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Carolyn Jones and Bob Forsythe perform a scene from "The Royal Family," the MTSU Theatre's first major production of the year. Performances will be held tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. [Cindy Hicks photo]

Press secretary named; house meeting cancelled

Mike Kopp, director of freshman affairs, was appointed as ASB press secretary yesterday afternoon by ASB President Mike McDonald.

Kopp was chosen after Pat McAfee resigned from the office yesterday morning.

"I just had too many things to do," McAfee said. "It had nothing to do with Mike or the ASB."

McAfee said his time was very limited because of a 17-hour course load and involvement in many organizations.

"I hate that we are losing Pat because he did a great job, but Mike has potential to do a good job also. He is very dedicated," McDonald said.

Kopp said he feels that his job as press secretary will not interfere with his job concerning freshman affairs.

"I do most of that work at the beginning of the fall and the end of the spring semesters," he said.

McDonald said he expects Kopp to try to work more effectively with not only newspapers, but also to enforce internal press policies he sets.

"I just want to work more closely with the newspapers and get a good working relation between the press and the ASB," Kopp said.

In another ASB related story, Tuesday's ASB House meeting was cancelled by Speaker Mark Floyd. Floyd was not available for comment.

Speaker pro temp Tom Duncan said he thought the meeting was

only postponed. "I am not 100 percent sure he has the authority to cancel the meeting."

"I don't think there's anything in the constitution concerning cancellation of a meeting," McDonald said.

"Meetings are not usually cancelled. That is the purpose of having a pro temp. I don't know the justification but it is hopeful that the speaker will inform me of the reason if was cancelled," McDonald said.

Prank telephone calls not WMOT contest

Students on campus have been receiving prank telephone calls from a person stating that he is an announcer for the campus radio station WMOT.

"We want to get the word out to people that WMOT isn't running a contest," John High, WMOT station manager, said.

WMOT, High said, has had their telephone lines tied up with people calling and asking where they can pick up their prizes. During a one hour period Wednesday morning, WMOT received four telephone calls, High added.

High said the students who called, asking for prizes told WMOT the voice was male and he identified himself as Jack and told the students they had won their next semesters books as a prize from WMOT.

Affirmation action officer hears discrimination cases

The Equal Opportunities Office recently named Joy Callahan as acting coordinator of affirmative action, as a temporary replacement for Frankie Yates, who is on a leave of absence.

"I file reports with the state boards of regents on the quota of minorities in our various departments," Callahan said. "If a department is not meeting its usual standards or is not on par with national figures, then we have to know."

When a person has a discrimination grievance, he goes through a university grievance procedure. The final channel is the affirmative action committee, chaired by Callahan. The persons charged with discrimination are called in, and the problem is generally solved, she said.

"She's done an excellent job so far," said Linnell Gentry, director of research and projects. "She also spends half of her time in institutional research; doing studies, filing reports with HEW (Housing, Education, Welfare) in Washington and gathering and interpreting

data."

MTSU's affirmative action program is progressing, according to Callahan. "I report directly to Dr. Scarlett," she said. "We mainly try to see that everyone—women, blacks, handicapped persons, Hispanics, all minorities—are dealt with fairly."



A construction worker surveys the sight of the tennis courts now under construction near Cummings Hall.

The six courts have a completion date of December. [Robin Rudd photo]

Genesis concert spectacle given standing ovation

by Gary Balsler

A concert spectacle took place when English-hailing Genesis came to Nashville's Municipal Auditorium, and gave an extraordinary show.

After lead singer Peter Gabriel left the group in 1975, Collins took over the lead vocals. Guitarist Steve Hackett also left the group and has been replaced by Daryl Stuermer formerly with George Duke, and Jean Luc Ponty. Former Yes drummer Bill Bruford performed with the group during 1976, but left due to prior commitments. Bruford was then replaced by Chester Thompson a former member of Frank Zappa, Weather Report, and Collins' side band Brand X.

The group started out with an expertly written story of a mythical journey called "Eleventh Earl Of Mar" off their 1977 release "Wind And Wuthering." They continued with "In The Cage" and "One For The Vine".

While performing these songs giant mirrors hovered above the group creating wild lighting effects. This was brilliantly choreographed by beautifully colored smoke pouring out as their superbly mixed music flowed from the stage.

Theatrical expressions were prevalent as Collins took advantage of his years of acting experience during the introduction to "Cinema Show" off their fourth album "Selling England By The Pound."

