



It was not a day for straying from the beaten path and last night's snow promises only more of the same.

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Sidelines

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Briefly

Nikki Giovanni will speak at a special seminar hosted by the MTSU Honors Program Feb. 15.

The seminar, which will be held at 3 p.m. in the UC Honors Center, is open to everyone, according to June McCash, honors program director.

"We're hoping for a very informal meeting with lots of dialogue," McCash said.

Everyone interested in attending should be familiar with Giovanni's works and must sign up in advance in UC 306.

Giovanni will speak in the LRC at 8 p.m. later that evening.

ASB sophomore senator Everett Stone has resigned, leaving an opening to be filled by Mike McDonald, ASB president.

Stone, who was due to come before the senate because of absenteeism, resigned yesterday.

All interested parties should contact McDonald as soon as possible. To be eligible for the position students must have 30-60 credit hours and have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

International Publications is sponsoring a national poetry contest. Cash and book prizes are offered and all accepted poems will be printed in the American Collegiate Poets Anthology free of charge.

For information write to International Publications, 4747 Fountain Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90029. Deadline for entries is March 31.

Administrators to return pay received for teaching

by Janet Hyatt

Five administrators will pay back a total of \$726.70 collected for teaching classes during their regular work day for the month of January, MTSU President Sam Ingram said.

Two of seven administrators will continue to receive pay for teaching class since their classes meet after office hours, Ingram added.

After considering a request from Jack Carlton, vice president of academic affairs that exceptions be made for some administrators, Ingram decided that no exceptions will be made.

"I said in the memo that I appreciate his concern in the matter but I do not feel like I could

break the policy and make an exception," Ingram said.

Administrators who were being considered as possible exceptions to the policy put in some hours on week ends and evenings in addition to their daily hours.

"I appreciate the extra effort these people put forth for working over hours and I feel it is not in the school's best interest to deviate from the policy," Ingram said.

Administrators required to return January's pay include William C. Smotherman, facilities manager, who teaches in industrial sciences department; Dorothy Harrison, director of public relations, teaching in the mass

communications department and Morris Bass, vice president of business and finance, Bert Norton, systems programmer at the computer center and Betty Harper, director of public service, all teaching in the school of business.

"I do feel badly that these people started teaching thinking they would get paid. An apology from me to them is in order," Ingram said.

William Greene, administrative assistant to the president and Boyd Evans, director of development, both teaching in School of Business will continue to be paid since they teach after their normal workday.

MTSU's school of education faces NCATE reaccreditation evaluation

by Doyle Parham

MTSU's School of Education faces three days of evaluations and interviews when the 13 member visiting team of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) visits Feb. 12-14, according to D.B. Pockat, dean of education.

"The re-accreditation process has previously been on a ten year cycle but recently they changed to a five year cycle," Pockat said. "Their last visit was in 1974."

In Tennessee, 39 universities and colleges have been approved by the state department of education but only 14 have been approved by NCATE, according to Pockat.

The 14 schools that have met national standards include Memphis State, University of Tennessee (4 locations), Austin Peay, East Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Peabody, David Lipscomb, Carson-Newman, Southern Missionary and MTSU.

"Being accredited by the team is a benefit to students because if a student graduates from a college or university that has been accredited and moves to another state that has also been accredited, the student does not have to take other courses in that state to be certified," Pockat said.

The team visit will begin with a get-acquainted banquet at the Ramada Inn at 7 p.m. Feb. 11.

The group will be involved in meetings Monday with faculty, graduate students, undergraduates and administrative staff for evaluations of the present programs as well as new programs to be presented.

The visit will come to a close Feb. 14 with a luncheon. Team members will give the university and the education department a verbal evaluation at the final luncheon Wednesday.

After the report the team members will present a report to the NCATE chairman for final approval before being sent to Washington.

A copy of the report has to be sent to Washington within 21 days and a report has to be sent to the university giving the results of the visit.

There is a time limit of 21 more days to file a disagreement after receiving the report. If the university does not disagree with it the governing board of NCATE will review the institution report, team report and institution response for the final decision to accredit or deny accreditation for the university, according to Pockat.

"It will probably be this summer before we will know the final results, but I hope the team evaluates our programs very closely and we will be accredited another five years," Pockat said.

The 13 members of the visiting team are from 11 different states.

Members from Tennessee are Cleo Boyd, library and media specialist, Parkway Junior High School and Don England, director of teacher education and certification in Tennessee.

Readings by Giovanni highlight history week

by Ken Jobe

A lecture by poet-writer Nikki Giovanni and the first annual Minority Orientation Supplement Program spearhead MTSU's recognition of Black History Week, Feb. 12-16.

Giovanni will speak Thursday, Feb. 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the LRC. Admission is free and open to the public.

Giovanni received her degree from Fisk University in 1967 and since that time has written 13 books, including "The Women and The Men" and "My House," and recorded four albums, most notably, "The Way I Feel."

Her awards include five honorary doctorate degrees, Woman of the Year—1972, Youth Leadership Award from Ladies Home Journal Magazine, keys to such cities as Knoxville, Gary, Ind. and Dallas, Texas and the National Association of Television and Radio Artists Award for best spoken word album.

The purpose of the Minority Orientation Supplement Program is to prepare blacks for what's ahead of them in the world today. The program is Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the LRC, and is free and open to the public.

Key speakers for the program will be: Tommy Brown, director of student information and minority affairs; James D. Covington, director of guidance and counseling; Martha Turner, director of placement and student employment; Winston Wrenn, financial aid director; Mike McDonald, ASB president and Sarah Pinkerton, ASB senator.

Certificates of Merit will be given to outstanding blacks on campus.

Fire at Cummings aborted

by Jerry Williamson

Five fire engines were dispatched to Cummings Hall Tuesday night after a lamp plug over-heated, causing sparks and smoke.

The lamp was not plugged completely into an extension cord, exposing part of the metal prongs. The plug was then laid on a heater

in the room. The plug was "grounded out" and burned. There were sparks and a "lot of smoke" according to Janet Wallace, Cummings head resident.

All the girls in the dormitory were evacuated when the alarm was pulled.

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Aid applications available: Wrenn

Applications for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) and the new Middle Income Student Assistant Act are now available in the financial aid office, according to Winston Wrenn, director of financial aid.

Deadline for the Tennessee Student Assistant Award is May 15 and BEOG applications must be completed and finalized before

students will be considered for it.

The Middle Income Student Assistant Act is for students who come from families with an income of \$25,000 or less.

"I'd really like to encourage anyone who feels he may qualify to come by and apply, Wrenn said. 'I'd say that about 50 to 60 percent of our student body could qualify for assistance through this act.'"

