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Surrounded by controversy concerning his grade-point average, ASB President Randy James has charged that some students of the university have stooped to a new low. photo by Philip Prater

G.P.A. may trigger James' downfall

By DENNIS MYERS
Managing Editor

ASB President Randy James may have held office in violation of the Associated Student Body Constitution during the fall semester of 1980 by maintaining a grade-point average below the mandatory "C" average.

According to the constitution, the president must have "at least a 2.0 cumulative grade-point average at the time of candidacy and maintain such average throughout the term of office."

HIGHLY RELIABLE sources, however, have revealed to *Sidelines* that James' grade-point average had fallen to 1.98 by the beginning of fall semester.

ASB Attorney General Cindy Porter, when informed last night of the matter, said she has taken the matter under consideration, but admits that there is no legal precedent to follow in this matter.

"I think that my job is to ask that he [James] give me a look at his transcript on the basis of your allegation," Porter said. "There is no precedent to follow, but I'm going to meet with some deans and we will decide on a course of action to take."

ONE OF THE many problems confronting Porter is the failure of the ASB constitution to provide a mechanism for remedy should the president's grades fall below the minimum required to stay in office.

In addition, the constitution provides neither the wherewithal to force compliance of the provision nor the method of verifying the actual grade-point average of the individual officeholder.

"There is nothing set up to handle this type of occurrence," Porter explained. "It definitely was not my responsibility to check on his [James'] grades."

"I'm kind of caught in the middle here; if there is a violation of the constitution, I

need to confront that person and give [him] a chance to resign."

THE CONSTITUTION does state that, "in the event that the office of the President of the Associated Student Body shall be vacated on or before the first day of October, the Speaker of the Senate shall become acting President. The Commission of Election Officials shall then call for a new election to fill that office within a twenty-one calendar day period."

According to sources, if James' academic standing ever did fall short of the minimum required to remain in office, then a new election should have been called at the time freshman senators were elected in the fall.

DEAN OF Students Paul Cantrell, when informed yesterday of allegations against the ASB president, remarked on the apparent incapacity of the ASB to act on the matter because of university policies which deny access to student records by unauthorized parties.

"While I think he [James] is subject to exam[ination] at any time," Cantrell said, "I also think that he is covered by the Family Right & Privacy Act."

"If you have reasonable knowledge that his G.P.A. was below the minimum, then the ASB attorney general should be asked to render an opinion."

"In my opinion, it is a matter for the ASB Supreme Court," Cantrell added. "They have enforcement power."

WHEN ASKED if he had the authority to verify whether James' grade-point average was below 2.0, Cantrell replied that he had access to every student's academic records, but to give

out that information would be to violate federal law.

"I have access to any student's grades on this campus," Cantrell said. "But I would not go get a transcript and show it to you."

"If, however, the appropriate ASB member—preferably the attorney general—asked me, I might be able to give a yes or no answer to whether or not Randy's grades were below the minimum."

"[Speaker of the Senate] Martha Hammond checked the grade-point averages of her senators at the beginning of the semester, and, while I didn't tell her what the grades of any senator were, I was able to say yes or no as to their qualifications."

HAMMOND confirmed last night that she has the authority to check the academic records of ASB senators, but pointed out that she was not responsible for checking the scholastic standing of the president.

"I don't know whether it's the attorney general's job or someone else's," Hammond said, "but I don't have access to those grades. I don't know anything about it."

"If this warrants impeachment, then it's the House of Representatives' job to bring up the charges. All the Senate does is try the matter."

ACCORDING TO Hammond, she "knew nothing" about James' failure to maintain a "C" average.

"Aside from some vicious rumors I heard today," Hammond affirmed, "this is the first I've heard of this matter."

James, when contacted yesterday, said he considered the allegations made against him to be nothing but a "personal attack on me."

"I do have over a 2.0 average [now], but if we get to the point at this university where we stoop to this, then we've arrived at a new low."

News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker said yesterday that the Senate will hold public hearings that will expose the "brutal treatment and even atrocities" suffered by the 52 former American hostages in Iran.

But he said he has asked Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to postpone the hearings temporarily, until public "passions have cooled."

Baker said he did not know whether any of the former hostages would be asked to testify at the hearing.

"The wounds are fresh—the story is not complete," Baker said of the 444-day captivity of the Americans.

NASHVILLE (AP) — Poor economic conditions caused 1980 to be a record year for arson in rural Tennessee, as damages soared to \$17.8 million from \$11 million in 1979, the state fire marshal said yesterday.

Fire Marshal H.B. McPherson said there were 811 arson fires in homes and businesses outside Tennessee's metropolitan areas last year.

In the state's four metropolitan areas, McPherson said, arson caused almost \$53 million in damage. The state's four largest counties keep their statistics and handle their investigations.

Statewide, damage is up from \$44 million a year earlier, McPherson said.

MEMPHIS (AP) — A federal prosecutor says a one-time business associate of former Gov. Ray Blanton's family fronted for a Blanton family construction firm on 22 state road contracts worth \$6 million during the ex-governor's term.

Weather

Fair today and Saturday with temperatures ranging from evening lows in the 30s to daytime highs in the 40s.

Asst. education dean sought by Ingram

By MELISSA HARRIS
Staff Writer

Today is the final day applications will be accepted by the School of Education for an assistant dean, according to Harry Hodge, dean of the School of Education.

According to Hodge, University President Sam Ingram recently created the new position to relieve the school's "work overload."

"The person selected for the position will be assigned to as many routine activities of the Office of Dean as possible," Hodge said, "and will be afforded the opportunity of direct participation and policy development as well."

The need for an assistant dean was recognized by Hodge soon after his arrival to MTSU in July, 1980.

"After investigating the enrollment-pattern resources needed, I felt there was a need for more than one person to handle the complexity of the School of Business as well as to participate in the organizing of the collection of departments," Hodge explained.

President Ingram said he "made a commitment at the time [Dean Hodge] was employed to reduce faculty

members' work loads up to 50 percent.

"To my knowledge, there will be no new dollars for the position," Ingram explained. "The School of Education is time who is presently employed on campus."

Hodge stated that the position of assistant dean will be awarded to a present employee of the school as an economizing measure.

Those who would benefit from the assistant deanship would be students, graduates and local school districts," Hodge said.

According to Hodge, both the energy crisis and the decline in public-school attendance presents serious problems for the school system as a whole.

Both Hodge and Ingram explained that since no new funds had to be allocated for the new position, no formal investigative procedure or cost-benefit analysis was involved in the creation of the assistant deanship. Ingram's approval finalized the authorization of an assistant dean for the School of Education.

Hodge said the new assistant dean will be named as soon as the applications are reviewed.

Dorm lock-up protested ; Senate takes action

By DAVID MERRITT
and SANDRA MEADOR
Staff Writers

Resolutions to protest the 3 a.m. locking of women's dormitories and to bar on-campus advertisements requiring participation fees were approved Tuesday night by the ASB Senate.

In their first meeting of the spring semester, the Senate also passed a bill requiring "bi-semesterly" fire drills in all dormitories and campus apartments.

THE RESOLUTION protesting termination of guards and the early-morning closing of women's dorms was introduced by Sen. Ski Hufford.

"This bill is good because the guards were put back on in the dorms after being taken off, but this is only a temporary measure," Hufford said.

Hufford suggested that money from the university's Work-Study Program be used to fund guards for the doors or that students already on work-study (continued on page 2)