In the introduction, Collins portrayed Romeo and Juliet at a drive-in movie using his own original mime and stage antics. Collins also used his theatrics during "Say It's Alright Joe" from their latest gold album "And Then There Were Three..." He came out dressed in an old ragged raincoat, pulled a stool up next to Tony Bank's keyboard set-up, turned on a small lamp, and pulled out a bottle of booze.

This showed Collins' talents as sang smoothly and exhibited his excellent acting ability in the midst of the song.

Rutherford on double-neck guitar stood out. Next, they played a euphonous version of "Squonk"

off "A Trick Of The Tail" album and followed with their current hit "Follow You, Follow Me" from "And Then There Were Three..."

Overall the concert was totally awesome and unique as Genesis received standing ovations numerous times throughout the show.

Royal Family an ideal opener

by Jeff Ellis

Fine ensemble acting, beautiful costuming and scenery and strong direction combine to make "The Royal Family" an ideal season opener for the University Theatre.

The Cavendishes (a slightly neurotic theatrical family loosely based on the Barrymores) are brought to life by the performances of some very talented people. The plot centers around the questions "Should one get married and find true happiness?" or "Should one stay on the stage and find true happiness?"

In the course of finding an answer, the cast, directed by Dorethe Tucker, takes the audience on a trip back to the 1920s with a set that is nothing short of stunning. Technical director Clay Hawes outdid himself to make the fashionable apartment of the eccentric Cavendish clan one of the show's stronger points.

REVIEW

But it is the people that bring the show to life. Barbara Ambrose shines as Julie, the self-termed "most beautiful actress on Broadway."

As Julie's mother Fanny, Carolyn Jones is faced with the task of playing an older woman. It's usually quite tricky for a young woman to pull it off, but Jones succeeds.

Bob Forsythe is really quite good as Tony Cavendish, the matinee idol and the biggest ham in the lot. His entrance rivaled that of Ambrose for effect.

As Gwen, Julie's daughter, Lisa Davis continues to astound the audience with her versatility. It seems that she always gets the most of every role and this one is no exception.

Jerry Hatmaker, as the family's manager, Oscar Wolfe, is good though the Brooklyn (or maybe it's Bronx) accent he tried to use, faltered at times.

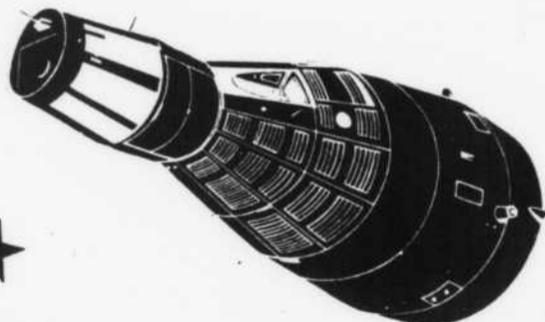
The first act was a bit weak, but the strong second and third acts compensated for its shortcomings.

The show continues through Saturday night, with an 8 p.m. curtain. MTSU students are admitted free, but reservations are advised by calling 898-2716 between 2 and 5 p.m.

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Student plans for Hollywood career

by Lisa Human

After 33 years of growing up, going to school, working as a cop, and singing in New York night clubs, W.O. Smith finally knows where he is going,—to Hollywood!

Smith, an MTSU student does not consider himself an actor, just someone who has been able to go in front of the camera and perform.

And perform is just what he did. Last August in Jackson, Miss. he played in *Walking Tall*, a CBS pilot. "The show is scheduled for some time in January," Smith said.

"Nashville 99 didn't really go anywhere," Smith, who played a detective role in that show, remarked. "It only ran four times, but I am sure it helped me."

Smith does not have any certain method for acting. "There are various schools of acting that I have

read about and observed, but I just try to be natural," Smith explained.

After starting out as a singer in Greenwich Village in New York, Smith decided he was more suited for film than singing or stage acting. Stage performing requires over-acting and emphasis. "On film you can be natural."

When asked which actors he would most like to model himself after, Smith chose Sidney Portier and Lawrence Olivier because of their classy image. He also said he admires their versatility.

"I'd like to be able to play the good or the bad guy. I've been playing this cop image for a while,

now I'd like to get a roll where I push a little old lady down the steps," he laughed.

As Smith leaned back in his seat slowly puffing a cigarette, he commented on the fact that he did not like to make snap decisions. His attitude toward acting seems to be reflected in his everyday life. "Just take things easy. Don't get too hopeful or too upset over anything."

Born in New York, Smith at age 15 moved to Nashville to live with his father and graduate from Pearl High School.

After spending four years in the service with one year in Viet Nam,

Smith worked as a police officer in Philadelphia for six years.

