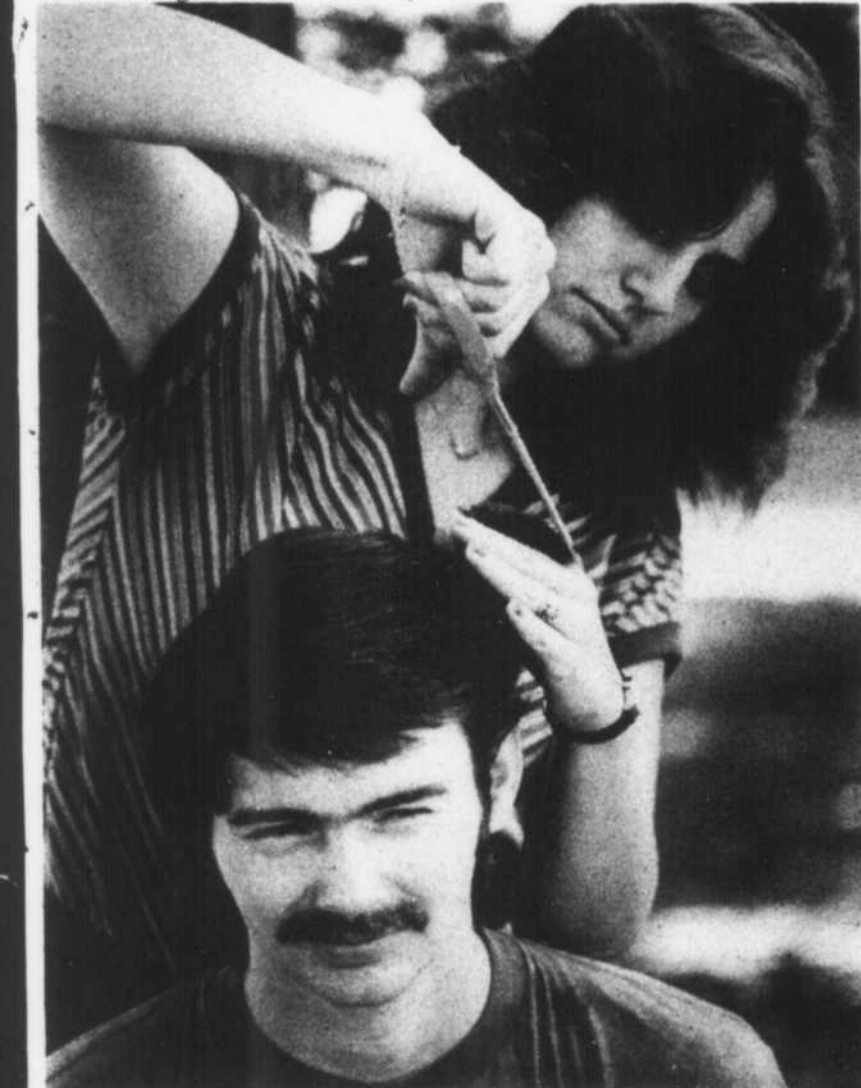


photo by Mark Holland

Senior Laura Tuew gave Jim Scatt, sophomore, a helping hand and a few snips recently. The two, both from Mount Juliet, took advantage of nice weather last week and decided to do a little 'fall cleaning' in front of the James Union Building.

Sidelights

Teacher Ed. Achievement test set

The California Achievement Test for admission to teacher education will be administered at 4 p.m. on Nov. 6 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Students taking the test must present their valid I.D. There is no charge for the test.

Student teacher applications due

Student teaching applications for spring semester must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching Office, Jones Hall 106, no later than Oct. 15.

Law awards will be given

The 1980 Malcolm Law Memorial Awards will be presented Nov. 8.

The Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors Association will present awards in two categories of enterprise reporting: human interest and feature writing; and investigative reporting for public affairs.

Those wishing to enter the competition should submit a tearsheet of the entry, postmarked no later than Sept. 26, to Nancy R. Shipley, Chief of Bureau, The Associated Press, P.O. Box 22990, Nashville, Tenn., 37202.

Note on the entry the category in which it should be judged. Each contestant may submit as many entries as he wishes. There is no entry fee.

