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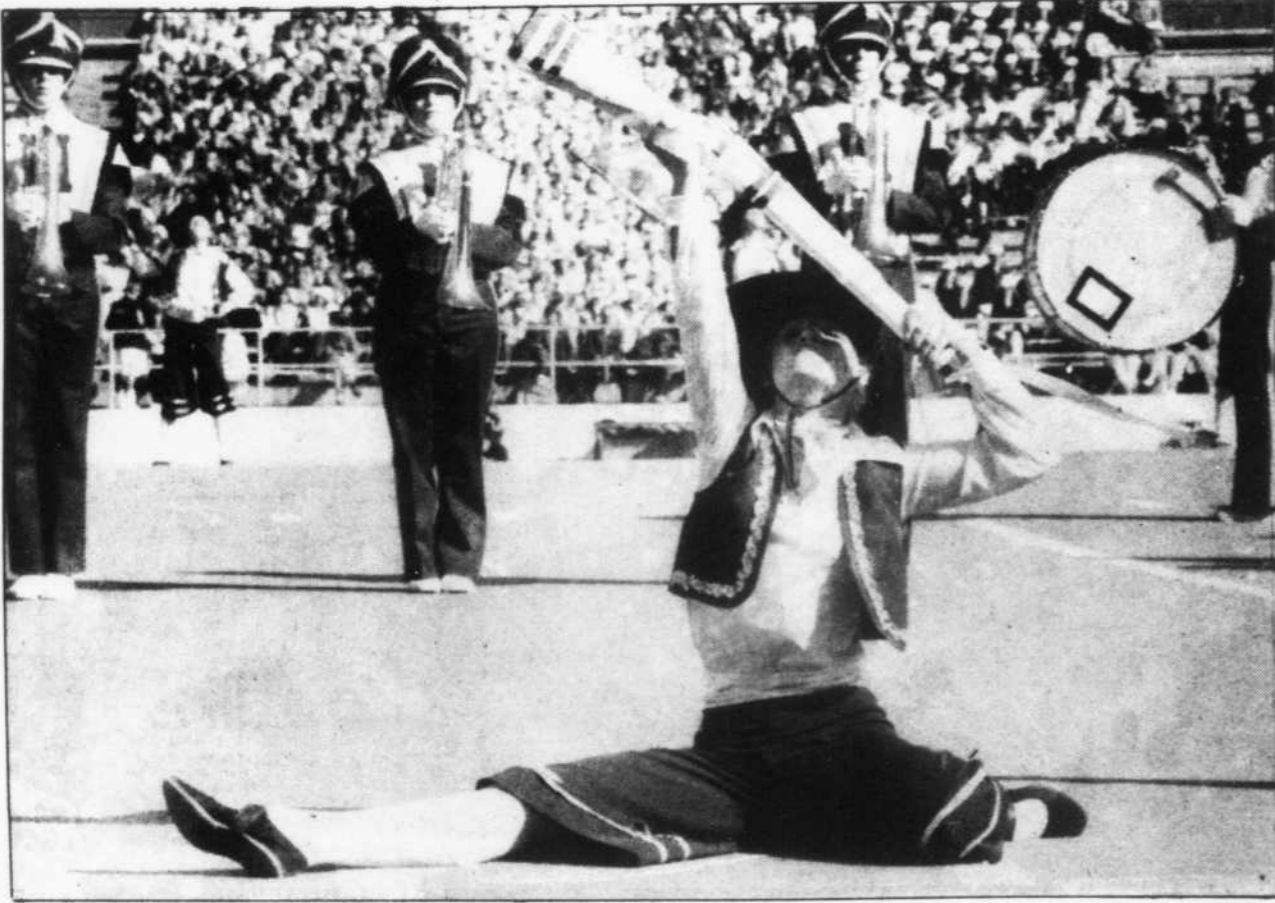


Photo by Lesley Collins

MTSU hosts national contest

A member of the Northmont High School Marching Band from Clayton, Ohio, proudly exhibits her talents while other members stand at attention. Over 30 high schools participated in the Contest of Champions. (Story on p.3.)

MTSU parking hurts education; solutions to problems simple

By DOUG MARKHAM
News Editor

Finding a place to park at MTSU is detrimental to education, but a solution to the problems would be simple, Eric Steinberg, a student member of the Traffic Committee said last week.

"A lot of times students are 10 or 12 minutes late to a class because they have been looking for a place to park," Steinberg said. "When people are always coming in late it disturbs the class."

THE PARKING problem is not serious, but more a "thorn in the side" he said.

Steinberg has been a staunch advocate for better parking conditions since 1980 when he began researching the parking situation.

Last week Steinberg sponsored an advertisement in the *Sidelines* inviting members of the MTSU community to attend the meeting and suggest ideas for alleviating the problem.

THE STUDENT turnout was small, Steinberg said, but the Traffic Committee expressed interest in the suggestions.

Among Steinberg's solutions is building a ramp garage behind the ROTC building, which he said would cost about \$20,000, relining some of the parking spaces, which, under his plan would create about 300 additional parking slots, and

painting some of the yellow coded areas to blue or green.

A survey conducted earlier this year by Director of Planning and Construction Charles Pigg indicated that almost 500 parking spaces were available during school hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and nearly 300 slots were vacant on Monday and Wednesdays.

PIGG'S survey was misleading because parking lots are spread over a 500-acre campus and parking spaces cannot be found as easily as the

survey leads the student to believe, Steinberg said.

The Traffic Committee has scheduled a meeting next week in hopes of more community input on the parking situation, Steinberg said.

"The reason I'm trying to get everybody fired up [about the parking] is because I don't believe the ASB or administration is completely responsive to the problem," Steinberg said.

"What I need is help," he said.



Eric Steinberg: "What I need is help."

Influences upon Japanese culture to be theme of Asian Studies group

By BILLIE ABRAMS
Staff Writer

Traditional Japanese influence on contemporary Japanese culture is the theme for the fall meeting of the Tennessee Consortium for Asia Studies to be held on campus Oct. 29 and 30.

William P. Malm, ethnomusicologist at the University of Michigan, will give a lecture/performance in the Music Hall of Wright Music Building on Oct. 29 at 8 p.m.