He returned to Tennessee several years ago to "slow down from the big-city life," he revealed.

Surprisingly, Smith is majoring in psychology instead of drama. "Psychology relates for me," he said, adding that his major would help him deal with problems he would be facing in the acting profession.

Smith, who has gotten quite a few connections through previous acting and the Screen Actors Guild, will be heading to California in the near future just to pursue the thing he likes best—acting.

Applications for pageant entries

Applications for women wishing to participate in the Miss Tennessee Universe Pageant to be held on Jan. 21, 1979 are available by contacting Billie McLarty, State Director; 500 Paragon Mills, F-6; Nashville, Tenn.; 37211 or by phoning 833-5556.

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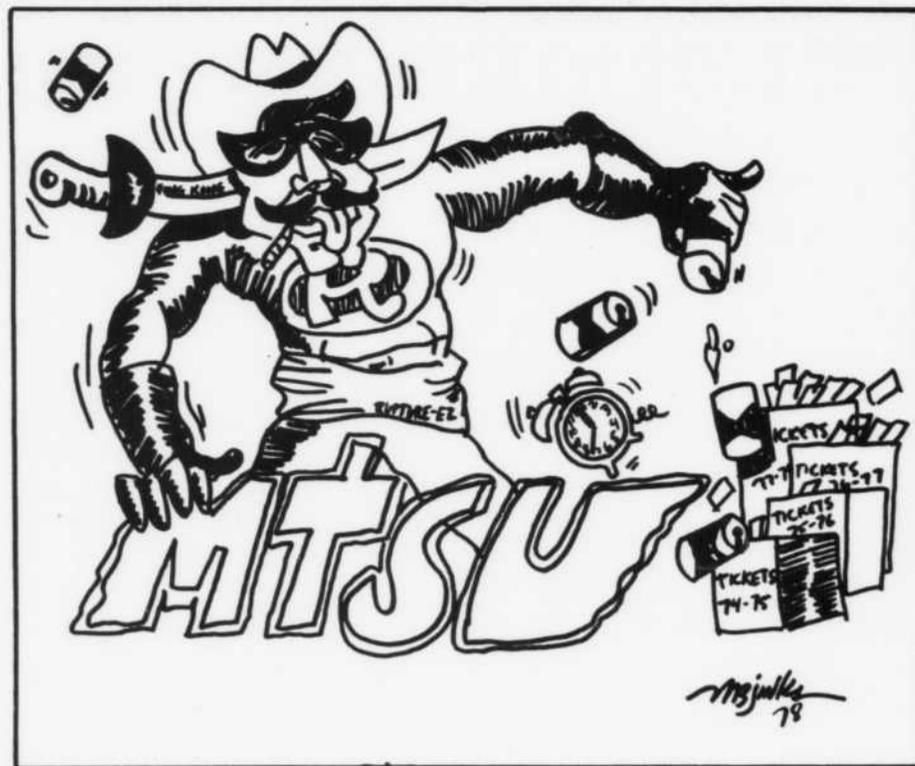
EDITORIAL

MTSU: you can bend rules

With next week being official mid-term, there's only eight more weeks until finals. By now, you know which fraternities are giving the best parties this semester and which classes you can cut without hurting your grade. But there are probably some things that you don't know:

- Don't worry about hunting down your advisor for his signature on registration forms—just scrawl something unintelligible yourself.
- Despite official claims, you can outsmart the library security system.
- Make friends with your professors and maybe they'll ask you to eat lunch in the JUB faculty dining room—it's got the best food on campus.
- Don't get upset if you're a week behind in your class reading. Your professor is probably two weeks behind in his syllabus.
- Yes, it's true: you can do a research paper in one weekend. But your best bet is to do it early and pay someone else to type it.
- Always check your roommate's bed before you and your date get too comfortable.
- MTSU breeds a special kind of cockroach: it grows up to two feet long, has wings and is totally oblivious to bug spray. The only ways to kill it are with a hammer or slow suffocation.
- You know you've made it in Murfreesboro when you sit at City Cafe's community table with all the lawyers.
- You can get away with beer and other assorted contraband in your dorm room. You cannot get away with ignoring parking tickets, writing bad checks or going out with your roommate's girlfriend.
- For the best and cheapest selection, buy your books before you register. If they're wrong, you have up to two weeks to get your money back. And at the end of the semester, you can take a friend out for a hamburger after you sell them back.