Winners will be announced at the awards banquet of the TAPME meeting, Nov. 8, at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville.

Homecoming applications ready

Applications for homecoming queen candidates are now available in the Associated Student Body office, University Center 304. The deadline for applications is Sept. 24.

NCA secretaries meeting scheduled

The National Collegiate Association for Secretaries will hold its first meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday on the third floor of the University Center. Anyone majoring or minoring in business education, distributive education or office management is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Rock climbing trip Sept. 27-28

Campus Recreation is providing another great opportunity to get out in the great outdoors. Sept. 27-28 will be the date of a rock climbing trip in Franklin Forest. The last day for sign up is Sept. 22 in Alumni Gym 203. The climbing equipment and backpacking gear will be provided. Cost is \$15, or \$12 if you have your own gear.

WISE offers luncheons and freedom from fear of math

Get-acquainted luncheons for women students over age 21 will begin Sept. 24., sponsored by the Women's Information Service for Education and other needs.

The luncheons will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the WISE office, SUB 106.

June Anderson, co-director of WISE, said the program will be particularly beneficial to students who feel they don't fit in or know anyone.

"It will give the students a chance to meet with each other and will let us help them with their problems," she said.

Some of the topics that will be covered are career planning, rules and regulations, everyday frustrations and the need for day care services.

"How can we have day care services if we don't have any numbers?" Anderson asked.

Another program sponsored by WISE is "Overcoming Math Fear," scheduled to begin at 4

p.m. on Sept. 23, in the WISE office.

"This is exactly what the title says it is," Anderson said.

"We have always been told that women would not need math so there was no need for a woman to learn it, and men need to learn it to become engineers and the like," she explained.

"This type of stereotyping has closed the doors to many women's careers if they don't have a math background. It is closed to all of the good money-making jobs," Anderson added.

For this reason, she said, women are afraid to take Math 100 when they come to college. Many women students get to college and have only had one year of high school math, which was probably in the ninth grade.

Assisting the program will be Teresa Honeycutt, an instructor in math and computer science and Tau Omicron, a women's honor society.

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Handicaps' lot improving

By ERIC STEINBERG
Sidelines Staff Writer

Although MTSU has spent over \$72,000 to improve its accessibility to handicapped students, there is still some work to be done, University President Sam Ingram said Thursday.

"I would like to see MTSU become the most accessible school in the Tennessee system for handicapped students," Ingram said. "We have to do our best to treat handicapped students as equals and, at the same time, remember their individual handicaps and do everything in our power to help them overcome them."

Access to the library, the grill and the bookstore are a few of the problems these students face, according to Nancy McBride, coordinator of disabled student services.

"The ramp is extremely steep leading up to the library, and the students have to ring a bell and wait for someone to come and let them in," said Miss

McBride. "When it rains they get wet."

"An overhang or shelter of some type at the top of the ramp may solve one of the problems," Ingram suggested. However, the problem of the ramp's steepness would still exist.

At the present time, handicapped students also leave by the rear door, and this appears to worry some of the library's employees.

In a letter to Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake, University Librarian Don Craig stated: "In a meeting with my staff recently, someone asked why the handicapped students who use our handicapped entrance do not have to go through our electronic theft detection gate before they leave. This really had not occurred to me before, but I suppose we could ask them to go through the detection gate and back through the entrance gate before allowing them to leave, by way of the back door."

"Before we consider this

further, I thought you might want to bring this matter up in one of your meetings with handicapped students. I know that these students do not like to be treated differently than others, and I am wondering if they to should be cleared by the electronic detection system. If so, at least they would not be suspected when we find items missing due to their avoidance of this exit check. Let me know what you think."

"I feel this is really unnecessary," President Ingram said. "We have so few handicapped students that it really doesn't make sense to put them through this."

McBride agreed with President Ingram. She told him she hasn't had too many problems dealing with the administration, but said she does feel that they are unaware of the problems that face the handicapped.

"What seems insignificant to most people can be a real

problem for handicapped students," McBride told Ingram, "and I wish more people could realize this."

Another problem facing the handicapped student is the grill. Handicapped students must go in the exits since they can't go through the turnstiles. During rush hour, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., it's almost impossible to do this.

"We also have trouble reaching the ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard," one handicapped student said.