ANOTHER lecture/performance by Malm on traditional and contemporary Japanese music will be in the Faculty Lounge of the James Union Building on Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Malm is the author of five

books on Oriental music. His latest book, coauthored with J. Brandon and D. Shively, is titled "Studies in Kabuki."

From 1955 to 1957 Malm was given a Ford Foundation Fellowship to Japan. He received an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship to Japan in 1963 and 1964.

HE HAS served as president of the Society for Ethnomusicology and as lecturer for the Japan Societies of Washington, D.C., Chicago and San Francisco.

A lecture/slide presentation on Japanese architecture by Milan Mihal, professor of fine arts at Vanderbilt University, will be held in the Faculty Lounge at the James Union Building on Oct. 30 at 2:15 p.m.

Mihal has developed new courses in Japanese and Chinese

art and architecture. He has organized and installed Oriental art exhibitions at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, Nashville, the Cumberland Science Museum in Nashville and Vanderbilt's fine arts department.

AMONG awards Milan has received are the Sarratt Prize for excellent teaching, a Ford Foundation Grant and a Danforth in the Faculty Lounge of the James Union Building Oct. 30 at 9 a.m.

A Japanese luncheon and Koto concert by Seiko Kono will be in Dining Room C of the James Union Building on Oct. 30 at noon.

Reservations for the \$4 luncheon must be made by Oct. 22.

BSA questions lack of black acts

By YEVETTE MCGOWEN
Staff Writer

Members of the Black Student Association are questioning why a black artist or group has not appeared at Murphy Center since 1978.

"The BSA is in a holding-like position because Harold Smith (director of student programming) has guaranteed he would give us a major black concert in Murphy Center this academic year," BSA President Harold Yokely said yesterday.

THAT'S THE big problem. It's not that they can't get a black group in Murphy Center, it's that [student programming] can't get anyone to promote one," Yokely said.

"Our point is that if you get a good quality group, it will sell out. So we are just biding our time, putting pressure on them to let them know that we are concerned and that we want a concert at Murphy Center."

A petition requesting a concert by a black artist or group has been drawn up by the BSA and about 250 students have signed it so far.

IT WILL be given to Harold Smith as a show of strength and interest in this issue and to let them know that we really do want a major black concert in Murphy Center," Yokely said.

When asked if he would take further action if programming does not schedule a concert Yokely said he would plan "another course of action," but would be cautious in his plans.

"I wouldn't take any action that would be too fast or that would end up hurting our cause more than helping it," Yokely said. "Whatever we do will be thoroughly planned out, and everyone will know so it won't come as a surprise to anyone."

Firm's bankruptcy delays RIM album

By WYNELLE CARSON
Staff Writer

The RIM and music department album is being delayed in production due to the manufacturing company's bankruptcy, according to Geoff Hull, recording management instructor.

The company which made the original bid for the album filed for bankruptcy before the MTSU project had been finished, Hull said.

WE EITHER had to go the next lowest bid or re-bid. We decided to re-bid," Hull explained.

Losing the bid may have been a good thing, Hull said, since one of the companies had misunderstood the deal and had thought MTSU wanted 1,000 copies of the album instead of the fact that MTSU had only \$1,000 to spend.

Due to all the confusion added to the original company's bankruptcy, Hull said the RIM department and music department let the project go out for bidding again.

ANOTHER company received the bid and now the album is on its way, he added.

"We are fortunate that the

company didn't have the master for the album," Hull continued. "At the time they went bankrupt, they were in possession of the artwork for the album and we couldn't get it back."

The master tape has now been sent to the new company, Hull said, and the LRC graphics department has done the artwork again.

LAST WEEK we got a test pressing and when we approve it, manufacturing will probably start," Hull explained.

He said the albums should be ready in about two weeks.

The albums will be sold through the university bookstore and/or through ARMS, the Association of Recording Management Students, Hull continued.

Hull added that any revenues from the album sales will go directly back into the funds for the next album, but even if the revenues aren't enough, the mass communications department and music department will chip in to make up the cost.

House 'enthusiasm' noted by Kessler

By MARTY WATT
Staff Writer

Although the House "might have gotten a bit carried away" during their budget squabble at Thursday's meeting, ASB President David Kessler said he was pleased with their "enthusiasm."

However he would not comment on accusations by several House members that the ASB had virtually no control over the budget.

KESSLER refuted the charges that House views carried very little weight in the actual disbursement of funds.

"I believe they have the wrong idea about the budget," Kessler said.

"I mean it's their money. **WE WANT** to spend [the money] according to [the House's] wishes."

Kessler would not comment on whether the Legislature had any actual authority in the matter.

I AM pleased with the way the House has gotten so active in this matter," Kessler said.

"I hope they will continue with this enthusiasm throughout both semesters and work with this administration."

"Although they might have gotten a bit carried away, I'm glad the enthusiasm exists," he concluded.

REPS. LESTER Levi and Tony Yates raised several questions about the effectiveness of ASB action on the budget and whether funds were being duplicated.

According to Levi the budget will be spent to fit the wishes of someone in "another office."

Calling the budget process a "gross negligence" to the ASB constitution, Levi also questioned the effectiveness of ASB action on any subject.

Harm found in parent-teacher conferences

By Freida Myers
Staff Writer

"Those once or twice a year conferences that your parents had with your grade school may have done you more harm than good, according to Alma Harrington, a member of the MTSU education department."

In a speech before a group of honors students last week, Harrington described the results of some research done into parent-teacher communication.

THE CONFERENCES are too short, too infrequent, and too often just "token contacts" with teachers, she said. Parents have little basis of comparison of their children's educational performances, or may actually

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Campus Capsule

THE HIPERS CLUB is meeting tonight at 7:30 in Murphy Center 100.

THE SPECIAL HOUSE session meeting that was slated for today has been cancelled and will be announced later.

ASB Homecoming poster contest judging will take place today at noon in UC 322.

DELTA OMICRON faculty recital featuring various faculty artists will be conducted in the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m. tonight.

SOCIAL WORK CLUB is conducting a meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m. in PH 319.

PSIGMA EPSILON is holding a trade fair all day tomorrow in the U.C.

SPECIAL EVENTS is presenting "Locomotion Vaudeville" in the U.C. courtyard at noon tomorrow.