—Cathy Wood



Dorm climate 'freezing'--- complaints got no results

To the Editor:

I would briefly like to remind a few unconcerned souls that yes, fall follows summer, and winter follows fall, thus making the road clear for cold—or colder-weather. While the maintenance crews, school officials and professors lounge back in front of the fireplaces or spend the time adjusting their thermostats, we in the dorms walk like ice cubes across the frozen floor.

Today I got back to the room and began shivering, so I called maintenance, the heating plant and housing. All three gave the run-around pretending no such problem of freezing existed and that I surely must have been some cold-natured, fragile child not used to being away from mother's warm embraces. Highly untrue. Believe me, I am among many who feel the same. Anyway, housing said to call maintenance, who then in turn said they needed permission from housing to cut on the heat. Well, that went back and forth and ended somewhere lost in the middle. Then I called Dr. Scarlett's office who of course wasn't in at the time, but I did talk to his secretary who said she would try to help me. I explained the situation. She then called Harold Jewell of maintenance and returned my call. Jewell said that he would not switch the air conditioning system to heat because the weather might just be a temporary cold spell. I can understand his logic, but how many "cold spells" will we as dormitory stu-

dents have to endure before they all consider the weather for real?! You know, it is October and it is not going to get much warmer!

It is just amazing how we all walk in the room, put on our ragged jeans, our tee-shirts, our sweat shirts, our robes and then wrap the blankets around us. We not only sleep like that, we live like that! If we study, we study in the study room where it is warm, but only one chair exists and just one lamp—the overhead light of course does not work. Or, we hibernate in the hot shower only to finally step out and face the agony of the surrounding freezing air that we must compete with all night. A little exaggeration perhaps, but, obviously, that is what is needed to get over to you people that we are freezing up here. Believe me, it is quite uncomfortable, especially if your bed is by the window.

If this situation cannot be corrected before spring (when the heat finally will come on), the the housing department should either close down or allow us to move in on those fortunate ones with heat where we can peacefully survive.

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LETTERS

ERA extension is not fair, only proponents benefit

To the Editor:

The Congress has voted to extend the Equal Rights Amendment ratification deadline for three more years. This is the first time Congress has dropped to the seven year deadline for an amendment to be ratified. While doing this the congress refused to allow states which had ratified the ERA amendment to rescind, or take back, their ratifications.

Only the people favoring the ERA are going to benefit from this extension. Opponents to the ERA can only try to keep the states which haven't ratified the ERA from doing so. They probably feel like the baseball team that wins a game and then is told it must play three extra innings with only the

other team at bat. It just isn't fair.

The ERA amendment is not as simple as it proponents make it sound. If ratified, its meaning will be interrupted by the Supreme Court and will effect every law in this country. Under the ERA it's possible that homosexuals could be declared a separate sex by the Supreme Court and all the laws against them would be declared unconstitutional. The idea of men and women sharing the same bathroom in public may sound silly now, but remember how silly forced bussing sounded a few years ago.

After seven long years of argument and discussion the ERA has not been ratified. It should not be ratified in the next three years.
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MTSU blacks as prejudiced as whites

To the Editor:

This letter is written as an insight to problems I have become aware of while at MTSU. I transferred from LACC, a small community college in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1976 and in that short space of time I have met a very interesting barrage of students.

One student I met was Mike McDonald. I assume that winning the office of ASB president was a big feather in Mike's cap and with due reason: he was the first black ASB president. Of course this being 1978 and because I am from L. A. (which has a black mayor) I looked upon it as a minor event. However after the last few weeks of reading the *Sidelines* and in listening to the continual attacks on Mike from students (surprisingly enough the majority being black) I decided to open a little light on an obviously sensitive subject.

Mike reminds me of one of my heroes, (and I have very few) U. N. Ambassador Andy Young, who is constantly under attack for his liberal interpretations of racism. Mike does not have Andy's spicy tongue-in-cheek; he does have many of the vital qualifications that can and should carry him far in politics. He is also one of the few blacks I have met at MTSU who has drive, determination and a non-compromising attitude.

There are, however, a lot of people who can't wait to see Mike land on his "tush" and surprisingly, many black students seem antagonistic towards him. I would think that they would appreciate

the fact that there is a voice in student government that they can turn to for the answers. This is not the case: there exists petty jealousy and, though most blacks aren't going to admit it, a prejudiced attitude.

I think that these people are idiots, and in my belief that is the main reason Murfreesboro and MTSU are so far behind the times. When I am among whites who I consider friends we rap about outdoor activities, 'horseback riding, hiking trips, camping and traveling,' art, parties, etc. Very seldom is "race" a factor in our conversation.