"After all," Ingram said, "what's a hamburger without ketchup?"

Ingram said he recommends the placing of signs that alert students to let handicapped students in, and agreed that giving packages of ketchup and other condiments to the handicapped students when they get their food would be a better way for the grill to accommodate these students.

"After all," Ingram said, "what's a hamburger without ketchup?"

Guides for studying provide help

By DONNA SMITH
Sidelines Staff Writer

Getting back into the habit of studying is not an easy task, but there are certain study techniques that can help you get organized and make the most of your study time.

First, determine when you will have time free for studying. Make a chart of your classes and allot a certain time for studying each subject. Be flexible, but try to develop a routine and stick to it.

Having a set place to study will make getting started much

easier. The place where you study, be it library or dorm room, should have uniform lighting and be free from interruptions.

Try to force yourself to concentrate. In time, concentrating will become a habit.

When studying for a long period of time, take a break every hour. Go for a walk or talk to a friend, provided you can bring yourself back to study.

Vary your studying. For example, instead of doing three

reading assignments, read one assignment and then do physics problems.

Put some effort into your studying. Go beyond the requirements of your instructor. With some initiative, you could be transformed from a mere enrollee into a scholar.

If you still cannot develop good study techniques, talk to F.W. Poole, a counselor at the Guidance and Counseling Center, who provided these tips for effective studying.

'Preppy' look is all around in fall fashion

By MONICA KIMBALL
Sidelines Fashion Writer

The "preppy" look is in this fall, and it seems that everywhere you look—especially around campus—there is an abundance of button-down collars and those little alligators running rampant.

The look is classic, but if there are some fashion followers out there who like this timeless style but also want an original approach, this article is for them.

Plaid skirts are in for fall, and they're showing up already around campus.

Some unique ideas: textured hose in vibrant shades and low-heeled pumps. Clothes made of cashmere and a cloths look great and are going to be popular this fall.

A good investment will be a classic tweed jacket, which can be worn over a plaid sweater and a favorite oxford skirt. This triple-layered look can be tried by both sexes, and a narrow knit tie peeking out the top of the sweater looks sensational!

The "preppy" style is being worn by more men every day, but if you want to avoid blending into the crowd, why not try a variety of colors?

Designer jeans that fit nicely can be worn casually, or dressed up. (Besides that, they're sexy!)

Yes, there are alternatives to docksiders. Tan leather Crayons with beige piping are trendy and look great. Worn by both sexes, this style of shoe comes in a variety of colors from red and yellow to natural shades.

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Book review

Writer has best effort

By ALAN SISSOM
Sidelines Staff Writer

This time I'm going to give you kiddies the benefit of the doubt and assume you have already heard about *Stardance* by Spider and Jeanne Robinson.

And since you have probably already read it, there's no need for me to write anything further and I can go on to the next. . .

What's that?
You haven't read it?
For shame! I expect you to—immediately. It has some of the best writing I've ever seen Spider Robinson come out with, co-written (as this one is) or written alone.

Believe me when I say I always knew he had the potential to write something really major. And now, with the help of his wife Jeanne, he has.

The story line is basically

about a dancer. An extraordinary dancer. Yet she has one problem: she's too big. Therefore, even though she pours all her choreographic skills into what would become milestone works, she doesn't make it.

Then a wonderful thing happens. Weighed down by the limitations of dancing on the bottom of a gravity-well (i.e., Earth), she is suddenly struck by the idea of taking her skills into the one environment lacking any problems of being weighed down by anything. That's right, gang, I'm talking about space.

And free-fall dancing is one of the most refreshing new concepts to come out in science fiction in a long, long time. (With the possible exception of free-fall sex, which Danny Tyree

will hopefully write columns about someday.)

In fact, this book is full of interesting concepts. With the emergence of weightless dancing come aliens who communicate through ordered movements very much resembling dance.

And, before you begin laughing at that prospect, just remember that you communicate through ordered vibrations of sound.

And then the writers provide the concept that human beings were meant to live in space. And by the time I finished the book, I believed it too.

Yes, all in all, this book will last longer than most of the crud that's been coming out lately. So you still have plenty of time to run to the bookstore. But don't take too long.



photo by Gene Braham

It's hard to tell if freshman Lisa Law is enjoying her meal at High Rise West cafeteria or not. The Kingston Springs native is studying pre-pharmacy.