TABLE SOCCER teams will be meeting tomorrow in the U.C. Games Room from 6 to 10 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS and Fine Arts will present "Second City" tomorrow in the D.A. Auditorium at 8 p.m.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY Home Demonstration Clubs will have Recognition Day, a fashion show and a luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the JUB from 10 until 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

ACTIVITIES DAY for Homecoming will be held in the Baird Practice Field at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

COPIES of the Joe Garner and Assoc. study of the MTSU Police Department are available for reading in the ASB office, UC 301 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Teachers

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 misunderstand a teacher's words.

Harrington outlined a program of direct contact between educators and parents that she says will bring lasting improvement in the grades and attitudes of students—tools include parent workshops, programs and other volunteer courses that show parents what they can do at home to help their children. The core of the program is a written contract between parents, the teacher and the student, with lists of requirements and expectations for each. Take-home learning packages and lending libraries with records, tapes and books provide additional enrichment.

Weather

Sunrise today at 11:03 p.m. Snow accumulations up to 36 inches by 3 p.m., with the high in the mid-90s. Wind gusts from the north up to 88 mph with the snow ending by 3:01 p.m. Torrential rains following snow ending next Monday except for Thursday at 2:32 p.m. for activities day. Rains following immediately after the conclusion of the bed race. The sun goes down at sunset. For future weather information, contact Kathy Casity, staff weather-girl.

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Current economic policy cannot 'stay the course'

President Reagan's request for Americans to "stay the course" is tantamount to asking them to lash themselves to the railings of the *Titanic*. It is apparent that the time has come to abandon ship, as staying the course will only cause further suffering.

Americans are being forced to live with an economy where 11 million workers are unemployed and another 2.5 million workers have lost all hope of re-entering the job market in the near future.

THE NUMBER of bankruptcies reported last year soared to 18,705, and 30 of these were banks.

There are record military buildups, record budget deficits and record tax increases, which lead to the conclusion that Americans are on the brink of a major economic shipwreck.

The United States is part of a "world-wide economic shut-down," according to MIT economist Lester Thurow.

GREAT BRITAIN, Germany, France, Japan and the United States have seen little or no growth in past years. It is a process of a sinking world economy putting down-pressure on itself.

And if Mexico defaults on its loans, an action Thurow concedes would be beneficial to Mexico, 40 percent of the money in the ten largest banks would be lost.

Yet with all this evidence weighing upon the minds of the U.S. leadership, Americans are told to "stay the course." What course?

AS IF THE beginning of October, the prime lending rate has fallen more than one-third, while interest rates on consumer loans have stayed the course. The only entities capable of taking advantage of the lowered prime are the large corporations.

The stock market's bullish turn only reflects the disparity between the perspectives of the president and the average American. This crisp investment turn was executed in large part by giant corporations and foreign investors, who sought shelter from their own tumbling economies.

PRESIDENTIAL economic adviser

Alan Greenspan responds to these uncomfortable indicators with the glib phrase that "the problem can't be cured by adding more of what got us here."

What did get us here?

The nation's leading economic theoreticians cannot agree on which policy to follow, according to economist James W. Dean. America has been subject to Keynesian, neo-Keynesian, monetarist and supply-side theories since the Great Depression. None of the theories agree, and all have been applied in some form.

"ECONOMISTS find themselves reduced to diviners of the public psyche," Dean writes.

Who can Americans trust to guide us on "the course?"

Why should Americans trust a government that ignores massive unemployment and responds with political rhetoric such as "stay the course" and "we are better off" now than before?

The "before" referred to was an unemployment rate that rose only 1.5 percent during the four years of the Carter administration, compared to the 2.7 percent in the first year of the Reagan administration.

THE "BEFORE" indicated, is a job force that has suffered a net reduction of 2.4 million jobs available to the 11 million unemployed.

The "before" includes a governmental policy which considered the non-tangible impact of its decisions as well as statistical evidence.

Americans are left with no course of action to maintain and with the conclusion they are not better off than before.

THE PROBLEMS of America belong to everyone, but the desire for a prosperous future should not allow minds to become clouded concerning judgements which should instead be based on facts.

The Reagan administration is not going to admit the failure of its economic policy, but Americans should get off the course they are currently on.

If not, the nation may find itself a victim of an economic iceberg of *Titanic* proportions.

Guest view

by Lester Levi, Jr.

I would like to comment on something of importance to you, the Students of MTSU and myself. The editorials concerning the recent activities of the ASB House of Representatives and printed observations about how the Students view its function and purpose have validity.

However, some printed comments concerning our recent activities are misconstrued. Please allow me to explain my personal point of view and why some of the actions have been taken.

FIRST, allow me to qualify my observations by paraphrasing some comments from recent editorials.

It is accurately reported that for the last decade the Students of MTSU have fervently voiced the feeling that they both need and desire a legitimate avenue for input into the decision making processes of the Administration on many issues.

Many of these issues are of vital importance, and I fervently agree they deserve our immediate and well intentioned consideration.

THE Police/Security relationship with the Students, housing policies, parking or the bookstore are all extremely good and worthwhile issues which fit into this category.

It is my contention, and always has been, that members of the Administration would like nothing better than for the ASB and the Students to assume a more mature and responsible attitude toward entertaining these issues with the purpose of enlightening them about our feelings and ideas. It would most certainly make their job easier.

If we do not act in such a manner and, instead, shout and accuse in fragmented voices, they have no other choice than to act as they deem best.

THE UNIVERSITY and the State have seen fit to provide and to detail an avenue for such a collective voice. The ASB government and *Sidelines* are both such institutions.

These activities have a two-fold purpose. First, as an avenue for discussion and assimilation of the views and ideas of the Students. Through these institutions, and in accordance with the guidelines so designated, hopefully a consensus representing all Students appears.

Second, they exist as an avenue for the acquisition of certain skills which are crucial for involvement in the "pluristie system" which exists in our country.

SEVERAL of the articles which the *Sidelines* deems important enough to cover from off-campus exemplify this concept. Why not cover on-campus, dealing with the issues

of importance to us?

It is true, very true, that the Students do not act collectively through these institutions, and the Administration is partially justified in their present position. This is the issue.

I feel that the Students can make a difference. Please note, I said **STUDENTS**.

THE RECENT actions taken by the ASB House of Representatives, including myself, are designed not to destroy the system, but rather to establish within the framework provided, the very avenue for the collective voice we so desperately seek.

Students should have the right to voice an opinion about the rules which govern their very lives. The question of the budget, and the constitutional questions which surround it, are being explored in an effort to re-establish student control.

