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News Briefs

WASHINGTON — Just a week after the American hostages were freed, at least one oil company says it may try to resume imports from Iran, and other U.S. firms wait for an official go-ahead to do business again.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Democrat Emmitt Ford of Memphis resigned from the Tennessee House of Representatives after threatening briefly to fight for the seat to which he was elected after his October mail fraud conviction.

WASHINGTON (AP) — After four protests from the United States, the Soviet Union's news media dropped stories accusing the United States of brainwashing the 52 American hostages and preparing military action against Iran, a State Department spokesman said Monday.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Highway Patrol sergeant, who once was a driver and body guard for former Gov. Ray Blanton, was suspended Monday after his name surfaced in a federal indictment in Nashville.

Capt. Clifton Shipley, commander of the Patrol's 10-county District I headquartered in Knoxville, said he ordered Sgt. David Keck put on administrative leave without pay until an investigation is completed.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Concerned about the future of Tennessee's family farms, Sen. Johnny V. Crow has introduced a bill to abolish the state inheritance tax.

The Republican from Lyles said he introduced the bill Monday because the tax forces many Tennessee families to sell their farms.

"I just think it's wrong," he said. "People pay property taxes and other taxes all their lives, and yet because they pass away they're penalized again."

PAYSON, Utah—Kevin Rothe, the 10-year-old son of a steelworker, received a letter from the Reagan staff this week, saying he had "been suggested for consideration for a position in the Reagan administration."

"I guess it all started when our class at Park View Elementary School wrote to Reagan a month ago," Kevin said, "to congratulate him on winning the election."

"I got a thank you letter signed by Mr. Reagan in December. Then, today I got this second letter." It was signed by E. Pendleton James, director of presidential personnel.

The second letter said, "We are evaluating information on many candidates. Your background will be carefully reviewed and you will be seriously considered."

Weather

A travellers' advisory is in effect through this afternoon with one to two inches of snow predicted for the mid-state area. Partly cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of precipitation. The high today near 40, and tonight's low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow's high will be in the mid-40s.

Dean of Students confirms James' GPA below minimum during fall semester

By DENNIS MYERS
Managing Editor

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell confirmed Tuesday that ASB President Randy James' GPA was below the minimum necessary to hold office last semester.

"I have secured from Randy his permission to release the information concerning his grades," Cantrell said. "At the conclusion of the summer term his [James'] cumulative grade-point average was below 2.0."

"However, at the present time it [James' GPA] does meet the prescribed standard."

JAMES maintained in an earlier interview with *Sidelines* that he would not reveal his grade-point average until he was "backed into the corner." It has been his contention throughout the ordeal that the "real question" lies not in his qualification to hold office, but in the release of his grades to the public.

Others, however, have maintained that James refusal to resign from office and return the scholarship awarded under the auspices of his office was a "violation of public trust."

In view of this, Cantrell said Tuesday that he has no plans to

discontinue James' scholarship or to ask for his resignation at this time and explained that any action forthcoming on this matter was in the hands of the student government.

"I'M NOT willing to say whether he [James] has or hasn't violated the ASB constitution," Cantrell said. "Frankly, I see nothing to be gained by ridiculing Randy James."

According to Cantrell, the ASB president's scholarship money comes from an "institutionally funded" budget under his direction. The expenditures from the fund to date total \$3,282.60, of which James has drawn \$1,082.60.

Speaker of the House Byron West and Martha Hammond, speaker of the senate, have each drawn \$900, while the remaining funds have gone in cash payments to various members of James' cabinet.

"The ASB scholarship fund began the fiscal year with

\$5,300," Cantrell said. "After we pay Randy's meal plan, room and registration for this semester there should be enough for the new ASB president to go to spring and summer session."

IN TOTAL, James will draw approximately \$2,040 for his services as the student body president.

No action was taken by the House concerning an amendment previously proposed by ASB Attorney General Cindy Porter which would have prevented elected student-body officials from continuing in their positions without maintaining constitutional requirements.

ACCORDING TO Porter, her proposed amendment was not heard in yesterday's House meeting because it hadn't been properly formulated and sent to the representatives before the meeting.

"I wasn't real pleased that the amendment wasn't brought up," Porter said. "But, technically it was probably my fault because I didn't write it up in the proper form."

"However, the amendment needs to be passed regardless of the resolution of the James matter," Porter added.



Dean of Students Paul Cantrell verified Tuesday that ASB President Randy James (above) did not meet the 2.0 GPA requirement of his office when he entered school for the fall semester.

CWSP money to save women from lockout

By DAVID MERRITT
Staff Writer

Women will no longer be "caught out in the cold" if they aren't in their dorm rooms by 3 a.m., according to Director of Housing David Bragg.

Attributing the resolution of the problem to newly available college work-study funds, Bragg said that the university has saved enough money from the program to pay security guards for the remainder of this semester.

"WHAT WE plan on doing is maintaining guards on the same schedule as we did in the fall," Bragg said yesterday. "Initially there was not enough money to accomplish this."

"We are starting to figure what to do next year and are looking at a lot of different options. Part of the problem is that someone has to work seven nights a week at odd hours."

The cost for the extra security guards for the women's dorms is estimated at \$40,000, according to Bragg. Until recently, these funds have been drawn from the

campus police budget, but this is no longer the case.

"They [the police] don't have enough money to pay for them [the security guards]," Bragg said, "so if we want to continue the program, we have to find a way to pay these people."

"HOUSING IS an auxiliary enterprise, which means that we have to pay our own way, we receive no state or university money," Bragg said.

One of the few options is to raise dorm rent, which Bragg said he was "not eager to do." Another option is to give keys to the residents so they can let themselves in, but Bragg said that this is not a viable solution because of the security problems it would create.

One serious problem facing university housing, according to Bragg is that female residents are inclined to "prop" the door open when they need to leave the building for a moment.

"When you prop open the door you have no control over who goes in and out."

House to investigate James

By DAVID MERRITT
Staff Writer

An ASB investigation which passed the House yesterday will require ASB President Randy James and *Sidelines* editors Renee Vaughn and Dennis Myers to appear before a House investigating commission, according to its sponsors.

The resolution calls for a commission of five ASB members to "conduct an in-depth and complete study of all

allegations" made by the paper against James.

Speaker of the House Byron West will chair the commission. Roger Fenner, Kelly Derryberry, co-sponsors of the bill, and ASB Representatives Angela Anderson and Julie Carson were appointed to the commission by West.

"THE allegations in *Sidelines* are also against the ASB," Fenner said, when explaining the bill. "If the allegations are

found to be true, then some action should be taken."

When asked how he would ensure a nonpartisan commission, West stated that he would "check the roster to see which members have attended regularly and appoint members which I feel are unbiased."

Representative Duayne McMurphy asked the resolution sponsors if their action would constitute a defense of James, or if the bill would be general in nature.

"Only Randy James," Fenner responded. "The truth needs to be found out."

WHEN ASKED if he was able to conduct a fair and open hearing, co-sponsor Derryberry replied, "The answer is yes."

West stated that he too could be unbiased saying, "It's my job."

In other action, senate resolution 10 which had passed the senate and would have prevented work-at-home companies requiring "participation fees" from advertising on campus if approved by the House was defeated after lengthy discussion.

The final resolution, which passed from the senate to the house calling for one walk-through and one unannounced fire drill per semester was tabled after House members decided that it was "impractical."

MTSU professors' art on exhibit at 'barn'

By TERRY MORROW
Feature Writer

At first glance, the show currently hanging in the art barn seems to be just like any other display. A second glance, however, turns up many MTSU professors' names on the exhibits.

Everything from designs to sculptures to construction design to metals to prints and drawings

is featured in the show that began Jan. 25 and will run through Feb. 13.

More than 20 metal art works are part of the show, a contribution from MTSU metals instructor Klaus Kallenberger. And though Kallenberger doesn't know how long it actually took him to complete the works seen in the show, he did say that the labors involved a lot of lucre.

In the display Kallenberger has a collection of jewelry, including a ring with black plexiglas, a necklace of ruby and gold, plated silver, a gold ring with pebbles, and a necklace in cast sterling.

