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Oil power stronger than government--Moffett

by Rick Edmondson

Private influence of the oil companies is much stronger than the government's power, Rep. Toby Moffett (D.-Conn.) said yesterday in the University Center Theater.

Moffett said the government needs more information about the activities of the oil companies.

"One hundred, fifty oil representatives are working in the Federal Energy Administration," he said, adding that William Simon was working "side by side" with the oil lobbyists when he was "energy czar" last year.

"We need to look at resources on federally-owned land," Moffett said. Simon's and Rogers C.B. Morton's proposals are to open those resources up to private exploitation," he said. Simon is now secretary of the U.S. Treasury, and Morton is secretary of the interior.

Right now they (the lands) are nationalized, and they should remain that way, Moffett said.

The Connecticut congressman criticized President Ford's proposal to de-control domestic crude oil prices.

"De-controlling domestic crude doesn't mean that the Arab prices are going to come down to present domestic levels, but that the domestic prices are going to go up to the Arab prices," Moffett said.

"I'm for moving quickly to

decrease our reliance on nuclear energy and giving more emphasis to exploration of solar, geothermal and wind energy," he said.

"Our consumers (in Connecticut) paid almost \$20 million extra last year to purchase additional electricity because of failure of our nuclear plants," Moffett said.

The consumer advocate said the country's welfare system needs reforming, but that presently there is not a "great momentum" in Congress to do this.

"There is not a single person in my district living solely on social security that's making it," Moffett said.

"We've allowed people to exploit us in the name of free enterprise, but in order for the free enterprise system to work, we need to diminish private power," Moffett said.

"This is a new Congress—hopefully in more than just a temporal sense" he said. A member of the Commerce Committee, Moffett said he would be on a subcommittee investigating the vertical activities of the oil companies. "Right now they own everything from the well to the gas station," he explained.

Speaking to about 150 students, Moffett said, "The government has failed you miserably as far as giving you a handle to get hold of when you get out of here."



Rep. Toby Moffett

Court finds student guilty; double jeopardy charged

By Rick Edmondson

Amid charges of double jeopardy from defense attorneys, the ASB General Sessions Court Thursday found an MTSU junior guilty of violating housing regulations for J and K apartments.

David Hock, who was found last December in an apartment of J complex that was occupied by three women, was tried Jan. 28 in General Sessions Court for the offense, but under a different charge — violation of open house regulations. The court dismissed the case, ruling that the prosecution had filed the wrong charge since J and K residents may entertain members of the opposite sex during visitation hours, not open house.

However, at Dean Paul Cantrell's request, Hock was again charged, brought back to court, found guilty and sentenced to a semester on disciplinary probation.

Defense attorneys Roy Wilson and Jean Byasse, who have filed an appeal to the ASB Supreme Court, both argued the retrial

constituted double jeopardy. Cantrell insisted that constitutional guarantees against double jeopardy do not apply in the case since it is an "administrative-type hearing."

Prior to Hock's second trial, Wilson and Byasse requested a definitive ruling from the ASB Supreme Court on double jeopardy, but the court refused to hand down a decision.

Chief Justice John Boutwell said the court does not have the authority to decide which cases the General Sessions Court can and cannot hear.

"I think the defense was getting a little bit eager. They should have followed the proper steps," Boutwell said, adding that since the General Sessions Court procedure has come to a conclusion, the Supreme Court will hear Hock's appeal.

Boutwell said the Supreme Court cannot make definitive rulings on disciplinary procedures — just on ASB legislative matters.

The chief justice also said the

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Daylight theft nets \$500

More than \$500 in change intended for the grill was stolen from a car parked at the SUB loading dock about 9:30 a.m. yesterday, according to MTSU security officers Dan Hicks and Jane Williams.

Grill manager Arthur Tibbert said he was carrying the money from the bank to the grill when he stopped to leave something at the SUB cafeteria.

"I only left the car for about four minutes and when I returned, the money was gone," Tibbert said. A rear door of the car was left unlocked, he added.

A search of the building proved fruitless. Capt. Gary Miller of the MTSU Security Police speculated the thief had transferred the money to an automobile and escaped.

Local police and area banks were notified immediately, Miller said. The only possible clue was a hat found near the car, he added.

Hicks and Williams searched the SUB hoping the thief may have stashed the money after taking it from the car.

"A man carrying a bank bag full of change would be pretty conspicuous, and we don't think he could have walked far carrying that heavy bag without being spotted," Hicks pointed out.

Miller said that anyone who saw anything "suspicious" near the SUB around 9:30 a.m. should report the information to security.

Meal, game bring crowd of parents Saturday

Saturday's Parents' Day was "highly successful," Homer Pittard, university relations director, said yesterday.

Over 2,900 people were fed by Saga food service in the afternoon buffet served in the Alumni Memorial Gym and Murphy Center.

"Deheck and the Saga people did a beautiful job," Pittard said. Saga served ham, turkey, beef, assorted salads and vegetables to the parents.

The major problem confronting the organizers of the special activity was finding sufficient parking space for all the parents' cars, Pittard said.

"We had the same problem for the Vanderbilt and Austin Peay basketball games, and we'll probably have the same thing happen at the Western Kentucky game ... and when Elvis comes," Pittard said.

Pittard added that the turnout amounted to "a good percentage of the letters mailed out." Some of the 9,400 letters were sent to graduate students and married students who probably did not relay the letters to their parents.

At the Tennessee Tech-MTSU basketball game, a standing-room-only crowd of 11,800 jammed Murphy Center, with the

parents occupying the upper bleachers.

An exact figure on what

Parent's Day cost the university will not be available until after Saga determines their expenditures, Pittard said.

Debaters win state tourney

MTSU's Debate Team won its fifth state championship in seven years over the weekend at the Tennessee Forensics Tournament at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

First place was captured by the team of Harold Balcom and Ron Howell, while second place went to Jean Byasse and Michael Hall.

MTSU debaters swept the speaker awards, with Howell first, Hall second and Balcom third.

Hall also won first place in extemporaneous speaking, while Ken Armbrecht was a finalist in the event.

For its performance in the contest, MTSU won the sweepstakes award. The speakers have won 17 individual debate awards in six tournaments this year.

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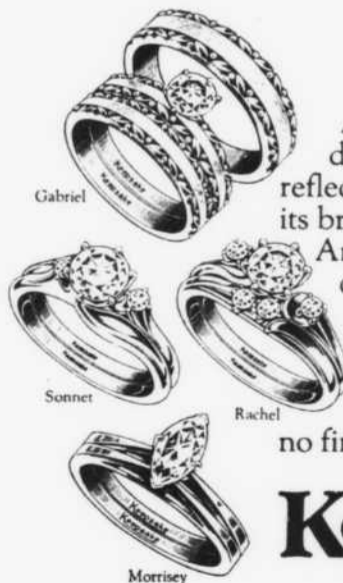
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Open sewer pipe plagues housing residents



Human wastes and other sewage often back up this excess pipe in the breezeway of married housing's "G" complex. The pipe has been left open to counteract sewage overflows that could flood residents' homes. Charles Steed photo

by Michael Gigandet

Although sewage above ground is a violation of city, county and state health ordinances, a sewage excess pipe in married student housing has been opened to allow for overflow caused by clogged pipes.