Application deadline near for counselor job opening

Deadline for applications for the position of guidance counselor is Feb. 15, according to James

Male student apprehended for exposure

A young man was detained by university police for indecent exposure at approximately 1 p.m. yesterday in the ROTC parking lot, according to Capt. Larry Nixon.

The man did not expose himself to anyone, but, a ticket writer walked past the car and noticed him, Nixon said.

No charges were brought against the man, apparently a student, who was turned over to the deans.

There will be a pep rally organized by the ASB and MTSU cheerleaders for the Tennessee Tech game at 4 p.m. today in the Alumni Gym.

The basketball team and cheerleaders will be in attendance.

Calendar

FRIDAY

Band Clinics: music dept.; 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., DA auditorium and SFA 101
Orchestra Clinic: music dept.; 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., SFA 117
Jr. High Band Clinic: music dept.; 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room and Dining Room C
Interviews: Rose's Stores; UC 328

SATURDAY

Band Clinics: music dept.; 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., DA auditorium and SFA 101
Orchestra Clinic: music dept.; 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., SFA 117
Jr. High Band Clinic: music dept.; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., JUB Dining Room B
Exam: TOEFL: 8 a.m.-noon, LRC 221

"Hoop Shoot" contest: Athletic dept. and Tenn. Elks Assoc.; 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Murphy Center

Jr. Varsity Basketball: MTSU vs Hiwassee Jr. College; 5:15 p.m., Murphy Center

Varsity Basketball: MTSU vs Tenn Tech; 7:30 p.m., Murphy Center

SUNDAY

Water Basketball: Campus Recreation; noon-6 p.m., Swimming Pool

MONDAY

Bake Sale; BSU; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement
Singing Valentine: Concert Choir; 3-4:30 p.m., UC Basement
Movie: Coma; 3:30, 6 and 8:15 p.m., UC Theatre
Minority Orientation Supplement Program: Black History Week; 7:30 p.m., LRC 221

Covington, Director of the guidance and counseling center.

"The position of a counselor has been open since James Martin retired at the end of June. We have been short one person since then," Covington said.

An application can be picked up in the personnel office; a resume, including personal, professional and educational information, and three letters of reference are required.

"There are about 25 applications so far, but I don't know how many more we will receive," Covington said.

President Ingram, who will make the final decision, will rely on input from this office, he added.

"Prospects will be interviewed and we certainly hope the new counselor can begin working in the fall, or sooner," he added. The availability and approval of the person by the president will determine when they start.

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were dispatched to the fire for precautionary measures," Swann said.

"Anytime MTSU calls we are going to roll the equipment on it and take the appropriate equipment there," Swann added. "If we don't need the equipment we'll send it back, but we sent it out there in case we need it."

A false alarm was pulled approximately two hours after the first alarm, and all residents were again evacuated. It is not known who pulled the second alarm.

Smoke was confined to the seventh floor room where the mishap occurred and no damage was reported.

The seventh floor fire was out upon arrival of the emergency vehicles at 11:50 p.m., according to Murfreesboro fire chief Bobby Swann.

"Three engine companies, one snorkle and one truck company

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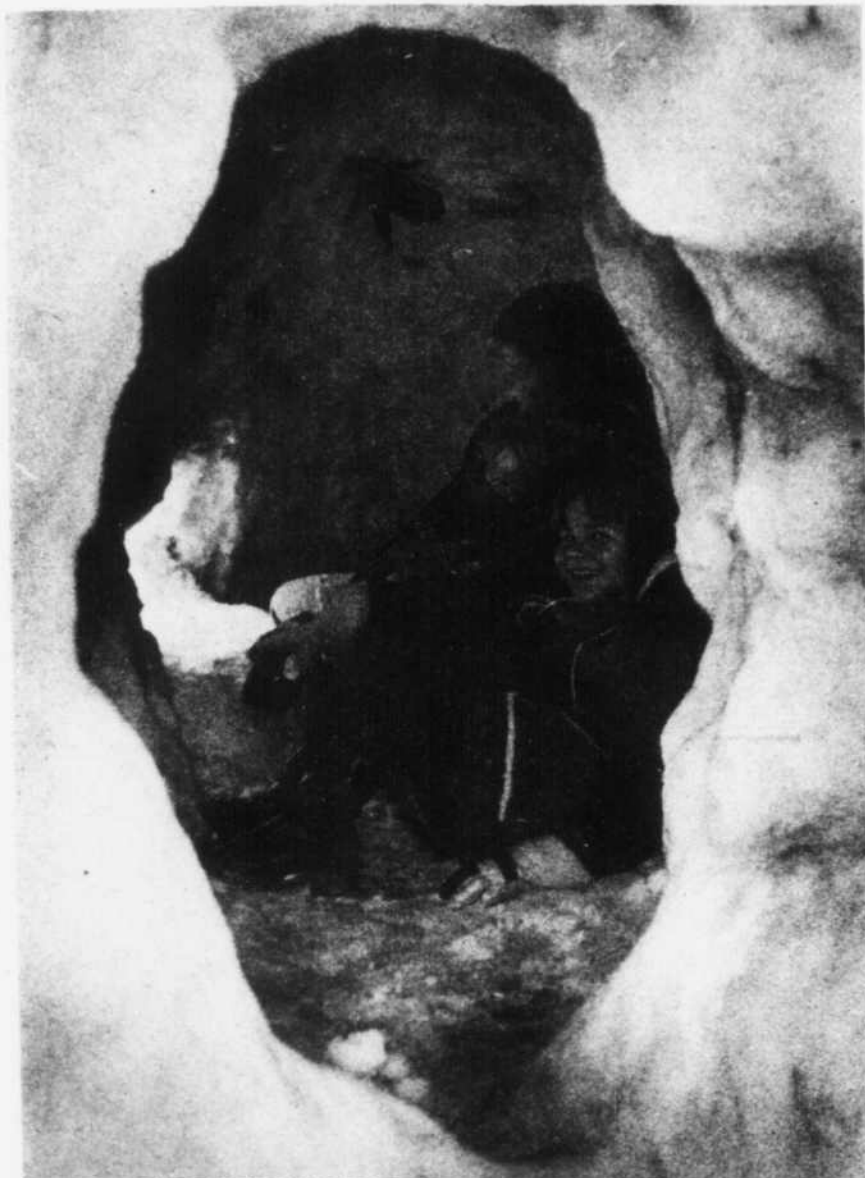
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Jennifer Ross, 8, and Angie Ridenour, 7, set up housekeeping in their newly built snow castle [above], before climbing on top with Abby Sain for a seven-foot "penthouse" view [left].

Survey shows students think MTSU "friendly"

"Almost always warm and friendly," is how the majority of respondents in a survey conducted by WMOT and the Office of Public Relations described the general atmosphere at MTSU.