If we do not take the opportunity to control the very functioning of the government through the ASB we do not stand a chance.

The budget is just the beginning of the ASB's concerns. It is not *the* issue; however, it is the first issue to arise through which we can openly extend our voices and begin to assert ourselves in a responsible, mature manner.

THE PURPOSE of the ASB is to coordinate the communication of Student opinion to the Administration. That is the issue. It is our money, and what we do with it is our business. It should be our concern.

I was amazed at the representatives' lack of knowledge concerning the ASB Constitution, the very document which outlines for us the directions we can take.

The Senate passed an appropriations measure. I can not say bill, because no such thing has been introduced to consider. All that the House has received is an outline of general expenditure.

THE Constitution states that any bill introduced into the legislative branch must be written a specified way and cosponsored by a member of the Senate and the House. The House has received no such Bill.

Upon what do we vote? Many legitimate questions have been raised concerning the general outline which was presented to us—questions which have, as yet, been inadequately addressed.

It appears that there is a duplication of funds in several areas. It is my opinion that, if we are to spend this money in an effort to represent ourselves, it should be done with the consent of the Students.

I AM NOT against campus beautification or leaving behind

a legacy for the future. But I am against a stab at off-the-cuff, ill-considered attempts at sensationalism which in the future may not be as attractive as they now appear to be.

If we, the students, want a voice in the affairs of the day, what better place to start showing the Administration that we are sincere than to adequately, and within the guidelines provided for us, exercise our control over the budget?

If we are capable of acting as a collective force, then our assertions of ideas and observations on the many issues facing us do indeed carry weight. If we continue to avoid the reality that the very organization provided for us indeed does not work and indeed is a subterfuge of the values our educational process expounds, then we will never be able to affirmatively exist as we want.

I HAVE stated before that it is not my intention to destroy anyone or anything, but rather to build upon that which is the only avenue we, as Students, have. I would further hope, and think, that *Sidelines* would indeed find such a stand in accordance with its already stated position of student interest.

One last plea: Students of MTSU, you have an opportunity. Please contact your House and Senate representatives and express your opinions and expectations.

I feel strongly that they will listen and react. If the interest is shown and the system made to work as it is designed, I feel that we will leave behind a legacy worth far more than a few paintings on a wall.

Stand-up and demonstrate to the Administration that we are only concerned with progress and not with irresponsible negligence.

Have a complaint?

If you have a question or complaint about news coverage or editorial policy, call Claudia Robinson, editor in chief, 898-2815, or Judy Emerson, coordinator of student publications, 898-2917.

If you have a specific complaint about the accuracy of fairness of news reporting or editorial opinion, and have failed to get satisfaction from the newspaper and faculty adviser, you are invited to take the complaint to the MTSU Student Publications Committee. This committee is an independent body comprised of students, faculty and administrators.

If you have a question or complaint about advertising, call Mark Samples, advertising manager, 898-2917.

If you have a question or problem regarding circulation or subscription rates, call Kathy Wright, student publications secretary, 898-2917.



Commentary

Punchline

by Danny Tyree

"Nothing boosts confidence like a job." — Sen. Jim Sasser.

Nothing boosts confidence among Sasser supporters like the snow job used in WNGE's televised debate with Rep. Robin Beard.

THIS IS sad for despite his liberal tendency to mistake money for leaven, he has done good things for the state and the nation. Why didn't the debate focus more on Sasser's accomplishments than on hackneyed propaganda?

Perhaps he was afraid Beard could do a better job.

Of course Sasser's behavior during the debate shouldn't have been a surprise. Those who had seen Sasser on WSMV's public affairs program "Point to Point," the previous weekend should have been tipped off.

On "Point to Point" a reporter tried to get a straight answer from Sasser about the interpretation of voting records. Sasser has asserted Beard is taking votes out of context when he labels Sasser a "flip-flopper."

THE REPORTER asked if it wasn't hypocritical for Sasser to criticize Beard for his vote on generally acceptable omnibus bills even though they had one or two objectionable amendments buried within.

One could wish Sasser's runaround as "political talk," but I think we should expect more of him after he spent so much time during the WNGE debate getting choked up over the "high office" the people of Tennessee have bestowed upon him.

SASSER may be unhappy with the "flip-flopper" label, but he earned it again during the debate. One minute he was

droning on about unemployment being the major campaign issue and said we must put people back to work. Then he reiterated support of the domestic content bill for the automobile industry.

Figures from the Department of Commerce, the Federal Trade Commission and even the Democrat-controlled Congressional Budget Office indicate that such a measure could raise auto prices from \$500 to several thousand dollars per car.

The bill sounds like a red-blooded American response to trade restrictions on U.S. cars sold abroad, but it is an antagonistic action. Former Carter administration trade ambassador Reubin Askew says enactment of the legislation would raise serious questions concerning a possible violation of treaty obligations.

AMERICAN farmers, American chemical producers, American electronics manufacturers, etc. would all be open to retaliation from Japan and other countries, according to U.S. trade representative Bill Brock.

Between 1977 and 1980, four out of five new manufacturing jobs were created in export industries. Can we hope to continue that export success while alienating our trading partners?

It's too bad Sasser spent so much time on the unemployment situation. He might have addressed one of Beard's more stinging observations. Early in the campaign, Sasser pressured television stations into not running Beard's flip-flopping mouse commercial by threatening a lawsuit.

BUT LAWSUIT threats have been conspicuously absent in regards to Beard's later commercials. Could it be Beard's ads aren't as questionable as Sasser would have us believe?

Sasser did address Beard's "do-nothing" policy concerning victims of the recession but it is inaccurate to say Beard has done nothing except say "Hang in there."

Beard is guilty of not "compassionately" dishing out the taxpayers' money on more giveaway programs. I point out Beard's efforts to reduce inflation and create investment incentives, but that doesn't count on Sasser's scorecard.

I'M NOT even sure why Sasser showed up in person for the debate. He could just as easily have participated by proxy. Any Tip O'Neill clone can stand up and deplore Reagan's budget deficits and call Reaganomics "bankrupt."

Any Ted Kennedy-in-training can ignore reasons for high deficits (ever-growing entitlement programs, high interest rates that are only slowly coming down from the levels reached during the Carter administration, declining U.S. productivity, a worldwide recession, etc).