The brass cap covering the pipe was removed, and the plate covering the cap was loosened so that backed-up sewage overflows into a breezeway. The pipe is located in the middle of complex G.

"It's actually a necessity. It's a good thing that it is there or else living rooms would be flooded," George Mitchell, director of married housing, said yesterday.

Pipes are continually clogged with plastics, baby diapers, washrags and even sailboats, Mitchell said.

If the pipe was not open, the flooding would cause losses and damages that "would be out of this world," he said.

However, residents insist sewage overflow presents a health hazard.

A state subdivision regulation specifically prohibits sewage spillage on top of the ground, County Environmentalist A. B. Buckner said yesterday.

There is some question whether the ordinance applies to state property. County jurisdiction is a "little fuzzy right there, (on campus)," Buckner said.

Bill Jameson, city plumbing inspector, said the brass cap is covered under local plumbing codes and should be left intact. But the state, he said, "more or less takes care of its own problems."

Gene Barnett of the state public health department agreed that the cap should be left on. And there is a state regulation which prohibits the "overflowing or bypassing" of sewage, he added. However, he asked, "What power does a state agency have over another state agency?"

Joe Lovell, director of the city water and sewer department, said the overflow was a violation of city ordinances prohibiting human waste, garbage and "other objectionable waste" above ground.

The regulation is "a daddy of about a dozen ordinances," he said.

To correct the situation, the health department must first inspect the problem and then issue a notice of correction, Lovell said.

"We'll work with them (the university) to correct the problem. We have always worked with them," he offered.

Mitchell said that the pipe rarely overflows and is promptly sprayed off when it does.

Residents should notify him when the pipe overflows, Mitchell said.

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If you're wondering what you might like to do during intersession, and if you have enough money, you might consider a trip to Mexico that the departments of geography and earth science and foreign languages are sponsoring.

The field trip to Mexico will begin May 13 with a limited party of 20 travelling from Nashville via American Airlines to Dallas, San Antonio and Laredo. They will go from Nuevo Laredo to Saltillo by bus.

The cost of the trip will be \$450, Ralph Fullerton, department chairman said. This will only cover travel and lodging and will not pay tuition for intersession.

If desired, partial payments in four installments may be made, but after March 1, no refund will be made in case of cancellation, Fullerton said.

Participants will receive three hours of academic credit in either upper division Spanish or geography, but Fullerton said, "The trip is open to anyone. You don't even have to speak a word of Spanish. One year we had a 60-year old man come along on the trip."

The sponsors will take the group to three principal locations where they will be the guests of the host university, the Universidad Internacional, and will stay with Mexican families.

The two other cities are Queretaro and Mexico City.

To apply for the trip, complete an application made available by either department sponsor. For further information, contact either department.

Fencing Club to organize

The MTSU Fencing Club will hold its organizational meeting at 8:30 p.m. today, in UC room 312, Mike Freeman, club coordinator said yesterday.

The club, approved by the university, is open to all persons interested in swordplay with foils, rapiers and sabers.

The sport is primarily one which exercises one's reflexes and muscle coordination, Freeman said.

Full equipment will be provided for club activities, including all protective gear. "Dues will be nominal."

Vanderbilt fencing coach Chuck Stewart will conduct meetings and all fencing practices, Freeman said.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Black history marked

Films, speeches and a dance are among the events set for Black History Week, sponsored this week by the Black Students Association (BSA).

"Black History Week was originally started because the history of black people in America has been mostly distorted and excluded from the pages of American literature," Amos Tucker, BSA president, said yesterday.

"Black History Week is an attempt to draw attention to these flaws of 'history' and put things in a more accurate perspective," Tucker added.

A film on "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad" will be shown at 7 tonight in the UC Theatre, and excerpts from plays such as "Purlie," "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Green Pastures" will be featured tomorrow night at 7 in the theatre.

In cooperation with the Emphasis Symposium, black historian Sylvia Render will speak at 6:30 p.m. in the SUB's Tennessee room.

Render, professor of English at North Carolina Central University, is on leave to the Library of Congress as a specialist in Afro-American history and culture.

She edited the book, The Short Fiction of Charles W. Chesnutt, an in-depth study of the racial, social and literary situation in America during the latter part of the 19th century when Chestnutt was struggling to be heard.

A dance at 9 p.m. Saturday will wrap up the week's activities.

High court to hear student

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Supreme Court's decision on Hock's appeal would be final.

"All Supreme Court decisions on appeals are final," he pointed out.

Byasse said the precedent set by the Hock case could result in a blatant violation of student rights.

"We could accuse people of anything and twist their actions to fit the charges," she said.

Cantrell said charges of double jeopardy are unfounded in this case, asserting that double jeopardy constitutes being tried twice for the same charge — not the same act.


However, Ballentine's Law Dictionary defines double jeopardy as "the second jeopardy of a person who has been previously in jeopardy for the same offense. The test is not whether the defendant has already been tried for the same act, but whether he has been put in jeopardy for the same offense."

Wilson said Hock should not have been "put through" this court procedure a second time.

"It's not Hock's fault that the charge was written up badly," Wilson said.

ASB Atty. Gen. Mike Carter said housing regulations must be enforced although "we all have opinions about these rules."

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Harvard prof to speak on rights of free press

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Samuel Popkin did. And he spent eight days in jail on contempt charges during the Pentagon Papers trial in 1972.

Popkin, as associate professor and lecturer on government at Harvard University, will speak on the rights of a free press at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Popkin, who is considered an expert on Vietnamese village life, refused to answer two questions before a Boston grand jury inquiring how the Pentagon Papers had been leaked.

Popkin's refusal to answer the questions, which he said had nothing to do with the investigation and would force him to reveal nonacademic sources, won him the distinction of being the first American scholar jailed for protecting sources.

The scholar was a friend of Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers, and was in Hong Kong when the Vietnam war study was released.

Popkin's statement, released by his wife when he went to jail Nov. 22, 1972, stated:

"If scholars are to be questioned without restriction about their sources, grand juries will become the government's instrument to limit the free flow of information about government to the public. This is intolerable in a democracy, and I could not justify any part I might take in setting this precedent."

First Marxist judge shuns formalities of courtroom

by John Pitts

Justin Ravitz likes to wear cowboy boots, blue jeans and a sports shirt while he works, which is unusual for someone in his profession. He's a judge.

Styles of dress are not the

only thing that separate Ravitz from most of his judicial colleagues. He is a professing Marxist.

Ravitz will speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium on "American's Only Working Railroad: The Criminal Injustice System" as part of the Human Rights Symposium.

No one says "Hear ye, hear ye" when Ravitz enters the courtroom; he neither bangs a gavel nor owns one; he chats with visitors in the courtroom and he introduces every case as "The State of Michigan versus" rather than the customary "People of Michigan versus."