Some 721 students took part in the poll during the first two days of spring semester registration.

A majority of those polled, 65 percent, learn about campus happenings through Sidelines and 67 percent from "other people." Multiple answers were allowed on the questions and 34 percent indicated they learned about activities through bulletin boards.

Although 12 percent indicated they get their information from WMOT, with 7 percent indicating they listen to WMOT "most."

More students listen to WKDF and WSM-FM 95 than any others and 49 percent of those responding admitted that they did not know what type of music is played on WMOT-Fm.

The survey revealed attitudes on the MTSU campus to be generally positive about such topics as whether classes are "interesting and well-presented," whether grades are "fair and equitable" and whether faculty and staff members are available when students "need to talk."

Students liked MTSU because of its people (48 percent), campus setting (46 percent), academic programs (42 percent), and geographic location (35 percent). Only 2 percent of those polled indicated "I don't like MTSU."



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Student transforms T-shirts into art

by Angie Galloway
In just one hour a plain T-shirt can become a work of art.
Rik Sabra, a senior in Recording Industry Management from Hollywood, Fla., paints anything from album covers to favorite pets on T-shirts.
"I supply the shirts and mainly specialize in doing album covers," Sabra said. People usually bring the album cover or just tell him what to put on the shirt. The Eagles and Jimmy Buffet are among those whose album covers he has done.
"I've painted everything on shirts from people's faces, favorite pets, joke shirts and portraits," he said. He's even

painted underwear.
"I first started painting shirts because of one of my friends had one that his girlfriend had made him. I liked it, so his girlfriend taught me how to do it in one try," he added.
"After that, I bought a lot of T-shirts and painted different things on them and went and sat on the lawn of the University of Florida. They sold fairly well, but I found more could be sold by taking orders from individuals and painting what they wanted exactly," he added.
The shirt is stretched over a canvas and painted free hand. "It is just a hobby that helps earn money," Sabra added.



T-shirt painter Rik Sabra explains his artistic technique.

Sewage problem concerns residents of 'J' apartments

Steps are being taken to relieve the sewer-drainage problem in "J" apartments, according to Harold Jewel, superintendent of buildings and grounds.
"Materials are being gathered now," he said. When weather permits, a "by-pass" route will be installed into the present sewer system.
Apparently the line has been blocked by a foreign object, Jewel explained. "When a sewer line stops up," he said, "then it will

back up a the lowest point. Some of the apartments in "J" happen to be at the lowest point."
A relief opening formed by this by-pass will allow any backed up water to swell in the man hole area rather than in the apartments.
"This is not 100 percent effective," Jewel explained adding that the new system won't prevent any future stoppages. The same principle has been used in other areas on campus such as building downspouts, Jewel added.

Grand opening of local bank to feature 'Domino Man'

by Linda Hardison
Murfreesboro Bank and Trust's newly completed main branch will have its grand opening the weekend of Feb. 16.
Members of Tau Omicron, an MTSU women's honor society, will serve as hostesses for the event.
Members of the press were given a preview tour of the new facility Monday by bank executives and personnel.
The bank opened its doors to the public Jan. 22 with several construction projects within the bank incomplete.
The \$4 million complex houses a centralized filing system which combines five major records departments. Bank executives feel the new system has caused little problems.

"Despite the change to the new system, we have incurred fewer problems than expected," Jack Weatherford, chief executive of Murfreesboro Bank and Trust, said.
Murfreesboro Bank and Trust has installed a NCR 8550 computer system which will deliver a monthly statement to customers combining all types of accounts.
Percy Jenkins, head of bank security, demonstrated various types of security devices including a video tape scanner. This scanner enables Jenkins to watch the entire bank and a section of the parking lot with the touch of a button.
The B.F. Moore library, named for the first chief bank executive, houses various periodicals, financial reports and state and federal

banking policies.
The interior of the bank, including conference rooms, plush offices and comfortable customer surroundings, was designed by Larry Schumaker, Schumaker Interiors of Nashville.
Bob Specia the "Domino Man" will display his talent at the bank on Feb. 18. Specia will be spelling out Murfreesboro Bank and Trust with the dominos, a process that will take ten hours. The dominos will be knocked over later that afternoon.

Safety plans are finalized

by David Pierce
New safety additions for Murphy Center will include handrails along the stairways and steel grids placed in the tree and light wells to prevent falling accidents, according to Archie Sullivan, director of safety.
Handrails will be installed along the irregular steps that lead up to Murphy Center on the south, northeast and northwest corners, he said.
"These won't do away with the need for ridding the steps of ice," he said, "but people using the steps will now have something to hold on to."
The six tree wells and eight light wells at the west end of Murphy Center present a hazard since someone could accidentally lean over and fall into one, Sullivan explained.
To resolve this problem, steel retaining grids will be placed inside these wells two or three feet down from the top, he said.
Another area of safety emphasis is a 40 foot section of wall at the west end of Murphy Center that overlooks a 15-20 foot drop above the entrance sidewalk.
A retaining rail will have to be erected along here, according to Sullivan. "It won't keep anyone from climbing up on a wall," he said, "but maybe it'll keep anyone from falling off."
Sullivan said that people have accidentally stepped off into the drainage ditch by the northwest entrance gate of the football field and suffered minor injuries.
That area will be covered to equal ground level, eliminating this hazard completely, Sullivan explained.
Sullivan said that the department has been working on these improvements for the last two months. The plans will now be turned over to campus planning.

Campaign guidelines adopted for elections

by Janet Hyatt
Candidate qualifying petitions must be turned in to the ASB election commissioner by noon March 7 for the spring elections to be held March 14 and 15.
Regulations set up by the election commission at their meeting Wednesday include spending limits of \$200 for president, \$125 for vice president and \$75 for senators.
Candidates must return their financial statements and receipts by 2 p.m. March 12. Additional receipts must be turned in by 4 p.m. March 16.
The commission decided campaign posters may be displayed on bulletin boards, residence halls and anywhere notices are usually placed.
No campaign posters can be displayed on windows, doors or stapled to telephone poles. They may be placed on plants as long as the plant is not pierced.
Candidates will be responsible for the legibility of the signatures on their petition.
Candidates are also responsible for all regulations set up in the Electoral Act of 1977, Byron West, election commissioner said.
Qualifying petitions and copies of the electoral act are available in the ASB office.

