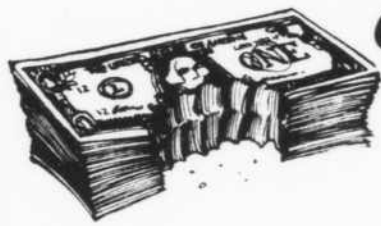
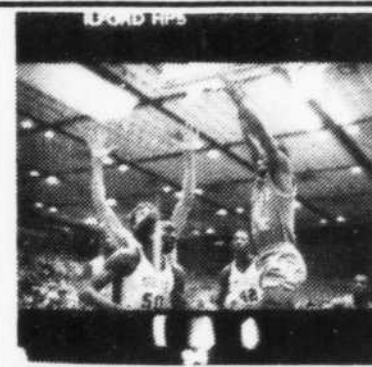




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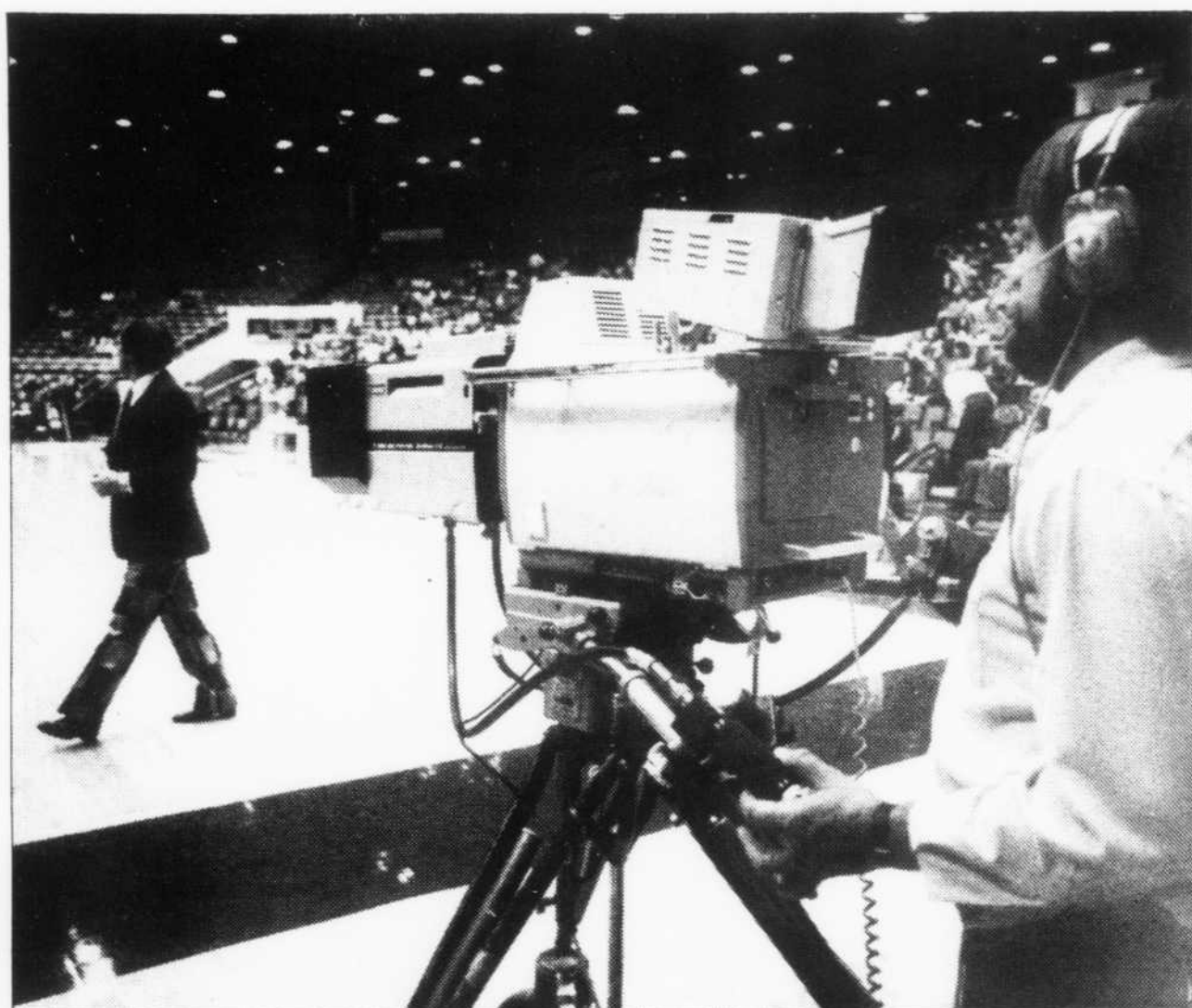


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Candid camera

Photo by Mike Poley

An unidentified Murray State trainer, left, saunters into camera range during the Racers' win over the Raiders in the OVC's "Friday Night Live" telecast.

Salaries up 3%

Faculty gets raise

By GINA FANN

Sidelines Editor in Chief

MTSU employees received a 3 percent salary increase in January for 1983-84—and funds for the increase came partly from \$350,200 impounded by the State Board of Regents early last year, President Sam Ingram said yesterday.

Faculty and staff members actually received a 6 percent increase on their January checks, but that amount incorporates a 3 percent hike planned for last July and another 3 percent already set for January.

"WE HAD NO money to speak of last July for salary increases," Ingram said, "but when the impounded funds were returned, we were able to find an additional 1 percent."

Board of Regents policy requires each of the 16 universities regulated by the group to "set aside" 2 percent

of state appropriations in case of financial emergencies.

Faculty and other university employees received an across-the-board increase, while administrators earned hikes based on merit, Ingram said.

VICE PRESIDENT for Business and Finance William Greene estimated the total amount required for the salary increases at \$450,000.

"Technically, they [the Board of Regents] 'took it away' last year, but then they released the money to us," Greene said.

In the face of pay hike proposals by the state legislature and the governor last week (one quoted figure was 7.5 percent), the increase may have little effect on MTSU's funding for salaries,

Ingram said.

"I WOULD assume that they [legislators] would include higher education in the same percentage included for public education and state government," he said. "At least I'd hope they would. Anything will help."

MTSU is not the only Tennessee university which lobbied funding for employee salary hikes during the 1983-84 school year. Austin Peay led the rest with a 3.1 percent across-the-board increase, followed by Tennessee Tech with 2.0 percent, East Tennessee State with 1.5 percent, Memphis State with 1.3 percent and Tennessee State with 1.25 percent, according to

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Student nabbed on drug charge

Murfreesboro police arrested one MTSU student Thursday afternoon in Murfreesboro and charged him with possession of marijuana for resale, Officer Ricky Keyt said yesterday.

Jim A. Roberts, of E-24 Family Housing, was arrested with approximately 1½ pounds of marijuana, one gram of "white powder" and assorted pills and drug paraphernalia, Keyt said.

A Family Housing neighbor said yesterday that officers mistook his apartment for Roberts', telling him they were "looking for somebody who'd shot at an FBI agent."

"ANY OTHER CHARGES are pending lab analysis of the substance," he said. Roberts' court date is Feb. 21. The arrest involved members of Murfreesboro's police department, including vice officers.

Officers from Campus Safety and Security "only made sure they [local police] got to the right place," Security Chief Jack Drugmand said.