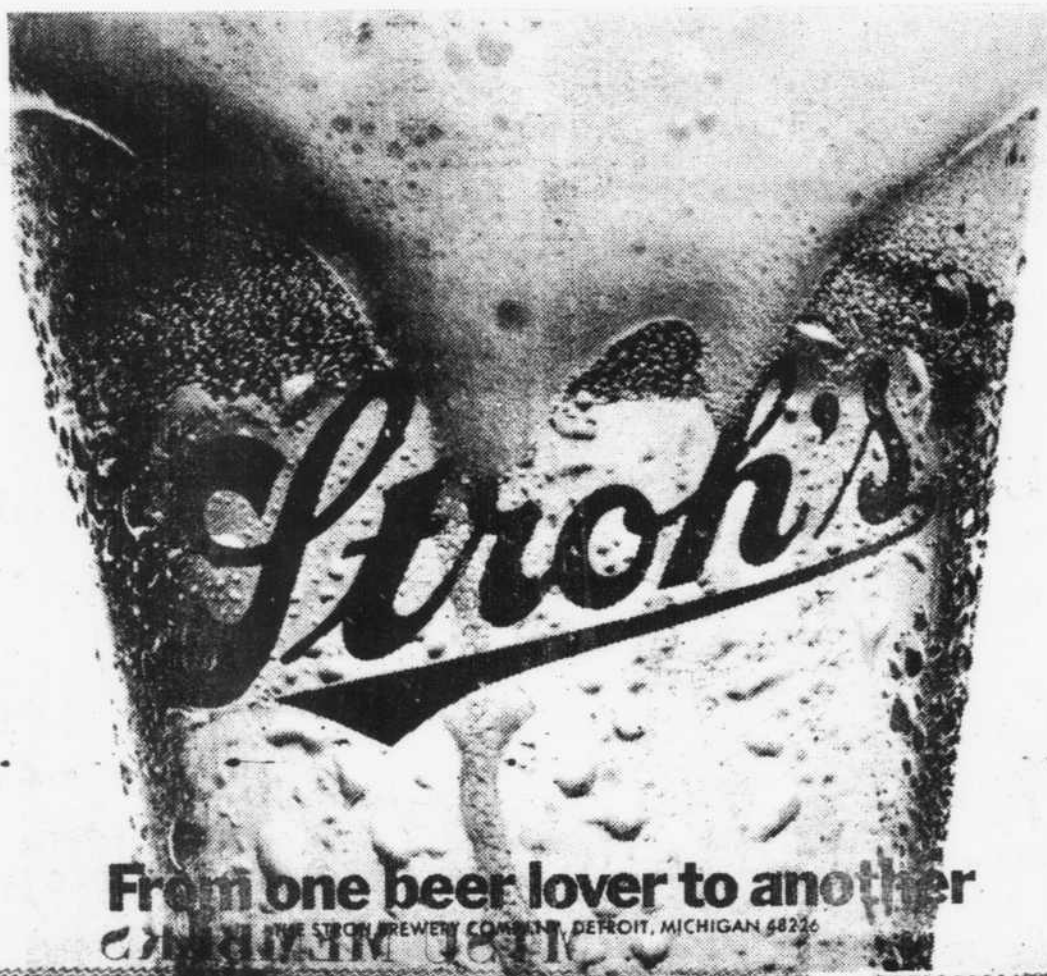
Ravitz was known as an aggressive and knowledgeable trial lawyer before being elected to a 10-year term in the Detroit Recorder's Court in 1972.

Ravitz ran for the judgeship with the slogan "Justin Ravitz is a lousy politician and that's good!"

Ravitz is the first judge to place a corporation president on probation for violating antipollution standards, and the first judge since 1946 to sentence a supermarket employe to jail for "shortweighting" packages of steaks and roasts at a meat counter.

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Shewmake said that some students have already received as many as 28 traffic citations this

semester, and "something needs to be done."

Section 11 of the campus traffic and parking regulations states that "a student cited for six or more traffic violations per semester will be subject to disciplinary action in addition to the imposed fine."

The section states that a student may be prohibited from parking on campus altogether, and if parked on campus during the restricted period, the automobile can be removed from

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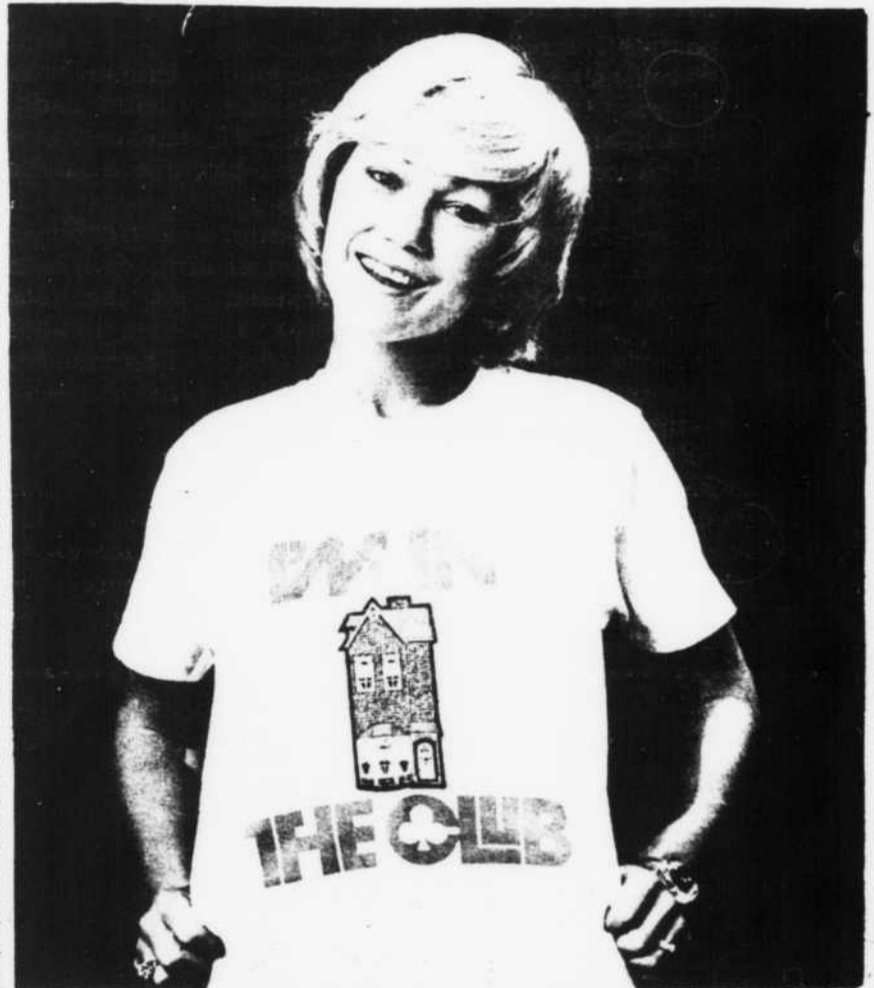
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Apparently, President Ford and Vice President Rockefeller are too damn foolish to realize that the American people don't want to hear anymore about Vietnam.