Whenever a group of blacks assemble, however, they're always bitching that it's the white man's world and they are victimized by him. Well, brothers and sisters, I don't wish to alarm you but you are more a victim of your own stupidity than the white man's racism. I'm not claiming there aren't any rednecks at MTSU because 95 percent of the whites are prejudiced, but 99 percent of the blacks are prejudiced.

I don't particularly think southern blacks in rural communities have a monopoly on stupidity because I have heard whites express their own ignorance. I believe that even fools have a right to their opinions.

Support for the decision of Nashville's General Sessions Judge Dennis Summers not to marry an interracial couple instills a personal anger inside me. But those people are allowed to express their particular beliefs: that, my friends, is

what freedom is all about—the right to accept or reject a single thought of belief.

I am involved in a discrimination suit with a local restaurant here because I was fired by a manager with the same beliefs as Summers.

But, I have no remorse towards him or any of the other bigots I meet in Murfreesboro and at MTSU; I'm smart enough to realize this temporary situation for me (I plan to move back home in the spring). However many of the blacks in this community know they'll be stuck, if not here, in their rural home town. Perhaps this is

why there is so much animosity against black outsiders (Mike and I both qualify) and the local yokels.

This could be California, but only if the young whites and blacks overcome their petty prejudices and work together. It's worked all over America and in communities smaller than Murfreesboro. We can live together but only after yesterday's frustrations are released and dealt with openly.

Peace, and may you find the light at the end of the tunnel.

Jack Taylor
Box 7484



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Amazing Kreskin to return for third performance here

The amazing Kreskin will return to MTSU by popular demand for the third performance, Oct. 24, to stun the audience with ESP, card tricks, and the power of suggestion.

"His show is really amazing," Terry Burkhalter, assistant director of student programming, said. The first half of his show will deal with ESP and card tricks and the second half will be devoted to the power of suggestion, Burkhalter added.

"You can give me an audience of 200 people and in two minutes I'll have them seeing flying saucers. Take that same crowd to Times Square on a hot evening and you can have them screaming fire," Kreskin has said.

Kreskin illustrated the power of suggestion to MTSU students last year by taking 20 persons from the audience and asking them to concentrate on one thing, such as rotating their arms. Several of the persons actually could not stop rotating their arms though trying not to move them, Steve Miller, an MTSU student who participated in the stunt, said.

"It was quite interesting," Miller said, "although it did not really work on me."

"The mind is important. It can change our perception of reality. I want people to understand the

power of suggestion so they will know when they are being influenced," Kreskin said.

Tickets are on sale in the UC 308 for \$1. The charge is simply to defray the cost of bringing Kreskin to MTSU and to give student programming an estimate as to how many will attend the performance, Burkhalter said.

Speakers include former prof

"You Are Successful," a one-day conference for instructors, administrators, and individuals interested in adult education, will be held at MTSU on Oct. 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Paul Keckley, former MTSU professor and president of Ethos, Inc., a Nashville based marketing firm, will discuss how to market your program and make it more appealing.

Evelyn Laycock, director of Adult and Continuing Education at Hiwassee College, will speak about the age factor in learning, suggesting ways to prove that "learning is ageless."

The conference will be held in James Union Building for a fee of \$15.

Cash-Waylon concert tickets are still on sale

Tickets are still on sale for the Johnny Cash-Waylon Jennings concert at the Murphy Center ticket office.

Reserved seat tickets are \$8.50. All other tickets sell for \$7. Ticket sales are steady and are progres-

sing daily, Jim Simpson, MTSU ticket manager said yesterday.

Students with a valid fall ID are allowed a \$1 discount for the two first tickets. There is no limit to the number of tickets that may be purchased for the Oct. 18 concert set for 8 p.m. in Murphy Center.

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 Football: Oakland vs. Lebanon;
 7:30 p.m., Jones Field
 Theatre Production: "The Royal
 Family;" 8 p.m., DA Auditorium
SATURDAY
 State Conference: AAUP; 8 a.m.-4
 p.m., UC 322

Graduate Test: 8:30 a.m.-noon, UC
 314
 Contest of Champions: 9 a.m.-
 9p.m., Jones Field
 Dinner for Judges, 5 p.m., Dining
 Room B, JUB
 Football: MTSU vs. Murray; 7:30
 p.m., Murray, KY

Theatre Production: "The Royal
 Family," 8 p.m., DA Auditorium
 Conference: FBLA State Officers;
 10 a.m.-3 p.m., UC 305