"It really seemed like a poorly-planned operation," resident Glenn Hargrove said. Hargrove officers held a gun on him until he made it clear that he was not the person they were looking for and Roberts' apartment was down the hall.

Officer Keyt said that he had no knowledge of any involvement Roberts could have had in an FBI shooting.

Elevators to get lifts

Alterations planned

By JOE ESTES
Sidelines Staff Writer

State allocations total \$123,000 for altering elevators for the handicapped in Saunders Fine Arts Building and Science Hall, Director of Campus Planning Charles Pigg said yesterday.

Bids for the project will be opened Feb. 7.

FUNDING FOR THE changes will come from the capital outlay budget, the state appropriations for the handicapped, he said.

Both elevators must be "severely" altered, Pigg said, to meet state standards.

The elevator in Saunders Fine Arts is designed to carry

freight and must be converted for passenger use. Science Hall's elevator, installed in 1933, must be updated.

THESE BUILDINGS are the only two on campus still in need of major alterations for handicapped student use.

"In essence this represents the last major effort to make alterations to these buildings," Pigg said.

In addition, minor modifications on elevators in Todd Library, the Cope Administration Building, the Learning Resource Center and the James Building will be made, including the installation of hand rails and additional controls, Pigg said.

Feb. course to teach 'first impression' skills

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines News Editor

A powerful first impression, although not a sure-fire guarantee of success, can be a definite plus when entering the professional world.

And learning how to create that impression by using clothing, general appearance and body signals is what "First Impressions Count," a four-session continuing education class to be offered Feb. 6-27, is all about.

TED GRAY, field service representative with MTSU's admissions office and teacher of the course, said Friday that "First Impressions Count" can

be immensely helpful to many seniors, both men and women, who are about to go on the interview circuit.

"My basic philosophy as this course relates to the students is this: your ultimate goal is to get a job. You have only one shot in an interview to make a good impression—you don't get a second chance. No one thing will get you a job, but this course can help remove obstacles which can hold you back," Gray said.

Graysaid that he first became interested in what effect one's appearance has on how other people see that person about eight months ago

while recruiting in high schools.

"I BEGAN TO wonder what effect the recruiter's appearance would have on the students. I started surveying students after I had talked to them, and it sort of blossomed from there," he said.

"Also, I was amazed at the number of people—competent professionals—who might have known what they were talking about but whom I wouldn't have trusted because their appearance was holding them back. I realized that all that, and here I am," he continued.

Students will learn a kind of "practical application of theatrical art" during the course, Gray, who majored in speech and theatre in college and who is an adjunct teacher in MTSU's speech and theatre department, said.

"IT'S BEST TO make people believe you are what you aren't. It's the good guys wear white hats, bad guys wear black hats sort of thing. That's the basis of the theatre, and when you come right down to it, we're all actors," he explained.

Because topics discussed during the course, such as

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Smith loses visitation; residents concerned

By JOE ESTES
Sidelines Staff Writer

Visitation rights in Smith Hall have been suspended as a punishment for alleged illegal use of the dorm's fire escapes, according to residents.

One resident, who asked that his name be withheld, said that visitation for second floor residents has been suspended for three weeks, and men living on the third floor lost their visitation rights for two weeks.

THE SUSPENSION went into effect on Jan. 23, the resident said.

The problem arose from illegal use of the fire escapes by a few of the residents, pizza delivery men and some of the janitors, he said.

Use of these stairways has been prohibited by the fire marshal except in emergency

situations.

DORM DIRECTOR Robert Gore declined comment on the issue.

Residents said they were upset about the situation because they feel the punishment is too severe.

"The lot of us should not be punished because of the few who have done the wrong," one said.

"WE PAID \$453 to be there, and we paid for our visitation rights. If housing doesn't want the escapes used, that is their problem," he added.

Assistant Housing Director Robert Curtis said that he knows nothing about the suspension. He said, however, that dorm directors reserve the right to punish residents by suspending visitation.



Beach bunnies

Photo by Angela Lewis

Spring fever hit Bill Herder, top, Todd Lindner, left, and Gary Coleman a little early last week, as they ignore 8-degree temperatures to frolic in the ice outside the University Center.

Campus Capsule

TODAY
BACCHUS WILL MEET at 4:30 p.m. in Room 316 of the University Center.

THURSDAY
THE NATIONAL Broadcasting Honor Society will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center Conference Room. Members and interested individuals are invited to attend. Call 890-6641 for more information.

FRIDAY
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES in Tau Omicron's All-Sing is today. Interested organizations should contact Michelle Harris, Box 3033, for more information.

SUNDAY
THE CHINESE NEW YEAR will be celebrated from 7:30-10 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. Included in the show will be the traditional Lion Dance, the Costume Parade of Dynasties, singing, music and a film of a Chinese fairy tale. The celebration is free and open to all interested persons. Call Dr. Thomas Tang at 898-2706 for additional information.

MONDAY
THE COLUMBIA TOBACCO Warehouse, located at Highway 99 and U.S. 31 North in Columbia, will start receiving tobacco today in preparation for the final sale of the year on Feb. 8.

NOTICE
AN INFORMATION GUIDE to MTSU's mainframe computer is now available in the University Bookstore. The "MTSU Computer Center User's Guide" gives information on the use of MTSU's computer, a Honeywell DPS 8/44D. Included in the guide are sections on the Time Sharing System, the Convert Subsystem, Jout subsystem, Text Editor Subsystem, Library Software and Batch Computing.

STUDENTS WISHING TO keep their names, addresses, phone numbers and classifications from being given out by the Student Information Center should send a written request to the Office of Student Information and Minority Affairs, Room 124 in the University Center. A new request must be made each semester.

A COURSE ENTITLED "Daily Conversations in Japanese" will be taught on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 13 to May 7 (except March 19). Instructor Mady Mueller said that previous knowledge of Japanese is not required. For additional information call the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462.

APPLICATIONS ARE now being accepted for positions on the ASB Traffic Court and Student Supreme Court. A director of public relationships is also needed. Forms can be obtained from the ASB office, Room 304 at the University Center. For more information call 898-2464.

STUDENT TEACHING applications for the fall semester 1984 must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching office, Room 106 in Jones Hall, no later than Feb. 10.

A RECYCLED JEANS quilt class will be offered on Wednesdays, Feb. 1 to March 7, from 6-8:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Ellington Home Economics building. Call the Office of Continuing Education for more information at 898-2462 or register at the first class meeting.

IDEAS FOR ASB boxes are located in the breezeway of Peck Hall and in the Grill. These boxes provide a means for student input of ideas, suggestions and recommendations for its student government.

Faculty

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 Board of Regents figures.
 University Faculty Senate President David Walker said yesterday that the pay hikes

come at a "critical time as far as legislation is concerned."
 "It's really hard to predict what will happen," he added. "A couple of the represen-

tatives have questioned the State Board on where the money came from, but they explained that it was from the universities' reserves."

Course

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 personal appearance, are sometimes sensitive ones, Gray said some people may get defensive when he gives them hints at improving those areas of their lives.

"They shouldn't take it personally, though. I'm not out

to humiliate anybody. It's like when the dentist tells you that you have a cavity. You don't get mad at him because he's just stating a fact.

"AND BECAUSE some things may be sensitive, I let the students discover a lot of the information themselves.

"First Impressions Count" will take place Mondays from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Room 318 of the Keathley University Center.