These two bloodthirsty ticks obviously haven't noticed how many congressmen have abandoned the flags of notorious war criminals like Thieu and Lon Nol.

Recently Rockefeller said Congress has a "moral commitment" to give \$300 million more to South Vietnam to use in their war effort.

Furthermore, he said Congress would be held responsible if the government of South Vietnam falls to the Communists.

Listen Rocky, that is a lot of crap. The American people have realized they didn't belong in Vietnam in 1965, nor in 1970 and certainly not today.

The taxpayers have paid for these militaristic regimes long enough. All we have received in return is dead sons and many more mutilated ones.

Still, millions of our tax dollars go to these unworthy causes. It's time the American people made themselves heard by those who are too hard-headed to listen.

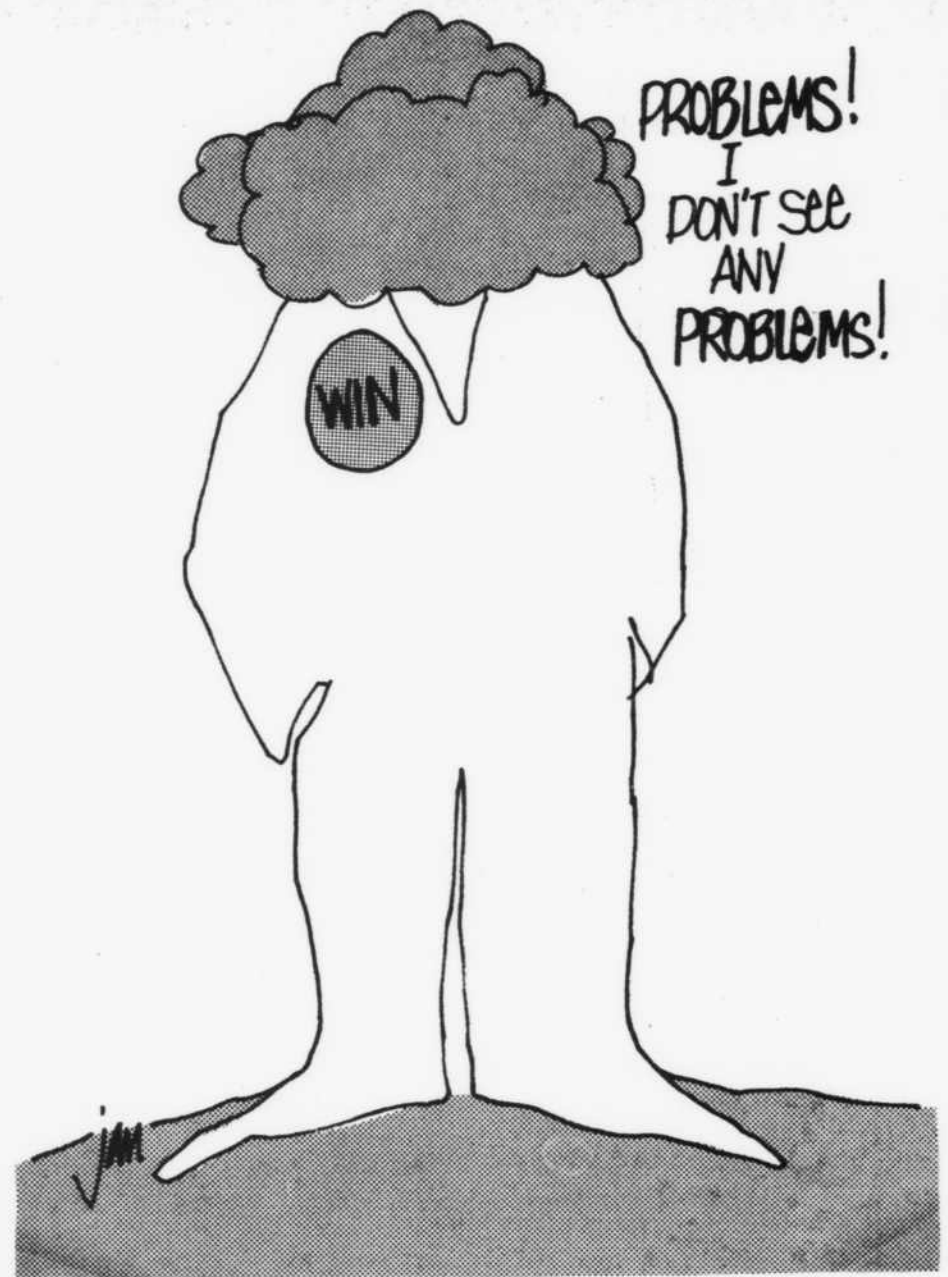
If Congress should approve this additional blood money, then the American people in mass must refuse to pay taxes.

Did you know that the U.S. military budget is 60 times greater than our overseas economic aid? Can America afford to give dictators and fascists more?

Did you know that during a 14-hour period the Defense Department spends more than the entire annual amount of the United Nations food budget?

This is disgusting. It's sick.

Whoever said giving the Defense Department more money was like throwing dollars down the drain obviously wasn't referring to a sink.



Public relations concerns concert committee

By Phil West

True to form, the Special Events Committee is bringing not one, but at least two, special events to campus this semester.

Yes, music fans, Elvis Presley, or rather his mastermind manager Col. Tom Parker, graciously selected Murphy Center as the site of two concerts on Presley's road tour. And Harold Smith, director of student programming, has graciously accepted both offers.

Of course, Smith contacted all eight members of the Special Events Committee's selection

board, and each member agreed to the concert offers.

Smith said last week that "students are our number one, uppermost concern." But is the majority view of MTSU students represented by Smith and the selection board?

Granted, Elvis Presley is one of the biggest drawing cards in American popular music and has been for over 15 years. But he played to two capacity crowds in Murphy Center only last spring.

Again, tickets to the first concert sold out in one day. And

again, ticket sales were restricted to mail order only.

It seems that the selection board is promoting good university public relations rather than seeking entertainment geared to the students. Will Elvis return to his Murfreesboro gold mine, Murphy Center, for two more concerts next year?

At any rate, Col. Parker has graciously agreed to a second concert May 6, but ticket sales are still restricted to mail order requests.

Smith pointed out that Col. Parker does not allow counter ticket sales for Elvis concerts and added that the second show here last spring was the only one where student ticket sales were allowed.

Rather than signing a concert contract with a group in the mainstream of music loved by most students, the malleable minds of the selection board raised no objections to bringing the sex symbol of middle-age ladies to our campus.

Of course, since we live, eat, go to school and listen to music in a democracy, students have no advantage in getting tickets to the MTSU-sponsored Presley concerts. No counter sales and no student discounts are available.

However, one more major concert is planned for the students this semester. Smith said he is trying to land a soul group but explained that Murphy Center is tied up when most groups are available.

But the university will supply the concert site as well as part of the security force to protect "ole' swivel hips" from flying ladies' underwear and clutching fingertips.

"The key to the whole thing is promotion," he said.