MONDAY
 Fashion Show ticket sale: Delta
 Omicron; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC
 basement
 CLEP Examination: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.,
 UC 314
 Student Teaching Seminar: 8 a.m.-
 3 p.m., UC 316
 Continuing Education Workshop:
 "Are You Successful?"; 9 a.m.-
 2 p.m., Dining Room B JUB

Luncheon for Business and Com-
 munity Leaders: MTSU Founda-
 tion; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Dining
 Room C, JUB, Coffee, 2:30-
 4:30 p.m., Faculty Senate area
 Movie: A Night at the Opera;
 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre
 Swim Meet: Campus Recreation;
 6-10 p.m., swimming pool
 Clerical and Secretarial Seminar:
 personnel office; 1:30-3 p.m., UC
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 Pool Tournament; 7 p.m., Games
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five parts and contain the signature of the major advisor and advisors in a minor study.

No one will be checked for graduation unless this form is on file.

Moody Blues tickets go on sale Monday

The Moody Blues, performers of the hit single "Nights in White Satin," will appear Nov. 12 in Murphy Center.

Tickets will go on sale Monday in at Murphy Center and will be on sale Tuesday in UC room 308 for \$9.50, 8.50, and 7.50. There will be a one dollar discount on two tickets

for MTSU students, and payment should be in cash.

The five member band consist of John Lodge and Justin Hayward, who do most of the writing for the group, Mike Pinder, Ray Thomas, and Graeme Edge.

Their latest album is Octave, featuring the single, "Steppin on the Side Zone."

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Crimson Cats win intramural championship



A Crimson Cat player is up to bat in Thursdays' game against the Jackers. The Crimson Cats won the softball championship over the Jackers' 6-4. [Linda Corley Photo]

Lead by a trio of former MTSU basketball players, the Crimson Cats won their second straight open division intramural softball championship yesterday. The Cats won in a low scoring ball game, 6-4, over the Jackers in the championship final.

Mike Storey and former all Ohio Valley Conference center Bob Martin, had home runs for the Cats, who relied on solid defense in

taking the title.

Since their formation last year, the Crimson Cats have won 42 games and lost only two. The Cats went through the fall season undefeated.

Swim meet to be held

Sign-up for the upcoming swim meet has been changed from Oct. 4 to Oct. 13.

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Volleyball team wins 4 out of 5 games against UTC & Sewanee

The Lady Raider Volleyball team won four out of five games Tuesday night against UT Chattanooga and Sewanee College.

In the first game MTSU lost to UT Chattanooga 6-15, but the other two games the Lady Raiders' took command by winning 15-4, and 15-3. The Lady Raiders' trailed in the third game 12-7 before winning.

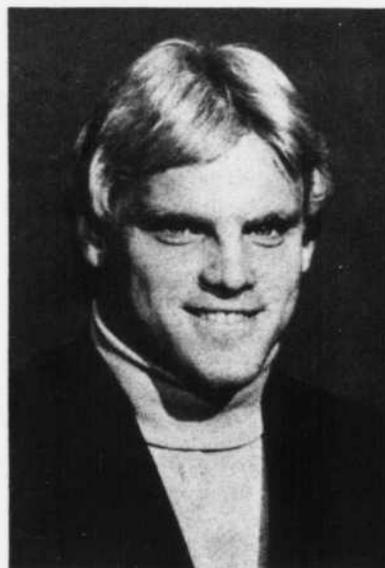
The Lady Raiders' was victorious

over Sewanee in two contests, 15-12 in the first and 17-15 in the second game.

"The team played real well as a team," MTSU volleyball coach Sandy Neal said.

The top setter for MTSU was Lois Rainey. Jackie McReynolds and Jill Carroll were the top net game players.

MTSU Lady Raiders' now stand 4-4 for this season.



Robbie Rogers



Tom Smogorzewski

Players of week picked

Robbie Rogers was named offensive player of the week after Saturday's game against Eastern Kentucky. He had 93 yards rushing and scored MTSU's second touchdown on a 15 yard burst in the fourth quarter.

Rogers, 5-10, 200 pounds, has racked up 777 yards rushing in the

past two seasons, and catching 10 passes, two for touchdowns. Rogers has been named captain of the Raiders for this year.

Sophomore end Tom Smogorzewski was named the defensive player of the week. He had seven tackles and grabbed a Colonel fumble in mid-air, returning it 30 yards.

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Pat Jones is first athletic director

Competition coming of age in womens' athletics

by Doyle Parham
Sports Editor

The days of outside basketball courts and the one dribble per person have long been forgotten.