House votes for referendum

By DAVID MERRITT
Staff Writer

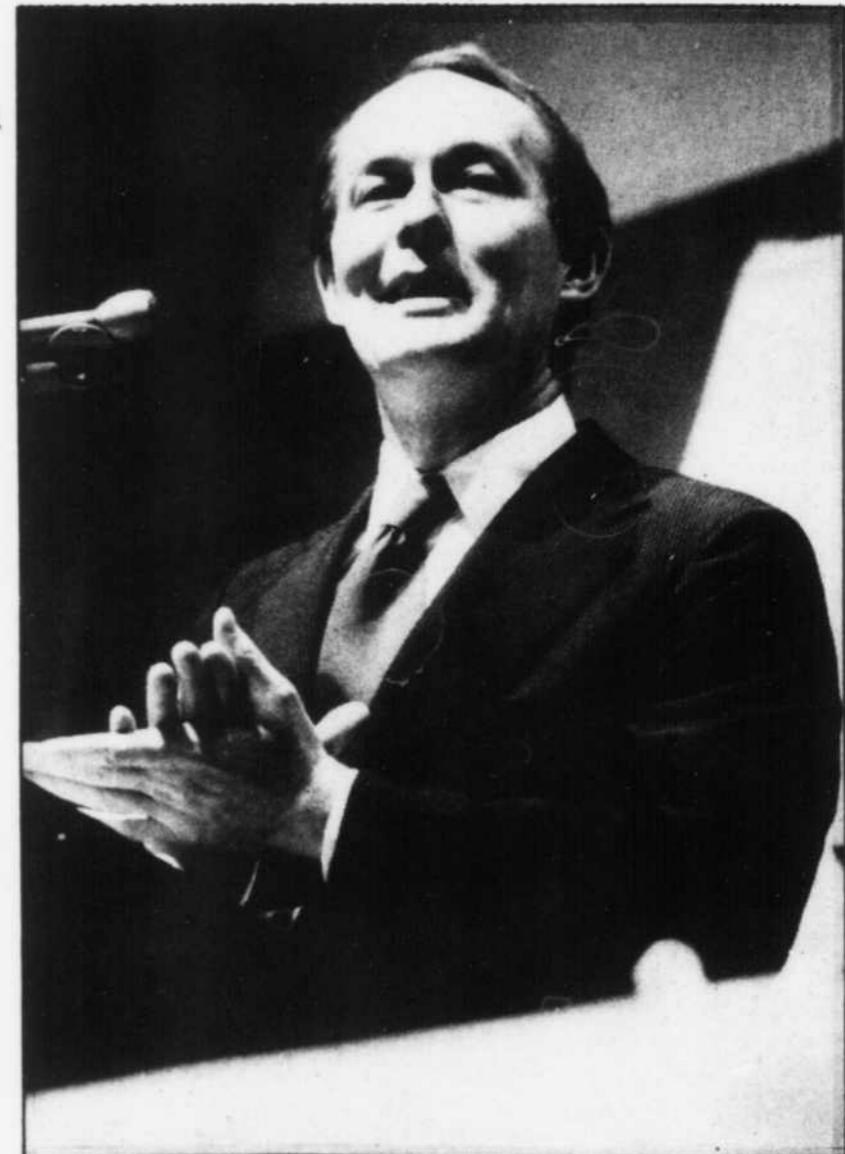
A bill requesting administrative approval of a student referendum on the \$1 ASB activity fee was passed by the ASB House yesterday.

The bill also includes a provision calling for more student representation on the committee that allocates activity fee funds to various organizations on campus—providing for nine students, three administrators, and one ex-officio member who would act as chairman on the committee.

Three students each will be appointed by the ASB president, the speaker of the Senate, and the speaker of the House, according to the resolution. The three staff members would be chosen by the vice-president for Student Affairs and the committee would be chaired by the dean of students.

A second provision of the resolution states that only students with six hours or more will have to pay the activity fee. The resolution now reads that everyone who registers for a class must pay the \$1 fee.

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Gov. Lamar Alexander spoke last night to the Murfreesboro-Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building, recounting his visit to Japan to observe the Nissan automobile production plant. photo by Mark Holland

Panty raiders denied brief glory by MTSU police

By DAVID MERRITT
Staff Writer

An abortive panty raid Monday night secured few Skivvies for some two dozen Simms Hall marauders, who were sniffed out by university police as they attempted to pinch the panties from the reticent residents of Cummings Hall.

As this reporter arrived on the scene, the profligate participants fled. Warming to my role as intrepid reporter, I quickly grasped that the retreat was provoked by the appearance of Police Officer Kevin Arnold at almost precisely the same instant.

"All I want is for those boys to

go on home—I don't want to chase them all over Timbuktu tonight," Arnold growled.

THE OTHER campus constables concurred.

Unbeknownst to me, however, *Sidelines* apparently had already assigned another reporter to cover this outrage—his arrival coincided with mine.

At first he claimed to be researching a feature story on the MTSU police department, but, after leaving the scene of the attempted villainy, the "reporter" sheepishly admitted that his cover story was just a ruse.

"I'm with the panty raid," he confided, asking to be referred to hereafter as "Scanner Man," as he was monitoring the police calls on behalf of members of the raiding party.

SCANNER MAN and I promptly proceeded across the softball fields in quest of other raiders to interview. From

nowhere, a police car materialized in the moonlight and made an instantaneous U-turn before us.

Police Officer Larry Dauberman warily inched from his vehicle and inquired who we were. When informed we were both MTSU students, Dauberman expressed skepticism and asked whether we had IDs to prove it. We answered in the affirmative, then casually mentioned our affiliation with the Fourth Estate.

At this point Dauberman began to have reservations about continuing the interrogation. My companion, however, savoring victory, began to chant, "Harassment! Harassment!"

Dauberman's response was swift.

"DUE TO OUR efficient police protection, the panty raid did not materialize," he pontificated. "We saw them before they even got there, and we knew what was going to happen."

But Dauberman's declaration was premature—the raiders were ready to try again.

Sighting a new wave of shock troops, I ambled in their general direction, accompanied by Scanner Man. The notorious panty purloiners, alerted to the presence of the Press, now

identified themselves: Jeff Cordell, "Hoss" Cross, Jeff Stone, Tim Linville, and two characters identified only as Roberto and Bob.

THE OFFICERS of the law, however, were somewhat more reluctant. (Only my bold threats to take down their badge numbers triggered their eventual compliance.) What ever happened to the right of the press, I asked myself, to print public information?

As police officers and members of the panty-raiding platoon began to mingle, a few exchanged pleasantries.

"What are you going to do, line us up in front of a firing squad?" asked Linville.

Officer Mark Webb demurred.

"We haven't yet called out S.W.A.T.," he chuckled.

WITH THAT, the gendarmes ducked out, leaving the underwear outlaws to amuse themselves once again.

Let's go on a panty raid now," Cross, the reputed ringleader, trumpeted. Which is precisely what the remaining scalawags proceeded to do.

This time, I am privileged to report, they awoke a handful of dormant dorm residents and succeeded in achieving their

odious goal. At the same time, however, they succeeded in announcing their pernicious presence to the provincial posse.

"Hey, y'all, here they come!" shouted a lusty lady from her wide-open window.

"We can outrun them," scoffed an unidentified bushwhacker of biddys' briefs.

IT PROVED not to be.

Swiftly the constabularies reconvened and corralled the collegiate cads who comprised the raiding party. The police warned them one last time: Go home. (I was excluded from this, since I was a hotshot reporter from *Sidelines*.) As the raiders doggedly departed, the lasses still lollygagging from their windows above began to direct indiscreet remarks at the police.

"You don't let them in the dorm anyway, so what are you worried about?" hollered one of the ladies.

This reporter would have transcribed more such pithy comments, but it was at about this time that one of the vulgar Valkyries threw an object (it sounded like a water balloon) at the backs of the detreating police.

Senate

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be assigned to allow dorm residents in after 11 p.m.

A third option, according to Hufford, calls for the issuing of keys to residents who know they will be out after 3 a.m., when the doors are locked.

SEN. RALEIGH Green, who served as secondary sponsor of the advertisement bill in the absence of the resolution's initial sponsor, said students should be wary of such flyers.

"This is the first time that I have looked at this bill, but I think it's a good one because we do need to get this material out

of the reach of students," Green said.

"It's to the students' advantage to get this kind of material off campus," Sen. Randall Shuptrine commented.

THE THIRD BILL, concerning regularly scheduled campus-wide fire drills, was also sponsored by Hufford.

"People can never remember where to go when there is a fire drill," Hufford said. "There should be a practice drill where everyone is walked through and told where to go."

According to the bill, the first fire drill will be on a "walk-

through" basis and will occur shortly after fall registration for the benefit of incoming freshmen. The second drill will be unannounced.

"Persons not responding to the second, surprise drill would receive a reprimand and possibly eight hours' university work," Hufford said.

AN ASB committee and dorm directors would be responsible for making sure all students participate in the fire drills. The ASB committee would report back to the Congress about the success of the drills.

All three bills were passed by acclamation.

House

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"I would like to ask your support on both of the bills before you today," ASB President Randy James said, adding that he felt that putting more students on the Activity Fee Committee would benefit the students.

"We have to take this to the students anyway—so this does not mean that we are either for or against the bill," Rep. Kelly Derryberry, sponsor of the bill, said.

Derryberry added that putting more students on the committee would work to the benefit of all students—since the money is theirs and is given to student organizations.

Speaker of the House Byron West said prior the meeting that most of the negative student reaction to the activity fee could

be traced to their not knowing how the money was used.

James stated, however, that he could not understand this reaction because the information was available upon request in Dean of Students Paul Cantrell's office.

Also passed by the House yesterday was a resolution to allocate existing funds for a

scholarship in the name of Mike Standefer. Standefer is a recently deceased MTSU student.