A one-hour debate barely scratches the surface of two candidates' proposals, voting records, etc., so the WNGE program shouldn't make or break either of the candidates.

But it should make us more cautious choosing between two men who would have the potential to make or break the country.



ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE PRESS.

Letters From Our Readers

Ad questioned on ethical basis

To the Editor:

It is with reluctance that the undersigned feel a need to write this letter.

About a week ago, an advertisement appeared in the *Sidelines* encouraging students to write away for term papers. This ad struck at the very foundation of what a university should be about.

IT BOLDLY and blantly guaranteed students an "A"; it indicated that the paper was typed up and ready to submit; it also assured confidentiality. In short, it was obscene.

We understand that the advertising manager and some of the newspaper staff now feel that it was a mistake and will no longer run this type of ad in the future. However, if this is actually the case, then we feel the newspaper should publicly acknowledge their new position.

Newspapers publish corrections when they print inaccurate information. This mistake is certainly more serious than incorrectly identifying someone in a photograph.

THERE MAY be those who say that we are making mountains out of molehills. But is it a molehill if even one student cheats his or her way to a better grade? (The ad is \$75, it is clear that the advertiser expects more than one person to respond).

We believe the more serious damage comes when students, especially beginning ones, see this ad in a university publication and reach the conclusion that cheating is a common and thus, perhaps,

acceptable part of university life. If this scenario does occur, then part of the fabric that keeps a university together (and makes it special) is torn.

We also want to add that we are strong believers in first amendment rights, but we do not feel these rights necessarily include assisting some one to cheat. In the advertising curriculum, students are taught the importance of having standards which include the rejection of unethical ads. In political science, the principles are similar.

WE ALSO understand that working on the *Sidelines* is supposed to be a learning experience. In other words, we realize that it is easy for inexperienced students to make mistakes.

We make them, and we are supposed to be experience. But the power to influence thousands of people also carries with it and implicit responsibility. We are sorry to have to provide that reminder.

Donald E. Parente
Mass Communications

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The ad was dropped because members of the faculty, including our adviser, were unable to contact by phone the firm that purchased the ad. This raised the question of the firm's respectability.

While we agree that the service offered is anathema to a honest education, we separate the news, editorial/commentary and advertising sections of our newspaper.

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The decision not to continue running the ad involved no change of policy, but if it had we would not have publicly acknowledged the change as this, too, would be a change of policy.

We also refuse to bend to the undue and uncarranted pressures applied to members of our staff before the letter was written.

Commendation given column

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Khadijah and Karen on their column "Stepping from the Shadows."

Their column is very interesting as well as informative. They deserve to be lauded for this well written feature article. It has both purpose and "soul."

A standing ovation for the young ladies, Khadijah and Karen, for daring to step from the shadows.

Karen Manning
BSA Keeper of Records
Box 2574

Student says Cheek's knocks Darwinism

To the Editor:

Concerning the caricature, Cheek's, in Tuesday's *Sidelines*. Obviously this cartoon is taking yet another slap at the evolutionary ideas of Darwin.

Despite all the scientific data which supports the evolution of life, many theories are continually knocked. The comment made in the cartoon, "We've looked the same for 600 million years. We're bound to evolve sometime," is just one example of such "jokes" at the thought of evolving of the life on earth. Two points should be made.

FIRST, LIFE which existed 600 million years ago that still lives today in the same form (if any does) only is showing the adaptability of that creature to many variations of the environment.

Second, just because a life form may appear the same despite millions of years, it very possibly could have made several internal changes that enabled it to adapt better to this changing environment.

Many times individuals knock

Darwin's theories but they still remain, with some modification, the basis of today's Biology.

Kevin Kerr
Box 5737

Security issue getting tiresome

To the Editor:

Concerning your stories on parking and on security.

You can find something else to print, we have all read them by now.

Ron Edmondson
Box 1680

Room search elicits reply response

To the Editor:

I would like to ask the question of whether college students are capable enough to take care of themselves. The Housing Office doesn't seem to think so.

Last week posters appeared on K dorm announcing an inspection Monday. After asking some questions, all I have found

out is that they are looking for missing or extra furniture. Why then, must they look inside our refrigerators, check our trash and look at our showers?

After talking to some friends, I find that they have regular inspections in some of the other dorms . . .

What is the problem? I feel that college students can take care of themselves and I, for one, resent people coming into my room/apartment and telling me it is messy.

If they are looking for furniture, fine, but let's put a stop to inspections—we are old enough to take care of ourselves.

Robinn Johnson
Box 2029

Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are welcomed and are considered on the basis of timeliness, interest, taste and space. All letters must include the author's name, MTSU box number and telephone number. The telephone number will be used for verification purposes only.

We reserve the right to edit material submitted for publication. Each letter should be brief and on one subject only. We will not print unsigned letters.

Please address all letters and other inquiries to: *Sidelines*, Box 42



'Rocky Horror' retains popularity

By TERRY MORROW
Feature Editor

"Rocky" might be a good way to describe the events happening at the UC last night and tonight if the films committee has its way.

Actually, "rocky" is just what the audience wants. Rocky refers to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, the biggest drawing movie shown consecutively on campus.

"PEOPLE like Rocky because they can be free to act crazy," Carl Richardson, films committee chairman, said. "We try to keep some semblance of order for our movies, but this movie is one where everybody acts just a little crazy."

The movie is a "cult classic," according to many critics and often draws in record crowds at its midnight showing across the country.

Rocky was originally released in 1975, but did poorly in box office sales. A clever promoter decided to re-release the show as a late night entry for movie theatres' weekend crowds.

Rocky's re-release was a smash hit, breaking many box office records. At MTSU, the movie has done very well also, being a near sell out at every showing, Richardson reported.

"I don't know why people here like it so well," he said. "It may be because they can act wild and have a good time when they go in to watch it."

Dennis Floyd, an MTSU student who has seen the movie 42 times, says it has an appeal to a certain type of person.

"THE PEOPLE who watch Rocky and really get into it are either exhibitionist or just a little strange," Floyd said smiling.

Floyd first began watching Rocky Horror last year when it came to MTSU. Soon afterwards, he went to Nashville for the midnight showing. The Nashville casting director for

Rocky Horror announced that people were needed for the official Nashville troop and Floyd was interested.

