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Enrollment up due to faculty, unemployment

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

Enrollment for this semester has increased over last spring's figures as a partial result of unemployed persons retraining for the job market, according to Wes Williams, director of admissions.

The total number registered after the formal registration period is 9,604, an increase of 448 from last spring.

IN ADDITION to unemployment, the faculty and staff have contributed to the increase in the number of students enrolled.

"The faculty has a good reputation here," Williams said.

Delbert Meyer, vice president of academic affairs, agrees. In an interview last fall, Meyer said that MTSU has been experiencing an increase in enrollment for the past several years because the university is known to be an "institution of quality."

Williams also said that the admissions, housing and financial aid staffs are working together to get more students admitted.

LAST spring campus housing was filled to 86 percent capacity, but increased enrollment has housing filled to about 95 or 96 percent capacity so far, according to Ivan Shewmake, director of housing.



Hmm, let's see...

Sophomores Debbie Resha and Elaine Evans the closed section board, trying to shuffle their class schedules during registration last week.

Official says Japan Center too centralized

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Editor

While some feel the Japan Center of Tennessee has fulfilled its purpose, others have charged the agency with concentrating on the MTSU campus more than necessary and neglecting its mandate to be statewide.

In the past, some questions have been raised in regard to the need for the program and the source of funding.

A recent *Sidelines* survey reveals that 89 percent of the programs sponsored by the Japan Center of Tennessee, located in Cope Administration Building, have taken place on the MTSU campus.

Of 18 presentations by the center since its Feb. 8 opening, only two—both in November—have been held away from the university.

The Japan Center, which was created with a \$29,000 appropriation from the General Assembly, is characterized in its literature as being "a statewide effort...to strengthen the already developing relationship between Japan and Tennessee."

THIS STATEMENT adds that the center's "primary goal" is "to enhance Tennessee citizens' knowledge of the culture and society of contemporary Japan."

Faculty may net raise, some officials predict

By RONDA KRUMALIS
News Editor

State employees may be able to get a slight pay raise this year despite assertions by House Speaker Ned Ray McWherter that they should not expect one this year, university officials said yesterday.

Joe Evans, president of the MTSU chapter of the Association of American University Professors, said the comments may be a diversionary tactic "to soften us up for a 2 percent raise."

MTSU President Sam Ingram said he was "certain that General Assembly members would consider a reasonable raise."

"FACULTY in higher education have suffered real loss in that salaries have not kept up with inflation," Ingram said. "I'll do what I can [because] this is important."

The statements were made in response to comments by House Speaker Ned Ray McWherter that there is little hope of a pay raise this year for teachers and state employees.

"The security of a job today means a great deal to most people. We just can't raise taxes to accommodate a pay increase," McWherter said in an interview to be broadcast Saturday on WSMV-TV's "Point to Point."

THE STATE is expecting a shortfall in the budget period ending June 30 of between \$80 and \$170 million. The Alexander administration has



Sam Ingram expects pay raises

said it is taking care of the shortage of revenue month-by-month by withholding the expenditure of state funds.

When the Tennessee Legislature returns into session today one of the chief problems will be to write a budget based on uncertain revenue projections for the year beginning July 1—the period from which any new salary increases would be funded.

McWherter also said there would be no major tax increase this year but in the future he would favor an all-encompassing income tax rather than a simple payroll

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State revenue fails to meet expectations

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Total December state revenue collections were \$3.9 million less than estimated by budget planners, Finance Commissioner William Sansom said yesterday.

The December shortfall, which reflects business activity in November, brought the deficit to \$45.1 million for the first six months of the fiscal year, Sansom said.

"Even though, again, this is another month below our estimates, it is somewhat encouraging because our sales tax grew by an excess of 7 percent, which is the best we have had in 13 months," he said.

SANSOM said sales tax growth for the period since last July 1 has been 5.62 percent, which he termed "real growth."

The commissioner said although sales tax grew in excess of 8 percent during the previous fiscal year, this year's figure was more realistic because of the decreased inflation rate.

Sansom said \$42 million in state budget impoundments—money appropriated but not spent—was being used to offset the general fund deficit. He estimated the impoundments would cover the general fund shortfall at least until the end of January.



Fair tonight and Wednesday with a high in the upper 30s tomorrow.

News Briefs

KNOXVILLE (UPI) — Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker has given weary of political fence-mending at home in Tennessee and will not seek re-election in 1984, but may make a second run for the presidency, the *Knoxville Journal* reported today.

CINCINNATI (UPI) — On procedural grounds, a federal appeals has refused to order a new trial for former Tennessee Gov. Ray Blanton and two aides convicted of selling lucrative state liquor licenses to political cronies.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Alfred Hitchcock did not direct one of his most famous scenes—the suspenseful, bloody, shower sequence in the movie "Psycho," a film professor says.

The claim is made in "The Dark Side of Genius," a new biography of the late director written by Donald Spoto, *New York* magazine said in its Jan. 17 issue, released yesterday.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court yesterday refused to review the government's regulations setting aside no-smoking areas for airline passengers.

CLEVELAND (UPI) — A Japanese tire maker yesterday became the third foreign company to make tires in the United States, with its acquisition of a Firestone Tire Rubber Co. truck tire plant.

Bridgestone Tire Co. Ltd. of Toyko, the world's fourth largest tire maker, signed an agreement yesterday with Firestone to buy its LaVergne, Tenn., plant for \$52 million. The agreement ended nearly a year of discussion over the sale of the plant, where 687 hourly and salaried workers are employed.

Adjustments to create more parking space

By MIKE CROWDER
Staff Writer

Four parking lots on the MTSU campus are scheduled to be remarked this week to accommodate compact vehicles, creating 55 new parking spaces, according to Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

Parking lots to be repainted include the two resident lots east of the Learning Resources Center and between H and Clement Dorms. Commuter lots slated for repainting are the one between High Rise West and Cummings Hall and the other beside the baseball field.

In addition, eight new spaces for handicapped students have been created near K Apartments—six on the north side and two on the west side, Pigg said.

ABOUT 20-30 spaces for motorcycles have been created at the northeast section of the loop between Kirksby OldMain and Peck Hall, the director of campus planning said.

Other recommendations approved by the Traffic Committee during its Dec. 9 meeting have been submitted to Otis Floyd, executive assistant to the president, for his and President Ingram's final approval, committee chairman Bobby Corcoran said yesterday.

The suggestions for improvement include:

- Enforcing all-purpose, 15-minute parking between the University Center and the ROTC Annex;
- Designating the faculty

reserve parking lot between the Dramatics Arts Building and the baseball field as faculty and visitors, with the curbs painted white and a sign posted at the entrance;



Esther Seeman Japan Center director

To accomplish this, the Japan Center has sponsored programs about Japanese culture and management

• Developing a system of identifying each lot on campus by a number, eventually eliminating the color-code system;

• Surveying the campus for additional motorcycle parking;

• Appointing a sub-committee to develop an incentive system to encourage car pooling.

The new recommendations are designed to "clear up the confusion and add some

concreteness and rationality" to the parking situation, Corcoran said.