"I love working with small metals," the metals teacher of 15 years said. "Precious metals are the best to work with."

John Nelson, a print and drawing professor, has a number of lithographs and conte (a logically titled piece of bamboo encasing a brush), but a recurring sight in his works is fish heads and/or their bodies.

"I've not had fish in about eight years," the artist noted. "Then, about two years ago, I started to put them in my work."

Now he has fish everywhere in (continued on page 2)



Will the real chief please sit down?

David Nichols, left, was named last week as the new director of security for MTSU. A photograph in Tuesday's *Sidelines* incorrectly identified Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, right, as Nichols. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

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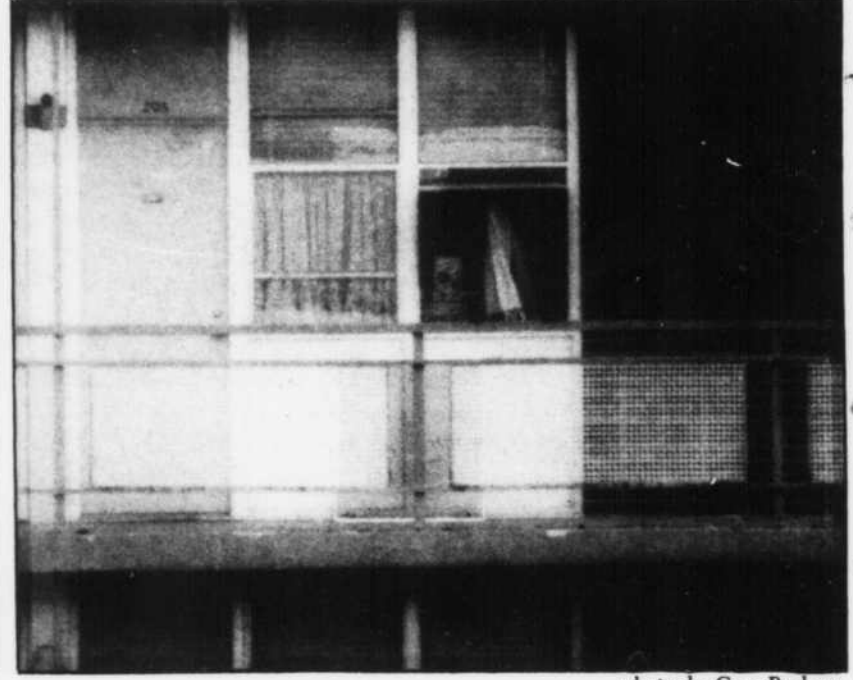
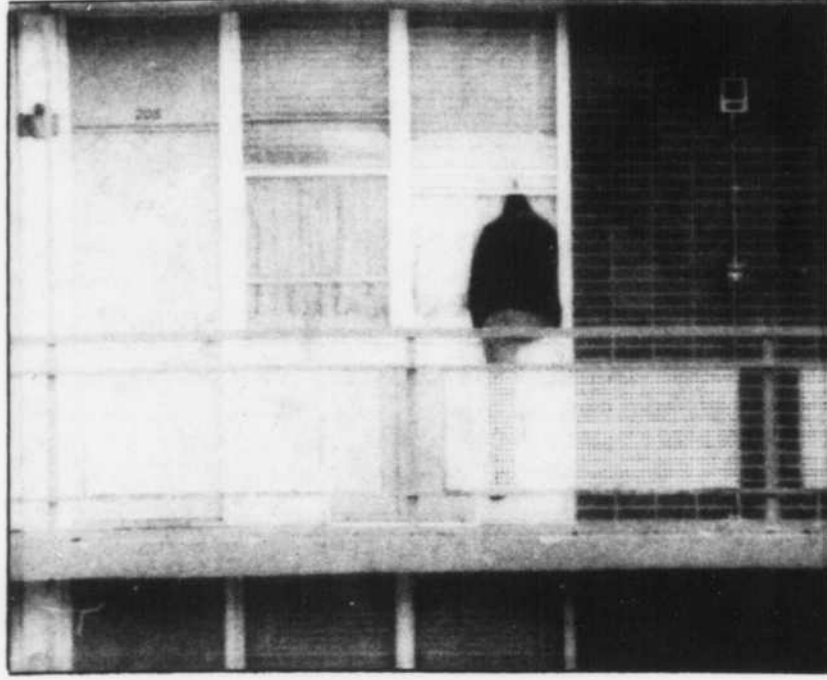
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photos by Gene Braham

Locked out again! Junior music major Anne Brantton uses wits and agility to gain access to her room in Gracy Hall after finding herself without a key.

Success is not so hard to come by, however, as she finally made it in, none the worse for wear.

'Bounty hunter' Gallagher to obliterate dead air with laughs

By LIZ THOMPSON

Copy Editor

WANTED: dead air.

REWARD: an evening of smashed watermelons and goofy antics by the hottest comedian of the decade.

Gallagher is the bounty hunter traveling the country in his quest to obliterate dead air or the dreaded "deep comedy hole," as he calls it.

"Either I'm talking or they're laughing—no silence," the comedian said Wednesday in a phone interview from Las Vegas where he is appearing at The Sahara until tonight.

Then, equipped with his Sdupit car, Le Door, he will make his way armed with his Sledge-O-Matic to wreak havoc on a series of college campuses.

"I THINK I'VE been through Murfreesboro before," he said and was reminded of his performance in Nashville last year.

"It was a horrendous show at a disco [Flannigan's Cabaret]," Gallagher said. "They stood me in the middle of the dance floor, and I did my act between the speakers."

But this comedy genius has higher hopes for Sunday.

His strategy to make his show here a success?

"[The South's] prejudices are different," he analyzed. "You gotta play on those prejudices."

"You laugh at—you make fun of," the comedian said just before his appearance on "The John Davidson Show," also taped in Vegas.

THIS IS ONLY Gallagher's second time in Vegas.

"It is a lot different," he said. "The last time I was in Vegas, I was a bus boy—I got fired, too."

"Yeah, I bombed at the Dunes," Gallagher reminisced, "but they love me at the Sahara."

After a series of odd jobs where his work was not appreciated, Gallagher met singer Jim Stafford in Florida and became his writer and road manager.

"He showed me about how to work in a crowd—how to size everyone up," he said.

It was his budding friendship with Stafford that led Gallagher to Las Angeles.

"I went out to L.A. to buy Jim a house, because he needed one out there," the comedian said.

It was also Stafford who got Gallagher his first national television exposure, on "The Mike Douglas Show."

"IN FACT, I got on TV before he [Stafford] did," he said. "And the next year, Mike asked me back again."

His talk-show appearances made the country stand up and take notice. It even had another comedian sweating.

During one appearance on "The Tonight Show," Gallagher exchanged a few bars with fellow guest Chevy Chase.

"It's not a sore spot with me," Gallagher said. "He [Chase] just picked the wrong guy to pick on."

"HE HAD A make about my style of comedy—I got

back at him, with the audience on my side, and the ball got back in my court."

Contrary to rumors, Gallagher has made two more appearances on "The Tonight Show" since the Chase incident—both times with Kenny Rogers as host.

But Gallagher still has much to say about Chase:

"He's a comedy actor—not necessarily a comedian."

Chevy Chase is not think that Gallagher is a genius, but with his crazy inventions and stage props at his side, he is setting a new course for comedy.

"I've always had props," he said. "When you're an unknown, someone can use your jokes in their act with no one being the wiser."

"BUT IT'S HARD for someone else to use your material when they have to drag props around with them all the time."

This is not the only reason Gallagher uses props in his act.

"I've always had an affinity with arts and crafts," he said. "I love working with my hands. My father was a machinist who always liked to play around with gadgets, and I guess I got it from him."

So Gallagher's inventive hobby has kept him rolling in the money. Earlier in his life, however—before he became a comedian—he just wanted to roll on the floor.

"MY DREAM was to be a championship roller skater," he said.

But now? "I'd like to do a great movie," he said, "one with a point of view."

"It will change the people they walk out of the theatre."

Even now, Gallagher is trying to say something important to his audience.

"It's my audience—my contemporaries," the comedian, who was born in 1946, said. "We were campus activists together, we dodged the draft together, and we've tried to fit into society together."