Many of the late-night viewers often come dressed as the characters, and MTSU audiences are no exception, Floyd said. He participates in the tradition by portraying the role of Brad.

AS BRAD, Floyd not only dresses up like the character every other weekend, but he sings the lines and sings the songs in front of the audience during the course of the movie.

Being Brad isn't all fun and glamour, Floyd explained. Before he performed in front of the audience, he practiced extensively, learning the lines and singing the lyrics.

Floyd describes himself as the type of person that normally isn't outgoing in large groups, and sometimes the experience can be scary.

"I DON'T get scared unless they [the audience] starts to throw things at me," he laughed.

The plot deals with Frankfurter (Tim Curry), a transvestite from outer space. Frankfurter has a party to unveil his newest creation, a man-hunk called Rocky. His plans for a blissful life with the creation are thwarted by the appearance of a middle-class American couple, Janet and Brad (played by Oscar nominee Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick).

At the two 11 p.m. showings of Rocky, a costume contest will be held with the audience as the judges. All contestants must do to enter is to appear at the showings dressed as one of the characters.

THE WINNER will be awarded a free pass to the UC movies for the rest of the semester.



SPORTS WRITER NEEDED
Midlander, the MTSU yearbook, needs a sports writer to cover the sports events of this year. Pay will be based on per story quota. All interested writers should come by the Midlander office, 306 at the JUB or call 898-2533.



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Week's events announced

By TERRY MORROW
Feature Editor

Homecoming activities extend all of this week with concerts, dances and parties on the agenda.

Following is a complete listing of activities set for Homecoming week:

TUESDAY: A poster competition (noon, UC room 322) will be held which will center on the MTSU-Austin Peay game this Saturday. Any organization may enter and trophies will be awarded.

WEDNESDAY: The Locomotion Vaudeville Group (noon, UC courtyard) will present their special brand of music and comedy to MTSU.

The annual Homecoming pep rally (3 p.m. UC courtyard) provides students an opportunity to cheer the Blue Raiders on before Saturday's game.

A comedy concert provided by the Second City road company (8 p.m. Dramatic Arts) is free and opened to the public.

THURSDAY: Activities Day will be held (2:30 p.m. at the band practice field), with events which include a keg barrel race, a bed run, a bucket war and a mystery competition for organizations who have pre-registered.

The MTSU Blues Band (8 p.m. DA) will perform while dancers strut their stuff at the annual Homecoming dance (8 p.m. James Union Building).

FRIDAY: A bonfire (6:30 p.m. behind Cummings Hall) will heat things up before Saturday's game.

Pop artist Gene Cotton, best known for his duet "Don't Fall in Love with a Dreamer" featuring Kim Carnes, will have a free concert (8:30 DA).

SATURDAY: Rockabilly group Alabama (8 p.m. MC) wraps up the week's activities. Student programming still has some tickets available.

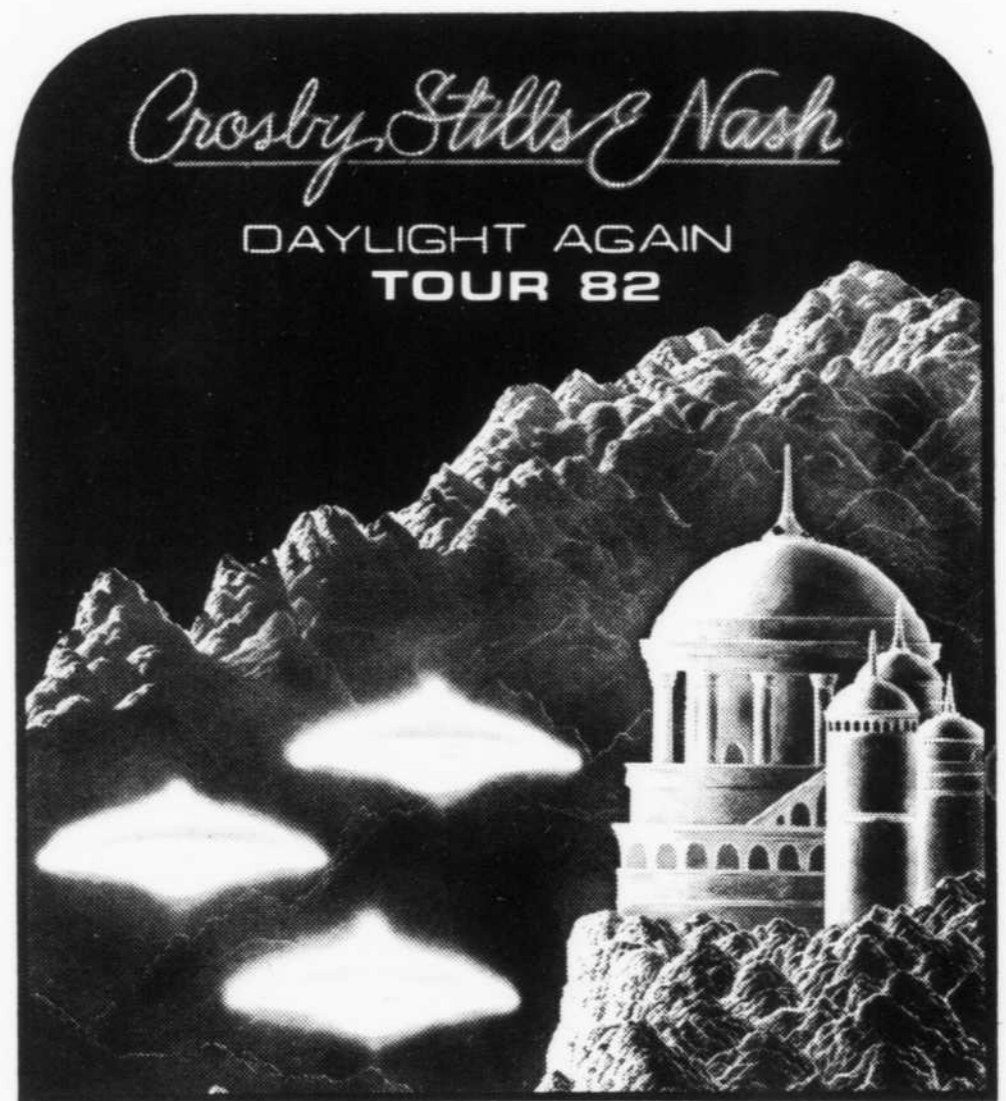
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Sports

Losing streak over; MTSU 27, Murray 9

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

MTSU spoiled the Homecoming festivities at Murray Saturday with a 29-7 cruise past the Racers.