As a result of the changes, the individual who enforces parking at the faculty reserve lot may be reassigned to cover a "beat" between the proposed faculty-visitor lot and the University Center-ROTC lot, Pigg said.

THE numerical system of identifying parking lots on

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Sorry, university closed

Dumpsters in the Family Student Housing complex overflow as a result of a lack of trash pickup during the week after Christmas.

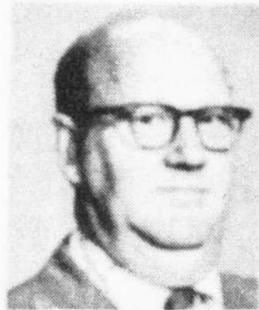
Cancer claims math professor

Robert W. Wyatt, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, died Sunday at his home in the Compton Road community after a bout with cancer.

Services will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at Woodfin Funeral Chapel, while burial will be in the Nashville National Cemetery.

WYATT, who had been in his position here since 1965, was instrumental in the calculus and business math courses, according to department chairman Harold Spraker. He taught until becoming ill last semester.

"He had a good deal of



Robert W. Wyatt died Sunday

interest in his students," Spraker said yesterday. "He is going to be a hard man to replace."

Wyatt, a native of Walnut

Ridge, Ark., attended Arkansas State University and was retired from the U.S. Navy.

HE IS survived by his wife, Doris Sender Wyatt; two sons, Robert Wayne Wyatt, Collinsville, Va., and Joel Wesley Wyatt, Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Debra Leyhew, Huntsville, Ala., and Rebecca Wyatt, Murfreesboro.

In addition, he is survived by two brothers, John Wyatt, Walnut Ridge, Ark., and Tom Wyatt, Marmaduke, Ark.; a half-brother, Charles Lee, Ocala, Fla.; two half-sisters, Emily Carter, Houston, Texas, and Ruth Trotter, Seals, Ark.; and seven grandchildren.

MTSU employee reaps profit from 'winning' brainstorm

MTSU employee Margaret R. Davidson was honored recently at an awards ceremony for state employees whose ideas have saved Tennessee government an estimated \$427,910 this year.

A worker in the admissions office, Davidson won \$416.70 for her idea to include an application for admission in catalogs at the time of printing instead of mailing them separately.

THE STATE University and Community College system will save an estimated \$4,167

annually due to Davidson's ingenuity.

Since the program's inception July 1, 1978, the Employee Suggestion Award Board has considered over 2,000 suggestions. Of these, a total of 215 have been implemented, resulting in annual recurring savings of more than \$2.2 million dollars.

Tennessee's employee suggestion program was established by the General Assembly to provide a mechanism for internal government improvement.

THE PROGRAM'S monetary rewards amount to 10 percent of a suggestion's estimated savings with a limit of \$5,000 per award for suggestions submitted after July 1, 1981. Suggestions submitted prior to that date are eligible for a maximum award of \$2,000.

The Board also makes honorary awards for suggestions which do not necessarily result in an identifiable monetary savings but represent an improvement in efficiency.

Student's in-state claim falls short

By MARTY WATT Staff Writer

An MTSU student failed in his attempt to regain tuition money in a lawsuit against MTSU over his out-of-state classification.

In a suit heard Dec. 23 in Chancery Court, David Strong claimed he should have been classified as an in-state student during two years of study at MTSU.

STRONG had lived in Murfreesboro from early childhood until approximately age 14. His parents then moved to Virginia where he graduated from high school. However, his parents still own a house in Murfreesboro.

He did not appeal his classification until his sophomore year, after both registering a car and registering to vote. He ap-

pealed the decision by the admissions office to the now defunct Residency Application Appeals Committee.

The committee recommended to Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, that Strong be denied in-state classification.

"I TALKED with him, and then I decided to approve the committee's recommendation [for denial]," LaLance said.

"Mr. Strong then left school to work for about a year, and on reapplication, was approved for in-state classification."

The judge, Whitney Stegall, did suggest that MTSU publish its procedures for appeals and the regulations for such matters.

CLIFF Gillespie, dean of admissions, records and information systems, said the lawsuit would not change any of the procedures for appeals.

"The classification of students is not a university policy, it's a state law, and the state law won't change because of the lawsuit," Gillespie said.

According to LaLance, this information is in the process of being published. He did not know when the project would be completed.

Pay raises

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PATRICK Doyle, president of the MTSU Education Association, said yesterday that a refusal by the state Legislature to increase teachers' salaries will "do

Campus Capsule

TODAY

AUDITIONS FOR "OF MICE AND MEN" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Arena Theatre. For additional information call 898-2640.

CAMPUS RECREATION TOURNAMENTS in whiffleball, basketball and wheelchair basketball. Sign-up meeting in Alumni Memorial Gym, Room 203, at 7 p.m. Call 898-2104 for more information.

"STAR TREK II," rated PG, showing in the University Center Theatre at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

"OF MICE AND MEN" auditions continue.

"POLTERGEIST" BEGINS TODAY at 3:30 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. Other showings at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rated PG.

THURSDAY

WHIFFLEBALL GAMES BEGIN in Alumni Memorial Gym. Sponsored by Campus Recreation.

"POLTERGEIST" CONTINUES at the University Center Theatre. Showings at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated PG.

FRIDAY

LAST DAY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS to apply for spring graduation.

SATURDAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. birthday celebration at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

MONDAY

LAST DAY FOR ENTERING CLASSES. Deadline is 4 p.m.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MUST APPLY no later than today to graduate this spring.

SIGN-UP DAY AT CAMPUS RECREATION for pinball and video games, weekend basketball tournament and Sugar Mountain ski trip. For additional information call 898-2104.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS in Alumni Memorial Gym. Sponsored by Campus Recreation.

PINK FLOYD'S "THE WALL," rated R, begins today in the University Center Theatre. Show times at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

NOTICE

ASB STUDENT DISCOUNT CARDS available in Keathley University Center, Room 304.

49 students listed in Who's Who

The 1983 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges will carry the names of 49 students from MTSU.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

THEY JOIN an elite group of students selected from more than 1,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students (and their home towns) named this year from MTSU are:

Vickie Adeock, Pegram; Harry Anderson Jr., Murfreesboro; James

Burkard, Murfreesboro; Donald Butrum, Greenbrier; Julie Carson, Cordova; Katherine Casity, Murfreesboro; Steve Commer, Nolensville; Kimberly Cotham, Bell Buckle; Ervie Curvin, Soddy-Daisy;

Rhonda Donnell, Old Hickory; Teresa Egan, Oak Ridge; Vanessa Elam, Lenoir City; Courtney Erickson, Murfreesboro; Michael Fann, Murfreesboro; Suzanne Carrett, Bolivar; Robert Gary Jr., Nashville; Vanna Greer, McMoresville; Pamela Hows, Nashville;

Steven Ingram, Pulaski; Debra Keller, Goodlettsville; Kathleen Kerr, Huntsville, Ala.; Kurt Klaus, Perryville, Mo.; Bradley Lowe, Midway; Kary Lyon, Murfreesboro; Susan Mackenzie, Huntsville, Ala.;

Sandra Mantooh, Cleveland; Keith McDaniel, Murfreesboro; LaDonna McDaniel, Murfreesboro;

Richard Page, Smithville; Anita Pigg, Columbia; Betsy Pool, Mt. Juliet; Victor Pryor, Mt. Juliet; Holly Puder, Camden; Jill Rainey, Jackson; Merry Rippey, Springfield; Debbie Rogers, Oak Ridge; Mark Ross, Murfreesboro;

Donna Sinclair, Dayton; Byron Smith, Murfreesboro; Janet Sparkman, Columbia; Kyle Spence, Oak Ridge; Rebecca Stockdell, Murfreesboro; Lucinda Stout, Buffalo Valley; Kenneth Summar Jr., Murfreesboro; Ranota Thomas, Strawberry Plains; Jeff White, Mt. Juliet;

Tony Yates, Murfreesboro; Mary Nell York, Spring Hill; and Paula Young, Madison.

