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Board turns down two applicants, approves one

TBR wants minorities for chairs

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Staff Writers

The Tennessee Board of Regents turned down two of MTSU's recommended job candidates last spring while approving one other in an attempt to increase the amount of minority presence in department chair positions.

TBR Chancellor Tom Garland sent MTSU President Sam Ingram a letter, dated June 28, 1989, stating: "I have reviewed the recommendations for department

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chairmen at Middle Tennessee State University for political science and elementary/special education together with those for history, recording industry management and HYPERS. You are well aware of our concerns with the representation of minority administrators at MTSU.

"Based on a review of the issues, I am authorizing you to proceed with the employment of the department chair in political science with the following understanding: You will meet with the search committees for history, recording industry management, and HYPERS and strongly encourage them to seek qualified black candidates for those chairmanships with the full expectation that at least two of those three department chair recommendations should be blacks. I can see no reason why qualified blacks cannot be identified for these positions."

The letter, obtained from confidential sources, contained handwritten notation indicating that a carbon copy was forwarded to both MTSU's Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Corlew and Affirmative Action Officer Forstine Williams.

The final candidates and recommendations for RIM, political science and history were all white.

"They [TBR] wanted me, in particular, to agree," said Ingram. "I think I would not do it and they modified their position."

"I never agreed nor did they mandate it. Our response was that we had made our best effort and would continue and would intensify those efforts."

"We ended up agreeing to appoint a permanent chair in political science and elementary/special education; and

interim chairs in the others with the understanding that myself and the affirmative action officer would meet with the search committees and make a good faith, all-out effort."

Corlew indicated that last spring's search for the chairmen of both HYPERS and management and marketing "came in too late" and interim chairmen were appointed temporarily.

There had been increased pressure to find qualified blacks to fill positions, according to Ingram, because a report is due to the federal court that oversees the university system's progress on desegregation.

"The present chancellor isn't doing anything any other chancellor wouldn't do," replied Ingram when asked if the board were pressuring the university.

"The problem," said Ingram, "is that lawyers representing the board are concerned, and rightfully so, that the universities have adequate numbers of qualified blacks employed."

"We have done everything to fill employment in every category," said Ingram, "but we didn't do as well as I'd wanted to."

Ingram said that the normal course of events is for white committees to select white personnel and black committees to select black personnel.

"Faculty should reflect the student body," said Ingram,

"and if it isn't, someone needs to point that out."

"I'm sympathetic to that. The only thing I'm not sympathetic with is employing anyone who will not do the best job possible."

"All we can guarantee is we'll use the best possible person," said Ingram.

Ingram added that "there are adequately-trained black and white administrators in the market pool."

All candidates for employment in positions earning \$35,000, or more, per year are reviewed by the TBR. University department chairs, deans and vice presidents are currently within that salary range.

Section III-H of the Stipulation of Settlement in the ongoing "Geier v. McWherter" case defines the review process in hiring upper level administrators:

"The TBR must approve or disapprove, prior to any offer being extended, the recommended choice of the administration at each of its universities for the positions of vice president/vice chancellor, dean and department chair, beginning immediately upon execution of this agreement. This review will take into account the following factors:

1. The credentials and qualifications of the applicant.
2. Affirmative action responsibilities of the institution in the system of the Board, and the degree of achievement of institutional desegregation objectives.

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Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Cecil Fletcher and Frank Leverette of Lynch Construction Co. check measurements of the internal structure that will be the framework for the new mailbox station located in the Family Student Housing apartment complex.

New chair named after Tom T. Hall

Staff reports

Singer, songwriter and storyteller Tom T. Hall will be honored with a special chair in creative writing in his name at MTSU.

"We popped the question to Tom T. Hall because he's the kind of person who has a great deal of respect for and experience in creative writing," Robert Wyatt, professor of mass communications who has been working on establishing the chair, said. "We knew he would be the kind of person we could get to help us sponsor the program."

Dot Harrison, MTSU Public Relations director said details of the Tom T. Hall Chair of Excellence in Creative Writing were still being worked out.

"It was announced at a Foundation Board meeting on November 11, that's about all I know about it right now," Harrison said.

Despite previously published reports, MTSU English professor Robert Herring, author of the novels *Hub* and *McCampbell's War* has not been contacted to fill the position.

The chair will be serve an interdisciplinary with both the English department and School of Communications.

"We talked in general terms about a chairholder," Wyatt said. "We agreed that the ideal chairholder who has had experience working in two different areas. We told Tom that we would be happy to have him as a chairholder."

The university already has seven Chairs of Excellence, which are part of a statewide program to attract outstanding scholars to Tennessee universities. They are funded jointly by state money and private donations.

Hall, who is a resident of Franklin, is known as "The Storyteller." He has written pop and country songs including "Harper Valley PTA," "Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine," and "I Love." Hall is also the author of children's books and short stories. ■

Prescott accepts interim position

KIM HARRIS
News Editor

Wallace Prescott, a former interim president for Tennessee Tech, has been chosen to serve as MTSU's interim president, Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Tom Garland announced Thursday.

Former provost and vice president for academic affairs at Tennessee Tech, Prescott agreed to come out of retirement to serve until the permanent president is selected. After recently extending the presidential search, the TBR has targeted June as the month in which to fill MTSU's top slot.

Prescott said he will "have to get a feel for what's going on" and plans on working with President Sam Ingram next month for that purpose.

As interim president, Prescott said he would "neither make things happen nor let them happen."

"I would like to continue to make good things continue

to happen," Prescott said. "I look forward to assisting in an orderly and timely transition."

"Dr. Wallace Prescott is highly respected educator and experienced administrator," Garland said. "I feel very fortunate that he has agreed to come out of retirement to accept this position."

Garland's said his refusal to announce his selection of interim president was due to standard procedure.

"He [Prescott] wanted time to think about it and needed to talk to his wife," Garland said.

After having served as dean of faculties and chief academic officer at Tennessee Tech for 21 years, Prescott returned from retirement at the request of the TBR in 1985 to serve as interim president for two years.

Prescott holds a PhD in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and a masters from the University of Tennessee. ■

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3. The degree of commitment to affirmative action on the part of the applicant.

In the Stipulation of Settlement, affirmative action refers to efforts to increase employment of black staff and faculty or enrollment of black students at historically white institutions and enrollment of white students and employment of white staff and faculty at historically black institutions."

The Stipulation of Settlement is an out-of-court agreement, mandated by US District Court Judge Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., to desegregate public institutions of higher education in Tennessee. The TBR represents MTSU in the 21-year-old case.

Figures obtained from the affirmative action office show that, as of the beginning of the fall semester, MTSU had exceeded its desegregation goals as set by the TBR for faculty and administration.

Williams said that there were 37 blacks, or 7.7 percent of a total faculty population of 523 at MTSU, exceeding the TBR's interim goal of 6.9 percent.

In the administration, six out of 50, or 12 percent, were black. The TBR's current goal is 11.1 percent.

According to TBR's Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Bert Bach, those figures are temporary.

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"We are concerned that an institution may meet its interim goal or meet its faculty goal while not having significant representation in upper level positions in the academic area," said Bach.

"Our position is that we make some progress with respect to our desegregation goals," said Bach, "and a major area in which we feel some progress needs to be made is in the area of upper level administrative positions. Especially those in the academic areas, such as department chairs.

"We report data in these different categories relating to desegregation," said Bach. "We report data in professional non-faculty, faculty, and administrative categories. However, there is another classification in the Stipulation of Settlement, Section III-F, which defines upper level administrators in a way that could be in any one of the three categories. For example, it defines it as president-vice-president-including associate assistant vice presidents-dean and department head or chair. Department chairs would be classified for EOC [Equal Opportunity Commission] purposes as faculty, but, for purposes of the Stipulation of Settlement, it would be classified as upper level administrators."

Ingram, on the other hand, "considers department chairs as a part of the faculty."

Nashville attorney George Barrett, who represents M. Geier in the "Geier v. McWherter" lawsuit, indicated he had written to the state for statistical information and would "think about filing for a hearing with the court at the end of this year."

"No one's meeting the criteria," said Barrett. "There's been little or no change."