Both of these bills were passed unanimously.

On Cantrell's request, West called for an "informal reaction" by House members to the ASB participation in the publication of *Freshman Faces*, a handout

given to freshmen during fall orientation. West stated that there was some dissatisfaction with the publication.

"I feel that it is a rip-off," Elayne Tipton, student representative for Rutledge Hall, said.

"By the time I got my copy, I had already made friends and when I did get it, many of the names were in the wrong place," Tipton added.



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Three Senate seats vacant

Applications to fill the freshman, senior and graduate seats on the ASB Senate, which have been vacant since the end of fall semester, are available in the ASB office, Room 304 of the University Center.

Final appointments will be made by Martha Hammond, speaker of the Senate.

Activity fee deadline Feb. 15

The deadline for organizations to apply for activity fee funds is Feb. 15, according to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

Forms for requests are available in Room 304 of the University Center.

Debate team successful

The MTSU varsity debate team of Lee Gregory and Annette Cantrell won first place at the Auburn University Invitational Debate Tournament last weekend.

On their way to a 5-3 record in the regular rounds, they defeated national powers Wake Forest University and West Georgia College—both of which advanced to the National Debate Tournament last year. The MTSU team advanced to the finals of the tournament against Mercer University—whom they defeated to win the tournament.

In addition to that team's success, the junior varsity team of Greg Simerly and Tim Shipman advanced to semifinals in their division. Based on the total points gained throughout the tournament, Simerly received an award as best speaker for his division.

"Our young squad is quickly becoming very competitive," coach Jim Brooks of the MTSU speech department said.

The team is comprised of mainly freshmen and sophomores, yet, despite their youth and a severe cut in their budget for the year, they have met with remarkable success.

Over the Christmas break, they traveled to Florida for tournaments at Orlando and Florida State, where the varsity team of Gregory and Cindy Porter finished with an even record at one tournament, while advancing to the octo-final round of the other.

Given the team's recent success in defeating national powers at major tournaments, assistant coach David Steinberg says he has "strong hopes" of doing well at the regional qualifier for the National Debate Tournament.

Skating, pep rally slated

Tuesday night's skating party at Hot Wheels Arena was so successful, the folks at Residence Hall Programming are planning another for Feb. 17.

"The skating parties are one of the first off-campus activities that really got a lot of people out," residence hall programmer, Eddie McGee, said.

Programming activities have been "going real well" so far this semester and McGee and Vicky White, who organizes most of the dorm residents' get-togethers, are planning plenty more.

ACCORDING TO White, the annual RHP-sponsored Quiz Bowl will be held sometime in late February but, instead of including all students as was done previously, Bowl participants will be limited to residence-hall students.

"If we have the time, we'd like to hold a second, campus-wide Quiz Bowl," McGee said.

A pep rally, cosponsored by the Blue Raider cheerleaders and the Associated Student Body, is scheduled for Feb. 18.

"The team is having a 12 and 2 season, and we think it's time we got out and tried to support them," McGee said Wednesday.

THE PEP RALLY will be held in Murphy Center prior to the Western Kentucky game and, according to White, Coach Stanley Simpson has promised to "try and have the team there" for the occasion.

Theme parties (including a casino party), a late-spring talent show and a "best snow creation in front of a dorm" contest are in the planning stages at RHP.

Possible resurrection for 'Doonesbury's' Duke

By WILLIE WARD
Feature Editor

So all the American hostages are home safe, freed from an uncertain fate at the hands of their Iranian captors, right? Wrong.

There's still no word from Uncle Duke, last seen some 16 months ago offering a quarter-of-a-million-dollar bribe to his very own Iranian firing squad in a "Doonesbury" comic strip.

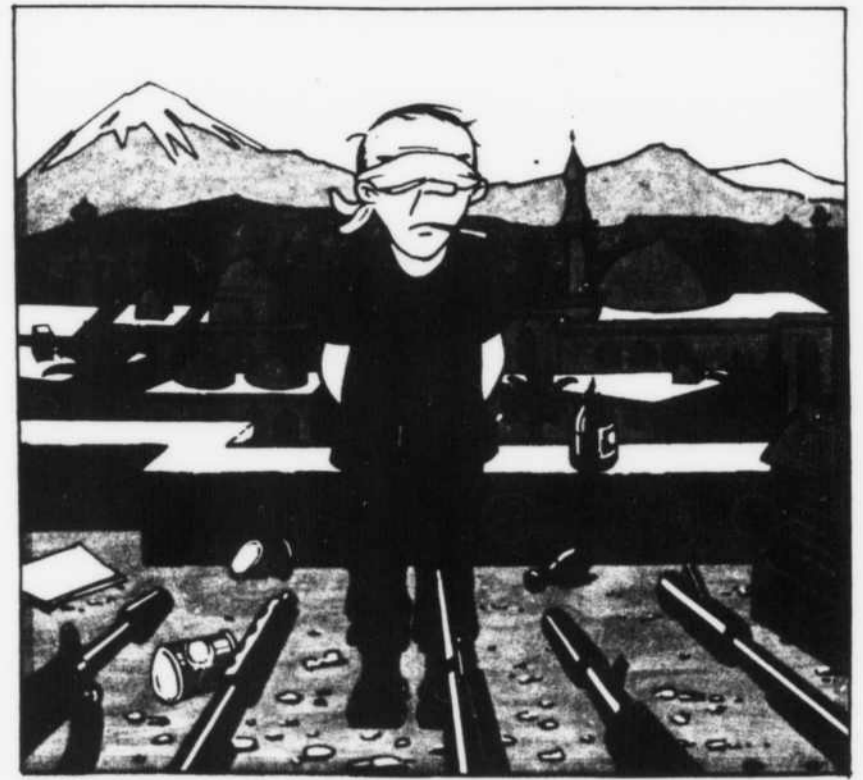
Duke, a character based on gonzo journalist/crazed dope fiend/connoisseur of fear, loathing, decadence and depravity Hunter S. Thompson, had been captured by Iranian militants after parachuting into the country to deliver a bribe to an oil-field accountant from a huge conglomerate.

SINCE THEN, Duke has been declared legally dead (although his estate was placed

in escrow by nephew Zonker Harris), and his Colorado cabin was burned down by his caretaker, Brenner.

Sidelines has learned from not yet impeccable sources that Duke will reappear in the Garry Trudeau strip within the next few weeks. Sidelines speculates that Duke's "season premiere" will have one of the following story lines:

- Duke will be delivered in an oil barrel to arch-enemy Yawn Wenner's desk at *Rolling Stone*;
- his fiancée, Ching "Honey" Huan, who's in Peking for the Gang of Four trials, will smuggle her lover through China;
- he will show up at a Reagan soiree for the hostages, consuming all manner of intoxicants; or



Duke stands ready for the kill as the Iranian firing squad takes aim. Rumor has it that he shall soon return to Trudeau's strip, alive again.

• crack ABC reporter Roland Hedley, working underground with Afghan rebels, will discover Duke in his own Nirvana: a huge poppy field near the Iran-Afghanistan border.

Regardless, Duke is sure to appear soon, even though (or perhaps because) the real-life Duke has threatened to "rip Trudeau's lungs out if he uses that character again."

Hostages to be welcomed with riches

(AP) — The showcase of gifts awaiting the 52 former hostages when they get home would rival that of the richest television giveaway show.

Already, live lobsters from Maine and pizzas from London have been sent to the hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany where the hostages are staying. And they are being offered a further bonanza ranging from free vacations to free psychiatric counseling.

The list of gift offers also includes tickets to the Super Bowl, lifetime passes to major league baseball games, free airline travel, \$1,000 Persian or oriental rugs and souvenir tray tables designed for President Reagan's inaugural balls.

They can take advantage of expense-paid stays at resorts in Florida, California, Tahiti or Hawaii.

Several airlines have offered to fly the families of the hostages to meet them when they arrive in this country and then provide free trips elsewhere for up to a month.

In addition, the Hostage Relief Act approved by Congress last fall exempts the hostages from paying income taxes on earnings in their period of captivity and provides free hospitalization.

Boston television station WNAC-TV shipped the lobsters

to Wiesbaden on a commercial jet Wednesday night.

"They're on a special diet right now," said station spokeswoman Robin Reibel, "but they'll be told there are 52 live and kicking Maine lobsters waiting for them."

Norman Mark, a radio personality for Chicago station WIND, telephoned Bob Payton,

a Chicagoan who operates the Chicago Pizza Factory (or Chicago, Pizza and Factory) of pizzas and a case of champagne plane to Wiesbaden by private plane for a party on Wednesday.