One can't help but wonder who gets the most out of a Murphy Center concert — the students or the promoters.

Letters

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Nightmares disturb a new president's dream

by John Pitts

"... And here you are, Dr. Wagner, this is the presidential suite. Your private assistant and secretary will be in to greet you in a very few minutes and again, welcome to Motlow State."

Golly, the spanking new college president thought. All this, especially for little old me. What a spread!

Indeed, the office was a lavish affair. It was approximately the size of the Oval Office of the White House, decorated in genuine teakwood with gold leaf appointments and a lush brown shag rug on the floor. From the ceiling, soft music poured gracefully into the room, while filtered sunlight provided ample illumination.

Good grief, he thought, I must be dreaming. But he pinched himself and it was all still there, right down to the walnut desk, the silver nameplate and the posh leather chair.

"Why that chair looks so soft, I bet I could go to sleep in it," he said, to no one in particular. He sat down, and sure enough, it was the softest thing he'd ever sat in. So he sat, sipped from a drink the assistant left him (Jack Daniels, of course) listened to the music and felt sooooo sleepy. It was a tiring ride from Murfreesboro...

Suddenly there came a soft rapping, tapping at the office window, and the president rose

and went to it.

"Who's there?" he asked.

"You know who it is," said the chorus of voices.

"No, I don't," he said. "Come on, who is it?"

"It's us, the staff of Sidelines. We've all transferred here to Motlow because we like you so very



much. You were our favorite administrator at MTSU," came the mass reply.

"Well, what do you want?" he inquired through the window. "This is a quiet college with no problems. Everyone is happy here."

"That's what you think," said one budding journalist through the still-closed window. "Why, we've only been here an hour, and you should see the list of things that are wrong around here. Why, did you know that your food service bought an infected cow from a local farmer and served it to unsuspecting students? Or that there's a huge hole in the parking lot outside one of the dorms? Or that students on this campus don't have the rights guaranteed under the Constitution? Or that ..."

While this discourse was taking place, hardy Sidelines staffers were busy with their appointed tasks. One reporter was busy duplicating keys to all the record storage rooms. Another was look-

ing for scandalous information in the faculty files. Yet another was planting listening devices throughout the administration building. The biggest task was at hand underfoot, where a tunnel was being dug from the newspaper office to the president's chambers.

"... Or that there hasn't been any concert here in two years? Or all these other things?" And with that, the budding reporter opened the window and produced a list as high as the ceiling, loaded with scandals, tales of mismanagement and other bad news.

"Oh dear," said the belabored new president, "this is just like being at MTSU."

"Well Harry, we just want to make you feel at home," offered another journalist.

Meanwhile, outside, two groups of students, one black and one white, were arguing. Some thing to do with a college symbol. Television cameras were recording the event for posterity.

The telephone rang. "Dr. Wagner, it's the Board of Regents, they'd like you to come explain to them what's happened to the college newspaper."

"What paper? The paper doesn't come out today," the president said.

"Oh that," the Sidelines reporter said. "Well, we put out a special edition to harken our arrival. It was a 50-page paper, filled with juicy stories about the college. A

real winner."

The cries from outside were intensifying. Shots were fired. A building in the distance was rocked by an explosion. Three gleaming crosses roasted on the front lawn. Suddenly there was an earthquake, wrecking the entire building.

"Hold the presses," the Sidelines reporter shouted. "We've got a big one coming up!"

"Oh no, this can't be happening," the brand-new president mumbled from beneath the pile of rubble surrounding his pretty leather chair. "One minute it's peaceful, and then those blasted reporters come in and all heck breaks loose. It can't be happening, it just can't be happening, it just can't ..."

"Dr. Wagner, wake up. You must have fallen asleep. We're a little late. I'm your secretary. It looks like you were having a nightmare."

The new president stirs, looks around at the gleaming office before him. "Yes," he says, regaining his senses, "I must have had a little dream. What's on the agenda for today?"

"Nothing special," the secretary says, handing him the mail.

"What's this, a copy of Sidelines?" the new president says. His eyes gleaming as brightly as his office, he folds the paper neatly in a familiar shape, opens the window and sails it into the cool Lynchburg breeze.

Letters to the Editor

Forrest represents us all?

I don't know why I'm writing this. I should be reading my textbook or writing a paper for class. After all, I am going to MTSU to get a degree so I can more effectively deal with this spaceship earth.

I work a 40-hour week to subsidize my veteran's benefits so I can deal with the costs of living and going to a school that pays the way for expensive athletic programs and the generous scholarships that go with such programs.

I wouldn't have the time to see one of these gladiatorial extravaganzas even if I so desired. I do feel that if this institution thinks it necessary to flaunt a symbol representative of itself, it should be representative.

Perhaps the football team is symbolized by Forrest's wanton ravagings. Perhaps the ROTC's Raiders are symbolized by Forrest's thirst for blood.

And perhaps those who write articles expressing their views on earth-shattering controversy

are symbolized by Forrest's academic qualifications.

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Fairy disregards laundry chores

For nearly two years I have patiently loaded my dirty laundry into a duffle bag and packed this load to a laundromat on Baird Lane. This is the nearest washing area within walking distance of my dorm.

Let me assure you, the tooth fairy doesn't bring my clean socks and shorts.

The university has decided to place washing facilities throughout the women's housing but not the men's. I have found no reason for this policy.

Sunny days help make the chore enjoyable. Yes, enjoyable. But today, packing my load in the drizzling rain, I decided it was not fun.

Kent Groves

Journal of a token radical: → THIS COLUMN IS DIRECTED TO ALL THE SAME PEOPLE AT MTSU. SPEAKING AS AN ONSIDER OF THIS GROUP I MUST HONESTLY SAY THAT I AM AT AN ADVANTAGE OVER YOU. AT LEAST, I DON'T WORRY ABOUT GOING SANE. TONIGHT, AS I SAT TALKING TO PATSY (reigning bean counting champion of MTSU.) I WAS REMINDED OF BANANAS. YOU MAY ASK WHY I WAS REMINDED OF BANANAS. BANANAS PLAYED A LARGE ROLE IN THE CREATION OF OUR COUNTRY. 200 YEARS AGO TODAY, 37 BOXES OF BANANAS WERE THROWN OVERBOARD INTO BOSTON HARBOR BY MEN DRESSED AS CARMEN MIRANDA. (POSSIBLY TRANSVESTITES) DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE WHEN YOU THROW 37 BOXES OF BANANAS INTO BOSTON HARBOR. YOU HAVE SOGGY BANANAS OR IF YOU ADD CRUSHED ICE & RUM

→ YOU HAVE BANANA DAQUIRIS. AND THIS WAS THE WAY IT WAS IN AMERICA, 200 YEARS AGO, TODAY.

JAMES M. CARTOONIST

BANANA OR NEAR-SIGHTED GREEN-BEAN.



Sen. Abourezk wastes no time wrestling foes

by Michael Gigandet

Sen. James Abourezk hasn't wasted much time in Congress.

Although only a freshman senator from South Dakota, Abourezk has had his share of wrestling with Richard Nixon, oil moguls, farm trusts, conservatives and congressional fops.