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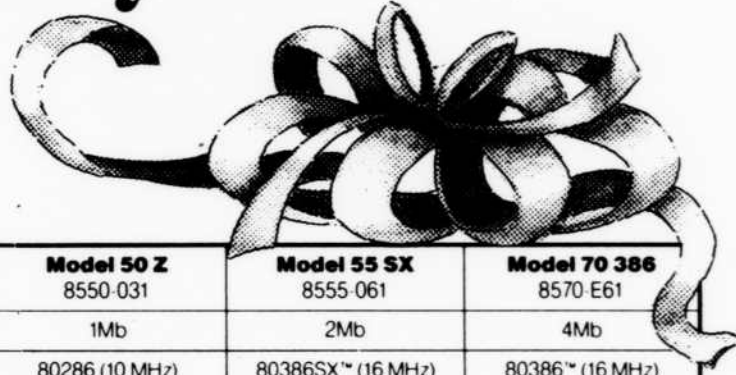


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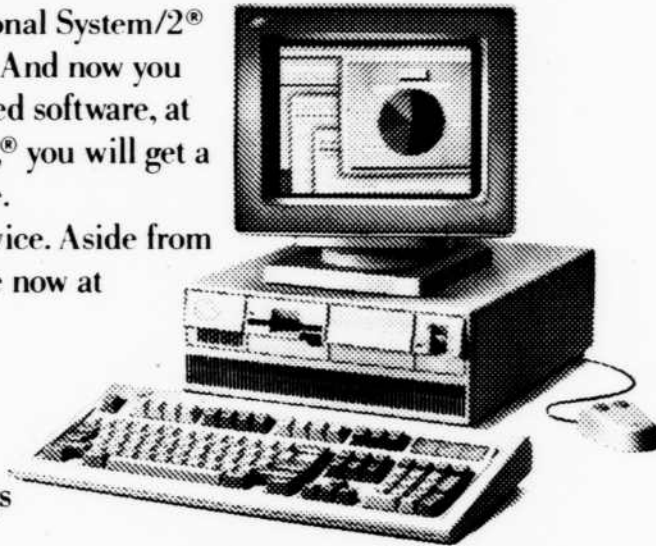
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"It's inconceivable to me that they can't find a black president," said Barrett, "They can find black athletes. Maybe winning athletic teams are more important, or maybe they don't try as hard."

When asked if he thought the process had become politicized, Barrett replied that "none of us are from the College of Cardinals" and that public policy has politics involved and thinks "that's alright as long as the best person emerges--someone who can relate and who can administer."

When asked what would happen to the Stipulation of Settlement if he didn't ask for a court hearing, Barrett replied that he didn't know because "I haven't thought about it."

When the TBR reviewed the recommendations last spring for the history and RIM department chairs, they turned down both candidates, according to Corlew, and wanted the entire search repeated with more advertising and publicity to get a broader pool of candidates.

"There was nothing in writing. I believe I was told on the phone by someone at the Board to get a better pool, a better mix," said Corlew.

Ingram said a new applicant search guideline, implemented by the TBR, will certify the candidate pool if it is acceptable. The new guideline would be an improvement because the TBR will be able to review a search before it is completed and the whole process restarted.

"We will apprise the Board's staff and they will okay it or say no," said Ingram.

According to a September 12, 1989, Affirmative Action Office memo, the new TBR guideline specifies that "the applicant pool [for upper level administrators] must now be approved by appropriate TBR staff prior to the initiation of the interview process."

Corlew said the new procedures were a "statewide rule" and a "partial response" to last spring's unsuccessful attempts to fill permanent department chairs.

"The TBR is looking more at procedures," he said, and added that "there has definitely been an erosion of autonomy, but, we take it and make the best of it."

Ingram said he had talked to other presidents in the

university system and "was confident the problems were happening system-wide."

One of those turned down last spring by the TBR was professor of history William McCash.

"I applied just like every other candidate from in or outside the department. I submitted my qualifications, letters of recommendations, just like I came from another school. I came here and gave a sample lecture. I was interviewed by people I had known for 29 years--went through the whole process. I was chosen by the department as their first choice. My name was sent forward to the vice president and the dean saying it was the choice of the department and they approved it. The president and the affirmative action officer approved it. So I was selected just like anyone else would be; by the usual procedures.

"The TBR is looking more at procedures," Corlew said, and added that "there has definitely been an erosion of autonomy..."

"We assumed at that time it would be permanent," he continued. "When it became clear that this wasn't going to be the case, Dr. Ingram said that in light of the fact that they're going to make us search some more, we need someone to fill in and asked me if I would be willing to act as acting chairman.

"It didn't thrill me a whole lot, but, yes, I would do that," said McCash, "So I volunteered."

Professor of history Jerry Brookshire headed the search committee that recommended McCash.

"We knew from the very beginning [mid-September of 1988] that we wanted to have a thorough national search," said Brookshire "and we did. We worked with the staff at the TBR and former Affirmative Action Officer Phyllis Montgomery. We thought we did a thorough job to contact minorities and we had a disappointing response."

Brookshire said that as far as he could determine, there were no minority candidates who applied.

According to Brookshire, in February of 1989, the staff at the TBR and the affirmative action officer gave the

go-ahead to start interviewing the applicants. There were 24 people in candidate pool.

"We advertised widely to reach minority historians. We made phone calls to chairs of history and social science departments to see if they knew of colleagues," said Brookshire.

Both Ingram and Brookshire said that Montgomery described the history department's search for a new chairman as a "model search."

McCash said that the search would start all over again "like nothing had ever happened."

"My feeling is we followed the law absolutely," said McCash, "I don't think it's particularly fair that we have to do it all over again. If we did it once before, what guarantee do we have that doing it a second time is going to work any better. And if the mandate is you must hire a minority candidate no matter what; then I would like to have it in writing. Just say that to us. Save us the trouble. Just say-No whites need apply. They won't do that, of course, because they don't think that's legal. Why was it okay to fill political science and not us? Why fill some chairs and not others?"

Professor of Political Science Frank Essex described his department's search for a new chairman as a "qualification process."

Essex said the search committee wrote a memorandum describing their methods to broaden the candidate pool. He said the committee made direct outside contact with candidates and with schools having a substantial number of black Ph.D's.

According to Essex, the pool was narrowed to four finalists. The final candidates, all white, were approved for interviews by Williams and Corlew. All four candidates were interviewed.

John Vile was recommended by Ingram to the TBR. Essex said the TBR "held up the decision from late April until July" and that "there was some interaction between the campus and the TBR."

Essex said he felt the TBR had some major concerns but "never said we had to have a black department chair."

"I have no complaint [with the hiring procedure]," said Essex, "except that every time you have a review, you remove it from the level of those most competent to make recommendations. Unless there is a real compelling reason, the recommendation of those involved should be taken."

Editor's note: This is the first of a series dealing with the TBR's hiring policy concerning upper-level staff.

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OPINIONS

Praise for positive campus projects

With Thanksgiving around the corner, it's nice to point out some of the things the students and faculty of this university have to be thankful for this season. Too often, editorials point out what's wrong without giving praise to the good things.

So in that spirit, a few tips of our collective hat to...

The Holocaust Lecture Series: A joint project of the art and honors departments, this has focused attention on the motives behind one of the greatest tragedies of the last century. If only a few people learn from the series, perhaps future experiences like this can be prevented.

Former President Ford's Lecture: Yes, it was stupid to assume that the Tucker Theater could hold everyone who wanted to see Ford, but it was a major accomplishment by Jennings Jones Chairholder (and local political heavy hitter) Joe M. Rodgers to bring him to campus. The former president was never noted for his charisma, but he did bring some informed insights to our economic situation and the changes in Eastern Europe.

The Stones River Clean-Up: The MTSU Biology Club cleaned-up an area around the Walter Hill Dam this weekend. The group also intends to continue their watch on the river and monitor the water quality there. Last week, *Sidelines* encouraged people to become more active in protecting the environment. This is a great example of how to do just that.

These are only a few of the noble and noteworthy efforts by members of the university community. They show commitment to something beyond the usual 9 to 5 routine by students, teachers and staff.

Doubtless you know of many other people with the same dedication. During the coming week, take some time to remember these people and their work, and hope that this spirit is one more of us will adopt. ■



Letters to the Editor

An open letter to Dr. Phillip C. Howard

Dear Dr. Howard

"Dear Dr. Howard," I just wrote that salutation and then realized I've been calling you "Phil," (at your bidding) for years. Why did I subconsciously revert to my student days? Perhaps it is a measure of the deep respect and highest regard I have for you.

I wanted to tell you how delighted and gratified I was that the music library was named after you! The words "how appropriate," were spoken so often during the dedication ceremony and the following reception that they became a cliché, but it is so true!

You are the most literate, scholarly and cultured person I have ever had the pleasure to know. The library that now bears your name had undoubtedly been used by you more than any other person. And, through your guidance, your students have used it in preparation for your classes with greater intentness than any other ever required.

This is not to say that the library has been used exclusively for such studious endeavors. The music library has a special place in my heart because it was there that I proposed to my wife (now of 26 years).