'Rivals' is first fall production

By DEA SANDY
Sidelines Copy Editor

University Theater has begun work on the season's first production, Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "The Rivals," which will be presented Oct. 16-18 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Theater.

Dorethe Tucker will direct the production, and Patricia Lane will design costumes. M.C. Sniderman, the new speech and theater professor in charge of technical theater, will design the set.

"The Rivals" is an 18th-century comedy about two pairs of lovers who contend with

problems caused by social conventions and changing ideas about love.


According to Ann Petty, assistant professor of speech and theater, "The Rivals" is "a funny classic."

Anyone interested in working on technical skills for this production should contact Sniderman or Tucker at extension 2640.

"We want everybody who is interested in drama to come over and work with us," Petty said. "You don't have to be a major or

a minor or even in speech and theater courses."

The cast will include: David Amitage, Sir Lucius O'Trigger; David Cummings, Captain Absolute; Martin McGeachy, Sir Anthony; Terry Randolph, Mr. Fag; Allan Barlow, Acres; Jim Null, Errand Boy; Kevin Guinn, David; Gerald Dunn, Coachman; Barclay Randall, Faulkland; Valerie Galloway, Julia; Pat Anderson, Lydia; Laura Leopard, Mrs. Malaprop; Linda Connolly, Lucy; Denise Schmidt, assistant director.



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Learning

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the concept of collaborative learning.

Scanlon continues to research the concept, as do her 14 colleagues from Brooklyn, and they plan to meet again in Dallas this spring and in New York in the summer to compare results and learn more from each other.

The faculty members who gathered in Brooklyn discovered the concept they were studying worked for their own situation, Scanlon said. As they gathered in a group to study the idea of collaborative learning, they found that they learned more from each other as individuals than they did from the classroom situations they were exposed to.

Scanlon said it was "an intriguing experience—as the closer we all got, the stronger critics we could be."

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Raiders outmanned in '80 home opener

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Speed, strength and size make a big difference in a football game. It made a 32-7 difference Saturday night as MTSU's Blue Raiders dropped their home opener to the Moccasins of UT-Chattanooga and slipped to 0-2 for the season.

"They were big and fast and they virtually shut the middle down on us," head coach Boots Donnelly said. "We were hoping that they wouldn't knock so far off the ball that we couldn't get our offense going...but they did."

Any of the 10,000 fans that filed into Floyd Stadium and knew anything about Moc football were probably betting on UTC and were looking for a repeat of last year's 59-15 shellacking that took place in Chattanooga. Especially since the Raiders' defense was almost totally revamped due to injuries plus the offense would be minus quarterback Brown Sanford and wide receiver Kolas Elion who were riding out curfew violation suspensions.

"Nine people who were counting on to start this year on defense weren't even dressed out tonight," Donnelly added. "Our offense was reduced because of the other situation, so we were looking at an almost totally new team than what we thought we would have."

Sammy Bryant, a junior college transfer from UT-Martin, lined up in the quarterback slot after having played tailback in the season opener against the University of North Alabama. And by his own admission, he was rusty.

"I knew basically the whole offense, but the big difference

was getting used to the pass rush, knowing when to step up in the pocket and when to run," Bryant said.

With Bryant in the game, the whole complexion of the Raider offense changed. They went from a throwing team to an option team and the statistics were reflective of that as Bryant completed five of 14 passes for 13 yards but carried the ball 21 times for 84 yards.

"We knew Sammy was going to have to run the ball a lot and we knew he was capable," Donnelly said. "We were hoping to open the ball up a little more but it just wasn't there."

The middle wasn't open for UTC either, though, as the makeshift Raider defense played excellently in spots, holding the powerful Moc offensive attack to just 20 points in the first half, with 13 of those coming in the first quarter.

UTC got on the scoreboard first with a 47-yard touchdown run by Dennis King with 8:20 to go in the initial period. This marked the first time King had run the ball all year, and that's pretty much the way the Moc luck ran all night.

"I know people get tired of hearing about the breaks, but we're just not getting many right now," senior receiver Larry Miller said. "But we'll surprise some people before the year is over. There are some ups on the way."