THERE WILL BE a \$40 registration fee for the course, but Gray said "it'll be the best \$40 you'll ever spend."

Pentecost replaces Akers during leave

By RANDY BRISON

Sidelines Staff Writer

A 1972 MTSU graduate will temporarily replace Field Service Representative Charles Akers, effective yesterday.

Emily Pentecost replaces

Akers, who is taking a temporary leave of absence for "personal reasons," Director of Admissions Rick Parrent said.

PENTECOST, WHO was head MTSU cheerleader in

1972, said that she was "really excited" to be back.

"I've been back the last three summers running cheerleading clinics, so I've been here some," she said, adding "it's always nice to come back."



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Yakov Smirnoff:

A controversial comic with intoxicating humor

By LARRY PAREIGIS

Sidelines Staff Writer

Comey is alive and living in Nashville at Zanies/Redamak's Comedy Club and Restaurant, and boy, is it a joy to announce.

Last week was a very special one for the relatively new club when Yakov Smirnoff paid a visit.

WHO? SMIRNOFF? What is he, a mixed drink? Maybe that is one of the lines that he would use in his act. Then again, maybe not.

You're about to meet him, you know, so I thought I'd tell you a little about this guy.

The Smirnoff is an emigre from the Soviet Union who was so clever that he not only learned English well enough in his six-and-a-half years here to speak it fluently, but also to make it funny. He's been on Carson and Merv Griffin, been interviewed in *Playboy*, written an article for *People*, and just finished a starring role with Robin Williams in Paul Mazursky's new film *Moscow on the Hudson*. Perhaps comedy, along with music, is a universal language.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, Smirnoff seems real, never giving a phony or affected air to his words, which he chooses carefully, like a gem cutter. He seems like you or me, dressed in a simple blue suit and yellow tie looking for all the world like a successful and ambitious American...which he is, and proud of it, too.

So now, in black-and-white newsprint, it's...*Yakov Smirnoff!*

How did you manage to leave Russia to come here?

"I came to America in a very

unusual way. Alive."

Seriously.

"It took me a lot of time. I applied for a visa and used reverse psychology. I told the officials that I like Russia and would never leave. They say, 'You're fired, get out of here.' You are fired from your job and are treated like a traitor for the time you wait for the visa. They were meant to us (Smirnoff left with his parents) on the border and broke everything I had in my suitcase. They left four things that I could take on board with me on the plane unbroken—my arms and my legs. I did live there 26 years, though."

How did you learn the English language so well?

"I watch TV, and I worked as a bartender then as bar boy at Grossinger's in the Catskills. That's where I watched the comedians work. In Russia, we had to turn jokes in to the Department of Jokes for state approval. When I was a barkeeper in Manhattan before the Catskills, a guy walked up to me and asked for a Black Russian. I said, 'What's happenin', comrade?' and nearly got punched out."

What is TV like in Russia? Is it true there are no late-breaking stories?

"All true. In Russia, there are two channels. On one is broadcast propaganda. On the other is a KGB agent telling you to turn back to channel one."

Did your parents have any difficulties getting used to the language?

"I was going to be on a Dick Clark show. ABC wanted to interview my parents, so they called and spoke to my mother, who speaks English a little



Yakov Smirnoff, 32, is a top Russian comic who has found success touring comedy clubs across the U.S. He will soon appear in his first feature film with Robin Williams, *Moscow on the Hudson*.

better than my father. They asked for the interview and she said 'yes.' Then, you said, 'We'll be showing you next Wednesday.' I came home, and my parents were hiding! I said, 'Mom and Dad, it's not that kind of shooting!' But just to be safe, we went away for two weeks."

What, besides freedom of speech, do we have here that the Soviet Union doesn't?

"You have little things here that Russia doesn't have. Like warning shots. In the Soviet Union they aim right at you which is warning for others. In Russia, there is the Russian

Express card... 'Don't leave home.' Russia also has official designer jeans—*Calvin Kremlins*. If they could talk, they would be shot."

While we're on Russia, what's the deal with Andropov?

"I don't know. I don't know where Jimmy Hoffa is, either."

Do you know where Reagan is at?

"I like Reagan."

Really?

"Yes. I feel he is the only politician that I know in America that knows Russia. He doesn't trust them because their ultimate goal is to take

over the world. Americans are soft people, raised in a soft society, so it's difficult for them to believe that someone would want to take them over. He is the only person who can help this country. Russians are used to dealing from a position of power. Since Cuba, they never stopped racing arms. He [Reagan] needs to be in for one more term to save the country. Russians are taking everything over...it's getting ridiculous. I love this country, so why lose it?"

What are the misconceptions that Russians have about Americans and vice-versa, since you've now seen both sides?

"All we saw were movies. Three Stooges shorts. We were told that's what Americans looked like. The Three Stooges, so that's why we had to build up the military. But you watch Bullwinkle and Rocky with Boris and Natasha and you think that's how Russians are. One thing is sure. There is no Russian woman as good-looking as Natasha. Maybe Bullwinkle. But not Natasha."

Why did the Russians invade Afghanistan?

"They invaded Afghanistan because that's where the drugs were. The soldiers were told to get out a year ago, but they're too stoned to find the border."

What about the Russian Olympic hockey team that was beaten in the 1980 Winter Olympics by the United States?

"It's interesting you mention that after Afghanistan. I think we will find out after Winter Olympics, but I think the Russian team threw the game. There was a situation just started with Afghanistan, and

Carter came on TV. Then Russians lose to Americans, and everybody forgets Afghanistan. It's only a theory. But if this Olympics...if the Russians win by a big score, it was true."

By the response you received tonight, it's obvious that you've made a difficult transition between two languages in humor successfully. Who are your favorite American comics?

"Johnny Carson, Richard Pryor, Bill Cosby, Woody Allen—I know him from his records: his stand-ups are hilarious. Robin Williams. I like a lot of people."

Speaking of Robin Williams, you just wrapped up a feature-film role with him in *Moscow on the Hudson*. What was it like working with him and Paul Mazursky, the director of the film?

"Great, wonderful. I'm going back to Los Angeles on Tuesday to finish looping the movie and I hope to work with them again. Robin is the best. He hasn't found the vehicle for his true talents yet. Paul is great: he screams at you and then he tells you how great you are. He's playing a Russian scientist working as a dishwasher in a restaurant and Robin is a Russian who defects in the middle of Bloomingdale's. I love stand-up, I love acting, I like it all. I just recorded a record on MCA called 'Dear, Dear Natasha,' and I hope to do a stand-up album soon called 'What a Country.'"

What a guy. He will be one of the major comic talents, a force to be reckoned with and I wish him the best.

'Sights and Sounds' show seeks assistance



Photo by David Vaughn

Two production assistants of "Sights and Sounds" prepare the set for broadcast auditions.

By LYNDA TEWELL

Sidelines Features Editor

Where can you go to find out what's happening in the Murfreesboro and Nashville area for weekend entertainment?

Well, if things go well for an MTSU-based broadcasting project, you need turn only as far as your television dial.

Called "Sights and Sounds," plans for the program include establishing an entertainment-news format to keep area viewers abreast of the latest happenings in movies, albums, concerts and local entertainment. Music videos and movie clips will be included in the format.

"THE PURPOSE of the program is to make people aware of entertainment in the area, where they can plan a weekend on it," Curt Failer,

producer, said.