"I'm kind of an impromptu speaker—to drive a point home, I make a joke on the spot."

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Art barn

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his art. Though his first love is sculpture, most of his time is spent working on the prints and drawings found in the show. Working on prints isn't as time consuming as sculpturing.

"I probably spend about 30 or 40 hours on a print; it just depends on what the work is and how I want to go about it," he commented.

After working with art for long and then teaching it, wouldn't it get dull after a while?

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New Wavers shine at Main Street Springsteen, E Street tickets on sale today

By STEVE SPANN
Associate Editor

By JIM SEYMOUR
Staff Writer

"New Music '81" was the theme Wednesday night at the Mainstreet Music Emporium, as Rotten Johnny and the Cueballs as well as Ed Fitzgerald and Civic Duty played at a Recording Industry Management (RIM) benefit concert.

The show raised well over \$400, which will be used to improve the RIM department's recording studio.

Rotten Johnny and the Cueballs opened the night with a set consisting of a few New Wave originals and a number of other tunes of the genre. The band took the stage to the sound of Doris Day singing "Que Sera Sera." As the Cueballs moved into position and picked up their instruments, the sounds of machine-gun fire and a woman's

scream launched them into their first number.

THE FIRST half of the Cueballs' set dragged terribly. The songs were repetitious and their stage mannerisms inhibited. However, when they were joined by two female singers for their "Mental Illness Medley," the pace picked up.

The last 30 minutes became pure fun for band and audience alike. During the "Mental Illness Medley," Rotten Johnny himself knifed an inflatable rabbit, while the drummer mangled a baby doll which was dangling above him.

The band showed a great deal of promise despite a lack of polish, varying between New Wave music and very dated "punk" mannerisms.

THE SECOND set was quite the opposite, as the Nashville-based Ed Fitzgerald and Civic

Duty played an hour of Fitzgerald originals which were quite impressive.

Hidden behind his sunglasses and zipped-up windbreaker, Fitzgerald maintained an aloofness and mystery about himself which matched his music. The songs were for the most part short and to the point. The few lyrics which were intelligible were quite abstract and visionary.

CONCERT REVIEW

The four members of Civic Duty provided an entrancing wall of sound for the bandleader to move in and out of, though he only occasionally showcased his ability as a guitarist. Fitzgerald's own monotone vocals were complemented perfectly by Judy

Fitzgerald's beautifully sensual voice.

The crowd at the Emporium provided half the fun of the show. Though many did not make the effort to dress New Wave, the ones who did came in style. There were even a few holdovers from the days of true "punk" dress in their leather and high heels, but most appeared to be dressed New Wave style. The sunglasses and tacky style made many look like American tourists in Europe during the late 1950s.

John Aring, treasurer of the Association of Recording Management Students, said the organization plans to have a "theme" party of this kind on a monthly basis.

If accomplished, such programs will continue to help the RIM program and bring more good music to Murfreesboro.

Springsteen, E Street tickets on sale today

The Boss is back.

Rock 'n' roll prisoner Bruce Springsteen will make a concert appearance at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium in late February. Tickets will go on sale in Murfreesboro on Monday. Ticketing at 10 a.m. at Port O' Call and will be available in Nashville at all CentraTik locations.

Riding the success of his latest album, *The River*, Springsteen is in the midst of a nationwide tour. His live appearances are the stuff of which legends are made, as he has a reputation for pulling out all the stops in his three-hour-plus shows.

SPRINGSTEEN will appear with the E Street Band, which includes drummer Max Weinberg, bass guitarist Garry Tallent, pianist Roy Bittan, organist Danny Federici, guitar player "Miami" Steve Van Zandt, and saxophonist Clarence Clemons.

"The Boss" has played in Nashville twice before, once in 1976 on the *Born to Run* tour at the Opry House, and again in 1978 on the *Darkness on the Edge of Town* tour at Municipal Auditorium. Both shows were attended by sparse crowds, and his appearance in Nashville on this tour was somewhat doubtful, although it is generally agreed that this time he will sell out, perhaps quickly.

There's an air of expectancy whenever the E Street Band takes the stage, and that's because they deliver with a vengeance every show of the tour. Springsteen himself best



In performance, Bruce Springsteen and fellow E Streeter Clarence Clemons create a holy alliance on guitar and saxophone.

exemplified that when he told an interviewer: "My whole thing is to go out there and deliver what they could not possibly buy."

He has carefully cultivated his presence on stage, combining the timing of an actor, a professional street character's sense of the dramatic and a dancer's knack for the picaresque. He wraps the whole package into a rock 'n' roll experience that is something out of your dreams; don't miss it.

Office harrassment probed in 'Nine to Five'

By JANENE GUPTON
Staff Writer

Upon first look at the cast of "Nine to Five," one wonders how a group of actresses so diverse will ever gibe on screen.

Stop and remember that they are all professionals, and you'll have your answer. Making this movie work has proven that they are superbly versatile actresses (yes, even Dolly pulled it off).

Especially surprising is Jane Fonda's performance. Never before had I seen her play anything but the outspoken, domineering type. However, in her role as Judy Bernley, the bumbling divorcee who had never worked publicly before, she portrays the demure type so effectively that I had to remind myself who she was.

HER MOST memorable scene is one in which she is given a memo to duplicate. Tomlin curtly tells her how to run a complicated machine by shrugging it off as simple, then leaves her to run it alone. Within a minute's time, there

are papers going everywhere and Fonda is hopelessly and clumsily trying to get matters under control.

Also realistic, though not as comical, are the situations involving Tomlin and Parton. Lily portrays the senior supervisor in the area. She is the thread that holds the office together, even though the boss (Dabney Coleman) will not admit it.

Struggling to support four children, Tomlin is finally considered for a promotion.

THE BOSS, however, decides to give it to a male because "the company needs a man in that position, and he has a family to support." Tomlin, needless to say, gets extremely upset over this decision and walks out to get a drink at Charlie's Bar.

In the meantime, Dolly (Hart's personal secretary) finds out that Hart has spread the rumor that she is his mistress. Incensed that people would believe such a lie or that he would spread it, she too goes to Charlie's for a drink.

It seems as if there is no end to Hart's diabolic ways. Having been informed by his company spy that an employee has been discussing a salary amount he promptly fires her. Even more shocked than the woman who was fired, Fonda rushes to Charlie's to tell Tomlin what has happened.

THE FILM takes a drastic turn from this point on as reality gives way to fantasy and the plot becomes more humorous. The pace also picks up, and at times it seems as if the director is sprinting through the movie.

While "Nine to Five" has been outstanding to this point and a credit to director Collin Higgins as well as to the actresses, it loses some impact with the fantasy sequence that pictures Dolly riding up to the office dressed in cowgirl attire and carrying a lasso that she uses on Hart. Also disappointing is seeing Tomlin sing along with cartoon Snowdrops while dressed as Snow White.

Throughout the film, the

characters are continually expanding; Tomlin grows the most, as she finally decides to let out her feelings about Hart and exert herself.

THOUGH THE three main characters are women, "Nine to Five" is not a feminist movie, but rather one for the working person—whether that person is male or female. Even the men in the audience can take pride in Tomlin's accomplishments.

Although the film is clearly a comedy, one must take care not to become so wrapped up in the humor that the real message is missed.

"Nine to Five" is a celebration for those who struggle to climb the ladder of success, only to be kicked down by management, and it's a celebration for those who steady the ladder of success for their bosses.

If you've ever worked closely with management, or even anticipate doing so, go see "Nine to Five" and live out your wildest dreams for two hours.

Loggins' latest satisfactory but not super

By ZANE E. SMITH
Special to Sidelines

Normally, I will not buy a live album. They tend to be piece-meal affairs, hastily assembled together servings—a vehicle for the featured artist's ego. And they are inevitably double-live albums, which ups an already escalated price.

But ever since *Frampton Comes Alive* in 1976, live LPs have been profitable ventures for record companies. The market is now flooded with double-lives.

RIGHT OFF THE bat, I've got to tell you that the only truly great live album is Jackson Browne's *Running On Empty*. Its greatness derives from the fact that it breaks two sacred conventions of live albums: one, it is a single album; and two, it is comprised of all-new material—not simply reshapes of the artists' best-sellers.