If God grants me another 26 or so, I shall delight in returning to that place and seeing your name upon it. And I shall remember you, my friend. And I will proudly tell the future students about the man whose name it bears.

I will tell them of a kind, generous, humble gentleman...that should be Gentleman with a capital G. They will be told that Phil Howard was an anachronism...a true Southern Gentleman that still stood up when a lady entered

the room, that called even the young freshman students by "Mr.," and "Mrs.," and that still tied his own bowties after most others had gone from clip-ons to turtle-necks to sports shirts. It is a mark of his decorum that, in 30 years, I never heard him utter the slightest epithet or an off-color remark.

I shall tell them of the sincerity of this love of music. He attended more music recitals and concerts than anyone else. He was a tenured full professor with no one to impress. He came to these performances not to gain notice, but purely because he wanted to come. He came for the sheer joy or music and out of respect to those who had worked so hard to be able to perform.

And, perhaps, I shall, with tears in my eyes, tell them how so many townspeople, former students, and colleagues turned out for the dedication of this music library, and how they gave him the most deserved standing ovation this music hall had ever seen.

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Letters to the Editor

Writer addresses several recent letter topics

Dear Editor,

Allow a little self-indulgent dissertation.

Please approach this without expectation, assumptions, and pre-defined notions.

After perusing the articles and Letters to the Editor for the past couple of months this has finally tumbled over enough to where I can voice it. And although Mr. Carpenter did write that 'a lot can be said for saying nothing at all,' it was his letter that inspired me to voice this in a letter to the editor.

In my humble opinion, our biggest problem as people is our illusions. They are self-created and self-perpetuating. The most prominent conflicts lately are the pro-life/pro-choice and greek/non-greek, of course. These conflicts are only a manifestation of our shared illusions of an 'us' and a 'them', a 'me' and an 'it.' The separation of ourselves from the outside world is illusory.

We make the world. We are society. We are creating a conflict and then putting it outside ourselves.

The abortion issue: it is pro-choice vs. anti-choice, it is a question of political CONTROL and who wants it and who doesn't. If you can step back and see the issue as political, it is something we have created and allowed and then turned around to fight and fear it. At this point, we should not be concerned with the "men vs. women" issue, there should not be one. We are all people. We are together. We are society. We only choose to be in conflict. Other parallels can be drawn like the legislation concerning smoking (non-smoking terminals, buildings, buses, etc). This is political. Granted, it is a nasty habit, but it is also an individual physical choice. This is seemingly an extreme parallel, but I hope the point can be seen. Why should there be a legislation concerning our bodies, our physical choice? We should fear this as well. Perhaps it is a tool to keep our little minds occupied and off more pertinent issues...?

As far as greek/non-greeks go, that is a political and social boundary of our own creation as well. We choose to see this boundary. Our mind chooses to create these boundaries and then turns it right around and fights them with everything it's got and fears them, too. We are walking paradoxes — emphasis being on the part "ox". Think about it.

We have created societal, political and economical problems. We must realize that societal, political and economical problems the world over, regardless of scale, are simply a gross manifestation of the conflicts that occur in each individual's mind constantly; a concern with the self and the ego. The ego is a part of our mind, the ego results in fears. The ego is threatened by change and creates conflict to fight it.

Our environment is a result of our choices: A result of 'going with' our fears and conflicts. We choose to see things the way we see them. Our fears should be used as a tool, they cannot be defined as 'good' or 'bad.' Remember, at best, we are simply spirits compelling a body, regardless to which religion you subscribe, to not be compelled by our mind and our fears, but to rule them and learn from them. As Mr. Stipe says: The only fear to fear is fearlessness. The mind is a chess player, and it owns the chessboard. It is our obligation to ourselves and others to be forever mindful of its pawns.

In closing, it will be said to thrive with passion, compassion, humor, and your own style. Everyone deserves to be

dealt with using compassion. This path is truly arduous at best. It is true, the more you give the more you have to give (anger, fear, compassion, love, paranoia, etc.). You receive what you project. It doesn't help to WANT to be compassionate; it doesn't help to WANT to be aware; it doesn't help to WANT to be unconditionally accepting. It doesn't help to think or lip any issue into the ground. Learn everything there is to be learned about something, then forget what you know, and just do it, be it, live it.

Mr. Carpenter was right in saying 'a lot can be said for saying nothing at all'. Sometimes silence is golden. (yes, probably saying yeah, speaker heed thy own words). But, stop, think of your words; remember they are only and can only be definitions and definitions are limited and subject to a great range of individual interpretation. Words are simply concepts trying to capture our perceptions which are truly, fundamentally, inexpressible.

With the facts, I do the best I can; the opinion, simply my own.

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Black Greeks show unity

Reginald B. Beatty

Earlier this month, all the presidents of black greek organizations on campus came together for a unity meeting, in which they would find a way to clear the bad perception that has seemed to shadow them. "We're in this thing together," was the theme of the meeting, and indeed, we are.

As the front of the program for the meeting stated, "Together we stand, divided we fall." There is no justifiable excuse for the outrageous behavior that has been occurring among our black greeks brothers and sisters. A change must quickly come about.

The greeks at the meeting pointed out the fact that there should be a better means of communication made with one another. Don't let envy hamper simple communicative addresses such as "Hello brother, how are you doing?" or "Hello sister, can I help you with that?"

We are all brothers and sisters alike, whether greek or non-greek. We should glow as a race of harmony, instead of being darkened by the shadow of selfish and

arrogant bitterness. Even more, black greeks should get more involved with promoting the greatness of black achievement.

For instance, we should be cheering on events like the first black governor in the nation and the first black mayor of our largest city. In order to achieve such prominence, blacks must work together with an ever-burning desire to make things happen. And as leaders, black greeks are the precursors of this desire.

Truly, this desire must be evident at every greek function, especially parties. A desire to cease all fighting must exist. If fighting does not cease, there is a possibility that nobody will be able to attend a greek party without a valid MTSU identification card. This of course will be a last resort. Nevertheless, the absurdity of fighting one another must be ended.

Indeed we are in this thing together. The perception of black greeks rests upon the heads of all the black sororities and fraternities. Let us improve this perception, so that we as black greeks together, like our past black ancestors, can steadily overcome. ■

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FORBIDDEN WORDS OF THE 1990s

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CAREERIST	GLITZ	MINIMALL	READ MY LIPS	ULTRA ANYTHING
CASSINGLE	GO FOR IT	MINISTORAGE	REAGANITE	VERNACULAR
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MORE FORBIDDEN WORDS OF THE 1990s

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Campus Capsule

Nurses Career Day will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tennessee Room JUB. Representatives from approximately 40 hospitals will be present to talk with nursing students or other students interested in health occupations. Students are invited to visit with these recruiters.

The MTSU Horseman's Association invites all Tennessee horsemen to share an evening with Dr. Doyle Meadows, the new Extension Horse Specialist. Meadows will speak on the economic impact of the horse industry in Tennessee. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Livestock Center. For information, call 898-2523.

The Lambda Association of MTSU is a organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff and their supporters. For more information write to: P.O. Box 624 MTSU.

The Unity Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 p.m. in KUC 318 the following Monday nights, Nov. 21 and 28. Anyone who has a drinking problem is invited to attend.

MTSU Student Ambassador applications are now available and can be picked up in the Public Relations Office, Room 105, Cope Administration Building. The deadline for returning applications is today.

Coping with Sexual Abuse, a new women's group is forming. Call 898-3161 for information.

MTSU Blue Raider Volleyball Team invites those college women who are full time students and are interested in trying out for the volleyball team to contact Jim Luna or John Coyer at 5545, 5548 or 2916 by Nov. 28. Please leave message.

"Sport Psychology" is the title of the lecture to be given by Dr. Harold D. Whiteside, Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 200 Peck Hall. Sponsored by the Psi Chi/Psychology Club.

The MTSU Observatory will have two public nights, Nov. 21 and 28 from 8 to 10 p.m., weather permitting. Located on the east edge of campus, a step ladder must be climbed to get to the telescope floor, so children under 10 are not encouraged to come unless closely supervised by adults. For more information, call 898-2077.

The Collage staff invites you to a reception celebrating the Fall 1989 issue Nov. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Dining Room C in the James Union Building. Artwork will be on display and literature reading will begin at 8 p.m.

Beta Alpha Psi is sponsoring a canned food drive to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Rutherford County. Donations will be collected Monday, Nov. 20, in the KUC basement from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Elizabeth Gilbreath at 834-8492 for more information.

The MTSU Ad Club will have a meeting Nov. 29, 7 p.m. at the Hampton Inn. Speakers from Y107, WKRN Channel 2 and the Nashville Business Journal will talk on advertising sales.