Japan Center

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in the future." Smyrna Mayor Sam Ridley said Nov. 5 that no one from the Japan Center has contacted him about presenting any programs in his town—the location of a truck assembly plant owned by the Japan-based Nissan Motor Co.

The factory, which is expected to open in the fall of 1983, would be the largest Japan-based employer in Tennessee with an estimated 2,200 workforce.

"I THINK it would be nice if they [the Japan Center] had some kind of auxiliary set up down here to give a little closer orientation," Ridley said.

"We need the same orientation as to learning to get along with them [the Japanese] and understanding their way of life, and they need to understand our way of doing things," he explained.

Construction of the Nissan facility resulted in a drive by some Smyrna residents to name the factory's access road "Pearl Harbor Drive."

THIS ACTION was based

Parking

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campus will be phased in gradually over a three-year period, while the color-code system will be phased out, Corcoran said.

According to Pigg, other lots may be reserved in the future to accommodate compact cars, depending on how well the idea works during this semester.

on "unnecessary hate," Ridley said.

Although the Japan Center has never sponsored any programs in the Smyrna area, its goal is to "provide for mutual understanding between the Japanese and Tennesseans," according to its literature.

Esther Seeman, director of the Japan Center, admitted she "may have perseverated a little long" on the MTSU campus.

"I ALLOW that is the way I started out, but I had a reason for doing that," Seeman said in an October interview. "I think that has been necessary since this [MTSU] is the home base. You need to be accepted where you are."

The director recently said she intended for the programs at MTSU to serve as a model for what other universities could do.

"If what I've done at MTSU were done on every campus across the state, the objectives of the center would be achieved," Seeman said.

SHE SAID there was "no

"THE MAJOR problem with the remarking is defining exactly what a compact car is," Pigg noted.

During the semester, large-sized vehicles which park in compact spaces will be given a written notice, but they won't be given tickets, Pigg added.

nothing but hurt higher education."

"We [teachers] have been the brunt of the recession too long," Doyle said. "Until Tennesseans realize that education pays for itself, they will continue to have a problem in keeping qualified people."

Evans, however, said no pay hike would have a greater impact on clerical and maintenance workers "because they don't make anything as it is."

IN CONTRAST, the executive director of the Tennessee State Employees Association said last month that state workers would be willing to sacrifice raises for job security.

"We want to save jobs," Charles Dobson said. "That is our first priority. No one would want to fund a pay raise by laying people off."

"I understand what Speaker McWherter is saying; I can understand him questioning whether there should be a tax increase to fund a pay raise."

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State legislature to consider prison, election, tax reforms

The 93rd session of the Tennessee General Assembly reconvenes in Nashville this next week—hopeful of finding some solutions to the financial problems that troubled Tennessee and the entire nation in 1982.

Among the issues to be considered by the legislature this year are proposals for prison reforms, election changes, plans for dealing with the state's fiscal problems (including possible tax reform) and emotional issues such as prayer in public schools and raising the legal drinking age from 19 to 21.

EMOTIONAL ISSUES are important and do merit consideration, but they should not become the number one priority of the General Assembly in such dire financial times.

While it is true that religion plays an important part in the lives of many Tennesseans, the state legislature should not be burdened with such controversial issues as prayer in public schools when the state unemployment rate has consistently been well over 11 percent during the past year and bankruptcies and business failures are at record levels.

In addition to unemployment, the General Assembly needs to work with problems that will have a greater effect on the lives of the people of this state:

- The prison system is in immediate need of reform;
- The present tax system continues to hurt the poor because of its regressive nature;
- Additional revenues are needed to balance the state budget and provide adequate salaries for state employees and teachers;

• Some have suggested the abolishment of the state's presidential primary system to save money.

These and many other important decisions await the legislature's action.

Trivial issues, however, plagued the state legislature's ability to deal with some of these problems in 1982. The prayer in public schools issue was used by several of the state's legislators as a means to strengthen their political influence in the state.

HOWEVER, the proposed idea of a moment of silence in public schools is merely an attempt by the state legislature to appease the zealots of the religious community. A moment of silence in a school classroom will never become an effective means of indoctrinating children into the religious community.

If the members of the General Assembly are of the opinion that they were elected to further the efforts of churches, then they could at least come up with a better means of doing that than a moment of silence in the classrooms of the state's schools.

Most Tennesseans want and deserve a state legislature that will concern itself with the more pressing needs of Tennesseans. Trivial issues only cause controversy and increase the political popularity of the perpetrators of such nonsense. Tennessee has pressing problems which deserve the undivided attention of the General Assembly.

Let's hope that the legislature forgets the trivial issues which demanded so much of its time in 1982.



Europe may veto nukes here and now

By JIM WURST

Guest Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

It is not an exaggeration to say that 1983 will be the most crucial year for U.S.-European relations since the end of World War II.

For Europeans, this is the Year of the Missile and there will be a climax to the ongoing campaign to prevent modernization of the continent's nuclear arms stockpile.

FOR THE last several years, for the most part, the many different peace movements here have tried to mobilize European hearts and minds against the deployment of 572 cruise and Pershing II land-based missiles scheduled by NATO for December 1983 should negotiations with the Soviets fail in Geneva.

Like the Americans' peace movement, which demonstrations here helped spawn, prevention of deployment is seen as the first step in an ongoing process, not an end in itself.

What makes the missiles so repulsive is the political and military thinking they embody. NATO fighting strategy, once based on deterrence, now anticipates a protracted nuclear war, limited in scope and ultimately "winnable."

THIS STRATEGY was grotesque as a theory: Europeans know that nuclear war is neither winnable nor

here and now

restrictable; they also know that they'll be the first victims of such a war.

Now the technology has evolved to make theory a reality. Cruise and Pershing II are the first NATO weapons to come on-line designed to fight such a war.

As a result, what is described by The Times of London as the "new American deployment in Europe" is totally unacceptable.

Campaigns against the missiles are strongest, naturally, in deployment countries: Britain, West Germany, Holland and Italy.

BEYOND THAT, however, generalizations are harder to draw. If spectacle matters, Europe will generally "heat up" as deployment day in December draws near.

Peace movement leaders met in Athens in November to coordinate a series of mid-October rallies in European capitals, possible in conjunction with similar events in North America.

In the meantime, and perhaps more importantly, peace movements in Britain and West Germany will get a chance this spring, through elections, to make clear public opposition to the American-built weapons.