With *Empty*, I have a standard by which to judge other live LPs.

Which finally brings me to the subject of this review, *Kenny Loggins Alive*. From the outset, it meets both of the standard live-LP conventions: two records and mostly old hits. Two strikes against it, and I haven't even put it on the turntable yet. But this album is by the co-writer of the best song of 1979, "What a Fool Believes," so it might be worth a listen.

ON THE technical side, the album was digitally recorded and mixed. To sufficiently explain this process would require a doctorate in RIM; suffice it to say that this process enhances the sound and actually does bring Loggins alive.

There is a definite improvement in the sound quality of the guitars and keyboards and an excellent studio remix brings

the music out while subduing the crowd noises. This album has the feel of a real concert, yet is superior in terms of listenability.

Still, *Loggins Alive* should have been a single-album package. The cuts are taken from five different concerts and are occasionally stretched too thin. "Angeliq" and "Celebrate Me Home" (I didn't audience) quickly come to mind.

LOGGINS' LATEST single, "I'm Alright," is here, but it is vastly inferior to the studio version; buy the single. I also found myself missing Michael "I'll-sing-backup-for-anyone" McDonald, and the duet singer on this record's version of

"Whenever I Call You 'Friend'" is certainly no Stevie Nicks.

Loggins' strength lies in the fact that he is a good songwriter and that he teams up with other notable acts like McDonald, Melissa Manchester, Nicks and Eva Ein Loggins (his wife?). His best songs are pure pop, unburdened by heavy-handed symbolism. In short, they're fun.

"What a Fool Believes" is a prime example, and it's the best of this lot. Loggins takes his mellow *Nightwatch* version, blends it with the Doobie Brothers' jazz-tinged beat, and the resulting mixture is a pop classic of the live-album genre.

AN ENTIRE side of this LP is devoted to an acoustical ballad set. These tender songs highlight Loggins' soft voice and are a

perfect counterpart to the raucous tunes that dominate the rest of the album. Lennon/McCartney's "Here, There, and Everywhere" and Loggins own "Now and Then" are beautiful, but the best acoustical cut is "All Alone Tonight," a Cajun-flavored tune that recalls the artist's early days with Jim Messina.

In the end, however, it is *Loggins Alive* a good album. He sings with an exuberance that makes you tap your feet and clap your hands. He sounds like he's having fun up there on the stage.

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On this day in 1882, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born. A biographer once said of him: "Restless and mercurial in his thinking, a connoisseur of theories but impatient with people who took theories seriously, he trusted no system except the system of endless experimentation."

The MTSU administration and faculty should consider some experimentation with an educational philosophy that stresses strict adherence to schedules, syllabuses and smooth functioning and minimizes what is actually taught.

ASB action imperative

An act passed by the ASB House yesterday calls for the investigation of allegations concerning ASB President Randy James' qualifications for holding office.

Specifically, the resolution authorizes a five-member commission from the House to subpoena *Sidelines'* editor and managing editor to appear before them and answer charges that the information published concerning James' grade-point average was obtained illegally.

This action was taken by the House following *Sidelines'* articles, appearing Jan. 23 and Jan. 27, which alleged possible constitutional violations by James.

The House's actions in this matter reflect an attitude prevalent among many ASB members that the issue in question is one of privilege rather than propriety in the highest office of student government.

Sidelines committed no crime in the obtaining of evidence that James' academic performance did not meet the presidential requirements in the ASB constitution.

It was never the intention of *Sidelines'* staff members to release the information concerning James' grades without acknowledgement by the president that the allegations were true. It was never our apprehension that James would force us to back him into a corner to prove that he did not meet the standards of his office.

When the press thought it wrong to print the truth simply because no "official" sources would go on the record to substantiate their hunches, we lived with the reality of Vietnam.

When the press had the fortitude to push onward toward the truth despite the spectre of "official" disapproval, Watergate was uncovered.

While it is not our aim to overdramatize the situation with the MTSU student government, it is impossible to overlook many past challenges given freedom of the press by governments worldwide.

The issue at stake is not two-hundredths of a grade point or any sort of personal vendetta against Mr. James. In our eyes, it is the responsibility of the press to inform the public of infractions, especially by public officials, which are covered up by those who commit them and are often overlooked by surrounding members of an administration.

We have met our responsibility as best we can. While the press may be a guardian of liberties, it is the government we rely on to maintain them.

It is now up to the student body and their representatives to follow through with the investigation of James' infractions and then make appropriate steps to rectify them.

Bragg shows sincere concern

MTSU housing officials demonstrated a sincere concern for student residents by their recent decision to utilize work-study monies to fund guards for women's dorms at night.

Although \$40,000 may seem like a large expense, it is worth that sum and more for female residents to be able to leave and enter their dorms with convenience and safety.

While the temporary solution of utilizing work-study funds is a good one, some permanent remedy must be found.

The quick action on the part of David Bragg, director of housing, and other university officials to solve the problem this semester provides reason to believe that a happy solution will be devised with the utmost consideration for the students residing in these dormitories.

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Viewpoints**Guest view****The ills of student government**

by Zane E. Smith

The current controversy surrounding ASB President Randy James only serves to point out the inefficiency, total uselessness and corruption of the supposedly "representative" student government. The James debacle can only bring shame and disgrace to Middle Tennessee State University. Still, this is only the most recent in a series of doltish actions by ASB members.

JAMES himself has been involved in most of these cases of ineptness. In 1979, (Wed., Sept. 12, at 11:35 to be exact), then Speaker of the House James was found on the third floor of Schardt Hall (Type B housing, which had no visitation that night) allegedly intoxicated, and was apprehended by campus police.

Although James apologized, he was vindicated by then ASB president Kent Syler, who felt the apology was sufficient and that he "saw no need of carrying the subject any further." A formal reprimand was never issued.

Now we are confronted with an ASB president whose

qualifications for office are seriously in question. If James held office while holding a 1.98 GPA, then he was in direct violation of the constitution; the office of president should be vacated. This would be a possible step in the direction of vindication of the position and the ASB.

YET JAMES now states he "absolutely would not" resign, maintaining he is merely obeying the desires of students who "want me to stay in office." James, however, is following the policy as Syler initially did in the fraternity row debate. That is, selectively listening to those who will support his stance. As evidence of this claim, I called James' office Tuesday in my capacity as editor of *Collage* in order to get an interview and to give my opinion as a constituent. As of yet, my call has not been returned.

The student body must also suffer the indignity of having a "representative" government that refuses to take action against James. As in the case of Syler defending James' earlier action, James' subordinates are

trying to cover up their "chief's" mistakes.

INSTEAD of asking James to resign, they gear up for a constitutional debate that will prevent this kind of incident from happening again. Of course, the ASB as a whole must not be faulted, for they lack the proper machinery to elicit James' resignation.

James should have enough respect for his office, for this school and for the student body to clear up this controversy by either volunteering to reveal his grades at the time of his election or resigning his position in order to maintain some semblance of dignity.

There is also the matter of James' scholarship. If James was ineligible to hold office, then the monies that James has accepted were given under false pretenses and are therefore void. Point in fact, since the scholarship was accepted in violation of the precepts of the constitution, the funds James has accepted are likely illegal and should be returned. This is not a matter for ASB investigation, but rather a matter that warrants strict legal attention.

IN FACT, this entire James incident deserves severe scrutiny. Obviously, no one knows where the money for the student body president scholarship comes from. This scholarship amounts to some \$1,800, a substantial sum in an era of academic budget cut-backs. This incident also points out the seriousness with which both the administration and the student body (particularly the inefficient Student Election Commission) take the election of student officers. No one thought to check the qualifications of the officers once elected to office.

However, the offense of these two bodies can only be based on trusting naivete. Who would have suspected that the holder of the highest student office would have the audacity to serve his term in violation of constitutional stipulations? Honesty is expected of all candidates.

In conclusion, I challenge Mr. James to publicly defend himself on all charges leveled in this column and in the last two issues of *Sidelines*. Written statements are fine, but I feel he owes the student body an explanation, if

Criticisms & Witticisms

by Steve Spann

Our Washington bullets kill in El Salvador

"In these days, you can get no rice,

No razor blades, but you can get knife.