Student Art Show/Reception will be held today from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Art Barn Gallery. The show is organized completely by art students and runs from Nov. 14 thru December 1. All are invited.

Films Committee meeting tonight has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 3. For more information, call 898-2551 or 890-8717.

Japanese Social Club of MTSU is being formed by the students of Ms. Mizuno's Japanese language class. Students and guests interested in learning about the people and the culture that accompanies the Japanese language are encouraged to join or speak to the club. The club will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 307 DBA.

"An Evening of Mime," with professional mime artist, Mikael Rudolph, tonight at 8 p.m. in the Arena Theater BDA. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Student Fellowship and MTSU's theater department.

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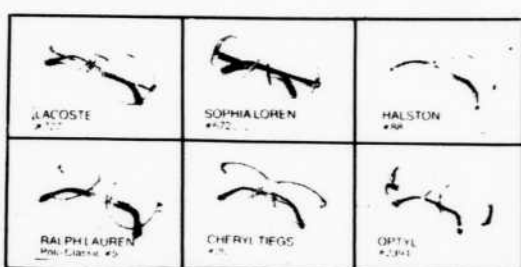
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FEATURES



Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Children of families living in Family Student Housing Apartments re-enacted the first Thanksgiving Sunday afternoon by dressing as Pilgrims and Indians while they performed a small skit at the Family Housing

Recreation Building. The play was organized by Student Families in Action, and a Thanksgiving pot-luck dinner was held after the children gave their brief performance.

New fraternity awaits approval

CHRIS BELL
Opinions Editor

Organizers of a new campus fraternity hope to live up to their charter's pledge of instilling excellence in the "hearts and minds" of their members.

GAMMA Phi Omicron, an original fraternity created by MTSU students, is in the process of establishing itself on campus. The Gammas now have 11 members and have been approved as a campus organization by the university, but they are still awaiting formal acceptance by the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Since the fraternity's members are all black, activities will focus on various aspects of the black experience, said its founder, Benjamin Jackson.

"A lot of young black men are limited in their preparation to what they'll do after leaving college," Jackson said. "We want to make each individual as strong alone as he is with the group. That is where strength comes from for both the group and the members."

While the group is a social fraternity, it will focus on more than just socializing, its founder said. Meetings will include discussions on pressing issues, academic awards and tours of several local businesses.

Jackson feels the fraternity has a "pretty good chance" of approval by the IFC, but said there has been a limited amount of negative response within the Greek community.

"We have felt a lot of static," he said. "When you start something new, some people will just hang back to see if we can succeed. If we do they'll be acting like they supported us all along." ■

Billy Joel's latest offers less fluff

CHRIS BELL
Opinions Editor

Why bother to write a song?

I mean when you could be watching television, playing Super Mario Brothers II on your Nintendo or drinking a couple of Mickey's Big Mouths. But instead, you force yourself to sit down and try to get that sucker out of your head and out in the air.

And that is HARD. Harder than painting the kitchen, babysitting your cousins or doing your English homework. Yes, it's even harder than writing a newspaper article.

So, if you're cranked up enough to try it, you've probably got some pretty strong motivation — be it the quest for fame and fortune, the hope of members of the opposite sex swooning to your voice or just the need for expression. But is that reason enough?

This is the problem Billy Joel faces on his new album, *Storm Front*, with varying success.

Just the interest from



Music Review

Joel's bank accounts total for more money than you or I will ever see, he's scored lots of hits and he's married to one of the most beautiful women in the world. So motivation must be a little harder to come by now than when he was just another short piano player who lucked into a record contract.

That motivation does come through here, though it's a little "hit or miss." Of

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Baby ads reveal hidden stories

SHERI KING
Special to Sidelines

Do you ever read the ads in *Sidelines*? Perhaps if you're confronting an unplanned pregnancy, you should.

In the Oct. 9 edition, the following ads appeared:

Adoption: White professionals, happily married nine years, can promise your baby a warm, loving financially secure home in a quiet college town. Expenses paid. Legal. Confidential. Call collect 615-528-5447.

Adoption: Are you or someone you know pregnant? If an abortion is not the answer, maybe we can help. We are a young financially secure couple. We wish to adopt a child. We can give a child a good, stable, loving home. Please call collect 615-427-2869 Tommy or Dena.

Similar ads have been appearing in college newspapers across the nation. According to Tanya Rinehart, advertising manager at the *Colorado Daily* at the University of Colorado in Boulder, their paper has been so deluged with the ads they have had to create a special section for them.

The *Minnesota Daily* on the campus of the University of Minnesota had a similar ad submitted to their paper, but couldn't run it. The ad was from an out-of-state couple and Minnesota's laws prohibit them from advertising for babies.

The staff of the *Technician* at North Carolina State University in Raleigh has received similar ads but refuses to run them.

Why? Who are these people? Are they legitimate? Are the ads legal?

Linda Lach is a San Jose, Calif. attorney who has helped 140 people adopt babies using ads. She claims Linda and Steve, one couple she helped, are typical.

College-educated professionals, Linda and Steve were childless and approaching their mid-30s. Linda was unable to conceive because of a medical condition known as endometriosis.

They began to attend adoption seminars. It was at these seminars that Linda learned it would take at least five to seven years to get a child, and that the state agencies had

established 39 as the age limit for prospective parents.

"I was in my mid-30s, so I wasn't about to wait five years," she said emphatically.

She and Steve began to seek an attorney to handle a private, independent adoption. Their lawyer informed them of the three basic ways to locate a baby: word of mouth, targeting letters to doctors and lawyers — or placing ads in newspapers.

Word of mouth hadn't worked. Targeting the proper professionals would be slow and expensive. The lawyer recommended advertising.

"We left thinking it was just so weird," Linda recalls.

"But we wanted a family," she explains, with the intensity of her need still echoing in her voice. "The competition was pretty stiff out there, and the agency was offering no hope."

They placed an ad and were delighted by an immediate response. They agreed to drive to a neighbouring state to meet the prospective mother over the weekend.

"We liked her," Linda remembers, with a wistful note in her voice.

The young mother was having difficulties with her family, so Linda and Steve moved her to California and paid her rent for four months until the baby was born.

Linda explains that no money could be paid directly to the pregnant teenager. All payments were handled by the lawyer to ensure that no profit could be made by either party. The only legitimate gift she could give the mother of the child was maternity clothes.

"I took her to all her doctor's appointments," Linda comments, her voice going flat.

It was during one of the appointments that an ultrasound revealed that something was wrong. Shortly afterwards, the baby was born without a brain.

He became a ward of the state when he miraculously survived. A couple who had been seeking a handicapped child adopted him.

"It (the adoption) was wonderful for him. It was devas-

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tating for us," Linda says in a tone that indicates that the pain still lingers.

Linda and Steve were devastated, but not defeated. They paid for the young woman to relocate and start her life again. And after four months, they started their again — with another ad.

Two weeks after their new ad ran they had a response. It didn't pan out. The attorney warned them that the respondents, a couple, seemed "a little flaky." They eventually asked for \$10,000 for the "adoption" of their unborn infant.

"I said 'that's buying a baby and I don't do that,'" Linda states firmly.

Soon another potential "match" was found by the lawyer, and Linda and Steve met with the pregnant girl and her mother. This time, their perseverance paid off. They adopted

a healthy baby girl who will be three in August.

"She's been an absolute joy ever since," Linda says, her joy ringing in her voice.

Two-year-old Laura has since been joined by an infant brother. He, to, was adopted as the result of an ad.

The experience was much the same, but the costs varied greatly. Laura's birth mother had hospitalization insurance, so her adoptive parents paid only lawyers fees which were about \$2,000.

The birth mother of Linda and Steve's baby boy had no insurance. And he was born by Caesarean section. His adoption cost about \$10,000.

For Linda and Steve the story had a happy ending. But what about the birth mothers?

"We still keep in contact," Linda explains. She sends them pictures every few months. "She (Laura's birth mother) says she thinks about Laura every

day...I know how hard it is for them."

Still, Linda thinks the private adoption process had lessened the pain for these young women in certain ways. "I think a lot of questions about who is going to raise your child are answered," she comments. "I think the worst thing would be to walk away never knowing if they have your child's best interests at heart...if they are truly going to love your child the way you want them to."

The San Jose attorney cites Linda and Steve as typical of couples advertising for babies. But she urges college students contemplating this step to use extreme caution.

"You should be certain, a professional is involved, particularly on interstate adoption," she warns. "Be careful if the person places the ad themselves. If there's not an attorney involved, get one involved...people aren't always nice on the other side."