However, to get established, the projected program needs talent—air personalities to present the news and reviews—as well as writers and production people.

"It is a project just to get exposure and experience for MTSU students," Tracy Wedeman, materials coordinator, said.

"IF THIS GOES over, it will give graduating students a tape to present future employers and a chance to express creativity."

Wedeman said the program is "not a competition thing."

"Everyone who looks good on tape can do this. We plan to use different people every week."

"SIGHTS AND SOUNDS" participants are in the process of trying to get local cable to

accept them. Failer wants to cut the show from its currently planned one hour format to 30 minutes.

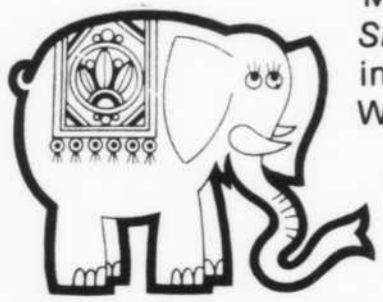
"I feel it would go better: we'd have enough material that way," he said.

"If we do get accepted by local cable, our competition would be Channel 39. We'd like to show that we could do a better job of presenting an entertainment program just with students. Student involvement is the main thing behind this show."

While "Sights and Sounds" does not pay money for the help they receive on the show, it does provide valuable job experience for those involved.

If you would like to help with the production of "Sights and Sounds," contact Curt Failer or Tom Keller at 898-2740.

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Members of the Sidelines staff will meet in Room 310 of the JUB Wednesday.

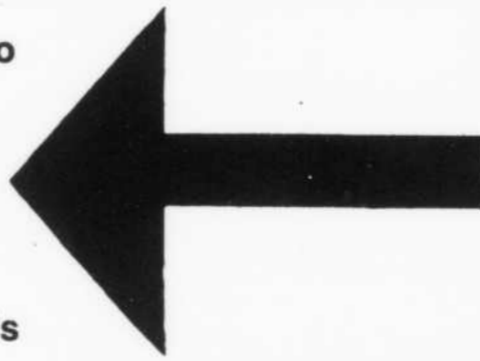
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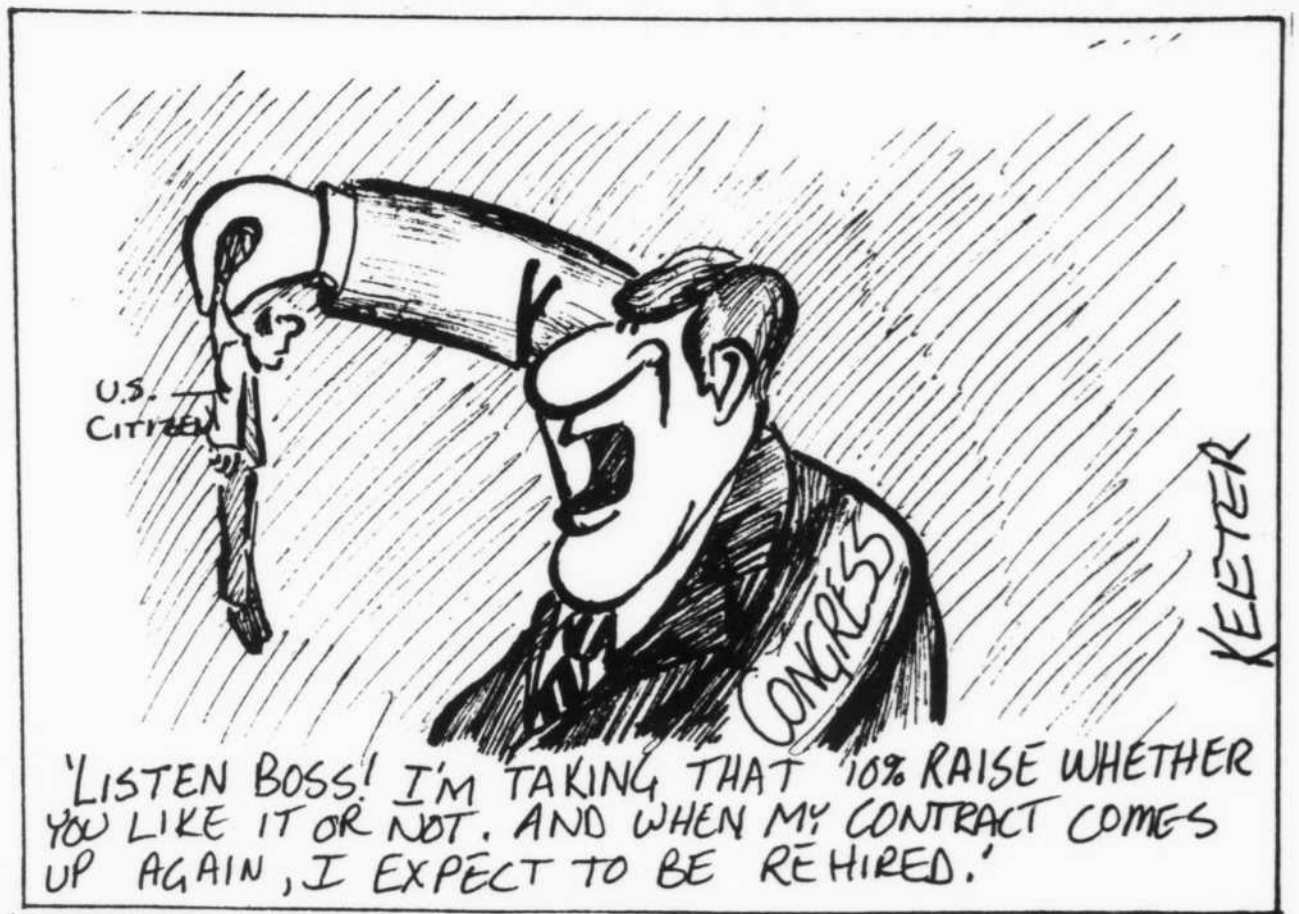
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Education compromise needed

The Tennessee Education Association's weekend decision to accept a compromise education reform bill is a relief.

The teachers' lobbying group has fought Gov. Alexander's proposed (and now infamous) Master Teacher plan tooth and nail since its inception one year ago. With negotiations and numerous compromises, however, the TEA apparently feels that accepting the new proposal will better suit its members' needs than continuing to strive for its original goals.

Compromises in both houses of the state legislature have resulted in major changes to the former Master Teacher plan, most notably in the areas of beginning teacher salaries and evaluation of teachers for merit pay.

One of the TEA's major complaints against the earlier plan was that it did not include any type of financial incentives for beginning teachers, thus

bringing in what they politely referred to as "less than the cream of the crop." With the compromise, however, the new bill would give teachers "three options to enter the career ladder and receive a \$1,000 salary supplement," according to a report from State Rep. Frank Buck.

Teacher evaluations, which were to be accomplished through grading by one's peers (the infamous "master teachers"), may now be performed by local school systems using state minimum standards. If problems arise from local evaluations, state personnel would be authorized to "spot-check" local reports to ensure teacher qualifications.

All in all, the TEA has taken a major step in accepting a compromise which may have been something less than what they initially wanted. Apparently that group has finally realized that the primary goal of the legislative arguments was improved education in Tennessee.