When his liberal colleagues in the Senate were ready to vote on a compromise bill on the bombing of Cambodia, Abourezk was

threatening to filibuster.

"I was outraged that anyone would want to extend the bombing by way of a compromise. How the hell do you compromise when you're bombing people? I don't understand," the liberal senator said to a Nation reporter.

Fearing the Senate would be blamed if Nixon vetoed a bill calling for an immediate halt to the bombing, his colleagues asked

Abourezk to join them.

He answered, "Let him veto the goddamned bill. Let the son of a bitch veto it."

No, Abourezk doesn't mince words.

He has what The Nation calls a "marvelous unwashed style" and a "howitzer laugh." Everyone calls him Jim.

Abourezk won't back down from a good fight either.

When the Foreign Assistance Act of 1973 came up, Jim was ready with two amendments. One denied money to be used to support the "police, prisons or other internal security forces" of other nations.

The second denied money to countries that jailed its citizens for political reasons. This included Bolivia, Brazil and South Vietnam.

However, he lost both times.

The son of Lebanese immigrants, Abourezk has been a sailor, used-car salesman, surveyor, bartender and bouncer.

Sometimes, he tries a little political bouncing. When Washington was overflowing with rumors that Nixon would nominate John Connally to replace Spiro Agnew, Abourezk attempted to organize a committee of liberals to give the Texan a hard time.

"I called a meeting of the liberals on that, but only about five showed up. It was embarrassing because I was a freshman. Why should I be in a position to organize? It pisses the others off when you do that as a freshman," he complained.

Abourezk doesn't like the way things are in both houses of Congress. They are "incredible places for creating pessimism."

"You either have to force yourself to become a cynic, or you just naturally become a hopeless cynic in not too long a time," he said.

Nevertheless, Abourezk still fights for the little man. He has battled for legislation in the Senate to aid the survival of the small farmer in his struggle against the capital advantage of non-farming industries.

He had ramrodded through the Senate more Indian legislation than the entire Congress has passed for decades.

Undoubtedly, Abourezk will have a lot to say about foreign affairs and the rights of the American Indian when he speaks at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium Thursday night.

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UC game room offers 'cheap thrills'

by Robin Freeman

Do you know of a place on campus where the games are good and the girls are shy? No, I mean someplace that is authorized by the administration. Give up? Try the games room on the third floor of the University Center.

The room offers pool tables, Ping-Pong, air hockey, and several other outlets for emotional releases.

"The girls are kinda shy about playing the pool tables because it still has the stigma of the old time pool hall and garters on the sleeves," commented James Rountree, equipment manager.

Elson Dennis, games room supervisor, estimated that only 50 per cent of the student body knows of the facility, "but the 50 per cent who do know about it use it all the time."

The only game the students have to pay for is the use of the pool tables at \$1 an hour, but "students pay for the portion of time they play."

"We always have a waiting list for the pool tables, and there is always a line for the Ping-Pong tables," Dennis said. On slow days there is no waiting, but "usually everything is going," he added.

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Foosball (German for soccer) is one of the most popular games in the University Center game room.

Bill Woehler photo

portable Ping-Pong tables and several foosball (the big craze now) and pinball machines, the games room offers many different "table" games. A student just has to present his ID card and "we can give him chess, playing cards, checkers, and dominoes," Dennis said.

Since doubling the size of the facilities last fall, the games room is busier than ever. "In the fall semester, we have tourna-

ments in bridge, Ping-Pong, pool and chess," Dennis said.

The original room opened in January, 1968, and is now one of the few carpeted game rooms on the college circuit, Dennis remarked.

The room is open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on week nights (extending to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday) and from 3 to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

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Meeting: Prelaw Society, 11 a.m., OM 324
Meeting: Triton Club, 6 p.m., swimming pool
Tutoring program: 7 p.m., UC, 310
Emphasis Symposium speaker: Eve Norman, 8 p.m., DA Auditorium
Play: "John Ball Is Dead," 6:30 p.m., Arena Theatre, speech department.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Emphasis Symposium speaker: Sam Popkin, 2 p.m., UC Theatre
Emphasis Symposium speaker: Judge Justin Ravitz, 8 p.m., DA Auditorium
Meeting: MTSU Humane Society, 4 p.m., UC 311
Meeting: Kool Club, 8 p.m., UC 305
Meeting: Church of Christ, 6 p.m., UC 318

Thursday, Feb. 13

Carnation sale: sponsored by Delta Tau Delta, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., UC basement
Career Day for nurses: 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., UC 322
Emphasis Symposium film: "Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain," 2 p.m., UC Theatre
Emphasis Symposium speaker: Sen. James Abourezk, 8 p.m., DA Auditorium
Emphasis Symposium speaker: Sylvia Lyons Render, 6:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB
Meeting: Baha'i Association, 6:30 p.m., UC 322A
Meeting: Modern Dance Club, 7 p.m., Dance Studio, Murphy Center
Meeting: MTSU Accounting Society, 7:30 p.m., UC 318
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In an attempt to update its information system, the office of admissions and records has mailed 2,800 letters requesting

major code numbers from students with undeclared majors.

Some students may have chosen a major but are listed unde-

clared with the office, Cliff Gillespie, director of records, said.

Those students wishing to remain classified as undeclared majors should also fill out the form and mail it to the office, Gillespie said.

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Raiderettes downed by Tech

By Mark Barebo

The Nationally-ranked Golden Eaglettes of Tennessee Tech overpowered the Lady Raider basketball squad 58-46 Saturday night at Murphy Center.

The Lady Raiders, coming off a Friday night victory over East Tennessee State, trailed TTU 32-21 at the half.

MTSU is only the second team to hold the Eaglettes to less than 72 points this season.

For the second game in a row, LuAnn Wells and Cheryl Dickens were MTSU's offensive standouts, pouring in 14 points apiece.

Despite TTU's size (three six-footers in the starting lineup), the Lady Raiders played the boards well, and were led by Carol "Tree" Lance with 11 rebounds. The MTSU club shot 34.2 per

cent from the floor and 58.8 from the charity stripe.

