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Major off diploma until need arises

Majors will not be added to diplomas unless more evidence of the need for this change is discovered, said Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records.

"I do not see the necessity of this change in the diploma," Gillespie



Cliff Gillespie

said.

The present policy allows anyone who desires to obtain a letter from the records office stating their major and minors. Only one student has taken advantage of this policy since it went into effect in the spring of 1977, said Gillespie.

However, some foreign students still feel a need for majors being printed on the diploma.

The Nigerian Embassy said this change in diplomas is not essential

and that the present system is sufficient. However, the Nigerian students who have become involved in this change of policy feel that they will encounter problems because the major is not on their diploma.

Because a person's major is not present on their diploma, the diploma is not valued as much by prospective employers, according to Amos Ozumba, president of the Nigerian Students Association.

"Students would have a greater advantage in getting jobs if the area of specialization is included on the certificate of graduation," Ozumba said.

Elizabeth Perez Reily, foreign student advisor, said foreign students would benefit from this change in diplomas.

"Underdeveloped countries pay attention to this," she said. "If the major is not included employers would have to take the time to verify the student's major."

Perez Reily does not think a letter stating the major and minors of a student would help much. "In underdeveloped countries there is a lot of forged documents going around," she said. "Because of this, the employer may not accept the letter as authentic."

According to Gillespie the Board of Regents would approve the placement of the student's major on the diploma, however this would

only benefit the 2 percent to 3 percent of foreign students enrolled. Because such a small percentage of students would benefit from this, the need for change is not there, Gillespie said.

If the change was made it would

cause some problem, Gillespie said.

Double majors could not be accommodated on diplomas and the more information placed on a diploma, the greater the chance of making an error, he added.

Settling and seasons causing cracks in NCB

by Jerry Williamson

Cracked walls and slanted door frames and floors in the NCB are caused by the building's seasonal movements and by a construction difficulty, according to Charles Pigg, director of campus planning.

"A building breathes," Pigg said. "When it's cold outside it breathes in, or contracts, and vice versa." This movement results in cracked walls, he added.

Cracks in the walls can only be repaired by cutting out the mortar and remortaring the concrete blocks, according to Harold Sewell, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

The slanted second floor occurred during the building's construction,

Pigg said. After the concrete was poured, some of the supports gave way. "They had to jack it back up when the concrete was wet and they could never get it right," he said.

"Some buildings could settle in six months and some could settle in three or four years," Pigg said.

"The NCB probably settled around 1971, which would mean that these things have been there for years."

The NCB was designed by the Southern Building Code, which states that the building must withstand 20 pounds per square foot, which would allow for about 40 inches of snow, according to Pigg.

Pigg added that there is no danger of the building collapsing within the near future.

Raider basketball on TV awaiting Metro's approval

MTSU is awaiting the decision of the Metro police department as to whether the WSM-WDCN tower can be used by MTSU to air basketball games on television, according to Charles Pigg, Director of Campus Planning.

The tower is owned by the Metro government; however, Metro police have control of the tower at the present time, Pigg said.

MTSU requested use of the tower at a meeting on Feb. 7 with Chief Surace of the Metro Police.

"I left the meeting feeling optimistic," Pigg said. However Metro police have not made any contact with him as to their decision.

Originally, things had been worked out with Channel 17 to air

the basketball games. However, because of the location of their tower it would be impossible for MTSU to transmit straight to it, Pigg said.

A relay tower could be built in Davidson county, on the highest ground, to relay the transmission to a Nashville tower. However, the cost of this construction would be \$12,000-\$15,000, said Pigg.

WNGE-Channel 2 was contacted about the use of their tower but they refused.

According to Pigg, money has been appropriated for this project and if the tower should become available, MTSU is ready to proceed immediately.



Nicky Holroyd [played by Martin McGeachy] is the brother of Gilliam Holroyd, a young witch in the play "Bell, Book and Candle." The comedy is playing at the DA Arena Theatre Feb. 17-18 and 20-25, starting at 8 p.m. See page three.

House votes to remove 10-day campaign limit

A resolution allowing ASB candidates to campaign at meetings anytime during the semester was adopted by the House Thursday.

The current rules forbid the distribution of election material to anyone until 10 days before the election. The 10-day limit, however, would still apply to the posting of campaign materials on campus or the distribution of it on a one-to-one basis.

Janet Talmadge, who sponsored the bill in the House, said that current campaigning was hindered because many organizations met only once a month. She claims the present limit results in "trying to cram a lot of things into 10 days."

ASB Sen. Patrick Flynn, who sponsored a similar bill in the Senate, spoke at the House Meeting. "Just verbal campaigning at the meetings may not be effective," he said. "The campaign material may be more helpful."

Campaign materials would be handed out only at meetings and not on a one-to-one basis, Talmadge said. Using materials on a one-to-one basis would still be restricted to a 10-day time limit.

The House also adopted a resolution which would place a copy of all required textbooks on reserve in the library. Talmadge, who sponsored the resolution, said it would allow students access to books which are required for a course but hardly ever used. "I've had a lot of classes where the instructor will admit to never using the book," she said.

In other business, Danny Dunkleberger, member of a committee investigating longer library hours, said extended hours may be tried next week. Dunkleberger said the committee had asked to extend library hours past the present 11 p.m. closing until 1 a.m. Tuesday night through Thursday night.