WEST GERMAN activists are in the hot seat. Closest geographically and historically to the East, home to thousands of foreign troops and slated to host more than 200 of the missiles, West Germany faces elections March 6. Missiles will be a key issue.

Peace movement leaders are pressuring the now-deposed Social Democrats to abandon their three-year-old support for modernization before the election.

Otherwise, they say, they'll plan an all-out campaign to seat the leftist, new Green party in the Bundestag. Already, the Greens enjoy more popular support than Christian-Democratic Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition partners, the Free Democrats.

APART FROM the 160 cruise missiles bound for deployment outside of London, Britain has its own nuclear weapons.

The 20-year-old Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, like the Labor Party, favors unilateral disarmament of those "home-grown" weapons and opposes deployment of the new generation.

CND plans a vigorous get-out-the-vote campaign when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher calls elections this year, hoping to force the missile issue. As in West

Germany, daily protests at cruise bases have already begun and will continue throughout the year.

IN FRANCE, which also possesses nuclear weapons, the picture is different. There is little French opposition to speak of: Some groups don't like Soviet SS-20's; others don't like the prospect of cruise and Pershing II's in nearby West Germany.

But the vast majority of French think their own nuclear force is just fine.

The fledgling French movement, known as CODEME, has found the wall of Gaullist thinking hard to scale. Yet a mass rally in Paris is tentatively slated for the second or third weekend in October, along with rallies in the more hospitable cities of London, Bonn and The Hague.

In Southern Europe, activists are organizing for a nuclear-free Mediterranean, hoping to draw attention southward as NATO deploys the cruise at Italy's Comiso base in Sicily.

In the last year before deployment, the European peace movement as a whole has little faith in Geneva. Arms reduction negotiations between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. have never resulted in the dismantlement of a single weapon.

REPORTS recently that both sides may agree to reduce future deployment levels are totally unacceptable: such a resolution would allow both sides to proceed with deployment.

Even more unfortunate are the increasing straw-man charges of communist links from both the U.S. and allied officials here, which are designed to divert energy and resources from the movement.

The movement will make the usual denials and demands for proof and get on with the business at hand. Hopefully, the charges will die under the weight of their own fallacy.

EUROPEAN governments have, in the last few years, felt the pressure of the popular peace movement. The missile issue has helped to bring down two governments and may weaken a third.

The coming months will determine whether Europe will tough it out American-style.

Jim Wurst, a New Jersey native, is editor of The Hague-based monthly, Disarmament Campaigns, a journal of the peace movement.

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Letters From Our Readers

Praise given to secretaries

To the editor:

We would like to express our appreciation to the secretaries of MTSU who joined hands in the collection of more than 200 articles of clothing for the Mission.

Most especially appreciated were 16 coats, dozens of sweaters, slacks, gloves and other useful items for the cold winter months.

The clothing will be distributed to persons who are in need, and we do thank all of you for your efforts.

West Main Mission

Readers irate about review

Editor's note: This letter is addressed to the fall semester's feature editor.

To Terry Morrow:

In response to your opinion of the Barry Manilow concert, we have never listened to Donny Osmond records and have not read Tiger Beat magazine in years. However,

we enjoyed the concert thoroughly!

Manilow's concert was one not to be forgotten (disregarding his "gyrating hips").

THIS school should be proud to have had the "20/20" crew on our campus to film the concert—to be aired on national television, no less! Even though their crew and lighting were disrupting to "some" people, Manilow apologized more than once, or did you forget?

Also, what do you think the purpose of the concert was, but to sing his greatest hits along with new songs? That's what the people wanted to hear.

As to your reference of his performance of "Copacabana," how would you know what a "disco peacock in heat" looks like?



EVERY concert is at least 30 minutes late. What are you going to do? Get mad at God for having bad weather? It is that time of the year after all!

In closing, we feel the audience enjoyed the concert (four standing ovations) as much as Manilow said he enjoyed being here. We certainly hope he returns next year, in spite of opinions like yours.

Kim Sydnor

Box 4974

Laura Sellers

Box 3058

Litterers irk 'neat' student

To the editor:

I am very disgusted.

Twice today I have seen people throw down their trash even when there were trash cans close by.

One girl deliberately put a paper cup on the street in front of High Rise on her way to another building. Another girl threw down a whole, lit cigarette on the sidewalk in front of the library on her way in.

SURE, we have maintenance men on campus to

clean up after us, but our government should not have to finance something as stupid as picking up others' trash.

It takes about as much energy to throw it into a trash can as it does to deliberately throw it down.

This also applies to our countryside. There is nothing I hate worse than to hike into a wilderness area and see that someone cared so little for the beauty of the area that they left their trash.

I think one weekend mandatory trash pickup would be required for each litterer.

Esther Edwards

Box 8263

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Features

Ex-Ace is still singing solo album released

By JENNIFER WELLS
Associate Editor

It was 1975 when a group known as The Amazing Rhythm Aces hit the top of the charts with a song titled "Third Rate Romance."

In the years following, the six-member band released a volley of albums, "Stacked Deck," "Burning the Ballroom Down," "Too Stuffed to

of the band, however, is still around. The songwriting team that propelled the group to success, Russell Smith (lead singer and rhythm) and James Hooker (keyboard and backing vocals) has recently recorded a new album on Capitol Records titled, simply, "Russell Smith."

CURRENTLY living in Tennessee with his wife Geneva and new baby Jessie

after the band's breakup, Smith had plenty of time to write, and is pleased with his first solo album.

Unpretentious, funny and filled with a Southern charm that loads his eyes, he considers himself more of a performer than a writer.

But the melancholy lyrics and leisurely, haunting melody of, for instance, "Southern Music," belies his opinion:

I heard you play, on the day I was born,

On summer evenings and on frosty morns,

You'll always make me think of Mama and Dad,

Oh Southern music, why are you so sad?

God gave you the sunshine and just a little snow,

And you can spit on the ground and scratch it with a hoe,

Drop in a seed and watch it grow and grow,

Oh life down here ain't so bad,

Oh Southern music why are you so sad?

"When I think of writing,"

Personality Profile

Jump," "Tou Can Do It Too" (the spelling is correct; it's a pun on the album's dust jacket) and "The Amazing Rhythm Aces."

THE BAND was tight, and the group traveled countrywide, appearing on various TV programs including "Saturday Night Live," "Austin City Limits" and "The Midnight Special."

In January 1981, the Aces broke up.

Much of the style and flavor

Lee, Smith has been in a stage of transition.

Although he said he doesn't miss being on the road (the group toured from 200-250 days a year), he does miss being connected with the Aces.

"We'd been playing together for a long time," Smith said. "It got really expensive. Nobody hated each other's guts yet, so we figured it was time to break it up before that happened."

IN THE ensuing months



Former Amazing Rhythm Ace Russell Smith has gone solo. His new album, released in 1982, made the Nashville Banner's list of the 10 favorites of 1982.

Smith said, "I think of somebody with more of a literary talent. If I couldn't play or sing, I just wouldn't be happy."

The music defies classification, and he rejects attempts to label it.

"PEOPLE who try to classify

you are not educated as to what you're doing," he said.