The Mocs scored once more in the first quarter when Gwain Durden carried it in from the two following a 43-yard pass play from Steve Woods to Tony Jackson. The extra point try was wide right.

A 50-yard Woods-to-Joe Burke touchdown pass opened

the second quarter, but that was all the Mocs got as the MTSU defense stiffened.

"You had to be proud of the defense," Donnelly commented. "They didn't play well the whole game but they played hard, and that's all we'll ever ask of 'em."

MTSU got its first TD of the game and of the year after recovering a UTC fumble deep in Moc territory. Freshman Jerry Lockhart took a Bryant pitch in from the eight, Gerald Robinson converted the PAT and the Blue Raiders were back in the game with a team that was supposed to mop the field with them.

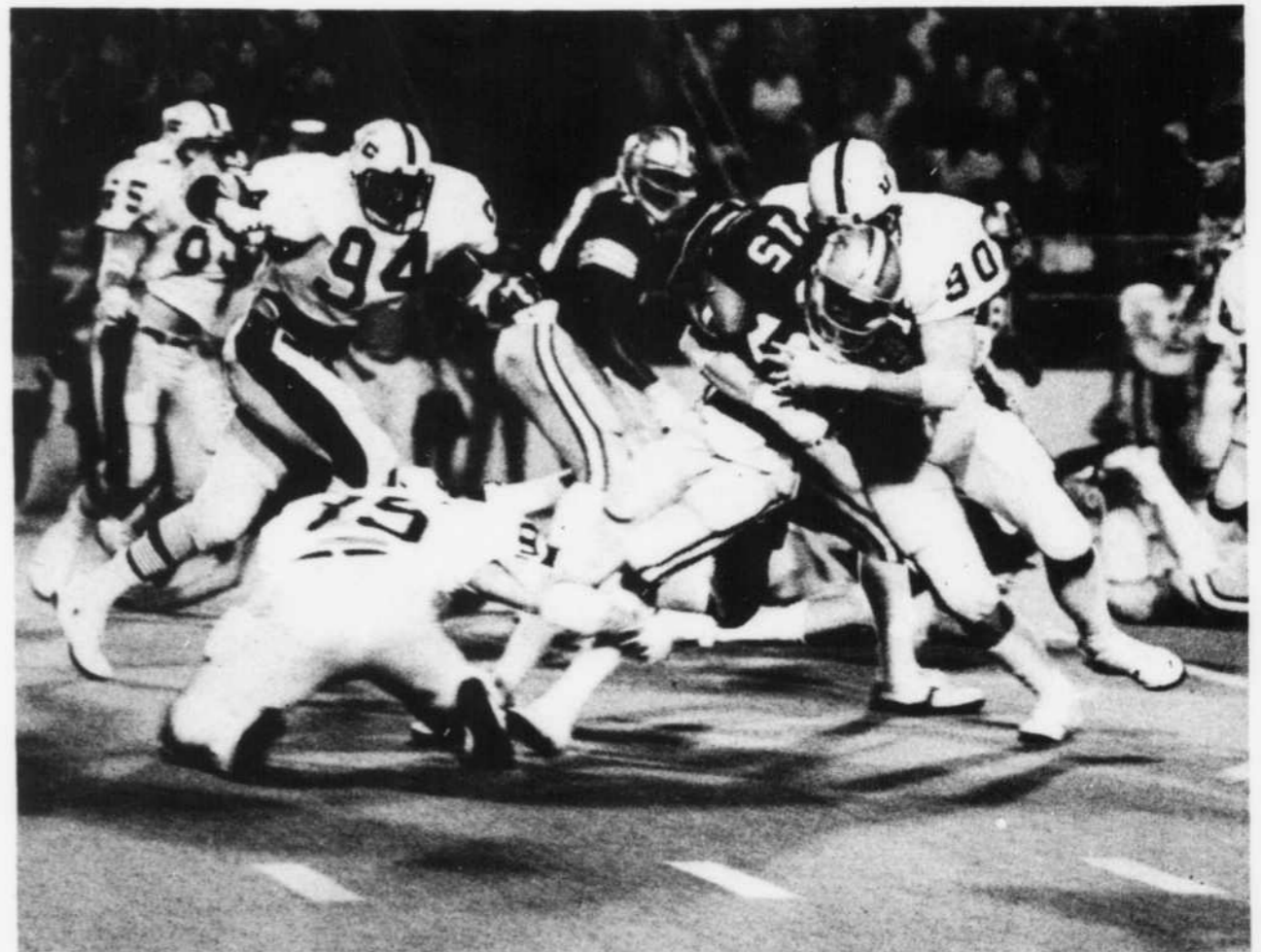
In the third quarter both teams' offenses fizzled early before UTC started an 80-yard scoring drive which netted them another score early in the fourth quarter.