In these days, see the people run,

They have no food, but the boy have gun . . ."

The military-civilian junta currently in power in El Salvador is carrying on the oppression crushing the peoples of Latin America to extremes. With a few exceptions, tyranny reigns throughout the New Jersey-sized country.

Here, more than anywhere else, the intentions of the new Administration warrant concern.

BEFORE leaving office, Jimmy Carter went back on his "human rights" policy by authorizing the delivery of helicopters and other military equipment adding up to a \$5.7 million package to the right-wing forces. Carter's confusing moralistic ideas of conducting foreign policy have been replaced by Reagan's hard-line conservatism. It seems human rights have been replaced by the struggle against communism, but these apparently opposite views actually mean the same thing: the U.S. is sending large sums of money to support the ruling privileged class.

The money sent by the Carter administration was used by the military-sponsored dictatorship to try to end the conflict that pits rich against poor, rebels against right-wing death squads, and peasants against businessmen and landowners.

Washington suspended economic and military aid pending full investigation into the killing of three American nuns and a social worker. The nuns worked with the poor; and the poor side most often with the revolutionaries, because they are desperately poor and desperately want a change. Certain members of the government consider working with the poor in itself to be a revolutionary activity. Consequently, the nuns were killed.

AID PROGRAMS were resumed four days after Reagan assumed office, although the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador admitted "no serious investigation" had taken place. On Jan. 24, the military junta received \$10 million in U.S. aid.

This is exactly what was expected from the new Republican administration, and it's arguably better for U.S. foreign policy to be exercised with a firm hand, rather than a weak and hesitant one. But, it is also dangerous to advocate friendship with tyrants who

trample on the principles the U.S. proclaims to believe in and to equate resistance to communism with the defense of the material interests of a privileged class.

The U.S. has some responsibility for ushering in the dictatorships on the Latin American continent it dominates. We have stepped in directly on occasion, much like the Soviet Union in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. This happened in Guatemala in 1954 and in Santo Domingo in 1965, not to mention CIA activities in other places and under other circumstances.

An historical tradition of a less than stable government structure in El Salvador is worsened by continuing class struggles between wealthy landowners and oppressed peasants. This is why soldiers have always carried so much importance in Latin America: organized soldiers can defend the dominance of the privileged, regardless of how autocratic their rule. Last year over 9,000 were killed in the civil war, and the present forces in control consider that 100,000 corpses (or 1 in 40 inhabitants) will be necessary to establish "social peace."

LITTLE is more difficult than nurturing freedom in a poor and

ravaged country where yesterday's authoritarianism is not conducive to pluralism. But, how in the name of all that's good and decent about our political system can the U.S. continue to pour money into El Salvador in support of a tyrannical regime that represents the interests of the few wealthy landowners and acts to suppress a majority of the country's citizens?

The death-squads of the military junta, supported by U.S. money, have even murdered six Americans—three nuns, two lawyers and a social worker.

To remain consistent with our own ideas about freedom and equality of opportunity, then the U.S. should avoid any further support of the oppressive government in El Salvador and instead back the current land-reform movement that is underway there. The violence and killing must stop and real reform must be sought after and gained immediately.

" . . . In these days, nations are militant,

We have slavery under government.

In these days in the firmament,

I look for signs that we are permanent"—The Clash

Perspective

FREE AT LAST?



Guest view

The Arabian apocalypse now

by Tony Simones

With the release of the American hostages, President Reagan's Administration seems to have momentarily elevated the U.S. once again to an almost respectable position in world affairs. The popularity of the presidency has also reached heights not obtained in months.

However, Mr. Reagan may soon find himself walking an international tightrope. The feuding Israeli government and the Islamic nations are badgering him, and both eagerly await the President's fall. If the Arab nations carry out their proposed "holy war" on the allies of Israel, the U.S. could be subjected to some harmful economic sanctions.

AS HE predicted throughout

his campaign, Reagan would certainly voice his support for Israel in the centuries-old squabble. By doing so, he would be setting the U.S. up for energy blackmail by the Arab nations that would make the oil droughts of the 1970's pale in comparison. The repetition of that familiar scenario would be horrifying: less and less fuel, with higher and higher prices. Inflation, already outrageous, would be further aggravated and pushed to record highs.

For the second time in 15 years, the American people would be calling for the neck of a Republican President still riding the crest of a landslide victory. Reagan would be ob-

served in a mad frenzy, telephoning long distance to Plains and begging Jimmy Carter to give him the secret to reducing the inflation rate to a mere double-digit figure once again . . .

ON THE other hand, Reagan could break American bonds with Israel and side with the Arab nations. However, that would be a blatant case of buckling under to the pressures of the very terrorists the Reagan camp loathes. The U.S. would sink to a new all-time low in the eyes of under-developed nations, who would then hungrily examine the inviting ways of communism.

Reagan might be observed

from the Oval Office, telephoning Plains, in the throngs of hysteria, raging at Carter to divulge the secret of the relative popularity of America in 1979.

Of course, all of our fears may become moot with the realization that the Islamic nations, because of their intense dislike for each other, could not likely combine their hatred into a highly organized, concentrated holy war against the U.S. On the other hand, with the type of statements being thrown around by Reagan and Al Haig, it is now generally acceptable to maintain a broad base of paranoia concerning foreign affairs.

Letters From Our Readers

How about a 3.0 GPA for our ASB president?

To the editor:

Is the purpose of attending Middle Tennessee State University to get an education or to become involved in extra-curricular activities? The ASB is an extra activity, and the president's job takes many hours. However, one's prime objective at this university should be education.

One must obtain a 2.0 GPA to graduate from this university. It seems only logical to require it of the ASB president.

Randy James should be investigated if it is questionable whether or not he met the GPA requirement. The compensation for tuition, room, board, and books could be better spent on obtaining materials for the library instead of giving it to someone whose leadership abilities are demonstrated by a chicken and pig attack against Tennessee Tech. If he is found guilty, he should repay the university.

It would be our suggestion that the GPA requirement for ASB president be raised to a 3.0. Minimum scholastic requirements for other forms of financial aide, many of which are considerably less generous than that of the ASB president, are usually higher.

We are here for an education.

How about you?
Linda Landers Cynthia Spain
Box 3201 Box 2562

Election campaign appears to be underway already

To the editor:

With only weeks to go until the spring elections get underway, it seems as if the campaign is already in progress with various would-be candidates doing not-so-subtle campaigning in efforts to woo student votes. It is our contention that much of the so-called controversy regarding James' grades (or lack thereof) was probably started by persons seeking to discredit him, his administration and others associated with ASB, in order to advance their own causes.

A lack of responsibility to the public was shown in the letter in the Tuesday, Jan. 27 issue from Carey Moore, a *Sidelines* staff member. Allowing a staff member to write a letter to the editor, praising your efforts in the matter shows an alarming lack of good taste and responsibility. It smacks of public relations fluffery when a staff member writes about the wonderful job you're doing on a particular story and we are appalled that you would publish such a letter.

In closing, we feel that we must come to the defense of President James, who has proven himself time and time again throughout the year. True, he did coordinate the war on Tech, but he also did much more—working to improve student involvement in standing

campus committees; encourage more student input and participation in the entire academic spectrum; working with Faculty Senate members to improve faculty-student relations; and encouraging his co-workers to better perform their jobs in order to make the ASB a more viable means of expressing student needs and desires.

Perhaps therein lies the most important factor, the ASB is only as good as the students make it. With *Sidelines* continual lack of coverage, students are badly informed about ASB projects and concerns. Until the student body becomes aware of the ASB and its functions, then this back-biting and apathy will continue to grow. If this happens, the students will lose perhaps their most effective means of expressing their needs and desires. And who will be to blame? We think we know.

Katherine Casity and Jeffrey Ellis
Box 7892

Associate Editor's note: Carey Moore serves as Advertising Manager for *Sidelines*, and has no input or influence whatsoever on the content of the news or opinions of the paper. Consequently, we felt it best to treat his letter as we would any other. The printing of his letters should be regarded as no different than the printing of letters supporting Randy James from fellow ASB members, past and present.