Senate committee formed to investigate food services

by Faye Hale
A resolution calling for an investigation of sanitary conditions and extermination procedures in campus food service facilities was passed in Tuesday's ASB Senate meeting.
The senate also passed resolutions asking that cars violating color codes not be ticketed on Friday after 3 p.m., campus speed bumps be painted and that a campus telephone for the library and a can soft drink machine in Sims Hall be installed.
Randy James, junior senator, sponsored the resolution calling for a three member committee to investigate sanitation and extermination procedures on campus food service facilities.
James pointed out that he would like to find out how often extermination procedures are carried out and stated that he would like to visit the cafeteria "at night." The committee is to report its findings to ARA, the ASB senate, Paul Cantrell, dean of students and Ivan Shewmake, associate dean of men.
Kent Syler, speaker of the senate, sponsored a resolution asking that university police refrain from ticketing cars parked in the wrong color code area after 3 p.m. on Friday.
Syler pointed out that since most people, including faculty and administration, leave early on Friday issuing tickets is a useless drain of student funds.

House passes resolution to study ARA cash plan

by Janet Hyatt
A resolution to initiate an investigation into a modification of the cash plan now used by ARA was passed by the ASB house at their Tuesday meeting.
Stating that there is a problem of non-compensation for unused meal tickets, the resolution asks that the Food Services Committee "investigate and attempt to alleviate the problem."
Tom Duncan, sponsor of the resolution, said that he had talked to Doug McCallie, director of ARA who said if evidence of the need for a change of this kind was shown, a change could be made.
The resolution will go to the senate for consideration. If it passes, it will be forwarded to the administration.
In conjunction with the house project "Crunch Nestles Quick", a seminar dealing with Nestles supply of infant formula to third world countries, the filmstrip "Formulas for Malnutrition" was shown to the members.
Mark Floyd, speaker of the house, reported that the seminar will be held Feb. 20-22. Films and speakers will be featured each day.
A debate between a Nestles representative, Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFAC), a world wide organization banned together to boycott Nestles products and a nutrition expert will be held in the 221 Media Room of the LRC Feb. 22.
The next meeting of the house will be at 4:30 Feb. 13 in UC 322.

'Annie,' 'Ain't Misbehavin',' 'Da' on Spring Broadway tour agenda

by Lisa Human
If you haven't made any plans for spring break and you're tired of going to Florida, why not consider a New York theatre tour?
Sponsored by the speech and theatre department, special attractions of the tour will include tickets to five award winning shows such as "Annie" and "The Kingfisher" and a luncheon at Mama Leone's.
The fee of \$369 per person will include round trip air transportation, hotel accommodations at Ramada Inn on 48th and 8th Ave., hotel fees and tips.
A \$100 deposit is due Feb. 15, with a one hour credit available to all interested students.
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Newsroom Comment:

The black experience recognized next week

Next week is National Black History Week. MTSU is recognizing the event with a Minority Orientation Supplement Program Monday and a lecture by Nikki Giovanni Thursday.

These efforts are the be commended, but the black students on campus are being dealt an injustice in the lack of programming. One wonders if the lack of programming is due to a lack of interest or a lack of funds.

Next week would be a perfect time to run black films, to sponsor black/white relations seminars and to bring in successful black members of the community.

Blacks have made many contributions to our society that are too often overlooked or downplayed in the face of racial prejudice. The latter, of course, making for the better headlines.

Black History Week need not be only for the blacks. It can, with support, become an important boost in the growth of awareness and understanding between the races.

In the past, Sidelines has received many letters on racism. Blacks complain of discrimination and prejudice. Whites complain about blacks complaining. Nowhere is there the give and take required to achieve harmony between persons sharing the same space.

Black History Week is now an annual event on campus. We can only hope that a good show of student support will make the expansion of its programs mandatory.

downstown by Tim Downs



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Why do you think the university asks for the rent in advance? If we (the residents) paid our rent by the month we would have some leverage when dealing with the "landlord". As it stands, they have our money and what recourse do we have?

Perhaps, when someone's apartment floods and the tenants are electrocuted due to the water reaching an extension cord on the floor, we will have a whole new ballgame.

Poorly designed pipes or clogged up lines is an easy excuse. Use the funds we put in as rent or \$5 from everyon's security deposit. We'd all be a damn lot more secure!

I live in K Apts on the third floor so I needn't worry about wearing a life-jacket to bed...not yet! Our mold and bug problems are minimal as we are living "above it all" in the "pent-house".

I must defend some of the maintenance people—most are friendly and try to help. Our disposal went out and it was repaired that afternoon, so let's distinguish the good guys from the bad.

Perhaps if everyone in "J" joined together and put drain cleaner down their sinks at the same time...who knows? It could do any of the following: (a) clean out the pipes, (b) rust out the pipes or (c) "J" into orbit around Pluto.

Is this what they call alternative education?

Bruce Baranowski
Box 1899

To the Editor:

In these days of E.R.A., equal job opportunities, and equal housing laws, one would think that our society is making an effort to rid

itself of the injustices of discrimination. I was appalled by an experience recently to find an aspect of discrimination alive and

well which has yet to be touched by legislation. This aspect deals with a more basic form of prejudice, the way people are appraised by their dress.

Some friends and I went to the Opryland Rodeway Inn Lounge one night to listen to some music. There were no signs as to the code of dress. I was wearing slacks and a vest, my escort was wearing jeans, shirt and jacket, and we were both wearing hats.

Upon entering we were asked to remove our hats, take them to the

car and we could then be admitted. My friend offered to hang them up, but the insistence was to return them to our car. It was stated that "no hats" was a rule by the management.

We did return the hats to the car (in the rain) and were going to re-enter when we were shocked to see a well-dressed man with a suit and hat being admitted. Could it possibly be that this establishment did not like something else about us? My friend approached the manager at the entrance and asked him why the other man was allowed to enter with his hat when we were not.

The manager said that he made the rules and that was all there was to it. When my friend stated that this seemed unfair, he was told, "We do not like your type here." We immediately got the real point and left.

I fail to see how an establishment can have such set standards without posting them to avoid embarrassment for this bar and for the people who don't meet their standards. To educate its patrons, the management should perhaps post pictures of what "type" one should be in order to listen to music, dance and drink.

Can it be after all of the attempts this country has made in our fight against discrimination, that laws will never help? Isn't it true that all of the laws and rules in the world are of no use if basic prejudices cannot be changed?

I suppose there are still those who believe that clothes really do make the person. Somehow I can't accept that. I recall that Richard Nixon always wore a suit.

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ed. note: The manager of the hotel

was contacted and acknowledged that the incident did occur. However, the present manager stated that a dress code sign is posted and that the manager at the time of the incident is no longer with the hotel.

To the Editor,

I find it depressing to realize that the bulk of the school year has gone by and House Speaker Mark Floyd has waited until the last minute to try to boost the sickly attendance of the house.

To be blunt, the duties of the house and the senate have been sorely neglected and we, the students of the university, are the ones who must suffer.

Sidelines reported that membership was set at 28, and yet a member once told me that there were no more than 15 or 16 at the majority of the meetings.