"What do you do if you're just a normal American guy who has listened to a lot of different things all of his life? It's not like you've got an 'earliest group,' you might have two or three earliest

groups, and all of them will be a simultaneous musical education.

"We used to call that kind of stuff rock 'n' roll. But now what people call rock 'n' roll doesn't quite fit into that category. It's not the same

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Continuing Education offers courses for spring

In an effort to meet the needs of the surrounding community as well as the college campus, the Office of Continuing Education is offering several night and weekend courses throughout the spring semester.

Courses will range from beekeeping to yoga and may be taken for fun, hobby, to meet employment standards or even help with regular college

curriculum.

PERSONS OF any age (literally from six months to infinity), or any walk of life are eligible to attend the continuing education courses.

Professionals such as nurses, certified public accountants or real estate agents can find subjects to further their education in their chosen field and to help in relicensing procedures.

Parents can bring children as young as six months to the MTSU pool for swimming lessons.

FEES ARE charged for each course and range from \$9 to \$150, depending on the course and materials needed.

Preregistration will be accepted up to one week before the beginning of classes. However, if there are still openings in the class the night

it begins, one may register then. All fees must be paid upon registration.

Persons interested may choose from the following: Artificial Insemination in Livestock; Beekeeping (beginning); Cake Decorating; Calligraphy and the Card; Cartooning; Challenge: for Gifted and Talented Children; Charm for Young Ladies; Children's Art Workshop; Communication for Nurses; Communication for Professional Accountants; Communication for Supervisors and Managers; Computer for Beginners; Intermediate Computer Programming; Interior Decorating I; Interior Decorating II; Driver

Education;

EMT Refresher; Environmental Activities for the Exceptional Child; FAA Written Examinations; Farrier Science; Olympic Gymnastics; Heat Pump Training Institute; Techniques of Effective Interviewing; Investments (an introduction); Japanese, Daily Conversation in; Karate/Self Defense—Adults; Karate/Self Defense—Boys and Girls; Karate/Self Defense—Women; Beginning Sign Language; Better Biking; Motorcycle Rider Safety Course; Quick Landscape Painting in Oils; Photography for the Beginner; Quiltmaking; Private Pilot Ground School; Racquetball; Individual Reading Improvement; Rapid Reading;

Reading—Tutoring; Real Estate Office/Brokerage Management;

Scuba Diving; Spanish—Intermediate Conversational; Solar Water Heating Workshop; Stained Glass Window and Lamp Making (beginning); Tennessee Business Taxes; Tole Painting, Beginning; Tole Workshop; Five Easy Pieces; Beginning Swimming for Women; Water Awareness and Safety; Yoga; Woodworking and Furniture Repair; and, Principles of Success with Rita Davenport.

For further information on times of classes and fees, or a brochure describing the courses fully, contact the Office of Continuing Education, 898-2462.

Opera to come to TPAC Thurs.

The New York City Opera National Company, under the direction of Beverly Sills, will appear at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in two performances of Georges Bizet's "Carmen," Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.

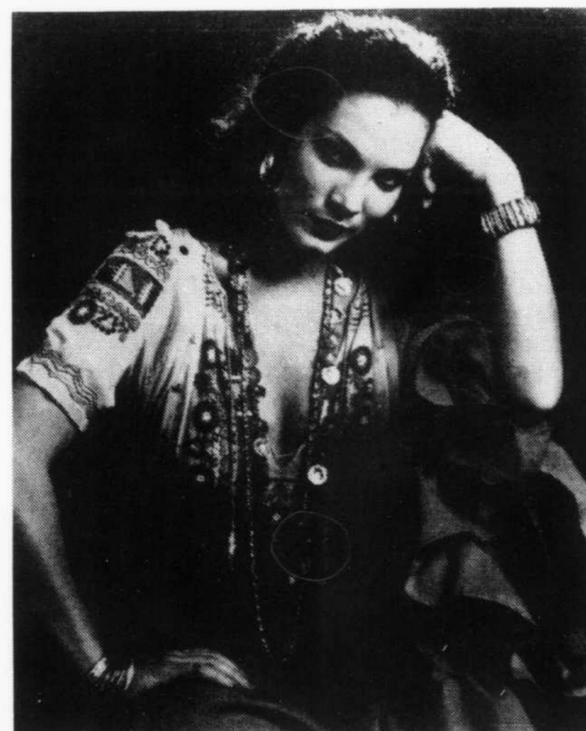
"Carmen" is the brawling, boisterous tale of a common, tainted lady who falls in love with a soldier in class-conscious 19th-century Spain. The show has 59 performers, including a 30-piece orchestra.

THE NATIONAL Opera Touring Company was established in 1979 by Sills as a means for young singers to gain valuable performing experience and also to bring opera to areas of the country which otherwise would not have the opportunity to see top-quality, live productions.

In 1981, the Company experienced several changes. In addition to finding a new representative in Columbia Artists' Management, it changed its name to the New York City Opera National Company, and expanded its original twofold objective to include a third purpose—providing veteran City Opera singers with an opportunity to try out new roles.

As a result, the tour cities receive productions featuring both seasoned performers from the City Opera roster, as well as the best of the up-and-coming young talent.

REGULAR admission to Thursday and Friday's show ranges from \$15 to \$25. However, a special student "rush" will take place one hour prior to each performance at



Adria Firestone recreates the role of Carmen in a performance at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center Thursday at 8 p.m. Melanie Sonnenberg will sing the lead in the Friday Performance.

the main box office located on the lower level of the TPAC.

Students with proper identification may purchase any remaining seat in any price

level for only \$10 per ticket.

For more information on the student rush, contact Sarah A. Boney at the TPAC at 741-7975.

Play tryouts today

Auditions for "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, will be held today and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Arena Theatre of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Auditionees are requested to

prepare a two-minute monologue. Scripts are available from Deborah Anderson, in Room 202 of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. For additional information, call 898-2640.

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This photo, by mass communications instructor Richard Williams, is just one example of the faculty work on display at the MTSU Photographic Gallery through Jan. 27.

Faculty members display photos

MTSU faculty members Harold Baldwin, Richard Williams and Jim Norton will display a collection of photographs at the MTSU Photographic Gallery through Jan. 27. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Baldwin, curator of the gallery located in the Learning Resources Center, will be exhibiting samples of his recent work in a new field of photography.

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thing." SMITH'S album is a blend of genre, but with a definite style. It is filled with unpredictable—yet exact—timing, intelligent little piano riffs, offhand jazz and a touch of country.

The album was recently included as one of the 1982 favorites of the *Nashville Banner*, which noted both its "innovative melodies" and "mature lyrics."

Holding it all together is Smith's wistful voice and accent. The album is perfect "fireside night for two" fare. Unlike the quiet, romantic song followed by a blast of unsatisfied rock (forcing your love interest to peel you off the ceiling), the album is of one

"I'M EXPERIMENTING on my own to a great extent," Baldwin says, "entering a new field I've not done before—which is artificial lighting."

Williams, who joined the mass communications department faculty last semester, will show prints which promote photography as an art form.

"I enjoy photography as a fine art form; it's very powerful as a means of self-expression," Williams says.

mood.