Rant 'n' Rave

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Columnist

When I grow up, I want to be a United States Congressman. What better racket can a person ask for than to be able to vote his own pay raises? Can you imagine the AFL-CIO having this kind of power? U.S. Steel would have gone bankrupt years ago. And Lee Iacocca would never have returned to the Chrysler corporation to the realm of profit-making businesses.

Because a congressman is an elected official—elected by "we the people,"—I think "we the people" ought to vote on congressional pay raises, not the congressmen. I just cannot believe that congressmen should have the right to vote

themselves \$2,400 pay raises whenever they please.

In fact, with this last raise, their pay approaches \$75,000 a year. I find it hard to justify giving Ronald Reagan that kind of dough, much less a congressman. What do they do that justifies that kind of salary? It certainly can't be allowing the federal deficit to grow as large as it has or permitting U.S. Marines to remain in the Beirut international shooting gallery.

And if members of the House of Representatives do, by some bizarre chance, deserve a raise, should we allow them the right to decide how much and when? I don't think so. I think pay raises should be presented

to the public every two years along with the congressmen.

It would make for an interesting election. I always thought that public service was the goal of politicians, not personal enrichment. I suppose I'm just too naive for the real world.

Actually, of all the things I ever plan to do with my life, being a congressman is not one of them. If my experiences as an ASB Rep are any indication of Congress, I think I would kill myself from sheer boredom. I'd rather write columns for *Sidelines* and complain. In fact I think I'll go to my editor and tell him I voted myself a raise. It was nice knowing you.

Wright Wing

By D. CLIFTON WRIGHT
Sidelines Columnist

Okay, so assuming you've kept up with your sacrifices to the gods, you have a very lucky day out there on the highway, and you make it to good old MTSU without mishap. Then what? Then you probably have a stroke trying to find a damn place to park, that's what. If you are so ill-advised as to actually drive to school in the morning, you are probably cognizant of this fact; my apologies. This tirade is, in part, addressed to the *soi-disant* "powers that be." So, to those of you out there who fit that description—or who think you do—this one's for you: Stop picking your nose and pay attention!

In easy-to-understand words, the problem is this: there are not enough parking spaces on campus. Well, that's not precisely true. Actually, the problem is that there are not enough parking places for ordinary students on campus. See the difference in the two statements?

Just ask yourself: when was the last time you saw, for example, President Ingram driving around campus, frantically looking for a place to park, lest he be late for class? You haven't, and you won't, either, because he has his very own parking place. And if you're really into serious kink, try parking there. You will return to find your car has been spirited off somewhere—no one knows where—to be forcibly engaged in automotive S & M.

[ts-the invisible mark here is *-trust me, dma] In any case, though, I have no quarrel with the fact that President Ingram has his own parking space, nor does it really

upset me that the faculty and staff of MTSU have parking spaces. I applaud the fact that there are handicapped parking spaces near most of the buildings at MTSU. The thing that fills me with exceeding great wrath is the fact that I bloody well don't have a parking space. At all.

I don't mean one close to where I'm going, nor do I mean an assigned parking space of my very own in which no one dares park for fear of a fate worse than death. No, I meant exactly what I said: I categorically do not have any parking space whatsoever, at least most of the time.

No, I'm neither so vain nor so paranoid to believe for even a moment that I am the only one so afflicted by the Great Parking Space Shortage. There are herds of us out there, doomed to wander the earth like Jacob Marley's ghost, searching for a place to rest. And it just ain't out there, sportsfans.

When I started at MTSU (Fall 1978, if you're interested), it was considered a damned shame if you had to park "way out in Egypt." Really, though, that wasn't too bad: a nice walk to clear your head, arrange your thoughts for class, finish your coffee. Unless, of course, it was raining or you were late to class, in which case you had no time to appreciate the beneficial aspects of an early morning walk.

Nowadays, things are different: there aren't even any parking spaces out there in Egypt, much less anywhere else. The solution to this problem should be painfully obvious to anyone with even one eye and half sense: we need a new parking lot. Now. So get cracking and bloody well pave something! Simple, right? No, of

course not.

You see, there are at least three reasons why a paving project cannot be undertaken at this point in time:

- 1. No money.
- 2. We have the most beautiful campus in the state, and it would be just awful to mess it up.
- 3. Enrollment is expected to drop in the future, in which case the parking lot won't be needed.

My responses would be as follows:

- 1. Sell bonds, sell cookies, beg from alumni, rob banks—whatever it takes. The money can be found.
- 2. The campus may be pretty, but I'm tired of appreciating its beauty through my car windows as I circle for a landing. Furthermore, we're not talking about strip mining here: a parking lot will by no means irreparably deface MTSU.
- 3. If enrollment declines, the lot could be recycled—it would make a lovely tennis court, or a drill field for the White Berets, or any number of things.

So, if you're really tired of the lack of parking spaces, do the following. Call your ASB representative and tell him, "I'm as mad as Hell, and I'm not going to take it any more!" Demand a new parking lot, irrespective of cost; pledge your life, fortune and sacred honor. Then call Mark Ross and do the same thing; he'll love it. Write letters to *Sidelines*; call the Dean of Students and every other person you can think of, and just generally raise all manner of Hell. And while it probably won't get a parking lot built, it might make you feel better. On the other hand, miracles do happen sometimes, and this could be one of the times.



Ronald Reagan getting results

It seems that the Reagan administration's deployment of Pershing 11 medium-range nuclear missiles in western Europe has finally gotten some results. Quite a bit has happened since the go-ahead was given for deployment, but unfortunately it has all been uniformly bad.

The whole affair started off on a rather sour note. The issue of deployment had not even been settled, when a huge wave of public protests, that neither Reagan nor his European counterparts had anticipated, swept through most of France, Great Britain and West Germany.

U.S./Soviet dialogue, which over the last two years had become little more than an increasingly hostile, rhetoric-soaked shouting match, took another dramatic nosedive. When Arms talks finally got underway, Andropov and company said all that need be said on the matter: If the Pershings come to Europe, we're going home. Both did. That was the Soviet's first response.

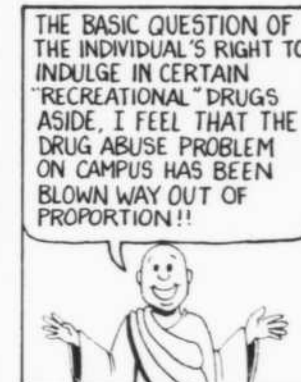
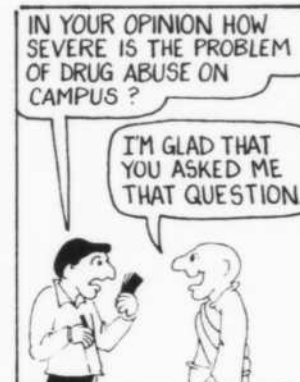
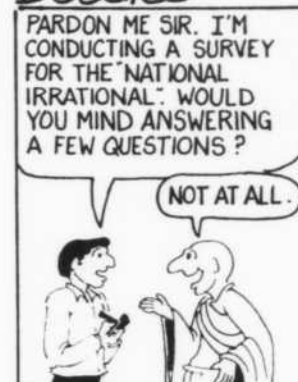
The second was observed last week, when U.S. intelligence's periodic sur-

veillance of the European/U.S.S.R. border areas turned up a new twist in "negotiations": SS-22 medium-range nuclear missiles stationed in East Germany and aimed at Europe. The newer more advanced SS-22's replace the older SS-12's and feature a 560-mile range, with which they can easily be launched into all of West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Denmark, as well as parts of Italy, France and Great Britain.