In New York, the baseball commissioner's office said it will give lifetime passes for all regular-season games starting with the 1981 season.

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On this day in 1889, the Philippines declared themselves a Republic, although Filipinos had to wait until 1946 for their independence. The U.S. defeated the Spanish there in 1898 and during peace talks, President McKinley claimed "divine inspiration" told him to keep the island.

Protestant clergymen and businessmen from the U.S. traveled to the Philippines for missionary work and profit. Imperialism reigned supreme as American forces resisted attempts at independence by using concentration camps, spending \$170 million and losing 4,300 lives.

Evidence suggests James should resign from office

"Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the forms of kings to govern him? Let history answer this question." —Thomas Jefferson

Evidence suggesting that possible constitutional violations by ASB President Randy James continued undetected for nearly a year casts serious doubts on the ability of the student government to provide necessary checks and balances on executive and legislative misconduct.

While the ASB Constitution clearly states that anyone holding the office of president must maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average, *Sidelines* has learned it is likely that James' overall GPA did not exceed 1.98 when he began fall semester this year.

When members of the *Sidelines* staff pointed out the possibility of improprieties to ASB officials and to ASB adviser Paul Cantrell, it became apparent that the academic standing of the student body president had not once been seriously questioned.

In fact, following discussions with the ASB attorney general, the speaker of the Senate, and Dean Cantrell, it was obvious that the student government had absolutely no watchdog provisions for making sure James was fulfilling his academic obligations as president.

The 2.0 GPA requirement for ASB presidential candidates and officeholders is written into the constitution to insure that the president be a serious and capable student. Classroom performance, while it should never be the sole qualification for office, is a proven indicator of academic dedication and ability.

When James decided to run for president, he should have become thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of that office. If he wanted to retain his post, he should have striven to live up to those standards set out for him in the constitution he swore to uphold by the oath he took last April which states: "I do solemnly swear that I will defend and support the constitution of the Associated Student Body and that I will faithfully discharge my duties of the office to the best of my ability."

If, despite James' best efforts in the classroom, his GPA did somehow slip below 2.0, and if he was indeed sincere when he took the oath of office, the only honorable recourse left to him would have been a voluntary resignation for failure to live up to the terms by which he was elected.

As it is imperative that separate branches of government serve to maintain high standards of credibility by enforcing the laws of the constitution, it is equally important for those who elected the candidates to defend their vested interests through their own set of checks and balances. These are the student rights and responsibilities that *Sidelines* strives to represent.

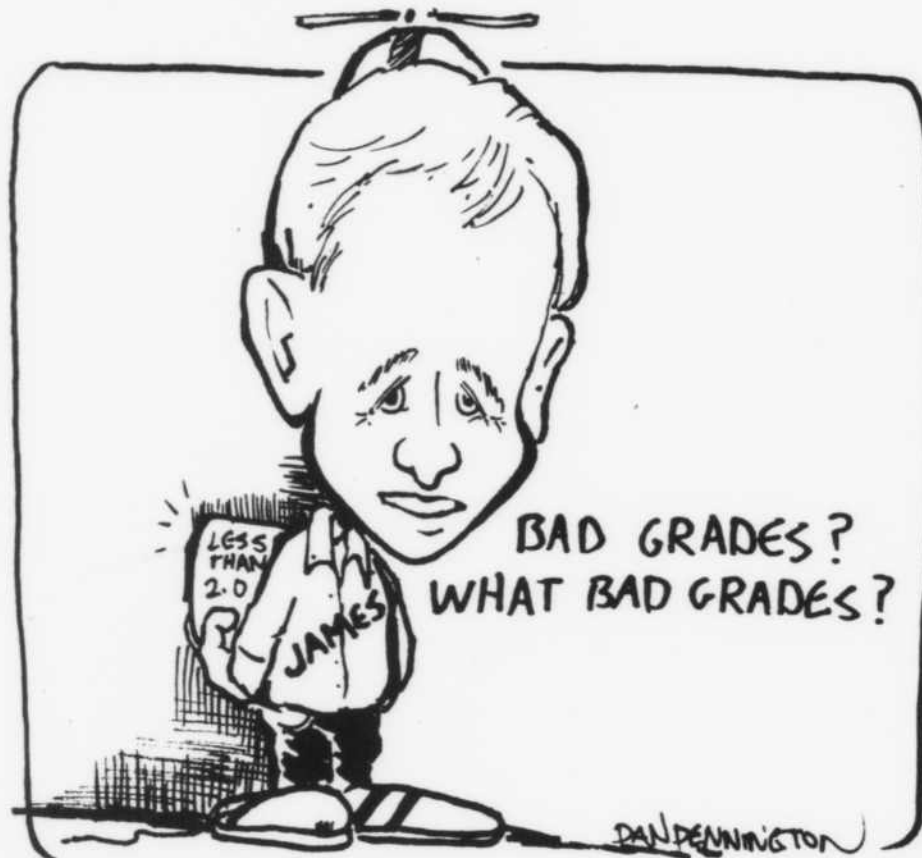
With the student interest in mind, if the allegations against James are true, justice can only be served by his immediate resignation and a close examination of the ASB's internal operating structure by the students of this university.

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Viewpoints



The dark underside of American nationalism

by Dennis Myers

There is a terrifyingly odious mood assimilating the rage of otherwise inviolable citizens of the United States.

Outcries of disbelief aimed at Mexicans, Orientals and Asians and the familiar ring of bigotry toward American blacks are coming from such disparate milieu as college campuses and corner taverns.

A DEMURE professor in a bow tie condemned the principles of free speech this week, saying, in essence, that it had been carried too far by "knee-jerk liberals." Another professor sat puffing on his cigarette, all the while explaining that the country must reassert its strength by teaching some country—any country—a lesson.

At a tavern I overheard one patron (who had obviously had a few more than he could handle) exclaiming that Iran would learn a valuable lesson if we "naked 'em till they glowed." At the same table sat a rather passive-looking young man who

said that the "real" problem confronting America was not Iran but the Mexicans. Yes, according to this gentleman, the "damn wetbacks" were taking all of the "good" jobs.

What is sad is that millions of Americans, harried over high unemployment and inflation like these men, forget that their own forbears came to this country as peasants trying to escape persecution in their homelands.

INSTEAD, they scurry to close the borders, restrict immigration, and shout cries of latent nationalism. Overnight, anger has seized rational minds and converted dialectic reasoning to convoluted logic.

Xenophobia pervades the nation.

Not long ago, the Ugly American would have scoffed at the idea of a "backward" nation taking hostages and holding them for months. But not now—now the American knows all too well how a tiny, insignificant little country can render his

homeland totally incapable of dealing with a crisis.

Perhaps it is this fear, this loss of face, that has brought us back to the "me-first" mentality of protectionist politics. It is difficult, however, to separate fear and loathing; perhaps it is both which have kindled the rebirth of the respected bigot.

In the early Sixties, it was easy to spot a bigot: he came from Alabama or Georgia, talked rough, smoked a cigar and said "nigger" out loud so everyone could hear.

But suddenly a new bigot arrived on the scene and the color of one's skin no longer relegated him to the back seat—only the color of his pocketbook.

Ronald Reagan's ascent to the presidency marks a new era—an era of elitism which has rendered the blatant bigot as out of style as the Edsel. The "new elite" promises not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed or color. To the new aristocrats, the effete style of the

blatant bigot is as disgusting as not having enough money to attend a \$10,000 gala for the president.

REGARDLESS of the reasons, however, we find ourselves no longer tolerant of the very principles which formed the basis for the foundation of this country.

One would think that the finality of our existence should preempt our idolatry of bigotry, but history has shown that our quixotic fascination with violence commands our malevolent behavior.

We have bastardized the "American Dream"; our sense of fair play and equality for all has been replaced with self-indulgence and protective reactionism.

No longer interested in such mundane topics as human rights and the betterment of mankind, we seek to extend our power, enhance our image and line our pocketbooks.

Parking facilities ignore students' needs

by Gene Brahan

NO SYSTEM is perfect, but it's my opinion that there are minor changes that could be made in the allocation of campus parking spaces. After looking at a handout provided by the campus police, I came to the realization that there are an excessive amount of parking spaces reserved for the MTSU staff and faculty, especially near the dorms.

Now for those of you who don't own cars and are not acquainted with the designated parking areas, they are color coded for your convenience (or inconvenience, whichever you prefer). The pamphlet defines the parking areas as follows:

- White A-F (administration and faculty) may park in any area except yellow curbs, reserved and handicapped spaces.
- Black staff decals may park in any color space except white and yellow curbs.
- Special "H" decals may park in designated "H" spaces and the faculty reserved lot at Jones Field.
- Green dorm decals may park in green areas only.
- Blue commuter decals may park in blue areas only.
- The color code shall be in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday; however, yellow curbs, no parking zones and reserved parking spaces are in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Color codes are subject to change without notice.