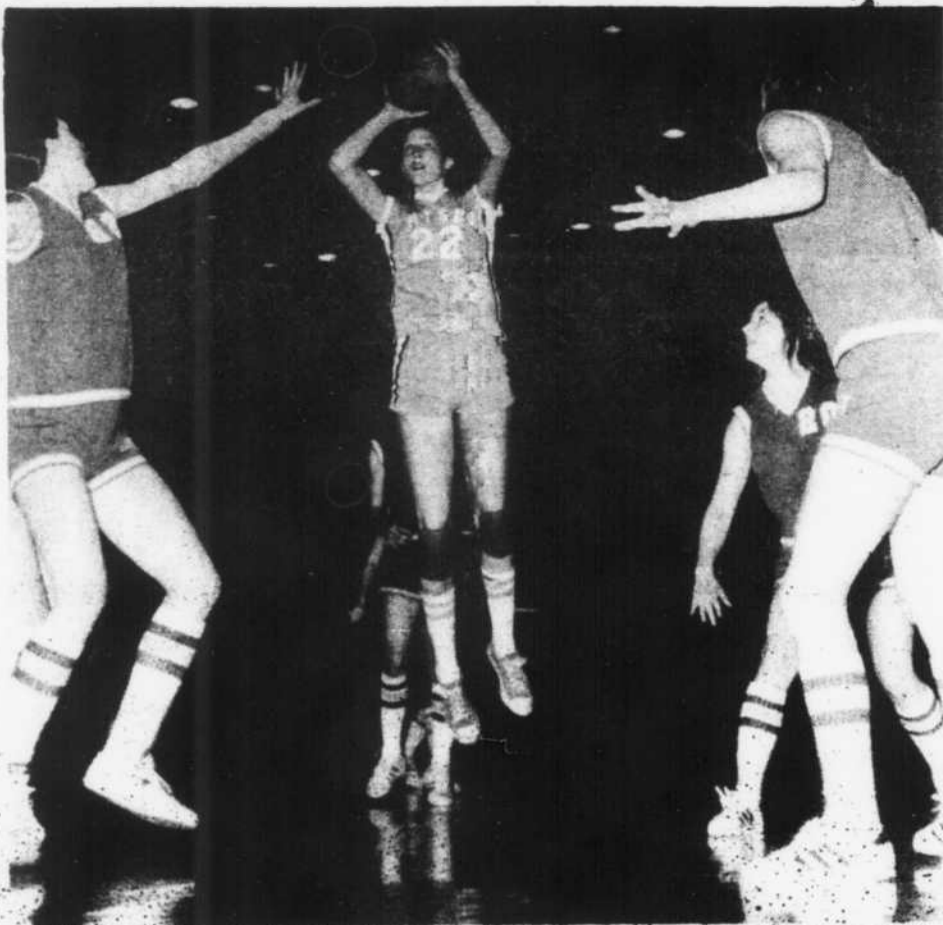
The Lady Raiders take their 5-5 record to Belmont in Nashville tonight at 7:30.

IM handball opens

by Jan Riddle

Registration for men's Intramural handball doubles are open now through Feb. 21, according to IM director Joe Ruffner. Actual competition will begin March 18.

A delay in the opening of handball registration, scheduled for last week, was due to uncompleted play in the racketball division, Ruffner said.



Lady Raider Carol "Tree" Lance jumps to fire a shot in MTSU's 58-46 loss to Tennessee Tech Saturday night at Murphy Center.

Jayvees triumph over UTK 84-74

by Duncan Regan

A pair of 22 point performances by freshman Dirwin Carter and sophomore Greg Griffin propelled the Middle Tennessee State University Junior Varsity to an 84-74 victory over the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Jayvees.

The Blue Raiders borrowed a page out of the Vols basketball history book when they went into a deep freeze during the last three minutes of the first half.

They opened up the second half with the same stall offense and

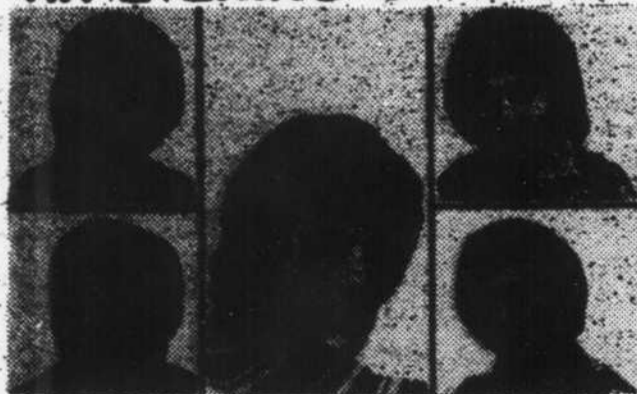
only got out of it when the Baby Vols switched to a man to man defense.

For the game the Raiders shot 53.6 from the field and 55.6 from the foul line as compared to 41.9 and 63.2 for the Vols.

Leading the scoring for the Vols was Steve Wright who collected 16 points and 13 rebounds. MTSU had three other players in double digits.

The win puts the Raider's seasonal record at three wins and six losses. The MTSU Jayvees next game will be Feb. 20, at Motlow State.

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Raiders clinch OVC tourney berth

by Tom Wood
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU became the first team to sew up a berth in the OVC's post-season tournament, last night at Murphy Center, with a narrow 85-81 victor over East Tennessee.

Steve Peeler and Sleepy Taylor put on a scoring exhibition for a "Parents Day" standing room only crowd of 11,800 Saturday night at Murphy Center, and when the shooting was over, Tennessee Tech had fallen by the wayside to MTSU 102-83.

Middle's forwards scored 28 points apiece, while Peeler pulled down 16 rebounds and Taylor grabbed 13. Taylor also went 12 of 12 from the free throw line.

Steve Peeler pumped in 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds before fouling out. Freshman Sleepy Taylor and

George Sorrell added 17 points apiece. Sorrell grabbed 20 rebounds, while Taylor plucked nine.

Jimmy Martin scored 13 points and had 12 assists in the game, and Fred Allen pumped in 12 points from the usual outer limits Blue Raider fans have grown accustomed to.

The win extended the Raiders winning streak to 13, and upped MTSU's overall record to 18-2 on the year. Middle is 9-0 in the OVC.

Kenny Reynolds drove in 29 points for the Buccaneers, while teammate Morris Tampa added 21 points and 15 rebounds. Ron Richardson chipped in 14 points, and Bruce Curtis contributed 11.