SMITH is ambivalent about the present diversity of music.

"There seems to be a slot for almost every kind of music," he said. It's as if there was a 100 million different people all yelling 'I'm an individual!'

"There's traditional country music, contemporary country music, metropolitan country music, easy-listening country. Then rock music.

"THERE'S chicken-s...t rock, punk-rock and all those different variations of those things. Nobody has ever yet figured out what to call the type that I do."

Smith now has his own band and will begin a six-week tour of Colorado this month. He's also plotting a new album.

A FORMER graduate of MTSU, Norton says faculty exhibitions are good for students to see.

"It shows the students of our department what faculty members are doing."

Norton's work will be a small part of a larger body of images dealing with photographs of architecture in Nashville.

The MTSU Photographic Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, and from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Former spy to talk at LRC Thursday

An aerospace engineer-turned spy for the CIA and Air Force Intelligence will tell his firsthand story of what he says is "the systematic intrusion of our rights by our own government" Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center.

Peter N. James will present a slide-illustrated program on "The Embryo of an American Police State." The presentation is open to the public and will be followed by a question and answer period.

James was fired by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft after he made known his intentions to expose corruption he had witnessed within the military-industrial complex.

A 1962 physics graduate from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio, James was a rocket engineer with Pratt and Whitney when he was ap-



Peter N. James

Tips offered to prevent, treat common cold, flu

By JANENE LEONHIRTH
Feature Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first part in a four-part series on physical, mental and academic survival.

Although recent weather is no indication that winter is here, the cold season really is upon us.

Sooner than we'd like, we will have to walk to classes in bitter cold wind, rain and snow, and we have to be prepared to adequately prevent and/or treat a cold or the flu.

"REALISTICALLY," there is no absolute way to prevent a cold, according to Donald Young, physician's assistant at McFarland Health Services. Even if a person has all of his classes in one building, Young says, he still has to go from the dorm to the classroom building, to the university center or to other places.

"Sometime during the day" he stands the chance of "getting his feet wet," of "being overdressed" in a building, or underdressed outside.

But Young does have some tips to make the chances of catching a cold less likely.

"PLAN CLOTHING so you can take it off or put it on as needed," he says. Also, get "six to eight hours of sleep...at one time."

This may mean a change in study habits.

"Don't procrastinate," Young says. "Study so that you don't have to stay up cramming four days in a row before a

test."

TAKING GOOD care of ourselves includes eating properly and exercising a "moderate amount."

While these guides are good to follow throughout the semester, we should particularly be on guard around spring break and the end of the semester, Young says. It is at these times that our resistance is at its lowest.

The self-discipline required just to pass classes, "plus a party or two," makes us run down, according to Young.

"We're exhausted," Young says, and more "susceptible" to illness.

IF ALL prevention techniques should fail, Young

suggests taking aspirin at the first sign of sniffles or other cold or flu symptoms.

"I'm a firm believer in chicken-noodle soup and Vicks' Salve," he adds.

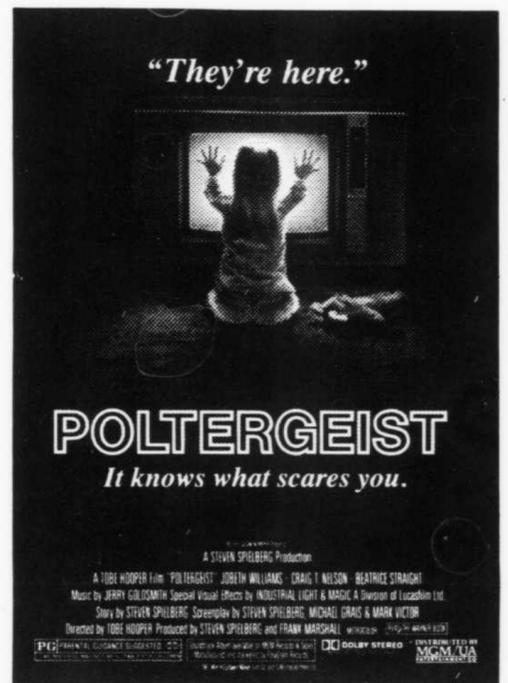
However, "anytime a home remedy" isn't working, or "you feel like the cold is getting ahead of you," Young says, "get checked out."

Persons who have high susceptibility because of some other underlying illness shouldn't put off an examination.

Colds and the flu may not be preventable, but they don't have to be inevitable either.

Part two of the series will focus on proper diet and how to achieve it on a college campus.

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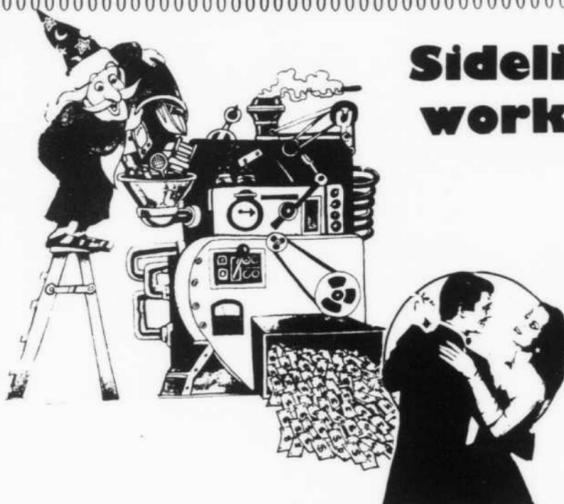
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Battlin' Bruce

Blue Raider forward Bruce Buck (52) has a shot jammed by an Akron defender in last night's 63-58 loss to the Zips. Buck scored 12 points and lasted down 8 rebounds in a losing effort.

Given welcomed as new Sports Information Director

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

Ed Given, 48-year-old graduate of Union University, has been named to replace Ed Arning as sports information director.

Arning retired from the position in November of last year and Given took the reins

at the beginning of 1983.

GIVEN is no stranger to the world of the sports information director. He served in a comparable position at Western Kentucky University from 1962 through 1978. Given comes to Middle Tennessee after spending the last four years working in private

business, and said he looks forward to working at MTSU.

"I already knew many of the people here, and what kind of program was run" Given said. "I feel very comfortable in this situation."

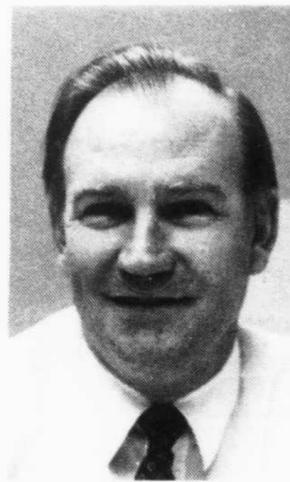
ALTHOUGH Given said he

plans to make no major changes in the way the office is run, he noted that it will take time to get acquainted with each coach, their philosophies and the overall procedure at MTSU.

"I've got a great deal of respect for the coaching staff at

MTSU," Given said.

Given's collegiate career included two years at the University of Tennessee before graduating from Union. He received his masters from Western Kentucky. He was also a sportswriter for *The Nashville Banner* from 1957 to 1962.



Ed Given
new MTSU S.I.D.