Probably the highlight of the game for MTSU was the two goal-line stands in the fourth quarter which forced the Mocs to settle for field goals instead of touchdowns.

"The character of the team really started to show on those two stands," Donnelly said. "We messed up by letting the guy get away from us and getting down that far, but we buckled down and made 'em take three and that's always nice."

Donnelly said that a Raider kicking game was the big plus and kept UTC backed up in its own territory all night. Freshman punter Glenn Heath finished the game with a 43-yard average on nine kicks.

The Raiders are off this week and will return to action a week from Saturday when they host Morehead State at Floyd Stadium in their OVC opener.



MTSU quarterback Sammy Bryant is taken down by a Moc defender in all too familiar fashion for Saturday's home opener. UT-Chattanooga swamped the Blue Raiders, 32-7.

photo by Philip Prater

Runners mediocre at Sewanee

By VICKIE L. SPARKS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee State's cross country teams opened their season this past weekend with a meet at Sewanee.

Sharon Johnson finished first for the Lady Raider runners while finishing fifth overall. Johnson's time was 20:51, less than a minute behind the first place runner. Teammates

finishing behind Johnson were Vicki Wells, Jane Simms, Robin Moses, and Kathy Porterfield.

The team had a total of 71 points which ranked them fourth overall in the competition. MTSU won the meet, Greater Nashville Track Club, and Sewanee. The two teams that trailed were Bryan with 96 points, and Belmont with 148.

"I feel very well about their performance," coach Cathy Moore said. "I expect better and I think their times were

respectable and will decrease as the season progresses."

In the men's meet, the first place finisher set a course record. Jon Slaughter, a runner from the Greater Nashville Track Club, finished with a time of 25:36 over the 5-mile cross country course. Robert Willis finished first for MTSU, while finishing second overall.

Another Blue Raider runner, Ross Dowland, finished third with a time of 26:33. The MTSU men finished fourth with a total score of 76.

Fall baseball off to running start

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Fall baseball practice for the MTSU baseball team is off and running as head coach John Stanford's squad rolled by Aquinas Junior College 13-1 in Thursday's opener.

"It's still too early to tell if the

team looks good," Stanford said. "They do have a good attitude, though."

In Thursday's outing, the coach was particularly pleased with the performance of this year's freshmen. The 79-80 squad contains more freshmen than any in recent years.

The reason for fall practice games is to give the coaches a good look at the new players on the team. It also gives the players a chance to get in shape for the upcoming spring season.

Already some key players have begun to show promise. According to the coach, Steve

Charbonneau, a freshman, has played some good ball at third base. Sophomore Kenny Gerhart has laid claim to the centerfield spot left vacant by graduate Tony Blankenship, a former All-OVC Mike Norment is continuing to do a fine job behind the plate.

The Blue Raiders' long-ball hitting threat so far this year has been leftfielder Scott Holliday. Better known as "Doc," Holliday was an outstanding hitter for Cumberland College last year in the TJCAA.

Stanford stated that the speed for this year's team is much better than in the past, while other aspects of the game are coming along.

"The pitching game is stable and the hitting attack seems to be going well," he said, referring to the pitching-hitting combination in the 13-1 opening scrimmage.

The Blue Raiders will be getting into the midst of the fall practice schedule this week. Tomorrow the MTSU nine play host to Belmont and then host Motlow State on Saturday.

Middle Tennessee will face Cumberland, Aquinas, Columbia State, Roane State, Motlow and Trevecca during the remainder of the fall schedule.



Blue Raider Kenny Gerhart connects on a swing against Aquinas Junior College in Thursday's 13-1 win.

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