Janet Talmadge, ASB representative, presents a bill to the House, proposing a change in the campaigning rules of ASB candidates. [Robin Rudd photo]

Dunkleberger also introduced a resolution, which adopted unanimously, calling for copies of the ASB constitution to be included in

Rescue, the student handbook. If approved, the constitution would appear in the fall 1978 edition of the handbook.



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Former student dies from gunshot wound

Brank McLean, former MTSU student, was found dead from an apparent self-inflicted gun shot wound Tuesday afternoon near his home in Shelbyville, according to Bedford County police.

McLean's aunt saw a man collapse on the River Bend Golf

Course and called country club officials, police reported. Club officials discovered the body and notified the police, who say they found a .22 caliber revolver next to the body. It has not yet been determined where McLean got the gun.

A club member, who had coffee with McLean earlier, said that McLean appeared depressed.

There was no evidence of any type of drug or alcohol in his system, according to police.

Friends of McLean say he had seemed depressed for several weeks. One friend said "he was the type person that would not bother others with his problems."

One MTSU professor said that to his knowledge, McLean did not ever show any type of depression.

McLean was a member of the MTSU golf team and a good friend of E.K. Patty, the golf coach.

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Occult, love team-up in 'Bell, Book and Candle'

by Janet Hyatt

Witches, warlocks, spells, and love are all part of the zany comedy "Bell, Book and Candle" now playing at the Arena Theatre in the Dramatic Arts building.

The action takes place in Gillian Holroyd's apartment in present-day New York City.

Gillian Holroyd, a young witch [played by Lisa Davis] uses her magic powers to win the love of a man Shepard Henderson (played by Bob Forsythe) who is already engaged to another woman.

Gillian finds herself falling in love with Shepherd and goes about trying to keep the secret of her powers, as well as those of her

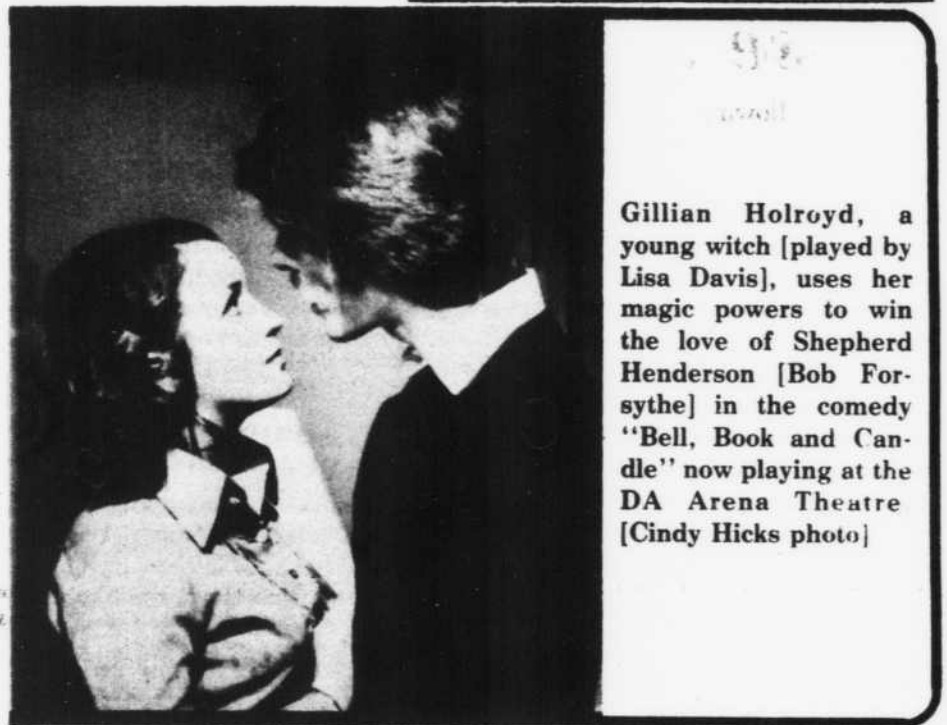
brother, Nicky Holroyd (played by Martin McGeachy), from an unsuspecting Shepherd.

But the secret gets out, and Miss Holroyd, Gillian's aunt, helps to get Shepard, who believes there is always a rational explanation for witchcraft, to accept the truth.

An enraged Shepard, finally realizes the truth about Gillian's powers and goes about getting the spell she placed on him removed.

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Gillian Holroyd, a young witch [played by Lisa Davis], uses her magic powers to win the love of Shepard Henderson [Bob Forsythe] in the comedy "Bell, Book and Candle" now playing at the DA Arena Theatre [Cindy Hicks photo]

Senate rejects by one vote naming DA after Elvis

The ASB Senate has defeated a resolution to rename the Dramatic Arts Auditorium after Elvis Presley.

Sen. Riley Clark, who sponsored the resolution at the Senate's Tuesday meeting, said money from Presley concerts held here had provided revenue enabling MTSU to hold other concerts.

The resolution would have renamed the DA the "Elvis Presley Center for the Performing Arts."

Senate Pro Tem Kent Syler cast the deciding vote to defeat the resolution 7-6.

In other business, the Senate passed a resolution asking the library to place on reserve copies of

all textbooks used by the university.

Sen. Patrick Flynn, who sponsored the resolution, said many textbooks required by the university are rarely used.

"The cost of higher education makes the purchase of unneeded textbooks prohibitive," Flynn said in the resolution.

The Senate, however, refused to go along with a provision of a resolution passed by the House that would allow ASB candidates to campaign at meetings from the first day of the semester.