The Raiders move to an even 2-2 in the conference and 5-2 overall.

IT WAS truly an offensive afternoon for the men in blue, with two Raider ground gainers racking up more than 100 yards each.

Vince Hall had his finest afternoon of the year with a blistering 197 yards on 21 carries. Freshman Kevin Baker added 108 yards on nine carries, 71 of those yards on a touchdown romp that made the Racer partisans moan in disgust.

As a team, the Blue Raiders tallied 353 yards on the ground on 46 carries, while the lowly Racers were another in the long string of Raider opponents who were held to less than 100 yards on the ground. Murray picked up 93 yards on the day.

MURRAY DID have a good day throwing the ball, with Winston Ford tossing 18 completions for 188 yards. Two of the Ford aerials were picked off by Raider defenders.

Butch Hamby was inserted early as the Raider field skipper after Brad Zeitner failed to generate any offense. Hamby went on to have a good afternoon hitting 50 percent of the passes he put up for 103 yards on the day.

The Raiders jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead in the first quarter, with a touchdown and a field goal.

THE FIELD goal was a Kelly Potter 23-yarder that was set up by a fumbled punt snap that was smothered by the hungry Raider defense.

After the Raiders failed to put it in the end zone, Potter knocked in the three pointer.

The touchdown came later in that quarter when Jimmy Roberto recovered a blocked

punt in the end zone for the touchdown.

MURRAY added a field goal in the second quarter for its three points.

Middle marched to another 10-point quarter in the third as Hamby hit split end Marshan Jolly on a four-yard touchdown strike, after Hamby found his way out of considerable traffic from a Racer rush.

Vince Hall showed his superior running ability when he scampered down the sidelines on a 71-yard ramble to set up Potter's second field goal of the day.

POTTER missed three attempts during the day, from 66, 57 and 38 yards away. The Father Ryan grad is now 9 of 17 in the year.

Freshman tailback Kevin Baker, who has played well in a reserve role for the fleet Vince Hall this season, nailed the lid shut on a Raider victory when he raced past Racer defenders for a 71-yard touchdown explosion.

Needless to say, the Racer fans were not exploding at this point in the game.

MURRAY'S only touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Winston Ford completed a touchdown pass to Eric Umstead. The two-point conversion failed and the Raiders came storming back into the Boro with an even conference mark. When the Raider bus rolled back into the beautiful midstate area, the only person who was not on board was "Mr. Losing Streak," whom the Raiders left in Murray. The two-game dry spell had been snapped.

Mr. Losing Streak decided to stick around and live it up in Racer country for a while, as the lowly Murrayians dropped their fifth in a row.

Homecoming for the Raiders is next on the agenda, with the festivities culminating Saturday, in the contest with Austin Peay after a week of exciting gala preparations.



Photo by Lesley Collins

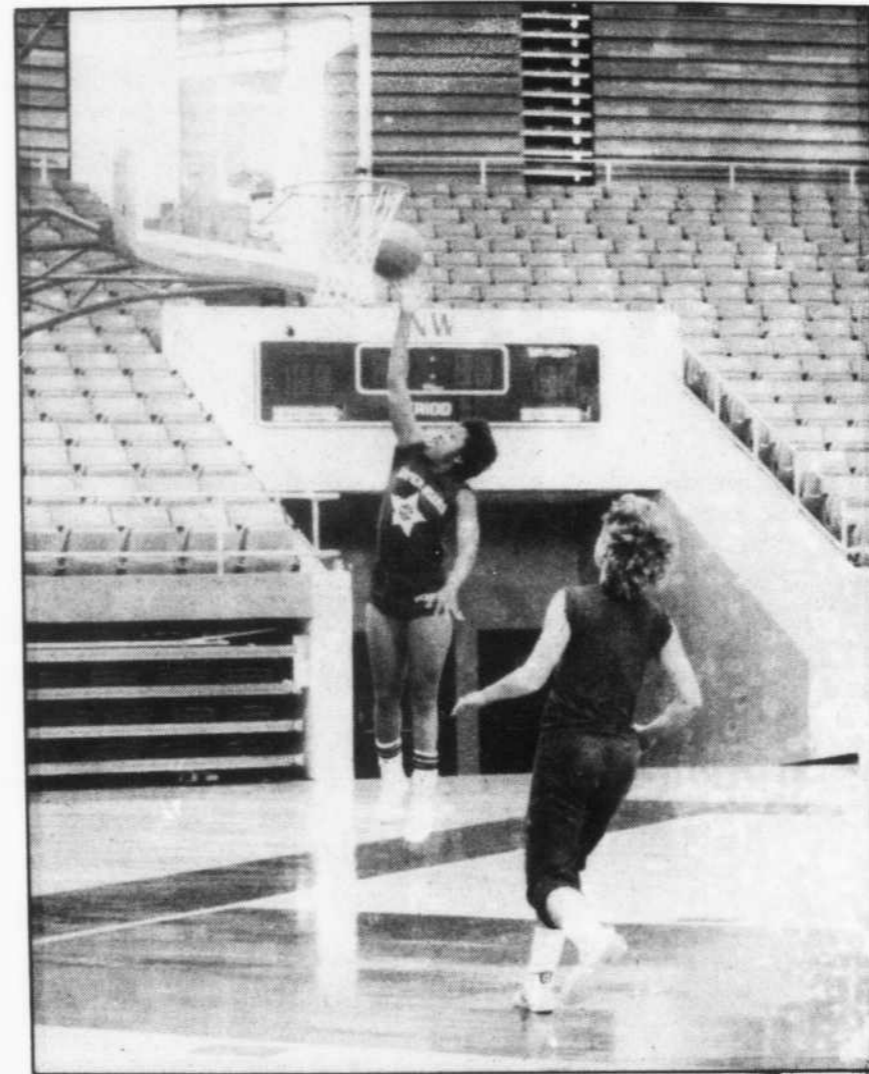


Photo by Lesley Collins

The 1982-83 Blue Raider and Lady Raider basketball teams opened practices Friday in Murphy Center. Men's coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson was pleased with the opening workouts.