Mugs to make every mug happy offered by students

JILL McWHORTER
Managing Editor

Do you have a family member or a roommate that just isn't human until they've had their morning cup of coffee?

Does that person have a cabinet collection of private coffee mugs that would rival Imelda Marcos' closets of shoes?

If you answered yes, then you'll want to take advantage of an on-campus fundraising effort and add to their collection of coffee containers at the same time.

Members of the MTSU

Clay Club will be peddling their wares outside Phillips Bookstore on Nov. 27, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Their wares will include mugs — mugs of every size, shape and variety will be sold in the first annual "Mug Madness Sale."

"We'll have 250 mugs from earthenware to porcelain," said William Zimmerman, Clay Club vice president.

According to Zimmerman, every mug, regardless of material or size will sell for \$4.

The proceeds from the sale will go towards funding the Clay Club's annual trip to the National Council on Education of the Ceramic Arts Convention in March.

Zimmerman said that although the pottery sale is scheduled until 4 p.m., he predicts that based on the response he's received thus far, the mugs will be sold out long before 4 p.m.

Depending on the success of the first sale, another mug sale may be scheduled for February or March 1990.

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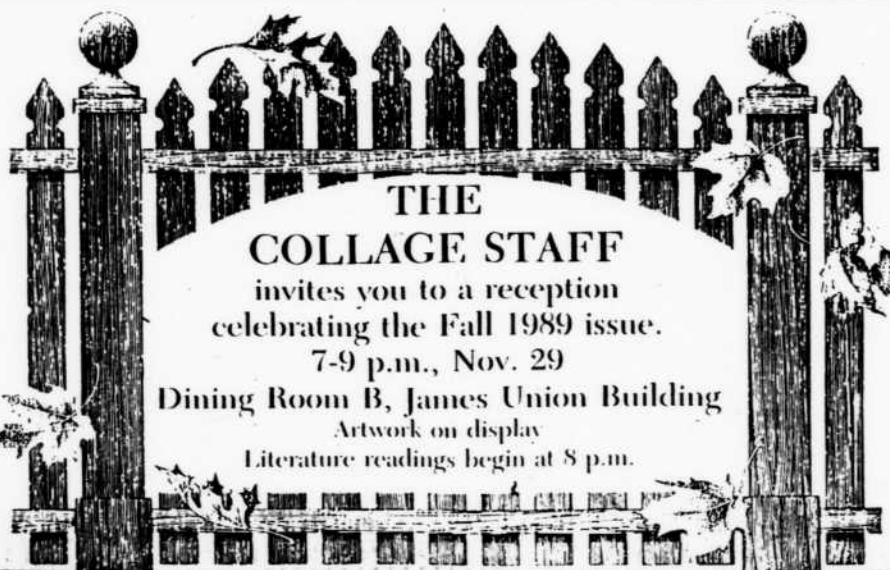
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Appointments should be made by Nov. 22 for clubs and organizations; Nov. 29 for Senior portraits.

See the stars this week at MTSU Observatory

*Jill Money
Special to Sidelines*

In the pasture on the east side of campus there lives a horse of a different color.

It is a small, round building which houses a 16-inch reflecting telescope, the largest in Tennessee. Weather permitting, the observatory will be open to the public tomorrow and Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 8-10 p.m.

"The \$32,000 observatory was one of the two permanent things that came out of the 75th Anniversary celebration of MTSU," said Dr. Roy Clark, professor of chemistry and physics. The other permanent addition was the sculpture in front of Jones Hall.

The telescope was made over 32 years ago by John Wikswo, Sr., an amateur telescope maker from Amherst, Va. After his death, his son John Wikswo, Jr., a biophysicist at Vanderbilt University, was contacting potential buyers for the telescope.

Clark heard about the telescope in 1985 and is responsible for encouraging MTSU to use the funds set up for the 75th Anniversary to buy it.

Occasionally, Clark and his students have open house at the observatory.

"We set up two small telescopes outside the observatory for the public to see the moon. The big one is used so that they can see Jupiter and Saturn," explains Clark.

"We usually put the telescope on a major planet because the public has not generally seen it," says Clark, "but we can also see interesting nebula gaseous clouds between the stars and double stars.

"The furthest I've ever seen through the telescope was over 2.2 million light-years away," says Clark.

"There was another galaxy nearby. I don't know if they could see us, but I could see them," jokes Clark.

The open houses are usually scheduled at the beginning of each fall semester. In case of bad weather conditions, they are scheduled for three Tuesdays in a row.

"This past September, we had three beautiful Tuesdays and they were very successful," says Clark. At the end of November, another open house will be scheduled. The dates will depend on the weather.

The weather is not the only problem that viewers may encounter. The lights from the football stadium and the tennis courts cause light pollution. This makes it difficult, if not impossible, to see to the west, according to Clark.

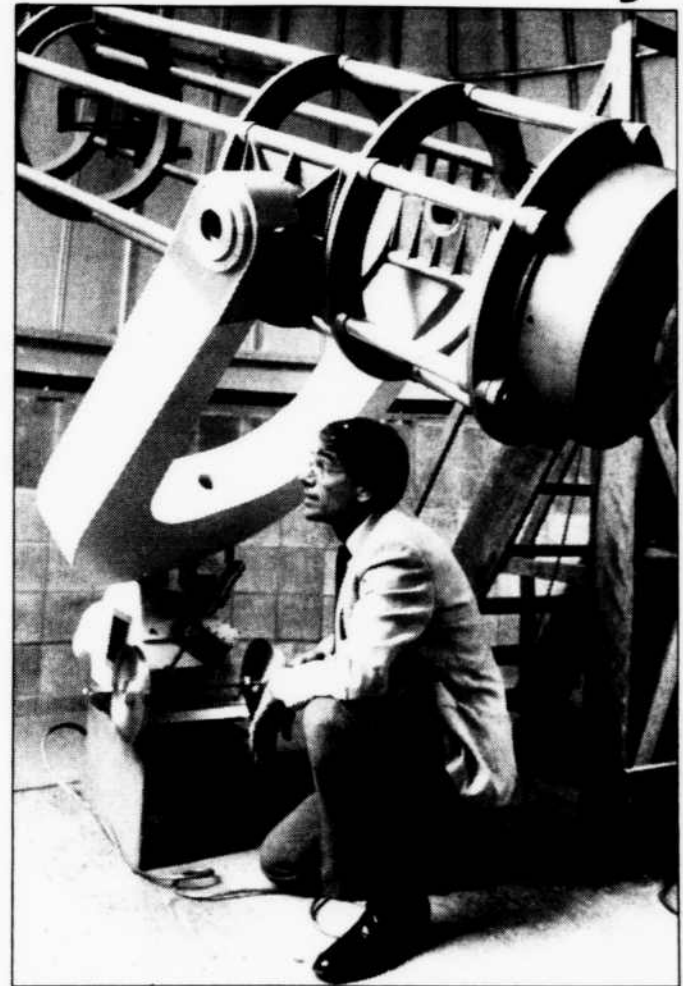
Once a week, Clark uses the observatory for a physics 341 lab.

"I have people in my astronomy class that have lived in the city all their lives where there are street lights everywhere so, as a result, they have never seen a dark night," says Clark.

"They don't even know what the Milky Way is. They have seen a few stars, Venus and the moon, but never a dark night," says Clark.

"Last year the students got so tired of trying to see something through the big telescope in this light-polluted environment, we picked up one of the small telescopes and drove way out in the country and used it," says Clark.

"What we really like is a really cold winter night when the students can go out there and freeze while they use the telescope. Astronomy is fun," Clark says. ■



Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Professor Roy Clark in the MTSU Observatory

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A new 'assertive' voice is added to campus

JILL McWHORTER
Managing Editor

There's an assertive new voice on campus and it's coming from the Office of Minority Affairs.

Despite the absence of a permanent Minority Affairs director from mid-August to November of this year, one student felt there was a way he could help the office continue to provide a services to students.

Lucas Johnson, a junior journalism major, asked permission last year to take over the minority affairs newsletter. He wanted to make changes so that students would receive more in their mailbox than just a monthly calendar of events.

"Before it was just a listing of events," Johnson said.

"For one thing, I don't think they thought students would read it. I asked to take it over and they said, 'Do what you want with it.'"

And he has. An entirely new format has replaced the old newsletter. The first step Johnson took was changing the name to *The Assertor*.

The name is based on a poem by Johnson and represents the idea he has for voicing the opinions of not just minorities but also the opinions of others about minority issues.

According to Johnson, he wants everyone to be involved with *The Assertor* and to express their opinions. Each

month Johnson recruits an individual to contribute their opinions on various issues affecting minorities from a non-minority viewpoint in a section entitled "Cultural Viewpoint." Topics already addressed have included perceptions of black fraternities and ideas on apartheid.