Women participating in sports was a thing you never heard of either four decades ago, but the last few years women have been granted rights that are equal to mens' standards, and one that is becoming a reality is equal opportunity for women athletics at MTSU and other colleges and universities across the nation.

Until 1975, women that participated in sports at MTSU did it through the intramural department. There was never any games that real competition was applied such as the Ohio Valley Conference games today.

Pat Jones took over as women's athletic director and head basketball coach in the summer of 1975, and this is when womens' sports really started at MTSU.

MTSU was the first university in the state to have womens' athletic director, and also the first university to give scholarships to women.

"The administration was a step ahead when they hired me as the director in April 1975, because it wasn't until July of that year that the federal government proposed Title IX that states that women are given an equal opportunity in athletics," Jones said.

Jones came to MTSU from Volunteer State Community College where she posted a 32-5 record, won a State AIAW title in 1975 and a NJCAA Region VII title in 1975.

Following the regional title, her team played in the national tournament in Kansas City, and placed sixth.

The first year Jones coached basketball at MTSU the Lady Raiders comprised a 15-9 record, and just missed going to the regional tournament.

"Recruiting turned out real well the first year with such standouts as Jan Zitney, Sharon McClanahan,

Lady Raiders win contest

The Lady Raider tennis team returned from Cookeville Wednesday night with a 9-0 victory over Tennessee Tech.

Single winners were Elina Durchman, Tarja Ojala, Nancy Broadhurst, Kaye Wrather, Traci Williams, and Karen Miller.

In the double matches Durchman and Ojala teamed together and won along with Diana Myers and Broadhurst, Wrather and Miller also won.

Bonnie Angus, and Stephanie Johnson."

The other sports that were a part of the womens' program the first year were tennis and volleyball. "We had a winning season for the first two years, but the recruiting was hard those two years. Tennis and volleyball wasn't that big for schools then," Jones said.

The first womens' coach to be hired full-time was Sandy Neal. She is still the volleyball and tennis coach.

"Sandy has done a tremendous job recruiting, and she works triple

time in fulfilling her role as a coach," Jones added.

"The first few years were years of building and letting the public know that woman could go further than high school in the sports world," Jones stated.

From 1976 to the 1978 season several women accomplished great honors, such as Jan Zitney, voted most valuable player of MTSU, and Sharon McClanahan who has broken several scoring records.

MTSU in its' fourth year of womens' athletics has come a long way from the one coach in 1975.



MTSU's Womens' Athletic Director gives womens' head coach Larry Inman some instructions. This is Inman's first year as coach at MTSU.

Hurt plans to break 'nice guy' trend

by Doyle Parham
Sports editor

"We've been awfully good to Murray the past two years. I sure hope we can break that trend on Saturday night," stated MTSU head coach Ben Hurt as he prepared his team for Saturday night's game at Murray State.

Hurt was referring to a series of turnovers unparralled in OVC history in the 1976 game at Murray, and to a usual beginning in last year's game in Murfreesboro.

Two years ago, MTSU established league records for most fumbles, 14, and most fumbles lost, nine, and also three pass interceptions to account for 12 turnovers.

The Raiders scored every time they managed to hold onto the ball, but still lost 24-20.

Last season, Murray got a safety on the first play of the game when the MTSU quarterback faded back 20 yards to pass and tackled in the end zone. Murray took the ensuing free kick and drove for their only touchdown of the game, then held on for a 13-9 win.

Hurt said his team will not be so generous this time, and is looking for a much better defensive performance this week. Last Saturday,

the Raiders lost a 42-12 decision at Eastern Kentucky.

"I am definitely looking for a close game for two reasons, Murray beat UT Martin 21-7 last week in their best game of the season, and we didn't do so well last week," Hurt said. "We were an earlier victim of UT Martin 28-17, so with these things in mind we should expect a close game."

Murray quarterback Mike Dickens, who has been a problem for the Raiders' the past two seasons, will not play because of a chest injury, but the MTSU coaching staff isn't sure that is a plus.

"Dickens is a fine quarterback, as good as any we've faced, but at least we knew what he is capable of doing. They are replacing him with a red-shirt freshman that we don't know a single thing about, and that will present a different set of problems," defensive co-ordinator Jim Sypult said.

Murray's big gun thus far has been runningback Danny Lee Johnson, the leading rusher in the OVC with nearly 125 yards per game. Johnson, who rushed for 72 yards against the MTSU defense last year, is averaging 5.7 yards per carry.

Now there are two full-time coaches and a graduate assistant to do the coaching.