Under current rules, electioneering cannot begin earlier than 10 days before the voting is to take place.

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Editorial

Change Homecoming

MTSU's basketball teams are playing their last home game tomorrow night after a tough two-game road trip. It would be a perfect time for a homecoming celebration.

Traditionally homecoming is held in the fall and during the football season, but what's wrong with having it in the winter and during basketball season?

Rain during the ceremonies would be non-existent in Murphy Center. There would be no chance of cold weather making the fans uncomfortable. Everything could go as planned and the half-time crowning of the queen could be as spectacular as possible.

Music would be no problem since the band could still play. Also, the fans could see the queen and her court much better at Murphy Center than at Jones stadium.

Switching the homecoming celebration to the basketball season would also give our team, which is now in first place, a tremendous sense of pride playing before a homecoming crowd. It would also pack Murphy Center with Blue Raider fans.

Of course, the basketball team has not had any trouble bringing in fans. At the Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech games there were 10,700 and 9,800, respectively at the game compared to only 9,500 at the homecoming game against Murray State. Jim Simpson, MTSU ticket manager, said that the two basketball games could have been sell-outs if the weather had been better those two nights.

Letters

Girls intramural team charges biased officiating

To the Editor:

This concerns the quality of the officiating in the intramural basketball program. While we realize the intramural department must take what they can get, surely some sort of screening is used. If not, it should be. We also feel an official which has some sort of association with a team should not have to call a game played by that team. This puts pressure on both the official and the teams.

We do not mean having friends on a team, as this is unavoidable in many cases, but when an official helps with a team in any capacity, then that official should not be put in a situation of this kind. It is unfair to the teams and the official.

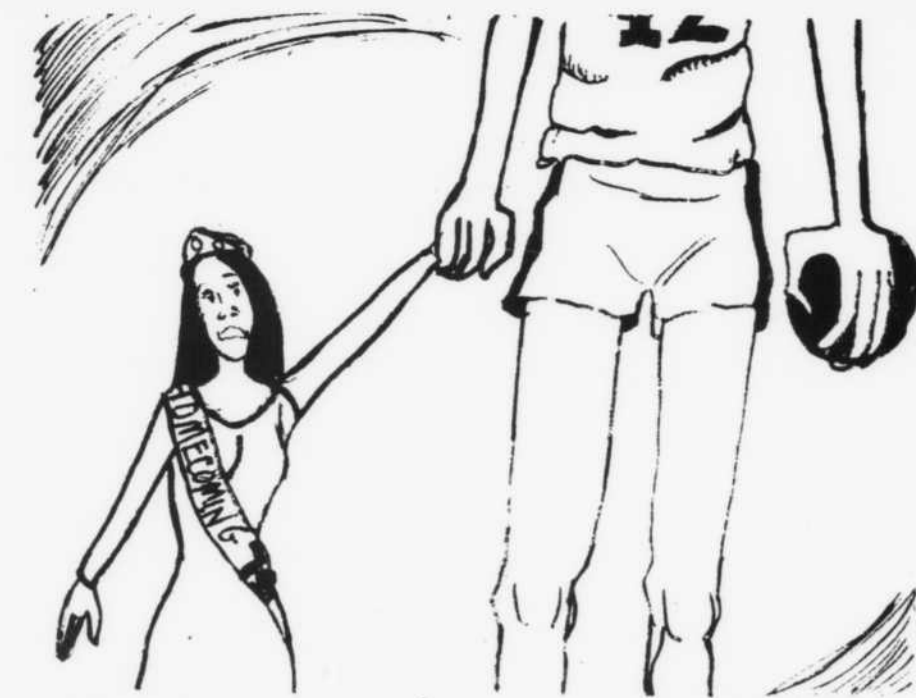
On Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. on court A, Gertie's Girls played the Bad News Bears. The game ended after one overtime with the Bears ahead by two. The teams were very evenly matched as evidenced by the results and while we (Gertie's Girls) do not say we would have

won, we feel cheated of the chance to try. It is our opinion that the officiating contributed greatly to our defeat.

While we have no solid proof, it has been said by two reliable sources that one official which called our game is an assistant coach of the Bears. This is not the usual carping done by losers. There were several occasions when walking was called on us. We did walk, but we had little choice since we were pushed and pulled around by the Bears.

Now a little pushing is expected and mostly unnoticeable but grabbing a player by the arm and slinging that player is a flagrant and noticeable foul. Walking is committed in such a case but only after the foul happened. Once a player had the ball out front and a Bear ran up and slapped our player. It was audible and easily seen but no foul was called.

We could go on, but why bother?



The only problem that might arise is the scheduling of the homecoming concert, but if the group is good enough, people won't mind seeing one Friday or Sunday night.

Just because other schools have homecoming during football season does not make it the only time to have homecoming. Let the homecoming crowd see something besides the traditional MTSU football game—let the basketball team give them a special treat.

After the game several Bears admitted they knew fouls would not be called on them and so they took advantage of this. We would have done the same, anyone would.

We repeat, we do not know if we could have won. We made bad mistakes out there, any of which could have cost us the game. We readily admit the Bears might have beat us without the officials' interference. Who knows? We just feel that both the Bears and us should have had the chance to play ball without a prejudiced official.

We have already lodged a formal protest against this official with the IM department. We want it known

that we are not protesting against the Bears, we do not place blame on them or hold a grudge. We have friends on the Bears and would not have lodged protest except we wish to prevent this from happening again. It is unfortunate it happened at all. We feel we have good cause to protest this official and hope our protest will be acted upon.