Are these few people to be allowed to run the affairs that go on in the house? They shouldn't. It's not what the system is designed to do.

I would also like to question the legality of the bills they passed. The by-laws, if I'm not mistaken, say that a majority plus one of the representation is required to hold a meeting. If this is the number needed to have a quorum, then show can the house hold meetings with only 28 members? Shouldn't there be 40-some?

I have been disappointed by the house this year and I'm sure that many others feel this same way. I feel that the attempt to increase membership is a lot of hindsight when foresight should have been used months ago.

I can only hope that those who are elected next year will be more conscious and responsive to the duties they accepted when they were elected. This goes for both the speaker and the members.

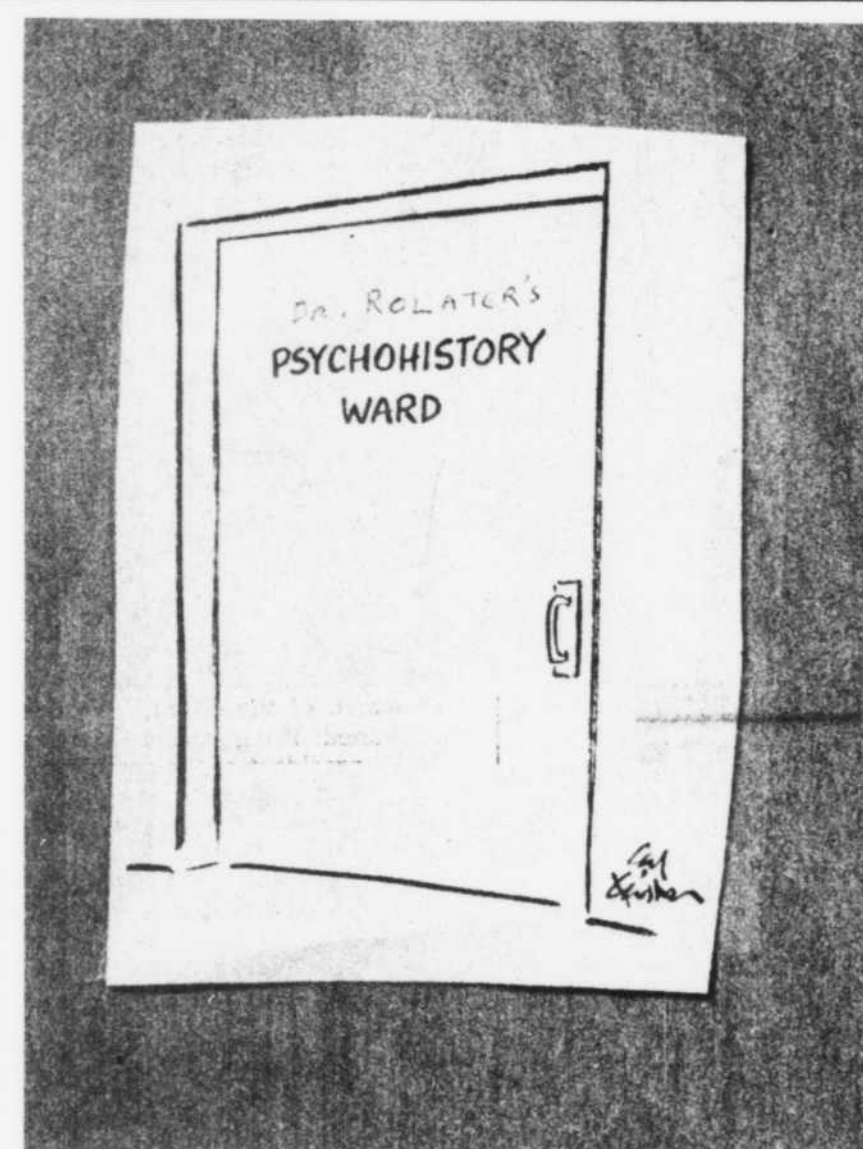
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Et Cetera

by Bill Cook



Fred Rolater is an associate professor in the history department whose courses cover modern developments in historical analysis—including the use of psychology to explain history. A student attached this cartoon from the New Yorker Magazine to Rolater's door and added Rolater's name, adding a local touch to a national theme. Rolater's ward [er, office] is in Rm 279 of Peck Hall.

Entertainment

Music, drama depts. present opera

by Lisa Human

If your first impression of an opera is a lady with a high voice and big breast singing at the top of her lungs, "The Marriage of Figaro" may change that.

Through the combined efforts of the music and drama departments the comic opera, showing Feb. 23-24, will be the first opera at MTSU in 10 years.

Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" is easy to understand, which makes it a good opera to see for the first time, according to Randie Blooding, an MTSU music professor who will play Figaro.

"It is a comic opera, light and fun," Anne Petty, publicity director of the opera, said. "The plot is farcical," she added.

Figaro, a servant to the count, is about to be married. According to custom, the Count is entitled to the first night with his servant's bride.

Since the Count already desires Suzanna, Figaro is constantly trying to keep him away from her. "The count's wife is involved also, which makes it even funnier," Petty said.

Blooding, who has played the role of Figaro 25 times in five

different productions, views the opera as a "chance for people to realize that the opera should be fun, and not just a high-collar sophisticated kind of production."

Suzanna, the prospective bride, will be sung by Cynthia Perkins, an adjunct member of MTSU's music faculty who sang professionally in New York for four years.

The role of the weak-hearted, love-lorn countess is double cast. Jocelyn McDonald, a graduate music student and Suzy Shoman, a senior music major, will alternate in the role.

The Count will be sung by Terry Fern, associate professor of music at Belmont College. Fern views his role as a difficult, long role as he is on stage most of the time.

Other cast members include Marcelina, sung by Riverdale High School music instructor Nancy Dinkins; Cherubino, per-

formed by music major Debbie Cathey; Basilio and Curzio, sung by Bill Mangham, a member of Columbia State's music faculty; Bartolo, portrayed by Mark

Schweizer, a graduate of Stetson University in Florida; Antonio, sung by music and theatre student David Johnson; and Barbarina, performed by music major Sue Gay.

Music professor T. Earl Hinton will conduct the orchestra and Dorothe Tucker, Director of the University Theatre, will serve as staging consultant. Clay Hawes is technical coordinator and Pat Lane is costume coordinator.

Admission is \$3. Tickets may be purchased early by sending a 473, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132. MTSU students will be admitted free.

Band of Blue goes south of the border

by Lisa Human

While most people are packing their swimsuits for a trip to the nearby beach or pool the MTSU Band of Blue will be packing their horns and suitcases to board a plane to Venezuela.

The work/vacation will take place this summer and will mark the bands first out-of-the-country trip.