Debbie Chitwood, graduate assistant, is in her first year as coach of the first track team for women at MTSU. She is also assisting Larry Inman in basketball, and Sandy Neal as volleyball and tennis coach.

Larry Inman, head basketball coach for women, is in his first year as coach of the Lady Raiders. Inman is a former coach at MT. Juliet.

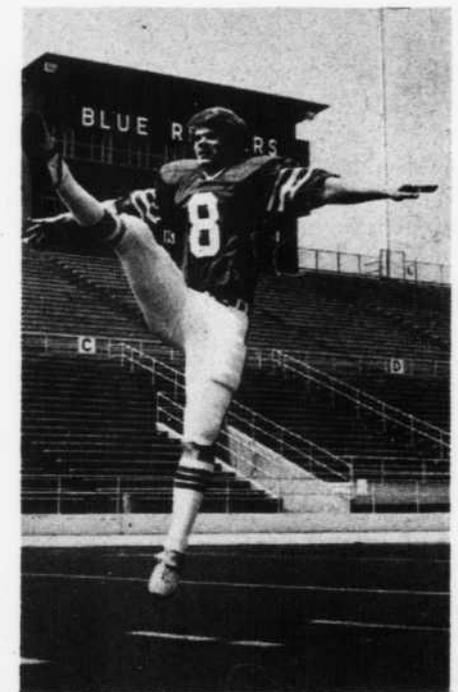
"Womens' athletics has come a long way." Charles Murphy, MTSU athletic director, said. "Scholarships for women are not anywhere close to what is spent for men, but I believe we'll see improvement and more advancement in the future."

"I feel that Pat Jones is really doing a good job as athletic director, and I can see the improvement of the work she has done each year," Murphy said.

"The coaches we have are so good in recruiting and working together, MTSU is just now starting to be known in the womens' field of athletics," Jones added.

The dirt courts and the single dribble basketball game are no comparison to Murphy Center and the full-court five on five, but one fact is sure and that is womens' athletics have come a long way at MTSU and across the nation in the past decade.

All-OVC tackle Bruce Martin is the leading man defensively for Murray and could cause some
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Randy Saunders, averaging 40.0 yards per kick will be heavily depended upon the Blue Raiders' go against Murray State Saturday night.

Pool champ competes in tourney

Billiard trick shot champion Paul Gerni will compete in a pool tournament against Swedish Billiards Champion Max Noren in the UC Gamesroom Oct. 18 at 4 p.m.

and 8 p.m. The ability to perform over 185 tricks and fancy shots helped Gerni win World Trick and Fancy Shot Competition Championships in

1975, 76, and 77, and named him the 1975 European Champion.

Gerni has a high run of 166 consecutive balls pocketed, and has run over 100 balls many times.

Gerni's performance will highlight the annual gamesroom pool tournament, which will be held Oct. 16-19, according to Terry Burkhalter, from student programming.

The pool tournament is open to men and women, and winners will receive an all-expense paid three day trip to represent MTSU in the ACU-1 regional tournament in Knoxville.

Deadline for registration is noon, Oct. 13 in the UC gamesroom. Entry fee is one dollar.

All students are urged to participate in this event.



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Cross country schedules meet

The Middle Tennessee Invitational Cross Country Meet, scheduled for Saturday morning at the VA Hospital golf course has been cancelled.

MTSU coach Dean Hayes stated that most of the opposing teams had to drop out for various reasons, so he called off the meet, and will take his team to Carson-Newman College for a multi-team meet in Jefferson City.

Freshman Joe O'Loughlin, who missed last week's invitational at David Lipscomb is expected to be well and ready to go this week, so the Raiders should challenge Carson-Newman, who won the meet last week, Hayes said.

"With O'Loughlin back, it could be very interesting this time," Hayes said.

The Raiders' will also be counting on Gary Perry, Dana McCutcheon, Jay Simonetta, and Linton Whaley to finish among the leaders.

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problems for the MTSU offense.

There is one more player on the Murray team that is the biggest player in college football. Vernon Brodnax, a freshman offensive tackle who stands 6-6 and weighs 410 pounds. Surprisingly quick for a man of his immense size, Brodnax will be a special problem for the MTSU defensive line, which has been playing with injuries.

End Tom Smogorzewski, the Raiders' player of the week last week, has missed a couple of days of practice this week with a thigh bruise, while the other end, James McClellan, is still suffering from a pinched nerve in his shoulder.

Senior tackle Gary Harton has also been sidelined with a knee injury that could be more serious than initially anticipated. "I don't believe that I will play Gary this weekend because of his injury," Hurt said.

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