I'M SURE that those who drive have found that white and black areas are not only the most frequent but are also those

situated in convenient places near the dorms.

A closer look should be taken at the distribution of parking spaces to see if they could be arranged with the student's needs in mind, rather than others who don't face the particular problems that a campus student does. I am referring to finding a place to park late at night and the accompanying worry of possible trouble on the long, dark walk home.

There are two particular trouble spots that come to mind. One is on the south side of Schardt Hall, while the other resides within the lot between Beasley Hall and the Davis Science Building.

The Schardt lot is reserved for the secretaries and other employees who work in the Cope Administration Building. Why?

WHAT ABOUT the women who live in Schardt, Reynolds, Monohan and the rest of that side of campus? It's a long dark walk to those dorms from the Bell Street parking lot, which is the only feasible alternative if residents can't park among the limited spaces behind their dorm.

Some of the women who live in these dorms work at night and must walk alone from the parking lot to the dorm. Others should have the freedom to come and go as they please without having to walk half a mile to and from their car. Of course escorts could be provided, but finding employees for this job would be just as hard as finding the money to pay them.

The distribution of funds on this campus also seems

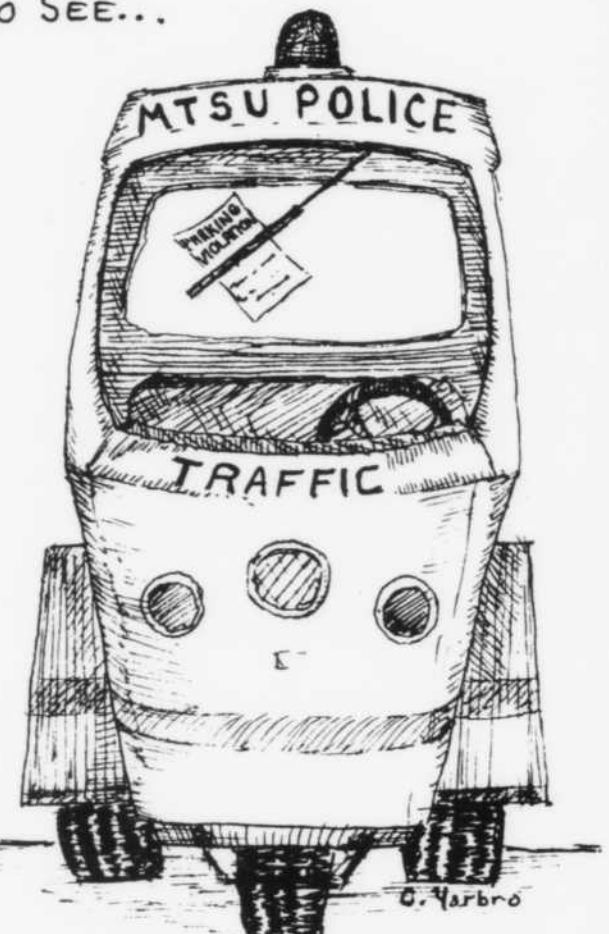
somewhat misguided. I was shocked to find out that the revenue from parking tickets goes to a general fund, which is used to finance other university activities. It would seem more logical if the fees collected from parking tickets were kept within the police department and were put to use in an effort to solve some of the student's parking problems.

One possible solution would be to establish a parking fee fund that would take the money from

tickets and use it to construct more spaces and repair campus roads when needed.

IT SEEMS to me that common sense would solve many of the parking problems. If the students would park in their assigned areas, this would alleviate some of the problem. I realize this is more their problem than their fault, but if students take the first step, then *maybe* the right ears will hear the cries of concern from the ASB, the traffic court and the student body.

A SCENE WE
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entertainment

Music students, professors to debut band at Main Street

By RENEE VAUGHN
Editor in Chief

Although they call themselves Ice Blue, their sound is far from cold.

"Mellow—with lots of drive," is how percussionist J.R. Smith describes the music of Ice Blue, a contemporary jazz quartet formed by students and instructors who came together at the MTSU music department.

Bassist Scott Lane, senior music major and member of the University Community Orchestra, explained that the group formed in early November because of "similar musical tastes."

"WE FOUND that we could play well together and get along well together," Lane explained. "We are very well matched as a group."

Bill Mosely, who plays flute and sax for Ice Blue, taught in the University of Maine's jazz and rock program for eight years before obtaining a sabbatical leave last fall to study Recording Industry Management at MTSU.

"We'd like to see more clubs open up to this kind of music," Mosely said, explaining that Ice Blue's repertoire included original compositions, as well as "hits and standards from the '50s on up."

"But we place a heavy em-



Drawing by Nancy Carow

Ice Blue (Scott Lane, bass; Steve Brewster, drums; J.R. Smith, vibes; and Bill Mosely, flute and saxophone) will bring their jazz-tinged music to the Main Street Music Emporium Monday night at 9 p.m.

phasis on latter-day artists such as Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock," Mosely added.

ACCORDING TO Mosely, the combination of Smith's vibes and his own flute playing makes for an unusual sound.

"The type of music we play may not be the most popular kind of music but we think there

are a lot of people at MTSU who would like it a lot," Mosely said. "And, since there may be some people who have never really encountered jazz, we would like to give them a chance to do just that."

(Ice Blue will perform at Main Street Music Emporium Monday night at 9 p.m.)



Southern-rock stalwarts Grind Switch headwinds tonight's show at Main Street Music Emporium. This Macon-based band has cut four albums and recently played at Charlie Daniels' Volunteer Jam VII.

Ex-Dirt Band member slates Vandy concert

Vanderbilt's Sarratt Cinema will be the centerpiece of attention on Thursday, Feb. 5, when Dirt Band (formerly Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) member John McEuen comes to town for a solo performance.

Not wanting to be tied down to any one style of music, McEuen plays baroque, classical, pop, traditional and bluegrass and possesses a "wild" sense of humor. It has been noted that McEuen derives his funny bone from that of his friend Steve Martin, for whom he has composed the music on several television specials.

McEuen not only plays with the Dirt Band, but in the past he has recorded albums with the Marshall Tucker Band, Michael Murphy, Vassar Clements, Bill Wyman and Earl Scruggs. He recently performed at Charlie Daniels' Volunteer Jam VII.

IT HAS NOT yet been announced who will be performing with McEuen, but with a host of local musical standouts among his close friends, some special surprise guests are expected.

Show times are at 8 and 10 p.m., and tickets are now on sale at the Sarratt front desk and will be available at the door.

Honors Program Lecture Schedule

- Jan. 28--'Contemporary East German Graphic Art,' Ingrid Fenz, student, University of Michigan
- Feb. 4--'American Heroes and American Culture,' Dr. Michael Dunne, associate professor of English, MTSU
- Feb. 11--'King Arthur, the Making of a Myth,' Dr. William Connelly, associate professor of English, MTSU
- Feb. 18--'The Sculpture and Stained Glass of Chartres Cathedral,' Malcolm Miller, slide lecturer at Chartres Cathedral
- Feb. 25--'Violence In Sports,' Dr. Harold D. Whiteside, associate professor of Psychology, MTSU
- March 4--'The Rush-Around American Culture,' Robert Rucker, assistant professor of Social Work, MTSU
- March 11--'Following the Yellow Brick Road,' Dennis Frobish, instructor of History, MTSU
- March 18--'Historic Preservation Today,' Dr. James K. Huhta, professor of History and Director of Historic Preservation, MTSU
- April 1--'Contemporary American Film,' Dr. Anne Ponder, professor of English and Director of the Honors Program, Elon College, North Carolina
- April 8--'Orientalism,' Dr. Ronald A. Messier, associate professor of History and Director of the Honors Program, MTSU
- April 15--'How to Listen to Opera,' Randie Blooding, assistant professor of Music, MTSU
- April 22--'Orthodoxy in America,' Rev. Father Gregory, priest of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia
- April 29--Open Discussion of the Theme of the Series

All lectures are set for 3 p.m. in Television Studio A in the Learning Resources Center. Theme for this semester is 'Art, Culture and Leisure' and all sessions are open to the public.

'Oil-drum' band coming

By LIZ THOMPSON
Copy Editor

Bach played on an old oil drum? Impossible, you say?

Well, there's a band from Trinidad that utilizes this unique brand of instrumentation and who will be performing in the University Center grill at noon Monday.