They will be staying in Caracas, the capitol of Venezuela, and will be performing numerous concerts. "However, we plan on

giving ourselves plenty of free time too," Linda Mitchell, assistant director of the band, said.

Money for the \$53,000 trip will come from various places. Each band member will pay \$300 on his own, in addition to selling place-mats. "We are going to wait and see how much money the place-mats bring in before we decide what our next fund raising idea will be," Mitchell said.

Since the plane seats 252 passengers, and only approximately 90 band members are expected to

go, the band is inviting an adult tour group consisting of faculty members, alumni, students from Venezuela and possibly anyone interested to fly to Venezuela with them. Cost for these individuals will be \$450 and is due March 16.

The tour group will not have to attend band concerts and will be basically on their own for recreation.

Other ventures include a trip to Washington and several trips to the Tangerine bowl in Florida.

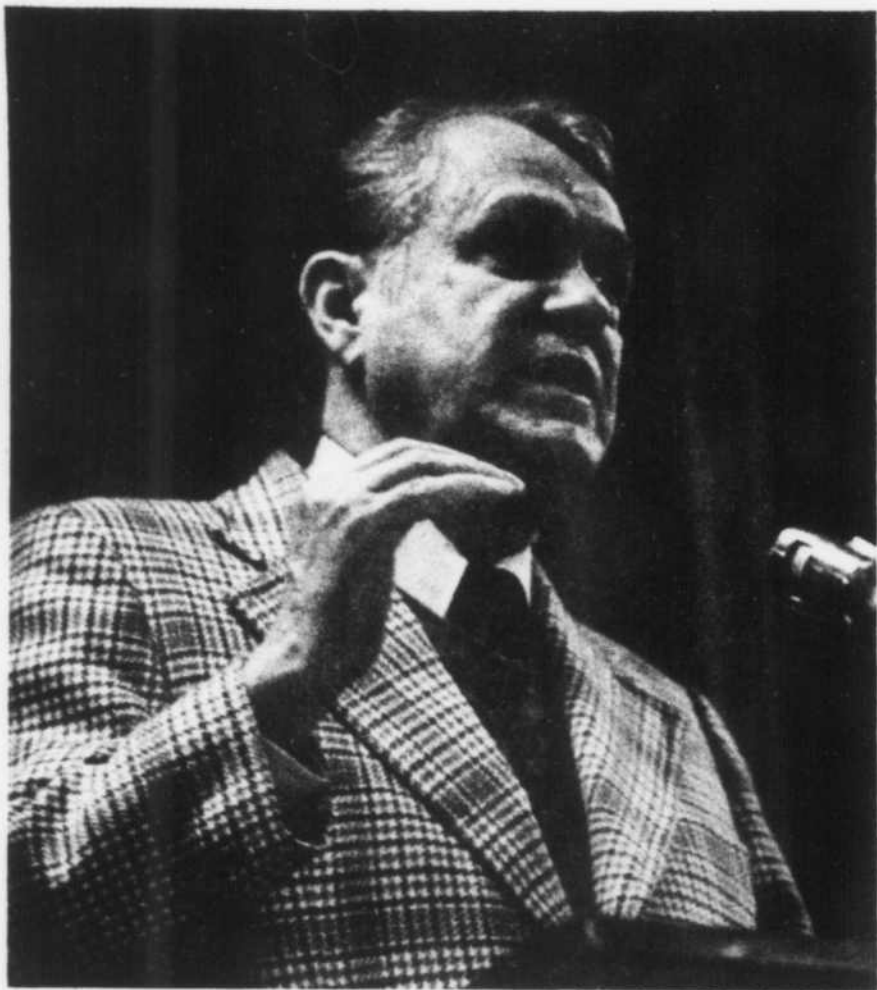


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Judge Wilkes Coffey



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Dr. Eugene Fowinkle

Government scrutinized in forums

by Jeff Ellis, Suzanne McCarthy, Angie Galloway and Jane Mier
Tennessee government came under scrutiny during state government days at MTSU Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the Pre-Law Society and the Ideas and Issues Committee, the event attracted leaders from the three branches of state government to the campus for discussions ranging from the legislature to the judiciary, from public health to corrections.

State Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, kicked off the three day long forum with his speech on "The Legislative Animal." More than 100 persons heard Bragg predict that some \$84 million will be required if Tennessee is to meet President Carter's suggestion that state employees receive a 7 percent salary hike.

"There will be no new programs in Tennessee this year unless old programs are phased out," he said. He attributed this to the proposed salary increase.

In his discussion, Bragg told his audience that legislators tend to fall into one of four groups. The first, called the spectators, are those who enjoy being in the middle of things. The reluctant, the second group, are comprised of those persons who have good names in their communities and who the power structure in the town believe can be controlled.

Those in the third group, termed the opportunists by Bragg, are seeking to improve themselves by running for public office. Lawmakers make up the fourth group and, according to Bragg, are the ones who "stay pretty well in line, attend meetings and sponsor legislation."

Consolidating the present circuit and chancery courts into one superior court would not change the set up of courts now, State Senator John Rucker said Monday.

Such a consolidation would provide for the interchange of judges, Rucker said. "All judges would be responsible for holding court in all areas."

An effort must be made, however, to equalize the case load, according to the senator.

The state senate's first responsibility is to the people of Tennessee, Lt. Gov. John Wilder said during his discussion of "The Role of the General Assembly in the State of Tennessee," which climaxed the first day's activities.

Wilder likened state government to a corporate organization with the people of the state as stockholders. "I think of the legislature as the board of directors with the speakers as chairmen of the board," Wilder explained. The governor, he said, is the president of the company.

"But unless we are acting in the best interest of the state we meet with failure," he said.

He does not, however, anticipate failure in the recently convened general assembly. "I believe we have the best senate we've ever had," Wilder concluded.

Tuesday's forum on the executive branch of state government got underway with an address by assistant corrections commissioner Ramon Sanchez-Vinas.

Tennessee will have to build five more regional prisons each accommodating some 400 prisoners if it is to alleviate overcrowding in existing correctional facilities.

Cost for construction of the facilities, however, is a problem area which must be contended with, the MTSU alumnus said. An estimated \$21,000 is required to finance the construction of bed space for one prisoner and Sanchez-Vinas said, "It hits you in the pocketbook; it's expensive."

"Personally, I'm not in favor of capital punishment and I think if the public really thought about it they wouldn't be for it either," Sanchez-Vinas said.

Decisions regarding capital punishment still remain to be formulated with Governor Lamar Alexander considering the issue, he said.

Dr. Eugene Fowinkle, called "the dean of commissioners" by many, told his listeners Tuesday afternoon that the big challenge of public administration today is good management in an economy of scarcity.