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Coach Earle thanks fans

To all the fans of Blue Raider basketball:

I would like to take this time to personally thank all of the people who have been our loyal supporters this season, at home as well as on the road.

A special note of thanks must go to our cheerleaders who have done a super job in their efforts to keep that "Raider Fever" at an all time high.

The team would certainly appreciate your continued support in our closing games this season, the last two of which will be on the road.

Let me offer a reminder that

Saturday night will be the last time you will be able to see Sleepy Taylor, Clint Dennison, Julius Brown, Sammy Burrell and Bob Martin play at home. These men are fine individuals as well as players, and I feel they would appreciate your attendance to help make it a memorable evening for them.

Again, let me offer my deep appreciation for the wonderful team support and urge you to stay behind us until the final game this season.

Jimmy Earle
Head Basketball Coach



Open Forum

Constitutional convention was a public fraud

by Norman L. Parks
Retired Political Science Professor

The 4,000-word melange which the constitutional convention has rushed to the Tennessee voters with such indecent haste and scandalous waste under the guise of modernization and reform is in fact a fraud against the public welfare.

The calling of the convention in the first place was rooted in fraud, in that a primary purpose was to postpone for at least six more years a genuine reform of the constitution by making the amending process

workable and by giving the state the base for a modern tax structure. Secondly, this bumbling and inefficient convention subjected itself to the interests of the pressure groups which had a hand in its convocation.

It further served those special interests by making the referendum a special election at an unnecessary public expense in the expectation that the voter turnout would be low, and it rushed the referendum in the hope that there would not be time for opposition to develop.

There is a very real possibility that the special interests will turn

out to vote for their favorite amendments and thus the amendments will find their way into the constitution by insignificant minorities in no way representative of the will of the whole people.

Under the law the voter who enters the booth on referendum day will have barely nine seconds to act on each of the proposed thirteen amendments. Unless he entered the booth with a written card already marked to direct his vote (something that not one voter in 1,000 will do), he would not have time to read, much less reflect on, the amendments. His only alternative would be to potshot only a few.

No democratic society ought to be asked to deal with so many complex issues at one time. It is asking the impossible to ask the average voter to understand and react rationally to such a massive package. Not understanding them, tens of thousands of voters simply will not bother to vote unless they can be aroused to the pre-disposition to go to the voting booth and vote "No" on all amendments. This, I think, is the proper course for all voters.

The judicial amendment infringes on the independence of the judiciary and would be a regressive step. Moreover, the creation of a good and unified court system, which would be a step forward, is possible by legislative act alone. The imposition of a spending ceiling on the General Assembly conflicts with sound principles of administration and has worked against the public welfare in states

which since 1910 have tried it.

The attorney general amendment does not give the people what they most need—an official who will protect their interests against abuses by public officials. It is better to leave the office where it is until a better amendment can be brought forward. The education amendment is a clear threat to the principle of separation of church and state, and opens the door to saddling the taxpayers with the support of 32 church colleges and seven private institutions.

Only once since World War I has interest rates pressed against the constitutional ceiling of ten percent, and in that year Tennessee banks still made more money than ever before. Moreover, it saved the state from the wild speculative boom which hit such states as Florida and Texas. If it serves to put the crimp on extravagant consumer credit, the present interest ceiling also works for the long-term welfare of the people.

One might expect that in such a mass of amendments, there might be several of indifference whether approved or rejected—such as a two-term provision for governor. The proposed amendment on local government can be considered constructive, though unnecessary, as Rutherford County has demonstrated by creating a 4-year county administrator by local legislation.

All considered, however, this was the worst convention assembly ever in Tennessee, and its work ought to be quietly interred on March 7.

RA's dismissal unfounded; loud noise invalid reason

To the Editor:

As residents of Cummings Hall and, further, as residents of the fifth floor, we would like to demonstrate our concern over the forced resignation of the resident assistant on our floor.

Leslie Allen informed us in a recent floor meeting that she had been asked to resign her position because of her inability to be on duty for eight hours a week.

This requirement does not specify the hours which should be utilized for that purpose; therefore, it appears that any eight hours would be sufficient.

Leslie is in her room, available to us on the floor, at nights and on weekends. We have had no difficulty in contacting Leslie when we need her and are confused as to why she is being asked to leave.

We feel that Leslie has fulfilled her duties and beyond that has made an extra effort to get to know all of us on the floor. Another complaint which was brought to Leslie's attention was that of the

noise level on the fifth floor.

We do boast the fact that we are the noisiest of the six floors in the dorm, but we feel the noise is justified. We are the friendliest floor and, therefore, the loudest. Most everyone on the floor knows one another and when we all get together we do get a little loud.

It is only friendly interaction, but with the number of friends that get together, you can't avoid noise.

In closing, we would like to ask that someone please either give us just reason for Leslie's dismissal or help us to prevent the action.

The residents of fifth floor
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(FROM THE MTSU CAMPUS IN MURFREESBORO.)

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Trumpeter bound for South America

by Lisa Human

Another "Doc" Severenson may be right here on campus.

Best known as the "Star Spangle Banner" soloist at basketball games, Brian Lamkin was nicknamed "Doc" in high school because of his talent and love for the trumpet. Brian has played the solo for two years.

In order to master any skill, a great deal of practice is involved. "I don't believe Brian has ever missed a band rehearsal," states Joseph Smith, band director of the Band of

Blue. Three to four hours of individual practice time each day has payed off for Lamkin immensely.