As for our supposed "lack of coverage" of the ASB, *Sidelines* submits that the MTSU student body has recently become painfully aware of the ASB and its functions.

Student vows to shove illegal mail where it belongs

To the editor:

I don't think it's fair that students have to put return box numbers on their outgoing mail while certain "special interest" groups don't. I'm talking about all the advertisements that the MTSU Bookstore and the senior ring people put in all the boxes.

These advertisements have neither a box number to be mailed or a return box number. I thought that for a piece of mail to be processed it had to have both.

The money that could be saved by not processing these pieces of illegal mail could be used to put in new boxes.

Rules are rules. What goes for a few should go for everybody. So from now on anything I get in my mailbox without a return box number on it is going to be shoved back through to the other side.

If others will join me then together we can stop this costly illegal practice.

Henry Carter
Box 6170

Stop your sobbing and start walking

by David Randolph

The most frequent complaint I hear from students at MTSU is, "I can never find a parking space close to my dorm." Another familiar cry is, "I always have to walk so far to get to my classes."

WHAT IS SO bad about having to walk? Most human beings are equipped with two legs which were specifically designed for walking. One of the first things a child learns in life is how to walk. We have no choice but to learn how to master this human function and utilize it for the remainder of our life. Sometimes walking can become tiresome when one is not accustomed to using the bodily functions, but with a little practice walking will become as easy as driving or parking a car.

There are also numerous complaints that administration and faculty member parking spaces are the only parking spaces located near the various vital buildings across campus. This fact should not be a curious phenomenon to any student.

OBVIOUSLY, there are a very limited number of parking spaces located near the vital university buildings, considerably less in number than the amount of students who wish to use these spaces. We should try to remember that there are less administration and faculty members than there are students and to assign the smaller amount of parking spaces to the larger group of users would not be very practical.

Furthermore, many faculty members have spoken of days when they arrive on campus only to find their parking spaces filled with illegally parked automobiles with student permits on the bumper.

There have been recent suggestions to the effect that citation fees collected for parking violations should go to the police department so they could be used to build new parking areas and repair existing trouble spots. The thought is absurd.

TO RETAIN citation fees within the police department would be a conflict of interest within a department that needs to be as objective as possible while remaining within the realm of the law. Such action would provide incentive for enforcement officials to collect as many fines as possible so new projects could be initiated.

Students need to bear in mind that MTSU is a rapidly growing university that will no doubt require more buildings for classrooms, dormitories, and offices in future years. The administration could authorize parking areas to be paved close to existing structures. However, if this policy is carried out (as many students wish), then any new structures would have to be built even further away from buildings than the current parking areas.

There is no parking problem at MTSU other than the constant complaints echoing about the campus concerning the situation. Such complaining is a useless waste of valuable time and can only serve to cause more problems.

IF STUDENTS would allow a few extra minutes for travel to and from classes, they would discover that a leisurely stroll across campus is not only refreshing, but an excellent exercise as well.

So the next time you are not able to find a space in front of the door you wish to enter—don't complain. Just start walking.

Tyrants celebrate loss of liberty



This past year American and the rest of the world learned about the loss of liberties of people in many countries. The atrocities are disturbingly put in perspective by Freedom House, a New York-based human rights organization that counted heads and determined that an astounding 1.5 billion people suffered losses in political rights and civil liberties last year.

Some of the most notable losses occurred in the suppression of dissident movements that expressed opposition opinion and the harassing of domestic journalists.

The report by Freedom House acts to emphasize what the newly-freed hostages have learned: freedom cannot really be understood until you have been deprived that right.

Morehead edges past Raiders 61-60

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sports Writer

MOREHEAD, Ky. — MTSU blew an 11-point second half lead here last night and lost 61-60 at Morehead State.

The setback severely cripples the Raiders' chances of winning the OVC crown.

The Raiders had three chances to win the game in the last five seconds. But shots by Pancakes Perry and Buck Hailey rolled out, and Chris Harris missed a one and one with two seconds left as the win slipped away.

"It's sad that the papers will say Chris lost us the game," MTSU head coach Stan Simpson said, "because it never should have come down to a free throw."

The downfall of MTSU's 11-point lead began after Harris hit two free throws with 9:05 to go. During the next five-minute span, Morehead outscored Middle 16-2 and roared out to a 58-55 lead.

Jerry Beck quieted the crowd with one of his spectacular slams, was fouled and hit the free throw to tie it at 58 with a little over three minutes to go.

Hailey and MSU's Eddie Childress swapped buckets to keep it tied before Fouk was called for an offensive foul with 2:15 left.

"I've been in the league nine years, and I've never seen a call that bad," Simpson said. "It's a shame that a call like that can hurt you so bad."

The Eagles put the ball on ice for the next two minutes, and when Norris Beckley went up for a shot, Rick Campbell was whistled for his fifth foul.

Beckley hit one of the two free throws to make it 61-60 and open the door for MTSU.

"We had opportunity after opportunity to build a lead and

protect it," Simpson said, "but we didn't play smart, and we didn't deserve to win."

MTSU went to the locker room at halftime leading 29-28 on the strength of Beck's 10 points. He ended the game with 17 points, hitting seven of eight from the field and notching a perfect three of three from the free throw line, and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Campbell led the Raiders with 20 points, and Hailey added eight.

For Morehead, Glenn Napier and Beckley both had 10 points to lead the Eagles. Childress and Jeff Tipton tossed in eight apiece.

MSU was 25 of 46 from the field for 54 percent, but hit 14 of 22 in the second half. The Eagles were 11 of 19 from the line for 57 percent.

MTSU was 24 of 50 from the field for 48 percent and 12 of 18 from the line for 66 percent. MTSU outrebounded Morehead 29 to 28.

The loss drops MTSU's record to 5-3 in the conference, while Morehead goes to 3-5.

Eastern Kentucky will be the second leg of the so-called "Death Valley" trip, with the game to be played tomorrow night in Richmond, Ky.

"It's no doubt this is a crippling loss," Simpson said. "I don't think we can win the conference now, but don't expect us to roll over either."

Earlier this year, MTSU knocked off both Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky in



photo by Mark Holland

The Blue Raiders, defeated in Morehead, Ky., last night, take on Eastern Kentucky tomorrow night in Richmond, Ky. Earlier this year, MTSU knocked off both Morehead and

Eastern in Murfreesboro. MTSU edged the Eagles 64-57 for its first OVC win and followed it with a 53-42 decision over the Colonels.

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The Blue Raiders have dropped the last three OVC games on the road—the first two to Western Kentucky last

Thursday and Murray State the Saturday before.

The Blue Raiders drop their overall record to 13-4 with the loss to Morehead State. Middle Tennessee had a 12-game winning streak going until Murray State downed them in

Murray, Ky. Western Carolina defeated the Blue Raiders in Cullowhee, N.C.

Following the Eastern game, Middle Tennessee finishes the OVC schedule at home—playing the next five league contests in Murphy Center.

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Lady Raider Newsom expects great deal

By CAROL A. STUART

Sports Editor

Lady Raider freshman Daphne Newsom expects a lot of herself when she goes onto the basketball court.

Perhaps that's why, as a freshman, she was elected by her teammates to be team captain along with sophomore Ester Coleman.

"I knew I would get it because I feel like everybody looked up to her anyway," the 5-9 product of Shelbyville High said. "But when they called my name at the election, I thought it was unreal. I just hope I can

respond well and take the leadership position and do a good job."

Respond could hardly be an appropriate word for Newsom's contribution to the team in her initial season thus far as a Lady Raider. Already, the forward/guard has broken the starting lineup, averages close to 10 points a game, and has an .842 free throw shooting average, hitting 32 of 38 foul shots.

"I expect a lot of myself," Newsom said, "and I guess that's sometimes a problem. I set down a shooting percentage I'd like to

shoot—65 percent and over from the field.

"And, I don't think I should miss a free throw. That just irritates me to death when I miss a free throw. So I set down to shoot 100 percent from the line."

That doesn't mean Newsom wants perfection on the basketball court at all—she just "wants to be the best I can be."