Fowinkle said most administrators today received their first ten years' work and education during a period of tremendous growth in the economy. They were conditioned to develop, build and expand to meet public needs and demands, he contended.

"Today the situation is almost reversed," he said. "Termination of major programs is a very real possibility and expansion monies are out of the question."

Judge Wilkes Coffey of the 8th Judicial District's Circuit Court said that he is in favor of jury recommendation sentence.

"I believe people like us are the ones who can do the best job of convicting," he said.

"With all the disappointments and with all the problems facing the country, you should remember you are important," Coffey told his audience. "There is nothing more exciting than understanding the system of checks and balances."

Only three states—Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas—have chancery courts, Chancellor Whitney Stegall of the 8th Judicial District said Wednesday morning. The duties of a chancellor are to listen carefully, consider cautiously and decide impartially, he said.

Should the proposed merger of circuit and chancery courts happen, Stegall said, he and Judge Coffey would have an equal amount of cases.

Tennessee Supreme Court Justice William Harbison was unable to make his appearance Wednesday afternoon due to inclement weather.



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Sidelines Sports

Raiders lose in overtime

by Henry Fennell

The magic in Murphy Center lasted only forty minutes last night, leaving the Blue Raiders to sputter and die in overtime.

The Mercer Bears survived a late game lapse in free throw shooting to claim a 64-61 overtime win last night at Murphy Center.

Sophomore guard Dartez Talbott sank four straight free throws in the last half minute of overtime, to ice a win Mercer nearly let slip away in the last few minutes of regulation play.

MTSU trailed by eight points with a little over six minutes left to play before Greg Joyner finally got cranked up to lead a late rally. Joyner scored seven of the Raider's last nine points.

Joyner turned a three point play to pull Middle to within two points with two minutes left. The two teams traded buckets before Mercer's Jeff Linville missed the front end of two consecutive one and one attempts that could have put the game away.

Linville's misses opened the door for some last minute heroics from Joyner. The senior from Philadelphia put up a twelve foot jump with seventeen seconds left

that could have tied the ballgame. The shot rolled off the rim but a foul was called on the play. Joyner didn't hesitate as he stepped to the line and hit both of the free throw attempts, tying the ball game at 54 all.

Mercer's Stewart Reece took the final shot in regulation. His 18 foot jumper from the left corner missed the mark, forcing the game into overtime.

The Raiders managed only one basket in the first 4½ minutes of overtime as Mercer built up a five point lead. Jimmy Riley and Greg Armstrong scored on layups in the last thirty seconds, but it was too little, too late.

Both coaches agreed the same was won on the boards and on the defensive end of the floor. "I thought we won the battle on the boards and I was especially proud of the way we played defense tonight," said Mercer coach Bill Bibb. "I feel like we took most of their inside game away with our zone defense," he added.

Coach Jimmy Earle summed up the evening by saying, "The team played badly and the crowd was bad. There was no atmosphere in

here tonight."

"They just wanted it worse than we did," Earle said. "There was no real concentration on our part—no intensity."

MTSU's sixth man, "super-sub" Jimmy Riley, led the scoring with 19 points. The senior forward hit seven of 12 from the field and five of seven from the free-throw line.

"Jimmy doesn't want to start," said Earle. "He likes to pick up the flow of the game before going in." Riley entered the game with less than two minutes gone last night.

Greg Joyner, the second leading scorer in the Ohio Valley Conference, couldn't break out of what has become a three game scoring slump. Joyner managed only 13 points in last night's game. Freshman Chris Harris, the only other Raider in double figures, scored 15.

MTSU's record dropped to 12-9 for the year. Mercer improved their mark to 15-4. The Raiders are back in the OVC this weekend with a Saturday night game against Tennessee Tech at Murphy Center. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.



photo by ROBIN RUDD

Rick Johnson, [23], looks to get a pass inside over the outstretched hands of Mercer guard Jeff Linville

[31]. Johnson came off the bench to score two points in the 64-61 loss last night in Murphy Center.

Earle's Raiders might be in best position to capture OVC crown

by Scott Adams
Sports Editor

As the Ohio Valley Conference moves into its final three weeks of the league competition, a review of the remaining games shows that Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders might be in the best position.

The Raiders, who are presently fourth in the conference with a 4-4 record, play three of their last four games in Murphy Center with the only game on the road being with Murray State, who is presently in the conference cellar.

Middle, who hosts rival Tennessee Tech tomorrow night, will travel to Murray next Saturday for the conference television game before returning home to finish out the season by hosting Austin Peay and Western Kentucky.

On the other hand, the conference co-leader Eastern Kentucky, will play their remaining OVC games on the road with Austin Peay, Murray and Tennessee Tech.

Tech is remaining conference schedule finds them on the road three out of their last four games against MTSU, Western and Morehead before returning home to host Eastern Kentucky.

Morehead, who still has an excellent shot at a play-off berth, is currently fifth in the conference with a 3-5 record.

Their remaining schedule finds them on the road against the league's weakest two teams, Austin Peay and Murray, and at home against perhaps the league's best two teams in Eastern and Western Kentucky.

Western's last four conference games are with Tech at home, Austin Peay on the road, Murray

at home and Middle on the road. The Hilltoppers have to be considered the hottest team in the conference after pulling off two upsets of league leading Eastern, although they did lose to Morehead 83-81 last week.

Blue Raider assistant coach Stanley Simpson said that he didn't really realize how the conference situation looked through the last four games until looking over the schedule.

"I was writing down everybody's schedule for the remainder of the season this morning and realized that things look pretty good for us right now," Simpson said. "Of course being at home hasn't meant a whole lot this season in the conference."

Conference Notes

In a special conference meeting held last week at Western Kentucky, the OVC voted to hold its conference tournament at the site

of the regular season champion. In the past, the conference tournament site was chosen prior to the season's beginning.

The tournament will be held March 2-3 unless Western wins the league title. If the Hilltoppers win the title, the tournament will be held Feb. 27-28 in their area. The university has already reserved the arena March 2-3 for the Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference tournament.

Also at the meeting, league officials chose the remaining games of the OVC TV Game-of-the-Week series.

Feb. 10—Eastern at Austin Peay, Feb. 17—Middle Tennessee at Murray, Feb. 24—A choice of Eastern at Morehead or Western at Middle Tennessee. A final decision on the site of this game will be made by the conference Feb. 19.

All television games will be broadcast at 12:30 p.m. CST.