Youngstown State and Tunstall 'block' Blue Raiders

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee dropped its eighth game of the year to Youngstown State University 77-63 Saturday night at Monte Hale Arena—their third loss in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

To defeat the Blue Raiders, the Penguins used 14 basketball players and a machine.

THE machine was something called a "shot blocker," and the Penguins owned the deluxe model.

Seven-foot junior center Ricky Tunstall led the Penguins to victory with 18 points and 11 blocked shots—nine in the first half. Tunstall had already amassed 50 blocked shots coming into the game Saturday night.

Tunstall was definitely a factor in the game, Raider coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson

said, but he gave the bulk of the credit for Youngstown's victory to sparky point guard Bruce Timko.

"TIMKO did the best job of controlling the flow of a ball game that I have seen here in the last four years," Simpson said.

Timko had nine points in the game, while Tunstall's 18 led the winning Penguins.

Despite shooting a miserable 26.2 percent in the first half, hitting only 11 of 42 from the field, the Raiders managed to keep the game close. They trailed by only five at halftime, 39-34.

ONE of the bright spots for the Raiders in the loss was the outstanding play of freshman giant Raleigh Choice, who scored a confidence-building 20 points and showed signs of unleashing his unlimited potential.

"Choice played an out-

standing game for a freshman," Simpson said. "I'm very proud of the effort that Raleigh gave."

Despite the play of Choice, which was one of the most positive things the Raiders have seen in recent games, Simpson saw a great breakdown in leadership from his older players.

"WE MUST get better response out of our older players or we will have to go to our younger players completely," the Raider coach said. "We must start doing things that winners do."

Simpson is, of course, referring to doing things "on and off the basketball floor, both in practice and in game situations.

The Raiders led only twice in the game, and that was in the opening moments. The second half was somewhat of a

nightmare for MTSU, shooting terribly from the floor and the free-throw line. Two technical fouls were called on the Youngstown bench, yet of the four free throws, the Raiders only connected on one.

"YOU are only hurting

yourself in terms of your program if you continue to lose," Simpson said. "There will be some changes, but we're not getting panicky."

Fireworks help celebrate victory

Several players from Cincinnati's Xavier University basketball team were so excited following the team's win over MTSU that they set off fireworks in a motel room and caused \$800 in damages.

Xavier defeated the Blue Raiders 58-57 last week, avenging a loss a year ago.

BOB Gentry, manager of the Holiday Inn off I-24, said about \$800 damage was done to one room after fireworks were set off inside it.

"Usually it happens when

groups are guests," Gentry said. "It's how it is handled afterward that concerns us. The university contacted us. They showed real class. We'd welcome them back."

"These things do happen," Gentry said. "It's un-

fortunate."

Gentry said it mostly involved burns and smoke damage to drapes, curtains, carpet and bed.

XAVIER coach Bob Staak did not release the names of the players.

NCAA convention holds key to track future

From STAFF WIRE REPORTS

A major topic of discussion at MTSU has been the future of the well-respected and award-winning track program here at the university.

The future of the program lies in the hands of National Collegiate Athletic Association officials who are meeting this week in San Diego for their annual convention. MTSU Athletic Director Jimmy Earle is among the Ohio Valley Conference representatives at the meeting.

THERE are more than 100 proposals that will be voted on at the meeting, but two of those proposals will decide the future of the track program at MTSU.

The first proposal would require Division I schools that field eight varsity sports to provide money for 50 percent of all athletic scholarships provided.

If the first proposal does not pass, a proposal that would

drop the number of varsity sports from eight to six would be voted on. Earle expects a heated battle over these proposals.

"THE proposals are very crucial ones and I really don't know what to expect," Earle said. "It's going to be a real dogfight."

Whether or not the first proposal passes, according to Earle, is the key to the future of the track program.

"If the first proposal goes, we want to keep track," the athletic director said.

Two major decisions have already been handed down concerning what affect these proposals would have on the OVC and, more specifically, on MTSU.

IN MAY of last year, the OVC moved that it would support the NCAA proposal to drop the number of varsity sports from eight to six. Track

and field championships would be eliminated.

The MTSU Athletic Department has already said that it would not support the track team if there were no OVC championship meets.

Educational requirements will be the major focus of the convention, along with a possible restructuring of Division I athletics, mainly involving basketball.

TWO of the major proposals concerning educational requirements for the student athlete are:

1. An initial eligibility standard for Division I athletics, beginning in 1986 to average a minimum grade-point average in standard high-school courses with minimum standardized test scores.

2. To remain eligible for varsity competition after the freshman year, a student athlete would, in addition to

meeting the existing NCAA requirements, have to make satisfactory progress toward a degree.

Concerning these and other academic proposals, Earle said he thinks significant ground will be gained.

"I feel the academic proposals will pass, and I look for them [the NCAA] to make it very tough on the student-athlete," Earle said.

The restructuring of Division I would have a major affect on basketball in the NCAA, with the discussion of the possible elimination of "basketball only" schools would be limited in another proposal.

Many smaller schools are fearing the major schools will organize themselves into their own more exclusive divisions, excluding the smaller conferences.

Sports

Zips thwart Blue Raiders

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

The Blue Raiders dropped their sixth straight loss of the year last night to the Akron Zips at Monte Hale Arena, 63-58. MTSU was simply outshored and outscraped in the game, and a Raider comeback rally fell short.

The Raiders led by as much as eight in the first half, but a steady Akron comeback and poor shooting by MTSU pulled the Zips within one as the buzzer sounded to end the half.

AKRON took the lead with 19:14 remaining in the second half and looked back only when the Raiders began to wittle away on an 11-point Akron lead with 6:17 left in the ball game.

After cutting the lead to three on a Doug Lipscomb slam dunk with 1:09 left, freshman guard LaRae Davis fouled Akron's Wayne Pierce and sent him to the free-throw line. Pierce hit one of the free throws to push the Zips back on top by four.

"Pancakes" Perry nailed a jumper from three-point range to pull the Raiders back within one with :31 remaining, but the Zip's Pierce put the game away when he hit four consecutive free throws after fouls by LaRae Davis and Maury Mapes.

THE RAIDERS shot an exceptionally poor .342 from the field, hitting only 24 of 70 shots in the game.

Raider Head Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson summed up the evening.

"When you let the other team outscrap you, your last-minute comeback will be unsuccessful," Simpson said. "They came out in the second half feeling they could beat us, and they completely outscraped us."

"We were shooting pitifully; it should have been our game," Simpson continued. "We are better shooters than we are showing. There was a lack of intensity on the part of our guys."

DEFENSIVELY, the Raiders may have played well enough to win the game.

"That is four games in a row that we have played well enough defensively to win," Coach Simpson said.

The Zips won the game without much help from their high-scoring guard, Joe Jacobick. The Raiders held the All-OVC player to only nine points in the ball game, marking the end of an incredible 37-game streak of double figure performances.

In the absence of production from Jacobick, Zip guard Wayne Pierce cleaned up with 23 points on the evening to lead all scorers in the game.

THE HELP of Pierce was just what Akron coach Bob Rupert needed.

"It is so good to win when Joe isn't himself," Rupert said (Jacobick was suffering from a sore back). "We needed other people to contribute."