Performing everything from classical to calypso and from rock 'n' roll to reggae, the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will try to send MTSU students toe-tapping and hand-clapping to their afternoon classes.

This 10-member group performs these feats of musical mastery on discarded oil drums "left behind in our country during World War II by you Americans," according to Hugh Borde, leader of the group and father of five of its members.

The 23 drums used by the band were made by Borde himself, precisely cut at different levels to create different tones, and they simulate the musical orchestration of a bass, harp, viola, bells, cello and violins. Top this array off with



The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band whose 10 members play a wide variety of music on old discarded oil drums will be performing at the grill in the University Center at noon Monday.

the beat of the timbal and the dancing rhythm of the conga, and the result is a form of merriment that has been enjoyed by the Queen of England and three U.S. presidents.

The band was started by Borde in 1950 and has recorded 11 albums. In their first North American appearance, they were discovered by Liberace at the World's Fair in Montreal and spent the next two years

touring with the famous pianist.

Since then, they have won a Grammy, played clubs in Las Vegas and performed on the "Tonight Show"—not to mention performing at world and state fairs and on college campuses across the country.

One thing is for certain—the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band has made empty oil drums something to dance to and be happy about, which is more than OPEC can say.

Simon's latest film far from best

By JANENE GUPTON
Staff Writer

Neil Simon's latest effort, "Seems Like Old Times," is reminiscent of old reruns of television's early sitcoms, especially in terms of slapstick and predictability. Unlike a sitcom, however, the plot of "Seems Like Old Times" is rather intricate.

Chevy Chase portrays a writer (although he is seldom seen writing) who is compelled to rob a bank in Carmel, Cal., and left for dead. Knowing that the bank camera captured a clear shot of him leaving the bank, Chase decides to seek the aid of the one lawyer who can help him—his ex-wife (Goldie Hawn).

A simple enough plan, but there is one obstacle: Hawn's present husband (Charles Grodin), is determined that she will not help because Grodin himself plans to apprehend Chase and thus secure an appointment as attorney general.

The plot is further complicated by a pack of six dogs who belong to Hawn, her "staff" of delinquents on probation, a visit from the governor, and Chase's attempt to win back Hawn.

Aside from the complexities of the storyline, the film is rather simple. In some scenes it is even possible to guess what will happen before it actually does.

The parts are well played, but they should be since the players are cast in all too familiar roles. Hawn once again plays a "dumb blonde" (although "naive" may better describe her character). Chase is well-equipped with one-liners and obstacles over which to fall, while Grodin is, again, the insensitive, boring husband we all remember from "Thieves" and "It's My Turn."

Although the cinematography and the locations are similar, if not identical, to those of Hawn and Chase's first film, "Fowl Play," the parallels don't continue. The pace of "Seems Like Old Times" has been slowed considerably, draining it of some of the excitement found in "Fowl Play." Also missing are the suspense and originality.

Keep your expectations of Neil Simon low, and the movie won't disappoint you. If you find that hard to do, save your money for something else.

("Seems Like Old Times" is currently playing in Nashville at the Hickory Hollow-Bell Road and Rivergate cinemas.)



Actress Goldie Hawn is one of the few bright spots in Neil Simon's latest film "Seems Like Old Times."

Another sitcom stumper

By CHUCK KELLER
Staff Writer

Hi, crime stoppers! It's time to turn off whatever you're watching and, once again, test your knowledge of television.

The last quiz covered general information, and a couple of questions were rather hard. But, before you take the next test, here are the answers to Tuesday's quiz.

Lucille Ball was television's first pregnant woman in the series "I Love Lucy." The Goldbergs were the first Jewish family on the tube way back in 1949 and, James Thurber was the author whose life was portrayed on "My World and Welcome To It." Mary Tyler Moore was Sam, the switchboard girl, and only her legs were shown.

Dash Riprock's "real" name was Homer Noodleman, CBS made the first commercial color telecast, and Bob Denver played Maynard G. Krebs. "Gidget" means part girl and part midget, while Jack Paar walked out because of disputes regarding policies of censorship concerning his show. And, yes, Chuck is Richie's older brother.

Now on with the show—so put on your thinking caps, and get ready for today's quiz on the hit series, "M*A*S*H."

1) The madcapped adventures of the 4077th began with the book "M*A*S*H," written by Richard Hooker. For two points, give his real name and profession.

2) In the movie, who played the parts of Hawkeye and Trapper John (each answer worth one point)?

3) On what date did "M*A*S*H" make its debut as a weekly series?

4) The same theme song was used for both the movie and the show; what is the title of it?

5) Name the "master of disguise" CIA agent whose antics plague the members of the 4077th?

6) From whom did Klinger get the idea of dressing in women's clothing?

7) After losing her lust for Maj. Frank Burns, "Hotlips" found wedded bliss (for awhile) with whom?

8) Whatever became of Lt. Colonel Henry Blake?

9) What was Radar's uncle's name?

10) What is Hawkeye's hometown?

There you have it. Another episode (and the answers to this one) will be found only in the next exciting issue of Sidelines.

Photographic works of students to be exhibited

By BILL COOK
Staff Writer

The best work of 34 student photographers at MTSU from 1968 to 1978 will be shown in a student retrospective at the Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center from this Sunday through Feb. 12.

Curator and photography professor Harold Baldwin and student Pat Govan have chosen 36 photographs for the exhibition, which covers the first 11 years after the inception of photography courses at the university in 1968. Photographs taken during the last two years have been omitted because they have received considerable publicity through class exhibits and school publications.

Many changes have occurred in the 13 years since Baldwin, then an assistant professor of industrial arts, offered the first photography course here.

"I WAS basically fascinated by hardware," Baldwin said of his earlier interests. He had, however, studied art in a graduate program and soon

Tuesday talk show features local ISA rep

Ole Larson, founder of the Institute for Self-Actualization (ISA), will be the guest on Ron Scott's radio program at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

The Institute for Self-Actualization has chapters in Chicago, Nashville, Tampa and New Orleans. The purpose of ISA is to assist people in getting in touch with themselves and improving the quality of their lives.

Larson, a native of Sweden, resides on a farm between here and Nashville. He gave up a very successful business career to join ISA.

The one-hour Ron Scott talk show, entitled "Odom's Country Breakfast," is broadcast live from Odom's Country Junction in the Jackson Heights Plaza over WMTS (810 on the AM dial).

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found himself applying these principles to his photography.

Almost at once, at the suggestion of MTSU art professor David LeDoux, Baldwin began building a collection of student photography by keeping the best work from each class.

During the first few years, only one course was offered—basic black and white. Seven students enrolled during that first semester.

Today there are 15 courses available, and some 230 students crowd into classes each semester and overrun laboratory facilities. More than 100 mass communications and art majors have declared an emphasis in photography. Students can choose a Bachelor of Fine Arts program in the art department or an emphasis in photography with the mass communications department.

BALDWIN SEES changes in the students who are enrolling in basic photography.

"Students today are more expressive," he said. This tendency has been encouraged by both Baldwin and Jim Norton, the latter becoming MTSU's second full-time photography instructor in 1974.

"We've gotten away from photography without a point of

view and from safe, standard types of pictures," Norton noted.

Baldwin added that additional courses have increased the technical skills of his student photographers and that many of these changes are reflected in the retrospective.

"THE PHOTOGRAPHS have gotten smaller," the curator said. "This is due to the increase in the cost of photographic paper.

"At one time I required final prints to be 11-by-14."

Now he lets students print to any size they think is appropriate for the compositional content.

From the beginning Baldwin found an avid interest among his students—an interest so strong that he helped them form a photography club in which they could continue their art.

Photography was initially offered as an elective taken for fun and avocation; now it can be taken to fulfill academic requirements. Baldwin sees a mixed blessing in that change.

"AT FIRST every student came because he or she wanted to be there," he said. "Now we get some students who come and don't necessarily want to."

But the increased number of courses have also brought students who look to photography for professional and career opportunities. Few of the earlier students became professional photographers, but there is an increasing desire to make photography a living.

"Photography is a discipline



This photograph by Georgia Dennis is included in the collection of works that will be displayed in the Photo Gallery.

that can be learned but cannot be taught," assistant professor Norton said, adding that he pushes students toward an exterior criterion of excellence and toward their own internal criterion.

"One difficulty is that the criterion often is intuitive and difficult to define," Norton continued.

BALDWIN admitted having trouble selecting photos for the

retrospective from the 500-plus photos in the student collection.

"The last seven were particularly hard to eliminate," he said, because his plan was to select an equal number (three or four) from each year—showing how the photographs had changed over time.