Not only was Lamkin first chair trumpet player in the Band of Blue, orchestra, jazz ensemble, and symphonic band, but is also band president this year. He also helped with the Band of Blue field command during band camp.

Numerous opportunities have opened up for Lamkin. He was selected to play with the American Legion Band in Denver, Colorado, and has been invited to South

America to teach trumpet lessons and make some recordings.

Lamkin plays trumpet with the Faculty/Student Brass Quintet, composed of Dr. Tom Naylor, head of the music department; Dr. Howard Hutcheson, assistant professor of music; Cully Beasley, MTSU's first chair trombone player; and Bim Morrison, Band of Blue's first chair tuba player.

"Brian chose MTSU because of it's good reputation in the music department," says Mike Thomas, Lamkin's roommate and close friend.



Brian Lamkin



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 Mid-Winter Formal: 8:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

SATURDAY

National Teacher's Exam: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., UC 314
 Continuing Education Workshop: Critiquing Reading Materials, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 322
 Wrestling: MTSU v Georgia, 12 noon, Murphy Center
 JV Basketball, MTSU v Murray, 2 p.m., Murphy Center
 Women's Basketball: MTSU v Murray, 5:45 p.m., Murphy Center
 Varsity Basketball: MTSU v Mur-

ray, 8 p.m., Murphy Center
 Chamber of Commerce: Howard Baker, reception, 4-5 p.m., Dining Room C, Banquet, 5 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

MONDAY

Bake Sale: Little Sisters of Maltese Cross, all day, UC Basement
 Display: Delta Sigma Theta, all day, UC Basement
 CLEP Examination: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 314
 Movie: "Swashbuckler" 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre
 Track Meet: Oakland High School, 4:30-9:30 p.m. Murphy Center
 Interest Tea: Zeta Phi Beta, 6:30-9 p.m., Dining Room B, SUB
 Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., 314 UC



Kappa Delta took first place in the female chorus division last Tuesday night in the 11th annual All-Sing sponsored by Tau Omicron. The sorority retired the trophy with their presentation of "Love Songs for a Special Day." [Robin Rudd photo]

Kappa Delta retires trophy with love songs at All-Sing

Kappa Delta retired the first place trophy in the female chorus division last Tuesday night in the 11th annual All-Sing sponsored by Tau Omicron, women's honorary society.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon took first place in the male chorus division while the Wesley Foundation received first place in the mixed chorus division.

Kappa Delta took first place with their production of "Love Songs for a Special Day". Alpha Gamma Delta received the second place trophy for their performance of Leo Sayers' hits.

Again, for the seventh year, SAE

received first place in the male division with a tribute to the best songs of Broadway. Kappa Sigma, the only other all male group, received second place for their routine of hits from the 1950's, complete with 50's costumes.

"Didn't He shine" and "Sweet, Sweet Song of Salvation" were the songs that earned the Wesley Foundation first place. The Baptist Student Union received second place in the mixed chorus division with the songs "The New 23rd" and "Praise We Sing to Thee".

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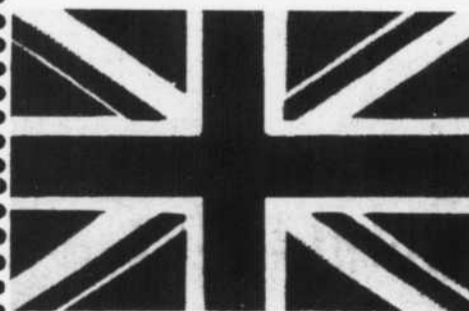
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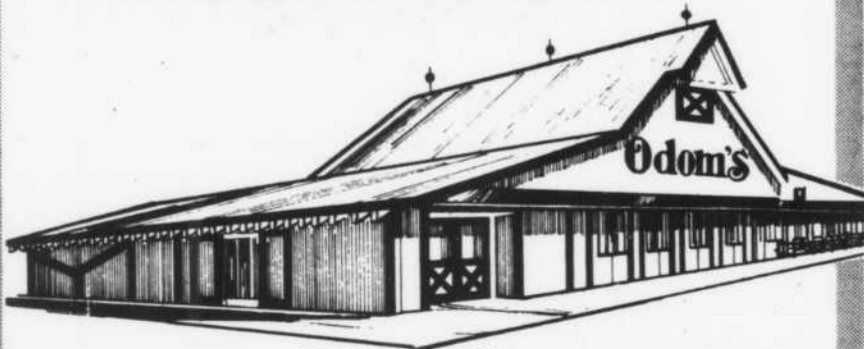
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Raiders face big test against resurging Murray...

by Chuck Cavalaris

You can take your basic Chinese math, complicated slide rules and pocket calculators with their fancy buttons and toss them out the nearest window.

There is absolutely no need to drop an open hand in the face of a fortune teller, check the movement of the stars or chart the biorhythms of everybody associated with Middle Tennessee State's basketball team.

Conference championships are seldom won using such silly methods.

But Saturday night, MTSU will take to Murphy Center's court at 8 p.m. with hopes of moving one step

closer to a dream born many months ago...winning the OVC title.

"We told our team at the halfway point in the season that we were seven steps away from a conference championship," MTSU coach Jimmy Earle explained Thursday. "Now, we are three steps away."

The third step in Earle's "take 'em one at a time" philosophy is talent-laden Murray State, a team just now beginning to play like observers predicted in October.