Other elements of the newsletter include feature articles, an "Assertor of the Month" article, an article on a past assertor, "Words of Wisdom" and feature poetry.

Current circulation of *The Assertor* is 900 copies, but Johnson is planning to increase the mailing list to include more non-minority students.

"Through continued student participation, *The Assertor* will continue to be a success," predicted Johnson. ■

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the 10 songs on the album, three fall in the out-and-out horrible category. "Shameless," "That's Not Her Style" and "When In Rome" suffer from the kind of bland lyrics and bland melodies that make you think that the guy's just lost it.

For the record, Joel dumped long-time producer Phil Ramone for Mick Jones, the chunky guy in Foreigner. This seems to be part of the problem. Jones has produced a lot of hits for other folks lately and that was probably why he was brought in — to give Joel more of a "rock" sound. Instead, he primarily manages to make the entire album sound swampy.

Three others, "I Go To Extremes," "State of Grace" and "And So It Goes" score higher marks. While the production still hampers his songcraft to a more modern sound. If you thought his big 70s ballads like "Honesty" were a little sappy, these won't change your mind, but if you liked those songs, you'll like these.

Finally, four songs on the record rank with his best. "We Didn't Start the Fire" gives an overview of modern history delivered in a "Subterranean Homesick Blues" style lyrical rush. "Leningrad" came out of his recent trip to Russia and seems perfectly timed with the upheaval in the Soviet Union; "The Downeastern

'Alexa'" focuses on the problems of some of the fishermen who live near Joel in coastal New York and "Storm Front" contrasts the safety of the harbor with the need for adventure.

While probably the weakest of the good songs, "Storm Front" was a perfect selection for the title track. That conflict between playing it safe and taking a chance sums up Billy Joel's current position.

He's produced an awful lot of fluff lately and this may be his last gasp. But when he tries, he can still reach the modest peaks of his past. And that's pretty good. ■

Music resounds at MTSU in time for the holidays

JILL McWHORTER
Managing Editor

The MTSU music department and the Fine Arts Committee will fill the 1989 holiday season with the sounds of music in several performances.

The Middle Tennessee Choral Society and the MTSU Chamber singers will perform the classic, Handel's *Messiah* Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 28 at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature 17 soloists from the MTSU

Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Raphael Bundage.

Both performances will be in Wright Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5.50 for children under 16.

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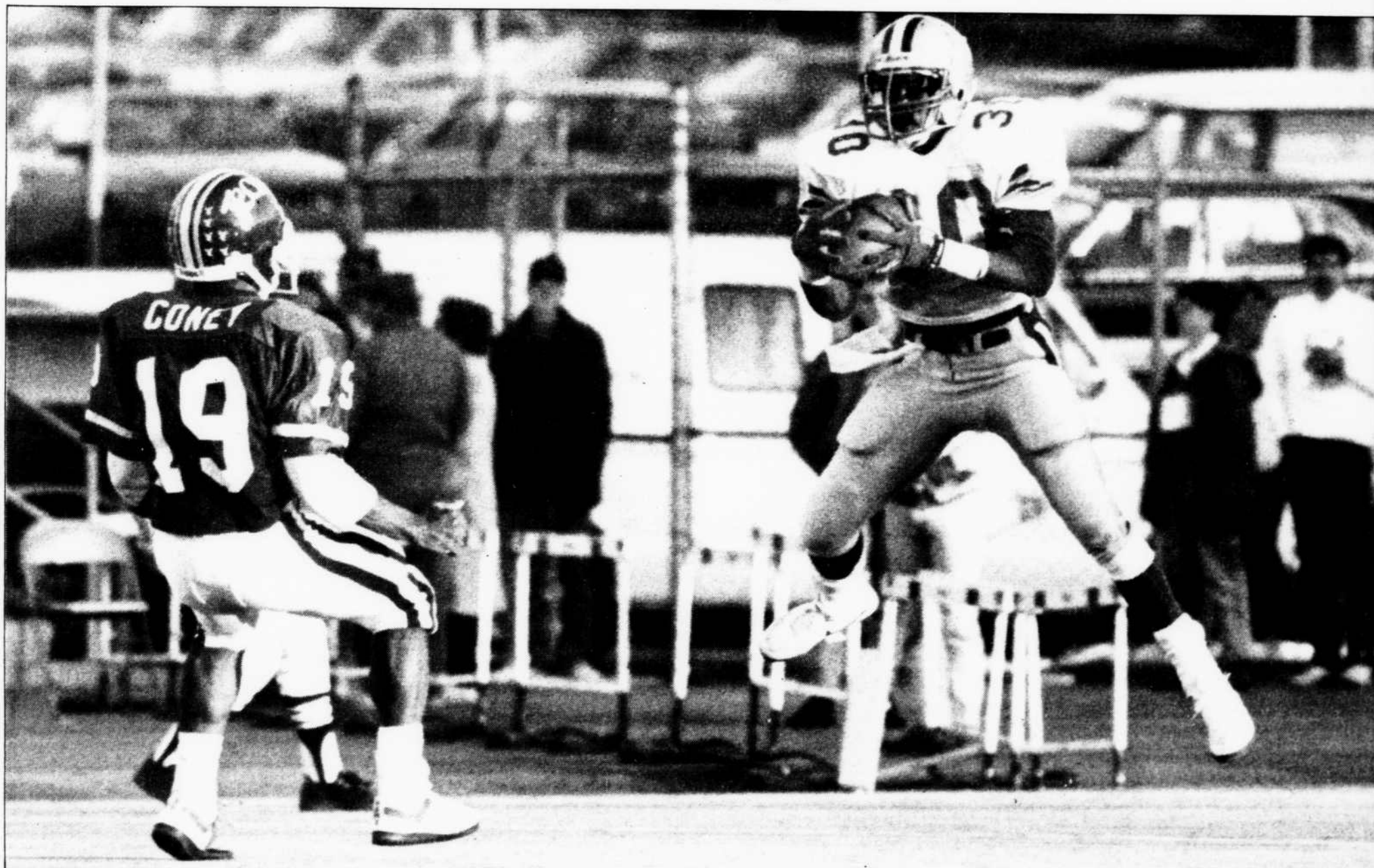


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SPORTS

Raiders roast Eagles; take title



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Cornerback Jamie Redmond intercepts a pass intended for Tennessee Tech wide receiver James Coney during the fourth quarter of MTSU's 24-3 win over the Golden

Eagles. On the day, MTSU recorded three interceptions. The Blue Raiders host Appalachian State in the Division I-AA playoffs Nov. 25.

Avoid tie for OVC championship with Eastern Ky., beat Tech 24-3

KEN SALTER
Editor
MTSU's Blue Raiders proved to be a stingy team as they refused to share the Ohio Valley Conference championship with Eastern Kentucky by beating Tennessee Tech 24-3 Saturday.

By defeating the Golden Eagles, MTSU finished their OVC slate unbeaten at 6-0. Overall MTSU is 8-3 and will host Appalachian State Nov. 25 in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Tech ends their season 2-4 in the OVC and 4-6 overall.

"We told our players all week long that we didn't want to share anything," MTSU coach Boots Donnelly said. "And they went

out and got the job done." Tailback Joe Campbell exploded for the third week in a row as he gained 195 yards on 26 carries. He broke loose twice for gains of 42 yards as he rushed for 167 yards or more for the third straight week.

"I had a lot of good blocking," Campbell said. "I just ran as fast as I could all day because this was for all the marbles."

Quarterback Phil Ironside also had a big day as he completed 8-of-14 passes for 180 yards. Two of his tosses went for touchdowns, one on 45-yard strike to Kenny Donaldson in the first half and the other on a 69-yard connection with Orlando

Crenshaw for the Blue Raiders only score of the second half.

"Kenny and Orlando ran good routes and I just hit them," Ironside said.

MTSU scored on their first drive of the game as they moved the ball to the Tech seven yard line before a fumble and a sack forced them to bring on Joe Lisle, who connected on a 38-yard field goal.

Ironside's pass to Donaldson made the score 14-0 and a blocked punt by Marty Carter that Jimmy McCamey picked up and took in for the score made it 21-0 Blue Raiders at the half.

Tech finally got on the board when placekicker

Ryan Weeks connected on a 41-yard field goal with a little over five minutes remaining in the third quarter.

MTSU's defense kept the Golden Eagles at bay most of the afternoon as they intercepted Tech quarterback Bert Browne three times and sacked him three more. In addition, the Blue Raiders defense blocked two kicks and recovered a fumble.