In Monday night's disappointing loss to Memphis State, Newsom was called on to run the offense from the point guard position—a role she usually isn't relegated to.

Plagued by a tough Memphis State full-court press, the Lady Raiders had 38 turnovers to their opponents' 18. Twelve of those mistakes were attributed to Newsom, who usually averages less than three turnovers a game. And it showed that she was a less than pleased with her effort.

"I like to run the offense," she said, "but I didn't play smart the other night against Memphis State. I got upset with myself because I didn't handle the position I was playing."

Newsom, however, modestly admits she would rather play wing because she's played there more and has "more knowledge about it."

Although the super-frosh was highly recruited for her shooting finesse, playing good defense is one of her prided accomplishments.

"I'll let you in on a little secret here," Newsom said. "I used to just love offense. I didn't care too much for defense, but I believe coach [Larry] Inman has changed me a lot. I like to play defense now—it's more of a challenge."

Against Tennessee Tech, Newsom was given a special assignment, along with fellow freshman standout Cassandra Howard—to keep All-American candidate Jerilyn Harper to 13

points to assure a Lady Raider win.

"It gave Sandy and me both a boost mentally because we're not necessarily the best defensive girls on the team," Newsom said.

"We had to stop her [Harper] and we did," she added. "And I loved it. I loved every minute of it."

As a matter of fact, Newsom is losing every minute of being a Lady Raider, you might say. And now she's accepting the leadership role she has been chosen to play by looking towards better things for the Lady Raiders.

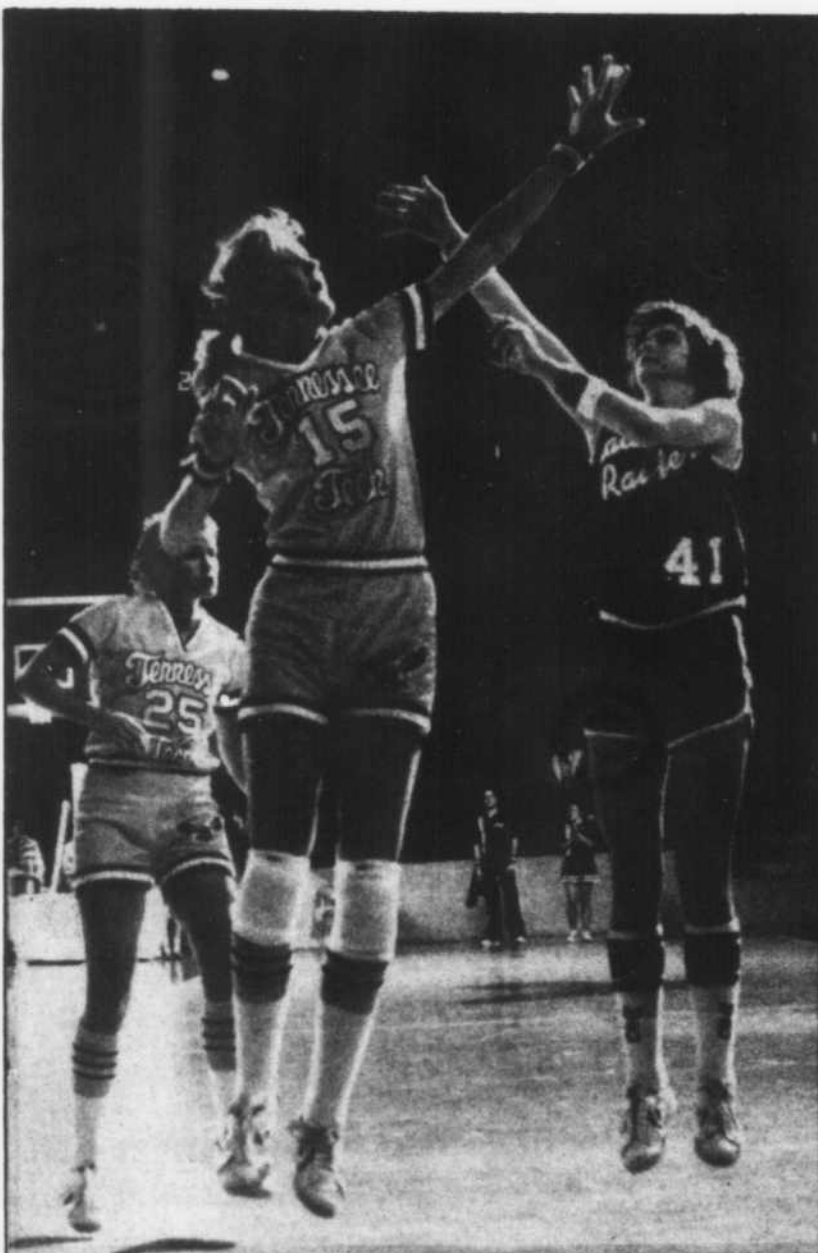


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Daphne Newsom, MTSU's newly-elected freshman co-captain, enjoyed one of her finer games against Tennessee Tech.

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Rasper loses his marbles

By STEVE PRICE
Sports Writer

In the summer of 1976, the lost and found section of a Valdosta, Ga., newspaper should have read as follows:
Lost: One set of marbles. If found please return to Mike Rasper.

Rasper, the MTSU women's track coach at MTSU, was definitely missing something upstairs.

"After my freshman year of running cross country and track at Valdosta State, I decided one way of getting into shape would be to make a long distance run and not just 20 miles but about a thousand miles," he said. "I also thought we could raise some money by doing this."

Rasper decided to get four other guys to help run a relay from Lakepark, Ga., which is close to the Florida-Georgia line, all the way to Washington, D.C., a total of 975 miles.

"I contacted the American Cancer Society in Atlanta and talked to a Mr. Henry," Rasper continued. "At first he balked at the idea. He just didn't believe in it. He just didn't think we could do it."

"And then, about the second

or third time I started hinting on to him, he started believing in it," Rasper said. "I told him I was a distance runner, and I was capable of it myself and so were a couple of my friends. So he finally bought the idea."

As fate would have it, about six weeks before the scheduled run Rasper stepped on a piece of glass while running barefoot. He was on crutches for about five weeks, and he didn't start walking until two days before the event.

However, because of his strong desire to run, Rasper was able to run about 115 of the total miles, despite his injury.

Rasper, along with running mates Mike Hodge, Scott Porter, Sam Benedict and Bill Smith, completed the run in 16 days.

"We would start at the motel, and a person would say 'I want to go five miles' or 'I want to go

10 miles,'" he said. "Ten miles was maximum."

According to Rasper, adhesive tape was used to mark the five or 10 mile stopping points for the runners.

After marking an 'X' for the first runner, the second runner would decide how many miles he wanted to go.

"He did that, and we would continue this way until all five runners were spread out, " Rasper said. "Then the car came back to pick up each runner."

During their long journey, the five runners received almost constant television coverage. They were treated to a party at the home of Pepper Rogers, who was then head football coach at Georgia Tech. They also received the keys to the cities of Macon, Ga., and Greenville, S.C.

According to coach Rasper, one of the most interesting occurrences of the trip happened at an airport in Greensboro, N.C.

"There was an open-air cockpit plane, and there was room for two medium-sized individuals to sit on this seat,"

he said. "It just looked like a big steel bird."

"This thing could go tops about 80 mph," Rasper continued, "and you had to have glasses on because the insects and everything would hit you."

"At one point in the flight, Rasper said. "It was like a car seatbelt, and I said 'We need to have this seatbelt back on Sam. It's a long ways up.' I figured any minute the plane was going to go down."

According to Rasper, a total of \$10,000 was raised for the cancer society and even more was pledged.

"My initial reason for choosing the cancer society was that I had several relatives who had died prematurely of cancer," he said. "I thought something had to be done about it."

"We somehow had to get some money and try to find a cure. Ours was just a very, very small portion, but I thought the effort might show something."

Maybe Mike Rasper isn't so crazy after all.