The saddest part of the whole Soviet-U.S. debacle that has blossomed under this administration, is that Reagan really does want an open and constructive dialogue with the Soviets; he really does want to reduce the level of arms; and he really would like to see a relationship between the super powers that at least maintains some semblance of both civility and stability.

He wants these things very badly, but the truth is he has no earthly idea of how to go about getting them—of even getting the ball rolling, and meanwhile both parties play the missile game, a "game" that surely even Reagan knows cannot go on forever.

Doodles



by C.S. Hayes

Sports

Racers punch Raiders; Talley controls boards

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

Dejection was king Friday night after MTSU's 85-76 loss to Murray State on regional television, especially when everyone realized how the Blue Raiders were defeated—on the offensive boards.

"If you could put your finger on one thing, offensive boards would have to be the story of the game," said a somber Stan "Ramrod" Simpson, MTSU head coach. "And the thing that blows your mind is that it's [offensive rebounding] something we haven't had trouble with here in the past."

IT WAS SURPRISING in that MTSU's frontline of 6-foot-7 Russell Smith, 6-foot-10 Raleigh Choice and 6-foot-6 Doug Lipscomb have rarely been outrebounded in games when they have been in the lineup together.

But while MTSU was outrebounded by the Racers by only five, 43-38, Murray State forward Craig Talley, only 6-foot-4, made just about all of his offensive rebounds go for buckets in racking up 20 points for the winners, while pulling down 10 rebounds in the game at Murphy Center.

But as Murray was hogging the offensive boards, Simpson said his team couldn't buy a basket when they really needed

it. But, he added, the Blue Raiders were getting the shots.

"WE MISSED SO many easy shots underneath and it's getting to be a problem," Simpson said. "But it's something players have to overcome on their own."

Both teams shot around 45 percent from the field for the game, with MTSU sophomore guard LaRae Davis taking game-high honors with 26 points. Murray State's All-Conference guard Lamont Sleet had 25 points, while at the same time proving his dominance of the guard position in the Ohio Valley Conference with mostly brilliant floor leadership. He almost singlehandedly dictated the flow of the game.

"The real strength of their ballgame is their leadership at guard," Simpson explained. "Not only is Lamont a great shooter, but he is a great floor leader also."

"BUT THEY DIDN'T really have a good shooting night from the perimeter. We just didn't box off and get them off the glass."

The Blue Raiders fell behind 14-6 with just over six minutes gone in the game, but cut the margin to 16-14, partly behind the hot hand of sophomore center Choice, who hit three

turnaround jumpers in a row. Sleet, though, caught fire and connected for three consecutive buckets to put Murray back up 22-14.

While failing to gain the lead, MTSU managed to cut the margin to 36-33 at half-time.

AT AROUND THE 14-minute mark in the second half, the Racers virtually put the game out of reach at 50-38 when Talley scored twice, the latter on a vicious slam dunk.

MTSU fought back to cut Murray's lead to four several times but could not take the lead in the second half.

With the loss, the Blue Raiders sunk to 2-5 in the OVC, 7-11 overall. Murray State increased their OVC mark to 2-4, 9-7 overall.

Choice wound up with 14 points and six rebounds for the game, while Smith had nine points and 12 rebounds. Murray's Vada Martin had 12 points and seven rebounds.

The game, which was broadcast as part of the OVC television package, failed to draw the crowd it was expected to as only an estimated 3,200 fans showed up for the 10:30 p.m. contest. Last year's television game at Murphy Center, also against Murray State, drew almost 5,000.

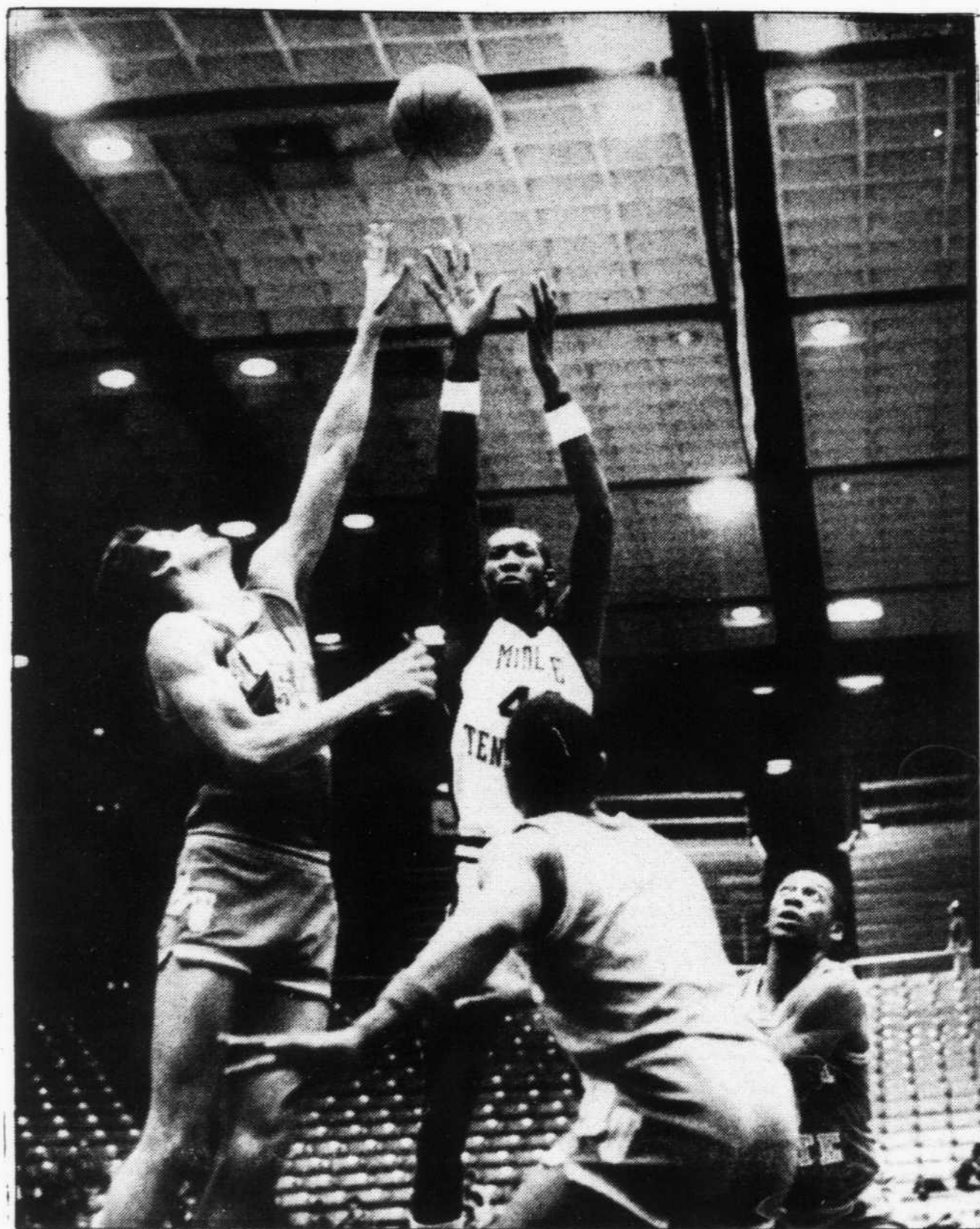


Photo by Mike Poley

MTSU sophomore Raleigh Choice shoots a jumper over a host of Murray State defenders Friday night at Murphy Center.