"We thought they might try trick plays or just about anything," said cornerback Jamie Redmond, who had one of MTSU's three interceptions. "Our defensive line put a lot of pressure on

Possibility of tie motivates MTSU

KEN SALTER
Editor

After posting impressive wins over Eastern Kentucky and Murray State to insure themselves of a playoff berth and at least a share of OVC crown, it would have been easy for the Blue Raiders to have a let down against Tennessee Tech.

But that didn't happen. MTSU used fear as a motivator to keep the upset bug from biting them.

"We talked all week that a tie was like finishing second," Phil Ironside said. "If we lost to Tech, people would say that the wins over Eastern and Murray were just luck. We wanted to make sure that didn't happen."

Also at stake for the Blue Raiders, was momentum heading into the playoffs and completion of a turnaround after their less-than-impressive 3-3 start.

"We were having some hard times six games into the season," Ironside said. "We've come a long way since then so we didn't want to let down here."

For coach Boots Donnelly, the team's turnaround was a big surprise.

"When we were 3-3 we weren't worried about winning

Money real motivator as committee selects sites for first-round games

Eventhough MTSU was already in the Division I-AA playoffs, Sunday afternoon the press, coaches and athletic directors gathered for a telephone press conference to get the tournament pairings and to ask any questions they had about the tournament.

After hearing that MTSU, the 10th seed in the tourna-

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ment, would be playing Appalachian State, the 7th seed in the tournament, questions immediately began to arise.

In a normal tournament format the top seed plays the 16th seed, the 2nd seed plays the 15th seed and so on.

However, the second seed in this tournament plays the 10th seed and the 12th seed, Eastern Kentucky, plays the 14th seed.

When asked to the reasoning behind the seedings, Bernard "B. B." Cooper said that four criteria were used to determine home teams.

The criteria were as follows:

1. The teams position in the final Division I-AA poll
2. Geographic location of the school
3. Average attendance
4. School reputation for handling tournaments

Questions to Cooper throughout the question and answer session were directed at other possible reasons for

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a championship," he said. "We were just trying to get on the winning side.

"They (the team) responded with no excuses. They haven't had a day off since Aug. 11, but they haven't com-

plained. They just dug in and got the job done.

Talent and desire aside, Donnelly believes the team's togetherness has a lot to do with their success.

"This is a very close knit bunch," he said. "They are very tight and that helped them get to this level." ■

In the end, we are better off to just watch the games and not question the way they arrived where they are. ■

So, when you watch the Division I-AA tournament, keep the following guidelines in mind.

Remember that it isn't run like a normal tournament. It is obvious that it is run the way the selection committee wants to run it.

If you should desire to question the their decision, don't. You will be referred to their criteria for determining what they do.

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Cagers to battle Bamberg tonight

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Staff Writer

MTSU's Blue Raiders will square off against the Bamberg TTL Bombers in the Murphy Center tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Tonight's contest will mark the first-ever meeting between MTSU and Bamberg, a West German national team.

"Bamberg is undoubtedly the best team we'll play in Murphy Center all year," said MTSU Head Basketball Coach Bruce Stewart. "They're a very skilled basketball team."

Bamberg competed in the West German equivalent of the NCAA Final Four last season, and has made high grades against several teams during its recent tour of the United States.

Although the Bombers lost tough games to Mississippi (93-86) and Clemson (100-98) and Tennessee State (115-101), they crushed Auburn (115-96), Georgia Southern (99-76) and Samford (98-75). Bam-

berg added wins against Tennessee Tech and Western Kentucky to boost its tour record to 5-3.

"They have excellent guards," said Stewart of Bamberg's high-flying three-point shooters, who accounted for 23 points in Bamberg's victory over Tennessee Tech. "We'll have to extend our defensive pressure."

According to Stewart, the Raiders will also have to be more aggressive offensively in order to defeat the Bombers.

"I'd like to think our offensive pressure will be better inside," said Stewart. "We need to execute better picks. We also need to make a good showing on the boards, because [Bamberg] is a big, physical team."

Stewart is looking for another big game from center Chris Ingram, who scored 22 in their win over Ft. Hood.

Bamberg is the last exhibition game for the Blue Raiders. ■



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Raiders to battle Appalachian State

KEN SALTER
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staff writer

The MTSU Blue Raiders will host the Appalachian State Mountaineers in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs Saturday. The game will be played at MTSU's Horace Jones Field, with a scheduled kickoff time of 1:30 (CDT).

The game will mark the first playoff appearance for tenth-ranked MTSU since the Raiders lost to Georgia Southern in the first-round of the 1985 playoffs.

Seventh-ranked Appalachian State finished second in the Southern Conference, and enters the contest with a 9-2 record.

The Mountaineers lost tough games early in the season to Furman and Citadel, also from the

Southern Conference. Like the Blue Raiders, however, Appalachian State finished strong.

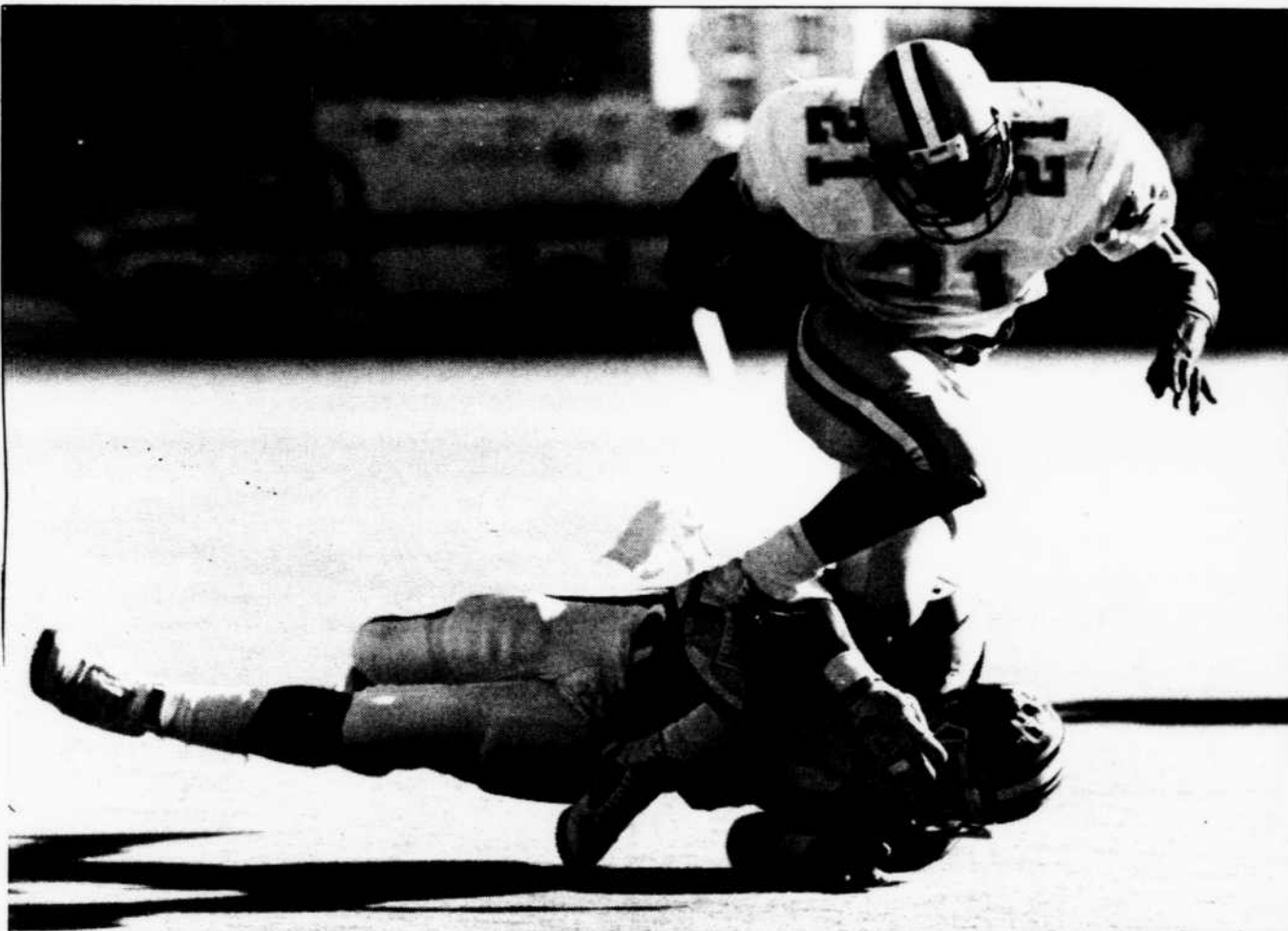
"It's been an up-and-down year for us," said Jerry More, Mountaineer Head Coach. "We're an extremely young team, and just very glad to be in the playoffs."