Besieged with internal strife, bickering between players and departure of others, Murray State

is finally making noise in Ohio Valley Conference basketball.

Middle Tennessee held on for a 78-77 victory at Murray last month.

Racer head coach Freddie Overton, who announced in Mid-January he would resign at season's end, directed a sweep of the dreaded "Death Valley" swing at Morehead and Eastern Kentucky last weekend.

The victories upped Murray's record to 3-8 (OVC) and 7-15 overall. League-leading Middle Tennessee, the first team to qualify for the conference tournament, is 9-2 and 17-5.

"Murray State has as much talent as any team in the conference," Raider assistant Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson offered yesterday. "Their game is to run and shoot...we can not afford to let them control the tempo."

One big reason for the Racer turnaround has been the return of flashy John Randle, a 6-8 forward who missed much of the season, including the first game against MTSU, with a broken thumb.

"They have tremendous talent," Earle said. "This thing is far from over. We have the toughest closing

schedule in the league. I said before I didn't know how hungry our team was. I know now. They want to win the championship. We have to start again with Murray tomorrow night."

After Saturday's game, Middle Tennessee must play at Austin Peay Monday and finish next Saturday at Western Kentucky, which will host the conference tournament.

The Raiders will be out for revenge in Clarksville, after suffering a heartbreaking 64-62 loss to Austin Peay in Murphy Center last month.

The Governors are led by Otis Howard, last year's Most Valuable Player in the OVC and Phil Mayo, who scored the winning basket in Peay's earlier victory.

Reduced to simple terms, MTSU must win two of the three remaining games to claim at least a share of the title.

Schedules of contenders for the OVC tournament are:

MTSU (9-2): Murray State; at Austin Peay; at Western Kentucky.

East Tennessee (7-3): Eastern Kentucky; at Morehead; at Tennessee Tech; Morehead.

Western Kentucky (7-4): Austin

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Peay; at Murray; MTSU.

Eastern Kentucky (6-5): at East Tennessee; Tennessee Tech; Morehead.

Austin Peay (6-5): at Western Kentucky; MTSU; at Murray.

Tennessee Tech (5-6): Morehead; at Eastern Kentucky; East Tennessee.

RAIDER NOTES:

•Saturday's game here will mark the final home appearance for five MTSU seniors; Julius Brown, Sam Burrell, Clint Dennison, Bob Martin and Sleepy Taylor will be playing their final game in Murphy Center.

•Taylor is closing in on third place on the all-time MTSU scoring chart. Sleepy has 1,351 points, 75 behind Tim Sisneros and 150 in back of Ken Trickey. Willie Brown tops the list with over 1,500 points.

•Five members of the MTSU basketball team conducted a mini-clinic at the Veterans Administration hospital Tuesday. Their efforts were warmly appreciated by the patients, who also enjoyed a visit from the MTSU cheerleaders.

•Earle said the Raiders were as well prepared for last weekend's trips to Cookeville and Johnson City as any he has coached. Simpson and assistant Jan Stauffer handle

most of the scouting chores.

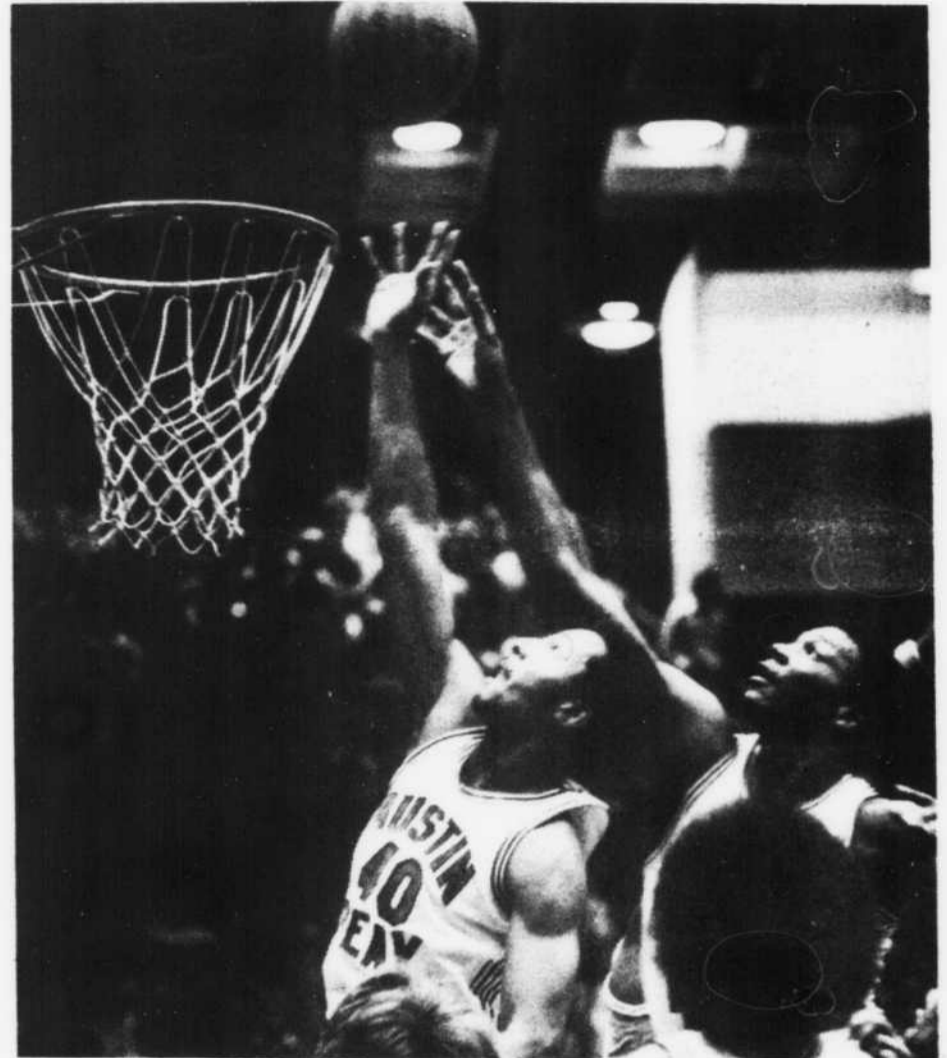
"I'm in charge of leads and he's (Stauffer) in charge of keeping them," Simpson joked yesterday of their additional duties on the bench.