Vanderbilt up next for Ladies; Top 20 status offers tough test

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

Riding the crest of a five-game winning streak, MTSU's Lady Raiders will go up against the last team to beat them—Vanderbilt's Lady Commodores.

The Vanderbilt matchup will be the first of a four-game road trip for the Lady Raiders, who will also tackle UT-Martin, Austin Peay and Murray State.

TWO WEEKS AGO, the Lady Commodores invaded Murphy Center and came away 66-60 winners over MTSU. Since that time, however, the Lady Raiders have won five in a row—four of those by impressive margins.

"We're learning to play together and play well," Inman said. "We feel like we're doing the things we want to do now. We're calling for the ball and playing well on the boards."

Inman most wants to go to Nashville and knock off a Top 20 team. Vanderbilt was tied for 20th with North Carolina State in the most recent national poll of women's teams.

"WE'D LIKE TO knock off a Top 20 team," Inman said. "It's [the game] a state rivalry type of thing. Some of the same kids played against one another in high school."

Freshman phenom Kim Webb has had a couple of off-games although she has scored

in double figures, but Inman is not concerned.

"It's just that she's had a couple of off-games," he said. "We're happy that other people are taking up the slack. She's [Webb] the type of player who can come back."

INMAN WAS QUICK to point out that his team has never had to depend on a sole player.

"We never depend on one player," Inman said. "We're more machine-oriented. Our team is not based on one player. I've never wanted it to be."

After the four-game road trip, the Lady Raiders will return home to face league-leader Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

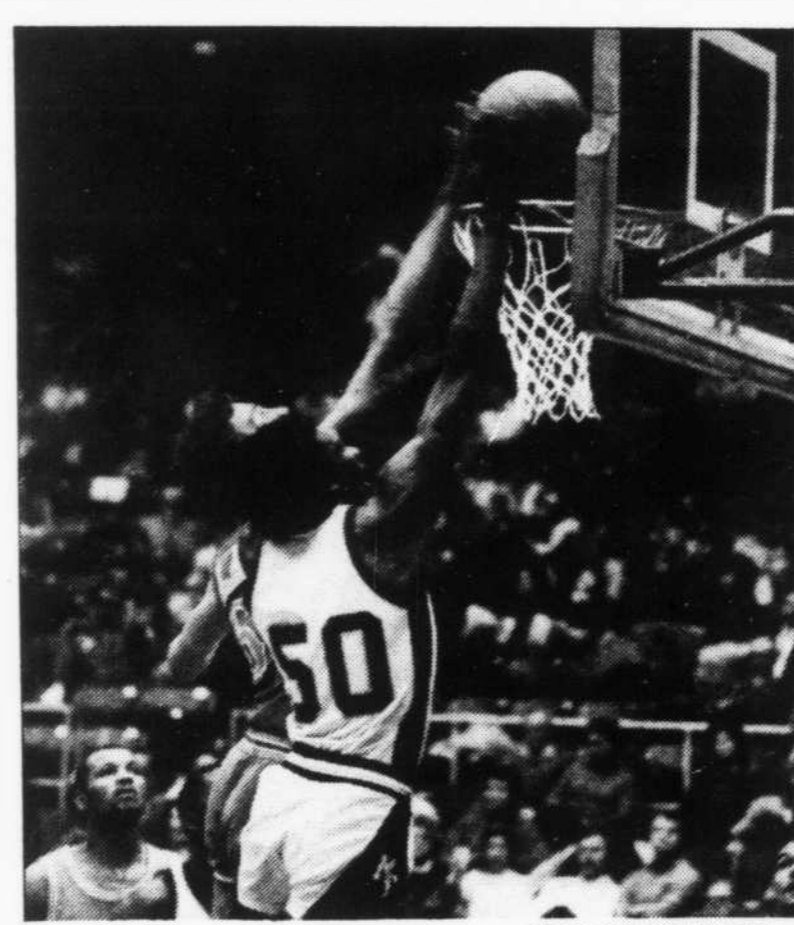


Photo by David Vaughn

Russell Smith lays the ball in over a Murray State defender during the Raiders' 85-76 loss to the Racers Friday night.

Lady Raiders rack up fifth straight win

FROM STAFF REPORTS
MTSU's Lady Raiders racked up their fifth consecutive win Friday with a 100-59 demolition of Murray State's Lady Racers.

The win moved the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions to 5-2 in the conference and 9-8 overall. Murray State dropped to 1-5 in the OVC, 3-12 overall.

MTSU SHOT OVER 57 percent from the field in the first half on its way to a 47-19 intermission lead. The Lady Racers upped their production to 40 points in the second half, but were unable to halt the MTSU fast break.

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Forsyth, Ga., senior shoots for All-America

Shannon makes change from distances to sprints

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Sports Writer

Believe it or not, sprinter Kenny Shannon did not always run sprints during his seven-year track career. In fact, he started out as a distance runner at Mary Persons High School in Forsyth, Ga.

That would be a little hard to believe considering his excellent abilities in the 60-yard dash and 400-meter relay.

"I STARTED running during my freshman year in high school as a distance runner and then changed to the sprints my junior year," said Shannon. "At my school we didn't even have a track. We just ran around the football field a couple of times and went home."

He said that it was a big

change for him when he came up to Murfreesboro to run.

Shannon said that he chose MTSU over other colleges that offered him scholarships because of its track program.

"MY COACH TOLD me about MTSU after our state

share of high points while at MTSU. In his specialty, the 60-yard dash, he was the 1982 OVC champion. He helped MTSU set a OVC record in the 400-meter relay of :39.64 in the same year. Shannon also gave a good performance last

weight is something he has to do on his own.

And as for his opinion of his coach, Shannon said that Coach Hayes is a man that the track team respects a lot.

"He doesn't come in and say do this and that," he said. "He can just wait on the board what we should do for the day and most of the time we do it."

Although he has not of yet, Shannon said that he is going for it this year.

The team will be traveling to Indiana on Feb. 3 to compete in the Indiana Relays. And Shannon said that he is looking for anything better than fourth in the 60-yard dash. He received fourth place in the event his sophomore year at that meet.

"At my school we didn't even have a track. We just ran around the football field a couple of times and went home." ... Kenny Shannon

track meet," he said. "A couple of other guys were already up here from Mary Persons running when I came here."

Shannon also mentioned the fact that he knew MTSU was in need of sprints. He had other offers including one from Clark College in Atlanta.

The senior fashion merchandising major has had his

Saturday as the Raiders participated in the Illinois Invitational. He placed seventh out of 30 competitors in the 300-yard dash.