Norton, who holds a Masters of Fine Arts degree in photography from Ohio University, feels that the current program is nearly complete with one major exception—a course on the history of photography. He hopes such a course will be offered next year.

The photographers whose works comprise the retrospective include:

•June Martin McCash, director of MTSU's foreign language department;

•Larry McCormick, a photojournalist residing in Murfreesboro;

•Charlie Steed, who works for a Birmingham newspaper;

•Kathy Waller, who runs a freelance studio in Los Angeles;

•Sally Rhodes, operator of a Tullahoma studio; and

•Tony Sylvestro, a commercial photographer in Nashville;

WALLER took some of the last pictures of photographer Imogene Cunningham before Cunningham's death. Steed and Sylvestro are the only ones honored with two photographs in the exhibit.

(The MTSU Gallery will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, and from 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday.)

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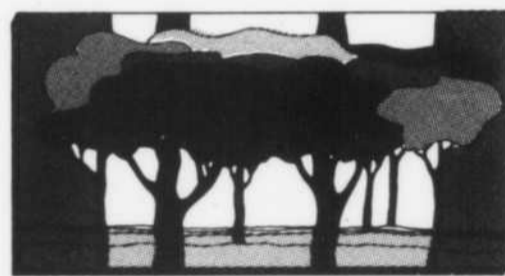
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The original show date was Saturday, January 31. The show has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 1.

Hilltoppers top Blue Raiders, 67-55

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — DANGER: Bad Road Ahead. Proceed With Extreme Caution.
That's what the sign read on a

side street which led to Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Ky., where MTSU lost their second-straight OVC game 67-55 to a fired-up Hilltopper team.

There couldn't have been a

worse omen for Stan Simpson's team than a road warning sign because they've seen their share of road signs lately.

"People get tired of hearing this, but they don't have to go through it like we do," Simpson said. "A lot of road games in a row will wear your kids down."

"It's tough to load up on the bus night after night after night and go into hostile gyms and ask our guys to be ready to play."

To say the least, Middle wasn't ready to play—Western was.

"Western played great tonight," Simpson continued. "Coach [Clem] Haskins really had his team ready to play a very important ballgame, and he deserves a lot of credit."

Both teams came into the game with some mighty hefty defensive statistics, and they showed why early—neither team seemed able to get anything going.

Rick Campbell kept the Raiders in the game early, hitting four long-range jumpers. A Western lead ballooned to six points midway through the first half, but Campbell brought it back to two before picking up his third foul with 5:36 to go in the half.

A Hilltopper seven-point advantage was cut to three—29-26 at the intermission by Jerry Beck, who tossed in two straight 10-footers.

First-year Western head coach Haskins picked up a technical foul with only 16 seconds gone in the second half, allowing MTSU to close the lead

to one point. They took the lead moments later on a Chris Harris basket.

Topper substitute Percy White answered with a 3-point play, and Middle managed only one more lead for the rest of the game.

The key in the game could have been the midway point of the second half. After Willie Johnson, who finished his first game of the year for the Blue Raiders, put in a short jumper with 10:07 to play, Middle went scoreless until Buck Healey drilled a 17-footer at the 6:47 mark.

During that spell, WKU rattled in four buckets, built a 10-point advantage, and froze the rest of the contest away.

Craig McCormick dominated play on the Western end, hitting 10 of 14 shots from the field and two of two from the line for 22 points. He also pulled down seven rebounds.

WKU's White scored 20 points on eight of 11 shooting from the field and was four of four at the charity stripe. Mike Reese was the only other double-figure scorer with 15.

Beck led the Raider scoring attack with 13 points, followed by Campbell with 12, Pancakes Perry with eight and Robby Randolph came off the bench to add six. Campbell had ten of his 12 points at halftime, adding only two free throws in the second stanza due to foul trouble.

Middle was 25 of 55 from the field for 45.5 percent and a horrendous five of 12 from the line for 41.7 percent. Western

was 30 of 56 from the field (53.6 percent) and seven of nine from the line (77.8 percent).

Since opening their conference schedule against Morehead and Eastern in Murphy Center back in early January, MTSU had played five straight OVC road games and has two more to go after Saturday's home encounter with Western Carolina.

"If we get the same kind of effort Saturday night that we

got tonight, we'll be in big trouble," Simpson said. "Losing tonight has put a lot more pressure on us to do well next weekend in Kentucky, but I guess that's what life on the road is all about."

MTSU's loss puts them at 12-3 overall and 5-2 in the OVC. WKU is now 10-5 and 4-1 in the conference. Western Carolina comes into Murphy Center with a 9-4 overall mark. Gametime is set for 7:30 p.m.



photo by Don Harris

Rick Campbell (30) scored the bucket, but picked up his third foul as Percy White draws the charge. Campbell scored only two points in the second half, spending most of the time on the bench.

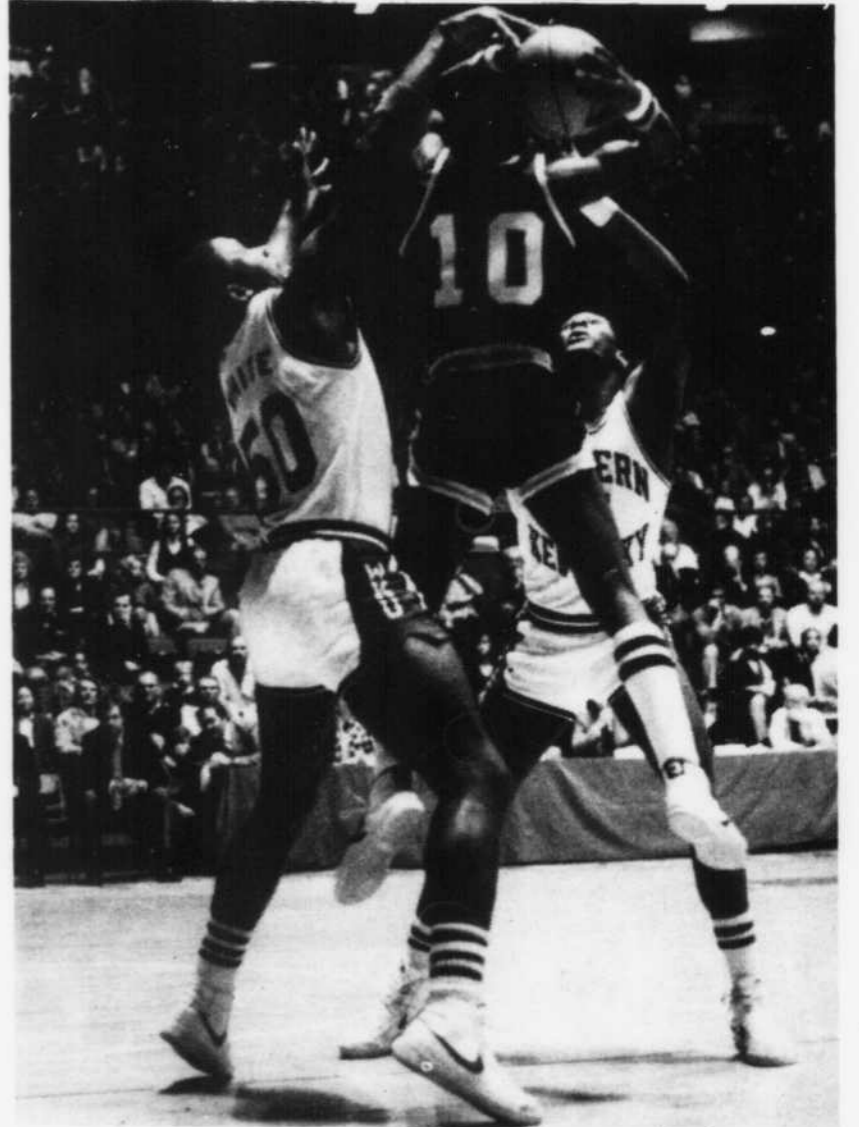


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MTSU's Pancakes Perry (10) is tied up by Western's Percy White (50). The Blue Raiders' 67-55 loss drops them to second place in the OVC.

MTSU Sports

Women lose crucial OVC contest

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN— A severe blow was dealt MTSU's Lady Raiders' chances for defending their OVC championship as Western's Lady Hilltoppers eked out a 77-76 win in overtime here last night.

WKU's Geri Grigsby hit four of her seven points in overtime, with the game winner coming on her 15-footer with five seconds left. Cassandra Howard had a halfcourt shot hit the back of the rim and bound away at the buzzer.

"I thought one of the officials was one of Western's best players tonight," head coach Larry Inman said. "I don't usually gripe to the press about officiating, but if you saw the game tonight, you know what I'm talking about."