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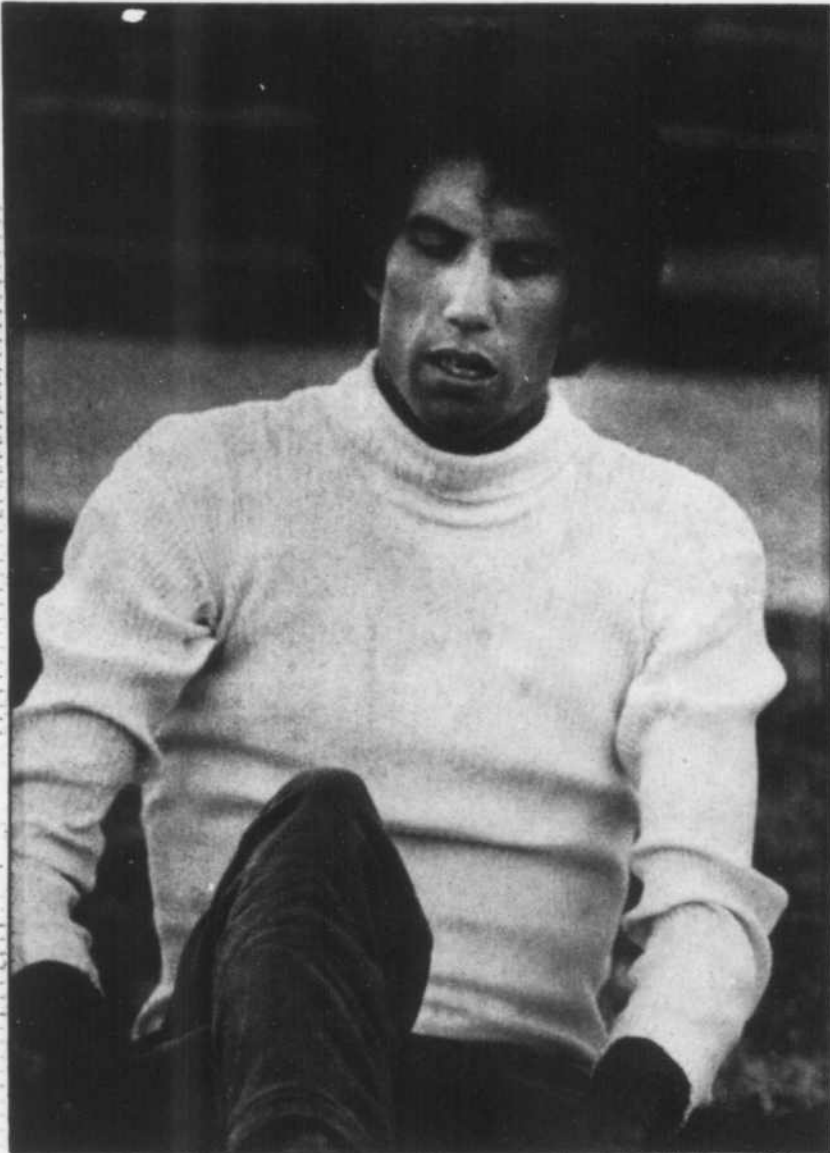


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Women's track coach Mike Rasper

Western Ky. moves into OVC lead over Murray

(AP) — Western Kentucky recorded its fourth win in a row last night, downing Eastern Kentucky 84-80 in Richmond, Ky., and staying atop the OVC with a 6-1 record.

In other OVC action, Akron whipped Murray State 65-59, and Austin Peay squeaked by Tennessee Tech 69-67.

MTSU begins a search for new athletic director

Middle Tennessee State University will begin the process of hiring an athletic director on Monday, Feb. 2, with the opening of the application period.

Current athletic director, Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy, announced his retirement in November, effective June 30.

MTSU's Search Committee will review applications for the athletic director's position until the closing date of Tuesday, March 3. After this date, the Search Committee will interview the top candidates and will announce its final choice during the week of March 16, tentatively.

The Search Committee is comprised of: Dr. Dan Scott, Dr. Molly Whaley, Joe Sawyer, and Jany Simms of the university; Charles Sarver, president of the MTSU Alumni Association; and Willard Peery, president of the Blue Raider Club.

Dr. Scott will serve as chairman of the committee, and Murphy will serve as adviser.

Reserve Hilltopper forward Percy White scored 15 of his 25 points in the second half to spark Western to an OVC victory over intrastate foe Eastern.

Eastern, which had a three-game win streak snapped, fell to 7-10 in all games and 4-3 in the conference.

Sophomore forward Tony Wilson contributed 19 points and seven rebounds for Western, which connected on 50.8 percent of its shots from the field.

Eastern guard Tommy Baker was the game's top scorer with 26 points.

Akron's freshman guard Joe Jackubich came up with a hot hand in the second half against Murray, when he scored 16 of his game-high 22 points, to spark Akron to a win over conference foe, Murray.

The visiting Racers were led by the 20 points of junior forward Kenney Hammonds.

In Cookeville, Andrew Burton's 24 points, including four free throws in the final 24 seconds, helped Austin Peay

squeak by host Tech in an OVC matchup.

The win pushed Peay to a 10-9 overall record and a 3-5 league mark. Tech fell to 4-13 and 1-7 in the OVC.

point lead the final two minutes.

Western Kentucky and Murray State won their basketball games Saturday night and remained on top of Ohio Valley Conference standings for the weekends with 5-1 league records.

Western Kentucky defeated Morehead State 75-68 and Murray State beat Tennessee Tech 50-48.

In other OVC action Saturday, No. 4 Akron beat No. 5 Austin Peay 79-65 and 2nd-place Middle Tennessee, at the top of the standings until last week's loss to Western Kentucky, overpowered Western Carolina 66-52 in non-conference play. Eastern Kentucky, No. 3 in the conference, had the night off.

Center Craig McCormick scored a season-high 23 points as

Western Kentucky defeated Morehead. The Hilltoppers went ahead for good with 5:13 left to play after the lead changed hands 14 times and the score tied 15 times.

The score was tied seven times in the first half, but the Governors took a 28-24 lead to the locker room at halftime.

Behind Burton's game-high points, Peay grabbed a seven-point lead three times in the second half, but Tech's Mike Williams added some outside baskets to hold Peay to a two-

Murray State's Lamont Sleet

scored 14 points to help give the Racers a victory over Tennessee Tech.

Murray State built a 10-point lead in the first half at 26-16

with 4:30 to play, but went scoreless for the rest of the period. Tennessee Tech hit the next three baskets to make the score 26-22 at halftime.

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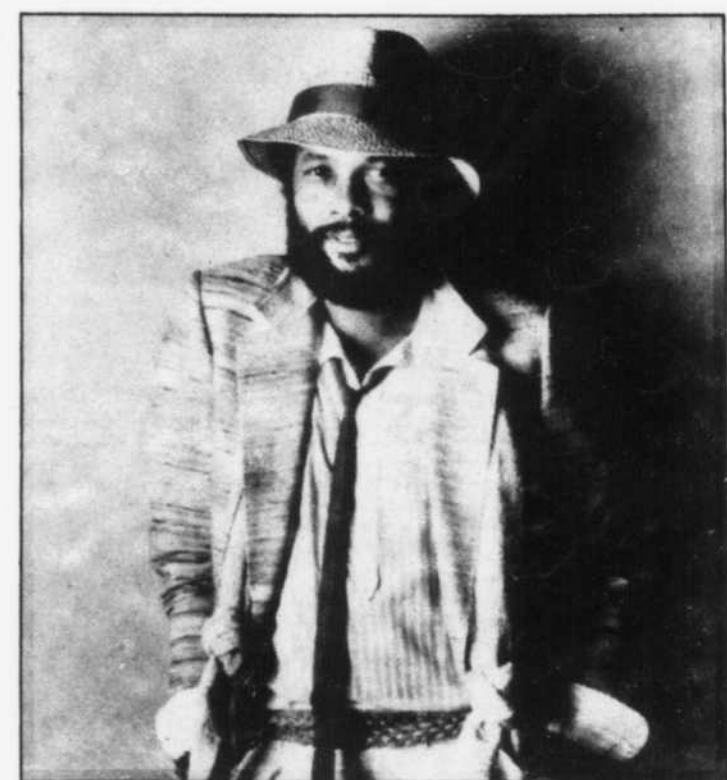
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