•The game Monday night at Austin Peay presents some interesting possibilities if one deviates from Earle's philosophy of not looking ahead. MTSU could claim a share of the OVC title in the same gym the Raiders' celebrated so vigorously after the tournament last year.

•Jack Schalow, whose Morehead club is still winless after 10 conference games, announced his resignation Wednesday. Schalow privately told Sidelines of his decision two weeks ago.

•Applications for the Morehead job will be accepted until March 15. That vacancy leaves a startling testimony to coaching in the OVC. All conference schools except MTSU have hired a new coach in the last three years.

•Simpson, who claims second seniority to Earle who came to MTSU in 1971 among OVC coaches, alluded to a country-western song called, "Take This Job And Shove It" in discussing conference coaching thoughts.



Phil Mayo [40], who scored the winning basket against the Raiders in last month's MTSU-Austin Peay game, and Otis Howard [right], last year's most valuable Player in the OVC, fight for a rebound in Murphy Center.

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Raider wrestlers fall to UT-C

The Raider Wrestling team fell short in its efforts Thursday to defeat rival UT-Chattanooga when the Mocs took a 33-16 victory.

MTSU took only four of 10 decisions in the match. In the 134-pound class, Raider Tommy Smith defeated Billy Kennemore

17-2, and in the 142-pound category, MTSU's Frank Simpson decided Larry Bone 15-3.

The other two Raiders who posted wins were Tony Rowland and Mike Kuziola.

The Raiders face the University of Georgia at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Raiders second after 1st day of OVC track meet

by Scott Adams
Sports Editor

JOHNSON CITY—With the OVC indoor track championship on the line, Coach Dean Hayes' trackmen are holding nothing back.

After one day of field events and qualifying for Friday's running events, MTSU stands in second place with 28½ total points. Leading the meet is East Tennessee with 42 points with Murray (24) and Austin Peay (22) rounding out the top four.

ETSU's surprising first day lead is rather misleading due to the fact that they took part in only three of the five events that took place yesterday. They pulled in an enormous 22 point total in one event, the three mile run, by placing people first, second, and fourth.

Commenting on the first day's action Coach Hayes said, "Nobody can really tell anything by the score at this point, but we are in perfect position to finish well because we qualified six people for the final days events."

Middle's total of six qualifiers was topped only by Western Kentucky, which placed seven on the second day's slate.

In the field events Middle's Roscoe Kidd set a new school record in the high jump with a leap of 6'10". Sam Crump took sixth

with a jump of 6'8".

In the long jump, Sheikh Faye earned a second place finish with a jump of 24'11". John DoDoo placed fourth jumping 24'10½".

Heaving the shot for MTSU was Ted Hausauer who placed third with a toss of 54'6". John Eddins of Austin Peay set a new OVC record in the shot event with a toss of 56'11½".

In the only running event of the day, the distance mile relay, MTSU set another school record with a time of 9:58.6, good for a fifth place finish.

OVC tournament will be March 3,4

The Ohio Valley Conference championship tournament, in which MTSU is assured of participating, will be Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4, in Bowling Green, Ky.

The official MTSU basketball schedule incorrectly lists the tournament dates as March 2 and 3.

The Blue Raiders, who currently lead the conference with a 9-2 record, are the only OVC team assured of a spot in the four-team tourney. Tickets for the event are a scheduled to go on sale here Tuesday.

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Best home advantage since Peay's Little Red Barn

Color, depth make playing in mini-dome tough

by Chuck Cavalaris

Jimmy Earle walked into ETSU's impressive memorial center mini-dome last Monday night, took one look toward the vast ceiling, and went back in OVC history.

"This place," Earle said with a slight touch of awe in his voice, "is the biggest home court advantage in the OVC since the Little Red Barn at Austin Peay."

Earle was referring, of course, to Peay's old gymnasium, a dingy cramped building that whipped more than its fair share of conference contenders.

Hours before the Raiders beat the Bucs 62-53 in the mini-dome, Earle talked about the adjustments his team was having to make.

"The players have to make an unbelievable adjustment to the depth of perception behind the goals," Earle said of nearly 100 yards of empty space at each end of the court. There are no "endzone" seats, only a tremendous white ceiling serves as a backdrop.

If you could imagine a professional baseball hitter trying to pick up a baseball out of a white background in center field, it's easy to see what causes problems here.

Visiting players around the league have voiced objections to the perception problem. Otis Howard of Austin Peay said, "It is like trying to beat an optical illusion."