Appalachian State and MTSU met for the first and only time in 1974 at Boone, North Carolina. In that game, the Mountaineers defeated the Raiders 18-7.

- MTSU has played in four previous I-AA playoff games, compiling a record of 2-2.

Following the 1984 season, MTSU defeated Eastern Kentucky 27-10 in Richmond, Kentucky. MTSU then eliminated In-

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Breaking through...

Sandra Rennie•Staff

Tailback Joe Campbell breaks the tackle of Tennessee Tech defender Alfonzo Alexander en route to a 195 yard running performance. The game was the third consecu-

tive outing in which Campbell rushed for 167 or more yards.

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Present, former staff members take turn at picking winners in upcoming college basketball season

With the college basketball season upon us, *Sidelines* thought it would be a good time to make some predictions of our own. Editor Ken Salter, former *Sidelines* Editor and Sports Editor Tony Stinnett, and former assistant sports editor Kevin Spain have been assembled to give their predictions for the upcoming season.

Salter brings his knowledge of northern basketball to the trio, while Stinnett is originally from Georgia and is familiar with SEC and ACC hoops. Spain is from west Tennessee and has familiarity with the SEC and Metro conferences.

Each person has chosen their top 20 teams and has included other predictions such as Player of the Year, Sleeper Teams and Players to Watch to go along with their top 20.

No computer programs were used to come up with these results. They were arrived at through methods kept secret by the individuals involved.

Salter picks Arizona

Arizona is my choice as the best team in the nation. Behind the careful guidance of Lute Olson, the Wildcats will cruise to the PAC-10 title and should survive the West regional to get to Denver for the big show.

The Wildcats lost two NBA first rounders off of last year's team in Sean Elliot and Anthony Cook, but picked up two transfers in Brian Williams and Chris Mills. Williams came from Maryland, while Mills transferred from Kentucky and gets immediate eligibility because Kentucky was placed on probation.

If Arizona doesn't survive, look for Michigan or Georgetown to contend for the coveted championship. The Big Ten is definitely the nation's premiere conference this year and should put at least four teams in the NCAA Tournament. Although not of championship caliber this year, Indiana and Minnesota will benefit greatly from any post-season experience they can get.

Sleeper teams: Indiana. The Hoosiers have seven — yes seven — freshmen on their squad, but with the guidance of the "General" Bobby Knight the Hoosiers will mature quickly and surprise some people come tournament time.

MTSU is another sleeper. The Blue Raiders also have a lot of youth, but if they mature they could take the OVC crown. And once their in the big show, look out for the OVC. Over the last three years the OVC representative in the tournament has won their first-round game.

Player of the Year: Chris Jackson, LSU. He's simply the best there is and he's only a sophomore. He shoots from everywhere and hits most of them.

Players to Watch: Chris Mills, Arizona. Mills gets immediate eligibility due to Kentucky's probation and should bring immediate dividends for the 'Cats. He could be the final cog to take Arizona to the promised land.

Stinnett: take Arizona

When the winner of the NCAA Tournament cuts down the nets, it is usually believed they are the best team in the country.

However, the team that does the cutting in Denver next April might not be the best team.

If Arizona wins the title, and they should, they won't do it because they are the best team. Arizona should roll through the PAC-10 with ease and get the top seed in the West Regional of the NCAA Tournament. Although no road to the final four is easy, the Wildcats trip through the

West Regional will be less demanding than any other team that will reach Denver.

Should Arizona falter along the road, UNLV or Syracuse will be there to take the title.

Sleeper Teams: New Orleans. The Privateers return three starters who averaged over 10 points per game last season and will surprise a big-name team if they are overlooked in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Austin Peay is another sleeper. They should finish second in the OVC behind Middle Tennessee, but should the Blue Raiders not play up to their potential, the Gobs will be waiting to take the OVC championship.

Player of the Year: Alonzo Mourning, Georgetown. Mourning is the best all-round player in nation and his shot blocking ability will keep opposing players from bringing the ball inside.

Player to Watch: LeRon Ellis, Syracuse. Ellis is a transfer from Kentucky who should see a lot of playing time. He could be just what the Orangemen need to get to Denver.

Spain sees orange

Syracuse is returning three senior starters and play one of the toughest conference schedules in the nation. They might have a problem finding a good point guard with the graduation of Sherman Douglas, but playing in Carrier Dome, one of the loudest arenas around for basketball, gives them the edge they will need.

Georgetown is always strong, and will be as long as John Thompson is there. He is a great coach and motivator. Plus, he has Alonzo Mourning, who is possibly the best player in the nation.

Don't overlook Michigan. The Wolverines have four seniors back from last year's national champs and could very well challenge for the title again.

Other teams who could contend are UNLV, who will use their weak conference schedule to get a good seed in the tournament, and Arizona, who will cruise through the PAC-10 and should be healthy come tournament time.

Sleeper Teams: MTSU. The Blue Raiders have Bruce Stewart at the helm and if anyone can get his young players ready to play, it is him. Look for MTSU to contend for the OVC crown and if they get in the tournament, beware of a first-round upset by the team from Murfreesboro.

Another team to watch is East Tennessee State University. The Buccaneers lost a heart-breaker in the first round to Oklahoma last year and could use that experience to make some noise in this year's tournament.

Top 20

Salter	Stinnett	Spain
1. Arizona	Arizona	Syracuse
2. Michigan	UNLV	Georgetown
3. Georgetown	Syracuse	Michigan
4. Syracuse	Georgetown	UNLV
5. UNLV	Illinois	Duke
6. North Carolina	Duke	LSU
7. Duke	LSU	Arizona
8. LSU	Michigan	Illinois
9. Illinois	Arkansas	Memphis State
10. Missouri	North Carolina	North Carolina
11. Indiana	Memphis State	Indiana
12. Louisville	Missouri	Temple
13. St. Johns	Indiana	Missouri
14. Arkansas	Louisville	Ga. Tech
15. Ga. Tech	North Carolina St.	Arkansas
16. Florida	Ga. Tech	Louisville
17. Pittsburgh	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
18. UCLA	Clemson	North Carolina St.
19. Ball State	New Orleans	Clemson
20. Minnesota	MTSU	De Paul

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their quarterback and that allowed us to get a shot at their passes."

Jimmy McCamey and Mike Caldwell also had interceptions for the Blue Raiders, while Marty Carter recorded a team-high 11 tackles.

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diana State in a 42-41 triple-overtime thriller at Terre Haute, Indiana. MTSU bowed out of the tournament when they lost to Louisiana Tech at home the following week, 21-13.

The Raiders last saw playoff action in 1985, when the Raiders lost to Georgia Southern in Murfreesboro, 28-21.

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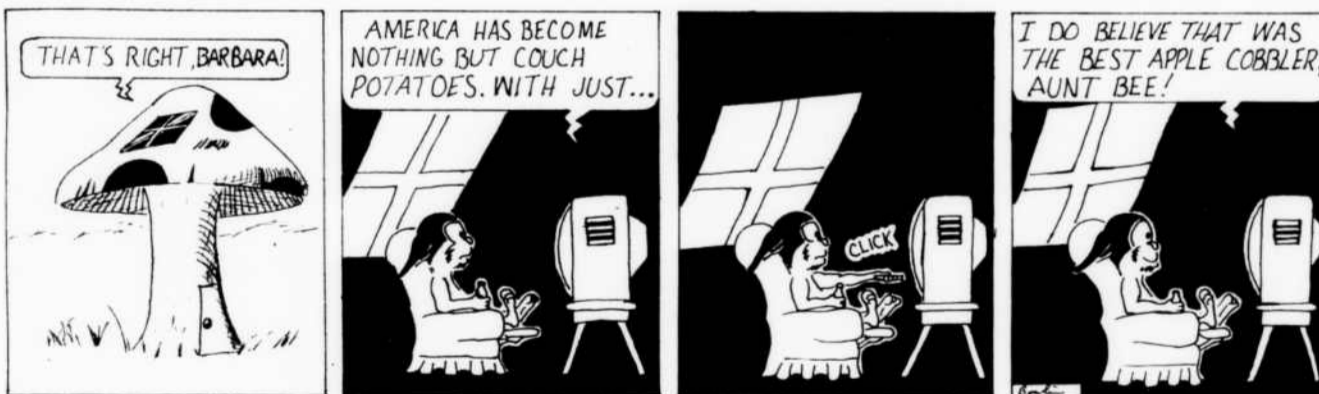
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