"We have a lot of new people, and even though the opening workouts were hardworking sessions with lots of enthusiasm, we still have a long way to go and are still learning," Coach Simpson said.

The Blue Raiders will be in the process of a rebuilding year, with the loss of seniors Chris Harris, Rick Campbell, Buck Hailey and OVC Player of the Year Jerry Beck.

The Lady Raiders are welcoming back all the members of the 1981-82 unit, the only loss being senior Robin Hendrix.

The Blue Raiders will open the season in beautiful Murphy Center on Nov. 26 as the host team for the Tennessee Classic. The Lady Raiders open on the road at Tennessee State on Nov. 29.

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Skinner, Willis, Porter lead cross country squad

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's cross-country squad finished second in the David Lipscomb Invitational this weekend, closing out its fall regular season campaign. The Blue Raiders will take the next two weeks off to prepare for the OVC Championship on Oct. 30 in Richmond, Ky.

Blue Raiders were the top three finishers in the event, with the trio breaking the record held by former Raider runner Joe O'Loughlin.

FINISHING one, two and three in the event were Jeff Skinner, Robert Willis and Billy Porter. Skinner, a junior, finished first in the event with a time of 23:59. Sophomore Robert Willis and freshman Billy Porter were only two tenths of a second apart, with times of 24:02 and 24:06 respectively.

The trio either lead the race or stayed with the leaders for the entire five mile event.

Coach Dean Hayes was exceptionally pleased with the performance.

"THE MEN looked strong the entire way, and were in the lead most of the way," said Hayes.

Hayes was also pleased with the effort from the team on the season.

"I could see improvement with each outing, and I am very proud of this group. I am looking forward to having them all back next year," said the cross country and track mentor.

OTHER Raiders who placed in the event were William Brooks, who wound up 17th

with a time of 25:05, and Tim Webb, the only senior on the squad, with a finishing mark of 25:40.

The OVC Championship is an event which Hayes is looking forward to and notes that though the Blue Raiders are certainly going to be strong going into the event, the favorite will probably be Murray State.

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No surprises in OVC football weekend

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sports Writer

OVC action continued at a high pace this past weekend with no major surprises.

Division I-AA independent Western Kentucky continues to rebound after two season-opening losses. The Hilltoppers posted their fourth straight victory by downing Tennessee Tech 28-14.

THE WIN, before 13,859 screaming Tech zealots, was orchestrated by Western's quarterback Ralph Antone, who hit 17-of-32 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

The Toppers exploded for four first-half touchdowns and a rout looked highly possible.

The Golden Eagles came back, however, scoring two quick touchdowns in the third quarter and recovering a fumble to set themselves in a position for another score.

THE SCORE never materialized.

Western's defense stiffened and Tech was unable to mount a serious offensive threat the remainder of the battle.

Marley

paces

cowboys

By Bret Remind

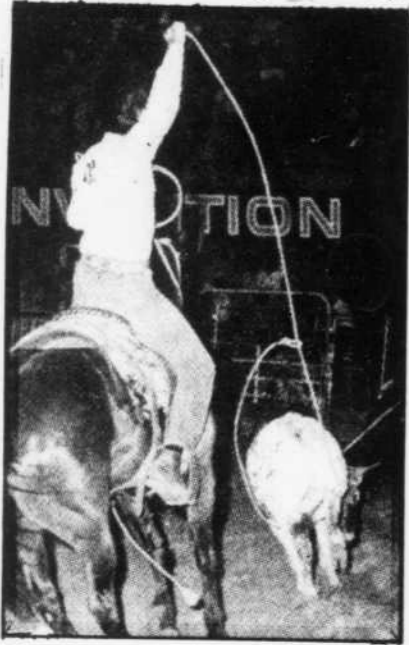
Sports Writer

Three MTSU rodeo club members competed last week in the Ozark region's first college rodeo this year at Southern Arkansas in Magnolia.

Joe Adcock, Andy Peterson and Cody Marley went to show that you don't have to be from Texas to rope. Magnolia is twenty-five miles from the Texas state line.

PETERSON philosophy is that "the cattle don't know where I'm from."

In the team roping each team got two steers (go-arounds).



Rodeo Club President Cody Marley.

Money was paid in each go-around and for an average on both steers.

In the first go-around Marley and Adcock brought the crowd to it's feet and the competition to it's knees.

DESPITE six inches of mud in the arena they roped their steer in 10.21 seconds. Good enough for second place. The team finished fifth in the average.

Marley, a past high school state champion calf and team roper, finished eighth in the calf roping. He had a total time of 26.36 seconds on two calves.

The rodeo was sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Assn. The Ozark consists of the states Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Murfreesboro isn't the rodeo mecca of the world but the sports popularity is still growing.

MTSU WILL travel to its next rodeo Nov. 19-21 to Murray State. That will be followed by a string of rodeos next spring.

These cowboys receive no financial assistance from the university and do it simply for sport.

Anyone interested in joining the rodeo club should call 895-1593.

A key statistic was total offensive yardage. Western finished with 433 total yards compared to Tech's 238.

The Hilltoppers upped their record to 4-2 while the Golden Eagles dropped to 3-3.

MTSU'S Blue Raiders got back on the winning track by soundly whipping struggling Murray State 27-9.

The Racers were ranked number one during one point last season, but due to graduation and injury are floundering terribly this year.

Middle was lead by its brilliant sophomore tailback Vince Hall, who high-stepped his way for a whopping 197 yards and kicker Kelley Potter, who nailed two field goals and just missed a 66-yard attempt.

THE RAIDERS finished with 470 yards of total offense and in the process ran their record to 5-2.

Murray plunged to a dismal 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the league.

Youngstown State slapped Austin Peay in the face 31-9 as Penquin tailback Paris Wicks scampered for two first-half

touchdowns.

YOUNGSTOWN was a pre-season pick to challenge for the conference crown, but with the win still only boasts a lowly 2-5 slate.

The Governors have been hammered by crippling injuries and fell to 2-4 with the loss.

Conference darkhorse Akron humbled Morehead State 28-8 as the Zip defense held the Eagles

offensive force to an embarrassing minus 11 yards rushing.

Akron is now 3-1 in the league, trailing rugged Eastern Kentucky, who is 4-0. The Zips

appear to have the best shot at overtaking the high-flying

Colonels, though Eastern must still be considered the favorite.

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