THE OFFICIAL drawing Inman's ire was Drew Kirkland, who saddled the Lady Raider head man with two technicals in the first half.

"I never once cursed the man," Inman said. "All I said was that I thought it was sad that our girls had to come all this way and have him try and take the game away from them."

"After he gave me the first one, he asked me if I wanted another one and I told him to go ahead if it would make him happy, and he hit me with another one. I've never seen anything like it."

MIDDLE WENT into the game without the services of one of their best players, Ester Coleman. She's out for an indefinite amount of time with strained ligaments in her knee.

The Lady Raiders trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half as they suffered through one of their coldest shooting halves of the year. WKU led 36-30 at intermission with Middle hitting only nine of 35 from the field for 25.7 percent.

The only thing that saved MTSU in the first half was the free throw line where they were 12 of 14.

Daphne Newsome brought the Lady Raiders even with Western at 39-39 with 16:02 to go on a 10-footer, but they never could get the lead. Over the next 10-minute span, WKU outscored Middle 24-13 and their lead was back to eleven, 63-52.

BUT THE Lady Raiders put together a scoring spurt of their own. Over the next three minutes, MTSU outdid Western 13-4 and their lead to two points, 67-65.

Western had more than their share of chances to win in regulation as they missed four straight one-and-ones from the line in the last 1:15.

After Sherry Ford hit a basket with 1:54 to go to make it 69-65, Robin Hendrix cut the lead back to two on a layup with :29 to go. Ford then missed the front end of a one-and-one but the rebound went off MTSU and out of bounds.

WKU's Sharon Garland missed another one-and-one attempt with :16, which set up the last-second basket for Howard, who put in a 16-footer at the buzzer.

IT'S ALWAYS tough to lose in overtime, but you have to give the girls credit for coming back," Inman said. "I don't know what will finally happen in the conference race, but I would guess that Western will go on and win it now."

After last night's game, MTSU is 3-2 in the OVC, WKU stands at 3-1 with Tennessee Tech 3-1. Complications could arise if all three teams end up with two losses because MTSU beat Tech but Tech beat Western. The possibilities could go on forever.

MTSU's Hendrix was the top scorer in the game with 27 points. She also added 25

rebounds. Howard and Newsome finished with 23 and 14 respectively.

FOR WESTERN Diane Depp had 20 points and 16 rebounds, followed by Alicia Polson with 14 and Laurie Heltsley with 10.

MTSU was 28 of 75 from the field for 37.3 percent and 20 of

29 from the line for 69 percent. WKU was 32 of 70 from the field for 45.7 percent and 13 of 21 from the line for 61.9 percent.

The Lady Raiders will be 5:15 p.m. when they will host UT-Chattanooga.



photo by Greg Campbell

Western's Diane Depp rejects Lindi Dye's shot early in the second half of MTSU's 77-76 overtime loss to WKU.

Lady tracksters open in Vol Invitational

By STEVE PRICE

Sports Writer

The 1981 version of the Middle Tennessee women's track team will run into Knoxville Friday to compete in the Lady Volunteer Invitational.

This marks the first of three indoor meets for the Lady Raiders in preparation for the outdoor season which will begin on March 21.

Coach Mike Rasper, who was the cross country coach at North Florida Christian at one time, has been at the helm of the Raider squad only since mid-November.

SIMILAR TO her coach, much of the women's team is also new. "Most of our team is made up of freshmen so we have a young team, and we've got four years with them so there will be good things to come," Rasper said.

Rasper believes his young team will be strong in several areas. "I think that we'll have a good mile-relay team, and we'll probably have a good performance out of our 60-yard people," the coach said. "That will be Michelle Scott, who runs the 60-yard dash, and Marcia Hill will be running the 600."

"Then Kim Johnson in the 60-yard hurdles and Sharon Johnson and Jane Simms in the half mile will probably do OK also," he added.

EIGHT TEAMS will be in Knoxville for the meet. According to the coach, some of the teams that will probably be there will be Western Kentucky, Kentucky, Virginia, Vanderbilt, Middle Tennessee and a few others.

However, coach Rasper considers the indoor meets a warm-up for the outdoor season.

"In general, things will be looking much better for outdoor season than indoor," the coach said. "In indoor we're just trying to train through and look for individual performances."

Rasper is optimistic about his team's chances in the conference. "I think that we should finish in the top three in the outdoor season in the OVC," he said. "I think we've got that much to look forward to."

Murray downs Gov's; Eastern rips Eagles

(AP) — Freshman guard Bryant Stewart hit an 18-foot jumper with one second remaining in overtime to give Murray State a 70-69 victory over Austin Peay in an OVC basketball game last night.

The victory lifted Murray's record to 8-6 overall and 4-1 in conference play. It also put the Racers in a tie with Western Kentucky for first place in the OVC.

In other league action last night, Eastern Kentucky swept past Morehead State 91-65, and Akron downed Tennessee Tech 71-62.

Joe Jakubick's 24 points propelled Akron to a 71-62 win last night over Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, giving the Zips their first Ohio Valley Conference victory.

Akron, competing for the OVC crown this season for the first time, is now 4-11 overall and 1-4 in the league. Tennessee Tech now possesses an identical 4-11 and 1-4 record.

Eastern, 7-9 overall and 4-2 in the OVC, never trailed and built the lead to as many as 21 points in the first half before taking a 49-32 halftime advantage.



Greg Artis

Indoor track team opens season

Middle Tennessee's indoor track team opens the 1981 season here tomorrow with a quad meet featuring the Blue Raiders, Auburn, Western Kentucky and Furman.

Field events begin at noon, and running events get underway at 2 p.m. in MTSU's Murphy Center.

MTSU head coach Dean Hayes feels the high quality of competition will make it easy for as many as 20 trackmen to equal or better NCAA qualifying standards.

"WE SHOULD have some super competition here Saturday," Hayes said. "Auburn

is the defending champ in this meet, but it should be anybody's meet this year."

Auburn, the defending Southeastern Conference indoor track champ, will have a good nucleus of trackmen to center around. Heading the Tigers' charge will be high-hurdler Eugene Miller and distance runners Chris Fox, Tom Graves, Bob Hicks and John Tuttle.

"Auburn and Western Kentucky should lock horns in the distance races and, with the high quality of runners here, there should be some quick times recorded," Hayes added.

ONE TIGER, Byron

Franklin, will face stiff competition from the home-standing Raiders in the jumps. MTSU's Greg Artis and Pip Kirnes, both All-Americans along with Franklin, head this list of jumpers. The long jump promises to be the strongest duel among them.

Western Kentucky will be led by distance runners Larry Cuzzort and Dave Murphy, both All-Americans. WKU is the 1980 Ohio Valley Conference cross-country champ and should get depth help from their cross-country runners.

"Furman will bring a good

Southern Conference squad here, and we'll rely, as usual, on our jumpers and short distance runners to get the bulk of our points," the MTSU coach said.

Phillies to rally in Super Bowl Sunday

By WILLIE WARD

Feature Editor

Well, it looks like the 1980s may not have arrived just yet in the NFL.

All of the teams with high-powered aerial attacks and multiple sets have been eliminated, and two teams that rely on rock-ribbed defenses, errorless offense and solid kicking games will duke it out in this weekend's Super Bowl.

The Philadelphia Eagles and Oakland Raiders are in no danger of being dubbed with "the offense of the '80s"-type hyperbole that befell Hank Stram's Kansas City Chiefs ten years ago. Rather, they remain in contention for football's world championship because both have "a defense for all seasons," which all Super Teams must possess.

THE NFC champion Eagles, who could help the City of Brotherly Love achieve a rare triple crown (following the Phillies and preceding the 76ers, who look like the class of the NBA), allowed the fewest points and the second-fewest yards of any professional team. Their linebacker-led 'D' is equally stingy against the run and pass and allowed

only a long Cliff Branch TD reception when these two worthies met in November.

Although it showed some holes in the AFC-Championship win over San Diego, the Lester Hayes-led Oakland defense is solid and steady. But the Silver and Black's best defensive weapon is the other-worldly punting of Ray Guy, which gives Oakland an enormous field-position advantage in most tilts.

BUT THE biggest difference is in the coaching, where Eagle mentor Dick Vermeil has few peers. Although Tom Flores is a league tactician, Vermeil will have the Eagles wired to win. For once, the outfit that is loosest will not win the Super Bowl, as holler-guy Vermeil's charges have not only a better defense, but a better-prepared one.

And it's still defense that wins football games, as it was and ever shall be. The linesmakers like the Eagles by a field goal, but from here it looks more like PHILADELPHIA BY 10.

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