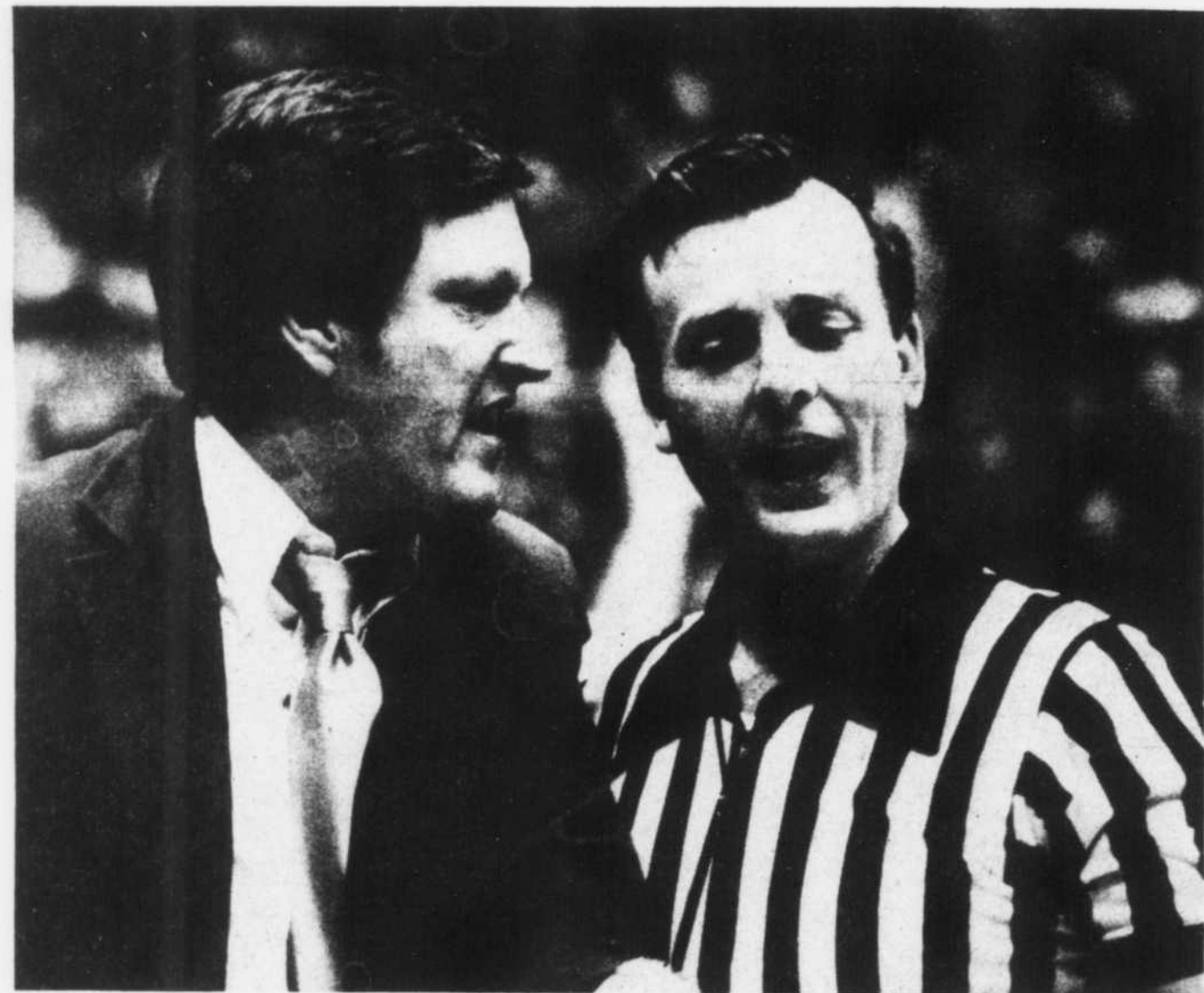


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Blue Raider head coach Jimmy Earle has never professed to be the officials best friend, but he seems to have a few helpful hints for this referee in last night's game with Mercer.

Women head for OVC tournament

Six consecutive wins, including a 65-63 upset over 19th ranked Memphis State, have MTSU's Lady Raiders on the upswing as they head into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament this weekend in Richmond, Ky.

"It really feels good to get things going our way for a

change," said a jubilant Larry Inman, following his team's latest victory, a 66-63 squeaker over UT Chattanooga Saturday night. "We couldn't have picked a better time to turn things around than just before tournament time," Inman said.

The last time MTSU suffered defeat was January 13 in Cookeville when the Golden Eaglettes of Tennessee Tech administered a 107-73 shellacking, a loss Inman does not care to talk about.

Since that night, the tide has turned and one reason according to Inman, has been the emergence of junior college transfer Josephine Wright.

"Josephine has been our spark-plug during this winning streak," Inman said. "She's come off the bench in almost every game and given us a lift, especially on the defensive end of the floor."

Against UT Chattanooga, it was Wright once again who came off the bench to score 12 points and pull down 10 rebounds. She also had two assists and three steals on the night.

Forward Kathy Riley turned in another fine game, leading all scorers with 24 while Sharon McClannahan added 20.

Inman was particularly pleased at the way his team held its poise in winning its second close game in four nights.

"I thought we got our offense going in the second half and took better shots. That and the fact that we were able to hold their fine guard Debbie Allman to only two points had a big bearing on the outcome," Inman said.

MTSU will take a 9-10 record into the OVC tourney where they will catch host Eastern Kentucky in the first round.

"Eastern will be tough, especially at their place. We'll just have to play smart and not beat ourselves," Inman said.

Riley, McClannahan and Ileana Portik lead the Lady Raiders in most of the statistical categories.

Riley leads the team with a 19.7 scoring average followed by McClannahan at 19.6 points per game and Portik at 11.8.

McClannahan is the leading rebounder, averaging 9.7 a game. Riley follows at 6.8 per game with Portik third, averaging 6.4 a game.

Should the Lady Raiders win over Eastern, they will play the Morehead-Austin Peay winner in the semi-finals tonight at 8:30.



photo by ROBIN RUDD

Josephine Wright

***** Bulletin *****

MTSU's Lady Raiders winning streak was burst last night in Richmond, Ky. in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball tournament, 85-84.

Sharon McClannahan led Middle with a career high 35 points even though she sat out most of the second half with four fouls.

Both head coach Larry Inman and assistant coach Debbie Chitwood agreed that the officiating in the ballgame left a lot to be desired.

"I really hate to see something like this happen to us. We really

thought we had a good chance to come up here and win this tournament," Inman said.

The Lady Raiders led early but were hurt by the foul situation as McClannahan, Kathy Riley, Cindy Moore and Ileana Portik all had to sit out most of the first half.

Eastern jumped out by as much as 12 late in the game but Middle came back to tie the game with 2:18 to play. But once again the referees struck and the Lady Colonels sank crucial free throws to give them the one point win.

The loss brings the Lady Raiders record to 9-11 for the season.