AS FOR IMPROVEMENT,

Shannon said that he can use some in the sprint department. Although trying to get his weight down to 160 pounds, Shannon said that losing

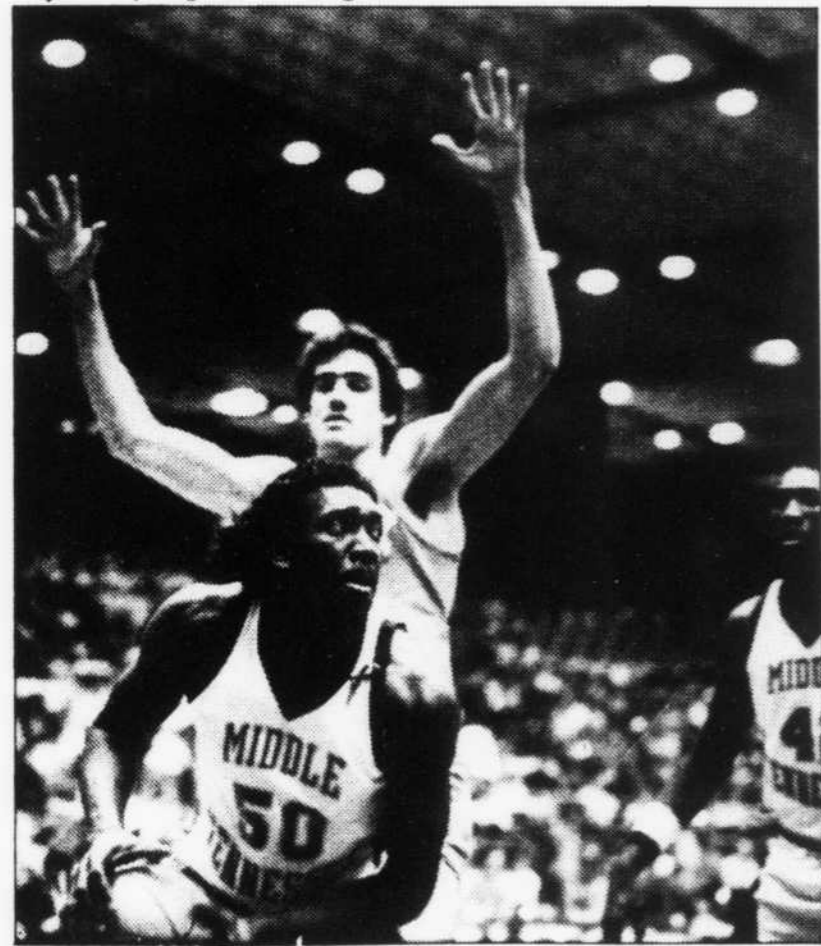


Photo by Mike Poley

Blue Raider junior Russell Smith drives around a Murray State defender.



Paolo Toffolo



Richie Self



Ken Ventimiglia



David Wehrle

Freshmen tennis players

Men's tennis ready to start

FROM STAFF REPORTS
MTSU's Blue Raider tennis team opens its 1984 schedule Feb. 3 and 4 with three matches at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

The team, under the direction of Coach Dick LaLance, will face the University of Kentucky in a 1 p.m. match Friday, ETSU at 9 a.m. Saturday and Lander

College, the No. 2 team in the nation in NAIA in a 1 p.m. match the same day.

MTSU's starters include juniors Mike Feltman and Peter Beare, senior Jimmy Earle and freshmen Paolo Toffolo, David Wehrle and Ken Ventimiglia. Other team members include Anson Chilcutt, Ted Sauls and Richie Self.

Tigers' Martin fearful of MTSU big men

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

Both Tennessee State and MTSU are currently struggling with losing streaks, but Big Blue Tiger Coach Ed Martin thinks the Blue Raiders will have the upper hand in Thursday's rematch.

TSU knocked off MTSU 58-57 at Gentry Center in early December, a game which Blue Raider head man Stan "Ramrod" Simpson called the most disappointing loss of his career. Currently, independent Tennessee State is 7-10, while MTSU is 7-11 overall. Thursday's 7:30 p.m. battle at Murphy Center marks the first of two consecutive non-conference games for MTSU, with Georgia State visiting Saturday night.

TENNESSEE STATE has lost four of its last five, while

MTSU has lost five of its last six.

The upper hand, Martin said, one of the nation's winningest active coaches, is the Blue Raiders' big frontline, which goes 6-foot-10, 6-foot-7, 6-foot-6.

"We don't have the talent that they have," Martin said yesterday as his team prepared to face North Carolina A & T. "We don't have the people they have on that frontline. It's important for us to have a good game against them."

BUT EVEN THOUGH the two teams have been struggling with Tennessee State losing three of its games against Ohio Valley Conference opponents, Martin said he couldn't really find a comparison between the two teams.

"We've lost so many close games. We're a young team,"

the coach said. "If you take about four points, we'd have maybe 12 wins right now. But we play hard against everybody."

The Big Blue Tigers are 1-3 against OVC opponents, the lone win coming against the Blue Raiders. Tennessee State was nipped in close games by Tennessee Tech, Murray State and Morehead State.

"**WE WEREN'T** playing our 'three big guy' lineup at the time of the first game," MTSU Assistant Coach Phil Hopkins said yesterday. "Now, one of our big guys will have to come out and guard [Russell] Sanders, who is a little quicker and a better outside shooter."

Sanders, a 6-foot-5 forward, joins guards Ronnie Cage and Glenn Washington, forward Jose Crisp and center Sekus Walker in the starting lineup.

Cage burned the Blue Raiders for 22 points at the game in Nashville.

"Cage and Washington are probably as good a pair of guards we'll play with the exception of Morehead State," Hopkins said. "As a team, they play hard every night, but they've had a lot of hard luck against the OVC. They're a better team than their record shows."

MTSU'S GAME PLAN, Hopkins added, will revolve around the success of the operation of the Blue Raider offense against the press.

"They'll press after every made basket," Hopkins said. "We need a little more experience in that area."

The natural rivalry should make the team play with more emotion and intensity, Hopkins said.

Key satisfied with performance of track trio

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU Lady Raider tracksters didn't dominate the events at the Moving Comfort Open over the weekend at Blacksburg, Va., but Coach James Key was satisfied with the results.

Only three Lady Raiders participated in the meet that took place on the Virginia Tech campus, but they performed well, Key indicated.

ANGELA HARPER had

"three magnificent failures," Key said. The failures were three long jumps that ranged from 18 to 20 feet but were declared illegal when she stepped on the scratch line on all three jumps.

"Her illegal jumps were super. It really helped her confidence," Key said. "She was one of the classier jumpers [at the meet]."

The other Lady Raider participants were shotputters Terri Elders and Lori Dropp.

ELDERS HAD A throw of 33 feet, 10 inches while Dropp threw for 31 feet, 9 inches. Key described their performances as good, for them. "She [Terri] had a real good series of throws," Key said.

However, these performances were nowhere near being the best.

"There were some club athletes and UT girls who were throwing in excess of 50 feet," the Lady Raider mentor indicated.

DESPITE THE relatively low finishes (there was no team competition), Key got what he wanted from the weekend: confidence and experience that will carry over into the future.

"We're really looking forward to this Saturday," the coach indicated. "We're just waiting for this weekend to see what we can do."

This weekend Key is looking forward to the Lady Raider Invitational No. 2 at Murphy Center on Saturday.

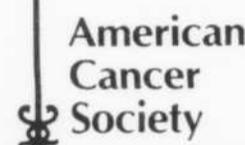
Lady Raiders rack up

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The Lady Raiders put six players in double-figure scoring with junior forward Jennifer McFall knocking in 19 points, while junior Holly Hoover had 17, freshman Kay Willbanks had 15, freshman Kim Webb had 12, junior

Cyndi Allen had 12 and junior Maria Salas had 11.

MTSU travels to Nashville Wednesday night to face Vanderbilt, which defeated the Lady Raiders two weeks ago at Murphy Center.



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