In the scoring department for the Blue Raiders, "Pancakes" Perry's spunky second-half performance gave him 13 points for the game, while Bruce Buck came off the bench in the first half to spark the Raiders with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Simpson credited the fan support for Middle Tennessee at the game last night also.

"WE WERE very appreciative of the fans tonight," the Raider coach said. "It was good to see the students hitting behind the team down the stretch."

The Raiders now go into workouts for the remainder of the week for a Saturday night battle with arch rival Tennessee Tech at Cookeville. The Tech game scheduled for a three-game road swing, with other stops scheduled for Samford and at Murray, Ky. to face Lamont Sleet, Ricky Hood, Glen Green and the powerful Murray State Racers.

The Zips moved their record to 8-5 on the year.

After losing six straight ball games, many feel that the Raider boat is rapidly sinking.

"The boat is leaking," Simpson said. "We need some people with pans, who can start dipping water out of the boat."

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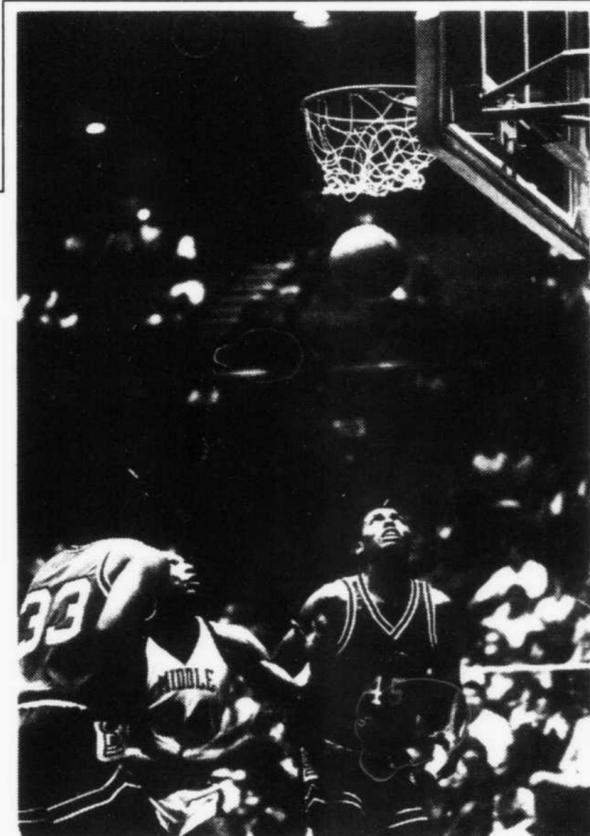
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Whew!

Doug Lipscomb (34) appears relieved to see his shot fall through the hoop while Youngstown State's Troy Williams (45) and Jeff Gilliam (33) look on. Youngstown State defeated Middle Tennessee Saturday night, 77-63.

Blue Raiders struggle during holidays

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

While the festive Christmas season, the Blue Raider basketball team was in the gym readying for hardwood action which, of course, takes no break during the holidays.

The Raiders had five contests during the break, and came away victorious in only one. There were several heart-breakers, but the always tough OVC schedule still lies ahead. Head Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said the main thing on the minds of the coaching staff

at this time is preparation.

Here is a brief summary of the games which took place during the Christmas break:

• **TRINITY AT MTSU, Dec. 11.**

While millions were at home watching Pat Ewing and Ralph Sampson do battle on national cable television, a crowd of around 1,000 showed up on a snowy Saturday night to watch the Blue Raiders, hot off the heels of an upset victory over Western Kentucky, whip the visiting Trinity team by the score of 80-55.

Three players combined to

lead the Raiders, each having 12 points. Doug Lipscomb came alive during the evening, hauling down seven rebounds to go with his 12 points, while Dwayne Dorsey and Bruce Buck also knocked in a dozen.

• **MTSU AT MOREHEAD STATE, Dec. 17.**

The Ohio Valley Conference schedule got underway for the Raiders in this three-game road trip, with Morehead State's Eagles opening up the two-game Kentucky swing, which is known as the "Death Valley" trip.

It was the first chance to get a look at the new Friday-Saturday schedule, which will be used in the conference in 1983. It proved to be an unfavorable experience this time.

Morehead State enjoyed the services of All-Conference guard Guy Minniefield and their powerful inside man, Harold Moore. The two combined their talents to contribute to the downfall of the Raiders as the Eagles came away a one-point, 85-84 winner. Middle Tennessee pulled the game within one point when Danny Mayfield and Ed "Pancakes" Perry

nailed three-point shots in the closing seconds.

Doug Lipscomb led the Raider's charge in the losing effort, bringing down 12 rebounds and scoring 20 points.

"It was a good basketball game," Coach Simpson said of



Stan Simpson
preparation the key

the Morehead battle. "Our inexperience showed a great deal in that game."

• **MTSU AT EASTERN KENTUCKY, Dec. 18.**

The second game of the road trip saw the Raiders facing a team very similar to themselves. Eastern is in the same situation as Middle Tennessee, having to look to many young

players and trying a variety of playing styles.

The Colonels got the better of the young Raiders as they managed to pull away to a 57-52 victory despite 11-point efforts from "Pancakes" Perry and Doug Lipscomb.

"The Eastern game was the only time that we were really disappointed in our effort," Simpson said. "Eastern played hard and we simply didn't respond."

• **MTSU AT VANDERBILT, Dec. 22.**

It was almost the thrill of a lifetime for the small, but potent, gathering of Raider partisans on hand at Memorial Gymnasium.

The Blue Raiders scrapped their way to a 33-33 halftime tie against a much bigger and more physical Commodore unit before abdicating in the second half to the massive front line of the 'Dores, which completely shut off the inside to the Raiders in the second half.

Vanderbilt came away with a 64-53 win behind the leadership of Ted Young and Phil Cox, who both had 14 against the Raiders.

Dwayne Dorsey led the Blue Raiders in scoring with 18, and also was the rebounding leader with nine boards. LaRae Davis had 12 in the loss.

"I really thought we were ready to play at Vanderbilt," Simpson said. "In the second half, they played as tough a defense as I've seen in four years."

• **XAVIER AT MTSU, Jan. 3.**

Middle Tennessee dropped their seventh game of the season in a simply heart-breaking—yet avoidable—loss to the Musketeers of Xavier by the score of 58-57.

The Raiders exchanged baskets with the Muskies throughout the first half, and they took a three-point lead into the locker room at half-time.

The second half saw the quick, pesky Xavier team pressure the Raiders all over the floor. Middle Tennessee threw the ball away on several occasions, and saw a nine-point lead suddenly slip into the sunset.

Dexter Bailey was high man for the Musketeers with 17 points, while honorable-mention, All-America Anthony Hicks ripped the Raiders for 12 second-half points after having only six in the first half.

The guard tandem of "Pancakes" Perry and LaRae Davis led the Raiders with 13 and 12 points respectively.

News Briefs

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (UPI) — Marc Quesenberry didn't miss a shot in the last 80 seconds last night, including a final 20-foot three-point goal, to give East Tennessee a 57-54 Southern Conference win over The Citadel.

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