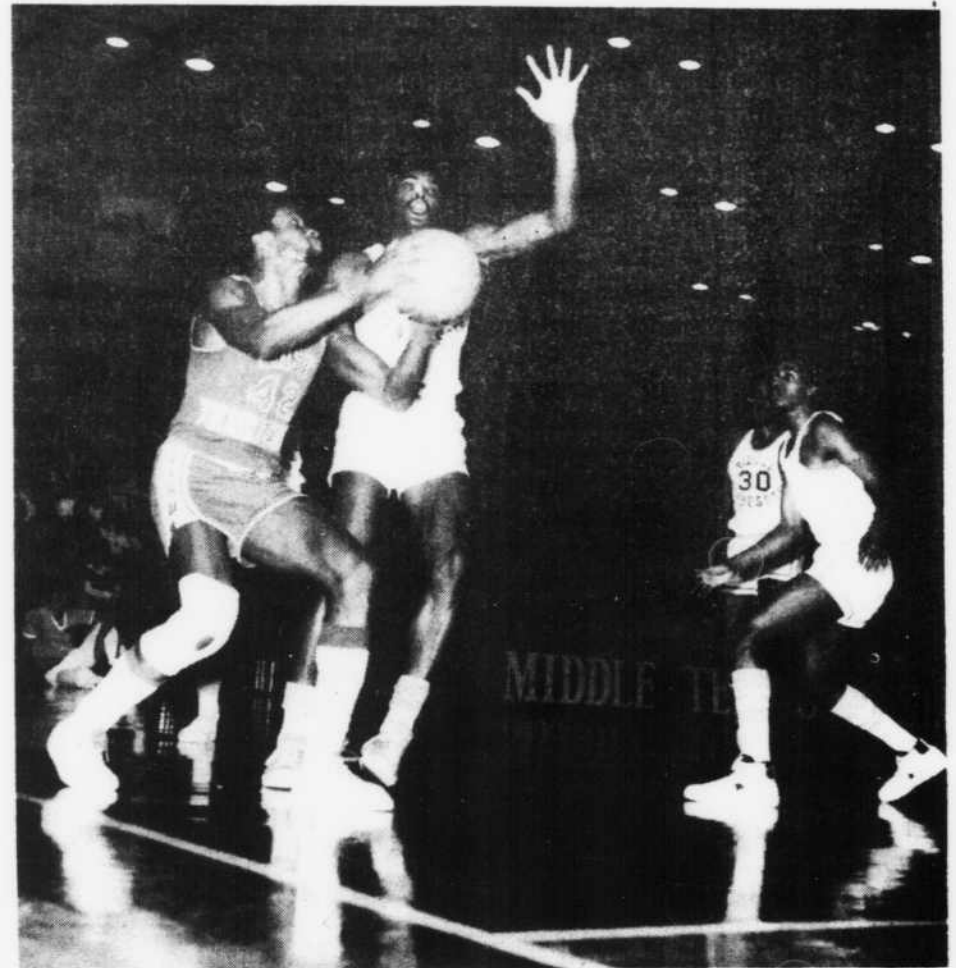
MTSU went into the half down by a pair (39-41), but exploded to a 53-45 margin with 15:50 left in the second period, outscoring the Bucs 14-4.

East Tennessee wouldn't stay down, however, pulling back to within one point several times. Middle went into a four corner stall in the final minutes of the game to hang on for the win. Martin and Taylor hit free throws in the waning seconds to insure the victory.

"We played bad, and they played good," coach Jimmy Earle said in surmising his teams win. "They took our whole inside game away the first half."

Statistically, the Raiders outrebounded ETSU, 53-40 and hit the same number of baskets; Middle hit 36-84 from the field while the Bucs shot 36-74. MTSU outscored the Bucs 13-9 at the charity stripe.

MTSU will travel to Morehead State Saturday night. Game time is at 6:30 CST.



Steve Peeler braces himself to attempt the block on Morris Tampa's (42) shot. Looking on are Raiders Sleepy Taylor (30)

and Kim Malcolm. MTSU won the game 85-81 last night. Tim Hamilton photo

Matmen cop 5th in SIAWA

by Tom Wood

Led by Tom Wright's second place heavyweight finish, the MTSU wrestling team captured a fifth place finish in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Athletic Wrestling Association tournament Saturday in Marietta, Ga., in which 10 teams competed.

Wright, unseeded in the tourney, reached the finals by

dethroning the defending champ Mark Anthony of Morehead.

Scott Webster, wrestling at 126 pounds, beat three opponents to garner a third place finish.

David Scott captured third place in the 142 pound weight division, while teammate Mike Hooker placed third at 190.

Hooker lost a quarter-finals match to U.T. Chattanooga's man, but through cross-bracket scheduling, Hooker faced and defeated the Mocs 190-pounder in later competition.

Auburn University picked up 119 points to win the meet. U.T. Chattanooga finished second with 113, followed by UT Martin and Morehead State with 78 and 54 points, respectively. Middle Tennessee finished with 53 points.

Other teams competing in the tournament were Maryville (who beat the Raiders 31-6 earlier this season), Eastern Kentucky, Georgia Tech, Southern Tech and the University of the South.

"I felt like we wrestled good enough to place fourth in the meet," first year head coach Gordon Connell said. "But we did better than I thought we would."

Connell's grapplers, 6-12 on the year, will travel to Sewanee tomorrow to battle the University of the South. The match starts at 7:30 p.m.

Connell is also in the process of forming a wrestling cheerleading squad called the "Mat Maids."

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Gymnasts to battle UTK

By Lisa Marchesoni

Blue Raider men's gymnastics team will be looking for its first win when they enter their third meet of the season with UT Knoxville Saturday.

The men netted 71.4 points against a strong Eastern Kentucky University team who gained 156 points.

"In his best performance of the year, Jamie Proctor totaled 6.05 points on the floor exercises," Coach Pat Hannon said.

Guy Freeman placed fourth in all-around competition with 31

points, Hannon said.

"Guy should have won the floor exercises instead of placing second with 7.4 points," Hannon said. "Floor exercises are his specialty and he definitely had the best routine."

First-time competitor Gene Foster scored 5.45 points on the rings.

The women's next meet will be with East Tennessee State University and the University of the South at noon Friday at Alumni Memorial Gym. Admission is free.

Thinclads compete in two meets

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

Competing in two meets in 12 hours, MTSU's track squad scored points in four events in the Indiana Indoor Relays and the Mason Dixon Games last weekend at Bloomington, Ind., and Louisville, Ky., respectively.

John Johnson led the Raider charge in the Indiana meet, running a 49-second quarter-mile for second place.

The Raiders, coached by Dean Hayes, also copped fourth place in the two-mile relay with Bill Moore, Cliff Cook, Steve Cole and James Key clocking in at 7:52.9.

Rounding out the MTSU scoring, freshman Ronnie Robinson, a Chattanooga product, placed eighth in the 440-yard run with a

time of 50.3.

Although ineligible to compete on the Raider's squad until next year, triple jumper Marvin Hill leaped 47 feet, seven inches for fifth place. Hill competed as an independent.

After driving for one and one-half hours, the Raider thinclads checked into Louisville by 11:30 p.m.

The trip to Kentucky proved to be a profitable experience for the MTSU mile relay foursome of Robinson, Henry Kennedy, Dwaine Copeland and Johnson as they clocked in at 3:21.2 for fourth place.

The Raiders' next meet will be at noon Saturday against Tennessee Tech and Vanderbilt in Murphy Center.

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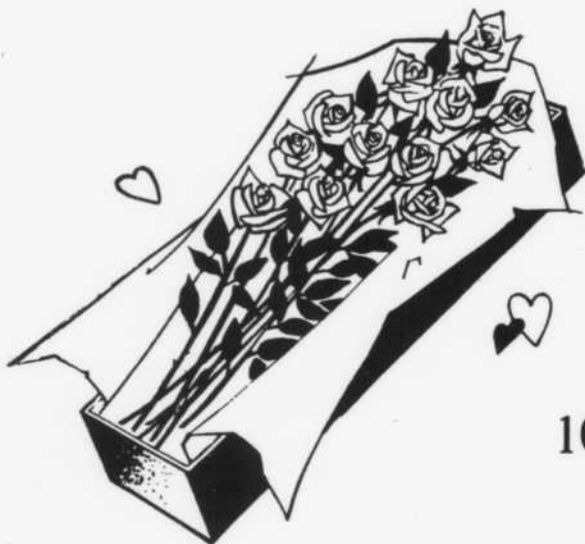
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