As far as the student facility is concerned, though, the mini-dome may be unmatched in the South, but it seems to lack something as a basketball complex.

About the only thing you can't do

in the mini-dome is swim. There are six handball courts, seven tennis courts, a volleyball-badminton court, rifle range, four auxiliary gyms, and a physical education lab.

Prior to last night's game ETSU had not lost to a conference foe at home. The Bucs' home court record is 10-2, including a loss to Wake Forest.

ETSU coach, Sonny Smith, agreed with the tremendous home court advantage, but hopes it will be better next year.

"Our only home court advantage right now is the shooting background," Smith confided, "because our fans are so removed from the game."

Many of the Buc supporters bring binoculars to the game. Despite a 12,000 seating capacity, the average basketball attendance in the mini-dome this season has only been 4,800, including 1,900 for the game with Austin Peay.

East Tennessee's three overtime victories over Western Kentucky will probably grow more significant as time passes. The largest crowd of the season (9,800)

showed up for that game.

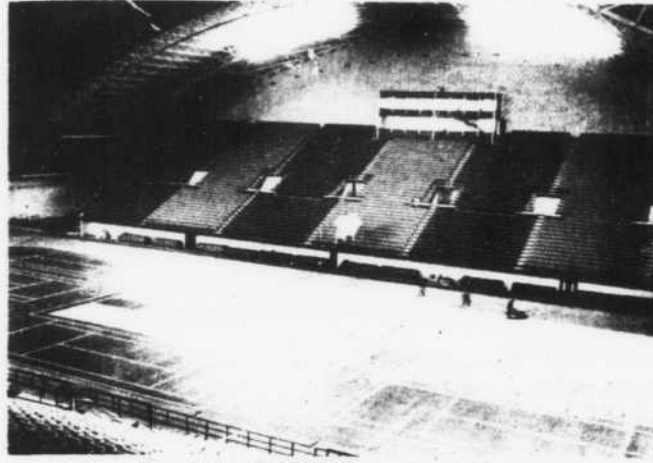
Poor lighting has also been a problem. The lights emit a yellow tint and will be replaced next year, ETSU officials said. Plans are also being made to install bleachers behind the backboards next year.

The tartan surface has drawn the approval of many MTSU play-

ers, including Raider center Bob Martin, who says, "You can jump better off the artificial surface."

Greg Armstrong walked in Sunday night for practice and decided that there were more offices and locker rooms than he had ever seen before.

MTSU assistant coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson, who was like a kid in a candy store when he first saw the mini-dome, describes what he thought it was like to play there. "It is like playing table tennis in a railroad flatcar," Simpson said.



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More players than fans at meets

Small audiences not new to handball matches

by Jeff Ellis

MTSU News Bureau

During the recent doubles championship match of the intramural handball tournament at MTSU, four men competed for the title. In the gallery, however, were only three people.

An audience of three by any standards is a small group, but to area handball enthusiasts, it is a fact of life.

"Handball just hasn't hit the South yet, like it has in the North," said Bryan Long, a Murfreesboro graduate student, who has been playing handball for 12 years.

In the championship match, Long teamed with Mike Schena, a native New Englander now living in Murfreesboro, to defeat Melvin Miles and James Cook of the chemistry and physics department for the title.

ACCORDING TO SCHENA, a six-year veteran of the sport, handball has long been associated with men's athletic clubs. "It is considered a man's game," he explained. "In tennis or racketball, women and children can play, but in handball it seems that only men have the stamina to play."

Perhaps the reason the sport has been confined to men is the fact that handball is very painful, according to both Schena and Long. "When you first begin playing," said Long, "your hands will be swollen two or three times the actual size after only about an hour of play."

Long also pointed out the danger of broken fingers and/or hands, injuries that are commonplace among handball players. He explained, "As you are trying to get a shot at the ball when it is coming off the wall, it's very easy to miss the ball and hit the wall instead."

Long said that he has "broken two or three fingers" since he became interested in the sport.

THE DEVELOPEMNT OF a handball that has the same resiliency as that now being used, yet is not as hard should serve to stimulate interest in the sport, said Long and Schena. "The new ball being tested won't be quite as tough on the hands," Schena said.

Frustration is also something that must be contended with, said Long. "If you play for a year, you still may not be very good," he commented. "Many people tend to give up if they don't improve."

Handball competition is sanctioned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) with a national champion being decided each year. In the Southeast, Memphis State University dominates the sport, and the Tigers are generally rated as one of the top teams in the nation.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, handball is a very popular sport with three levels of instruction offered through the physical education department. Presently



Brian Long, [foreground], serves to his doubles partner Mike Schena, who waits to return the ball during a handball match at MTSU. [MTSU photo by Pat Casey Daley]

only a class in beginning handball is offered at MTSU.

"The course just gets you interested, then there is no further training you can get at the University," said Long.

Earlier, MTSU had a handball club which scheduled matches with UT, Vanderbilt, and Tenn. Tech. According to Long, interest died down and no attempt has been made to revive the organization and to revitalize the rivalries with clubs from others schools.

"I think there are probably people in the Murfreesboro area who have played handball in the past, but don't realize that MTSU has the facilities," said Long.

What is even more discouraging, Long added, is reserving a court

and being unable to find someone else who wants to play. "It's usually easy to get courts on Saturday mornings, if you can find someone to play with," he said.

Schena echoed Long's comments and added, "Finding a court at MTSU is pretty easy, although at times they seem to be overrun by racketball players."

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