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'Are you sure there're no more?'

They're all closed!!! Freshmen Douglas Huhlein, center left, and Thor Calalogne, right, try to get cards for English classes, but apparently the rest of the class of '87 beat them to it.

Pipes damage buildings

By JOE ESTES

Sidelines Staff Writer

Water pipes froze and burst Christmas day in more than 14 buildings on campus when wind-chill temperatures dropped to 37 degrees below zero, Housing Director Ivan Shewmake said last week.

Damaged buildings included Peck Hall, Keathley University Center, the Business Building, the Livestock Pavilion, Woodmore Cafeteria, High Rise West, Clement, Gore, Gracy, Judd, and K apartments and H and I Halls. No estimate was available on the damage costs at press time.

THE DAMAGE to the pipes caused minor flooding, and some walls were ripped out to get to the pipes. Some mattresses and rugs were soaked in the flooding. H-Hall has seven rooms with holes still in the walls.

"We gave them [the residents] a choice to stay in the room or be moved into other rooms," Shewmake said. "Everyone stayed in the room."

He added that weather forecasters enabled personnel to be prepared for the accident, and maintenance men "caught it pretty quickly."

THE BUILDINGS with the flooding were shelled out and the water was then cut off, Shewmake said.

In some cases, the workmen had to go through the walls to get to the pipes, he said.

In the dorms where this occurred, Shewmake offered the residents the alternative of moving to another room or staying in their damaged ones.

"IT IS GOING to cost, obviously, with everyone on overtime," Shewmake said. "It is too early to have a price estimate."

The most common problem concerned the shower valves in the dorms, which broke and jammed.

James Staley, director of maintenance, described the damage as mostly minor flooding.

THE WALLS WERE ripped out around the pipes and must be replaced, he said.

"Our buildings are not designed for this extreme

cold," Staley said.

Some of the damage occurred in the janitors' closets, where temperatures reached 60 to 70 degrees. The outside walls, which were closer to the pipes, were at least 37 degrees below zero, he said.

The full damage has not been calculated, due to the fact that the men are still working on it.

MOST OF THE damage occurred on the north wall of the dorms because these walls were hit directly by the cold wind, Staley said.

"This cold spell was probably the worst the south has ever seen, and the high schools were also caught by the freezing," Staley said.

Shewmake said that he plans to use "preventive maintenance" in the future, which might include placing vents in the walls to aid in heat circulation.

DON ZLOTKEY, ONE of Staley's assistants, was in charge of the clean-up and repairs. He said he had suspected that this would occur and had crews watching for it. This fact decreased the damage costs.

Registration smooth

Enrollment rises

By JOHN-PAUL ABNER

Sidelines Staff Writer

Registration for the 1984 spring semester progressed smoothly, running ahead of schedule most of Thursday and Friday, Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie said yesterday.

"This was one of the best registrations that I can remember," Gillespie said. "There were no major problems during registration—there were not even any minor problems."

ENROLLMENT AT the end of regular registration was 9,967 students, and total enrollment is expected to reach 10,500, he said.

Enrollment is up by about 300 students in comparison

with the 1983 spring semester, which had a total of 9,604, Gillespie said.

That total is well below the government enrollment ceiling of 11,000.

THE NEXT CHANGE in the registration system may be a compressing of the time involved, Gillespie said.

"We normally take 10 hours to register for the fall and spring semesters but we may reduce it down to nine hours," he said. "This registration could have been easily completed in nine hours."

"Another change that might occur is the institution of a pre-registration program; however, we are trying to fine tune the present system before

we move on to another type of system."

AT YESTERDAY'S vice-president's meeting, Delbert Meyer, vice president for academic affairs, said that, because of potential computer problems in the future, MTSU would have to develop some kind of backup system for registration.

"There's always the possibility of computer down-time," he said.

If the current computer system, which is used by the university on a rental basis and is interfaced with the main system, "works one more time, we will use it on a regular basis," University President Sam Ingram said during the meeting.

3 sentenced, fined on drug charges

Two MTSU graduates and one current student received prison sentences over the holidays for their involvement in last summer's \$100,000 drug bust.

Former ASB Public Defender Vic Larnard, 22, and Stuart Lee Jones, 26, both pleaded guilty to charges of possession of marijuana for resale in late December. John Taylor Bracey Jr., 21, pleaded guilty last week to similar charges.

BOTH LARNERD and Bracey were fined \$1,000 each and sentenced to 18 months in prison, while Jones received a year's sentence and a \$500 fine.

Bracey and Jones are free on bond until their suspended sentence hearings. Larnard is currently in the Rutherford County workhouse and must remain there until his own suspended sentence hearing Jan. 30.

The three men were part of a group of six current and former students arrested by Murfreesboro police last August with more than 150 pounds of "high-grade Colombian" marijuana, vice officers said.

Brett Gordon, 24, and Lee McKee, 20, have plea hearings scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, while charges were dropped against a sixth student, Daniel Foley, because of a defect in a search warrant.

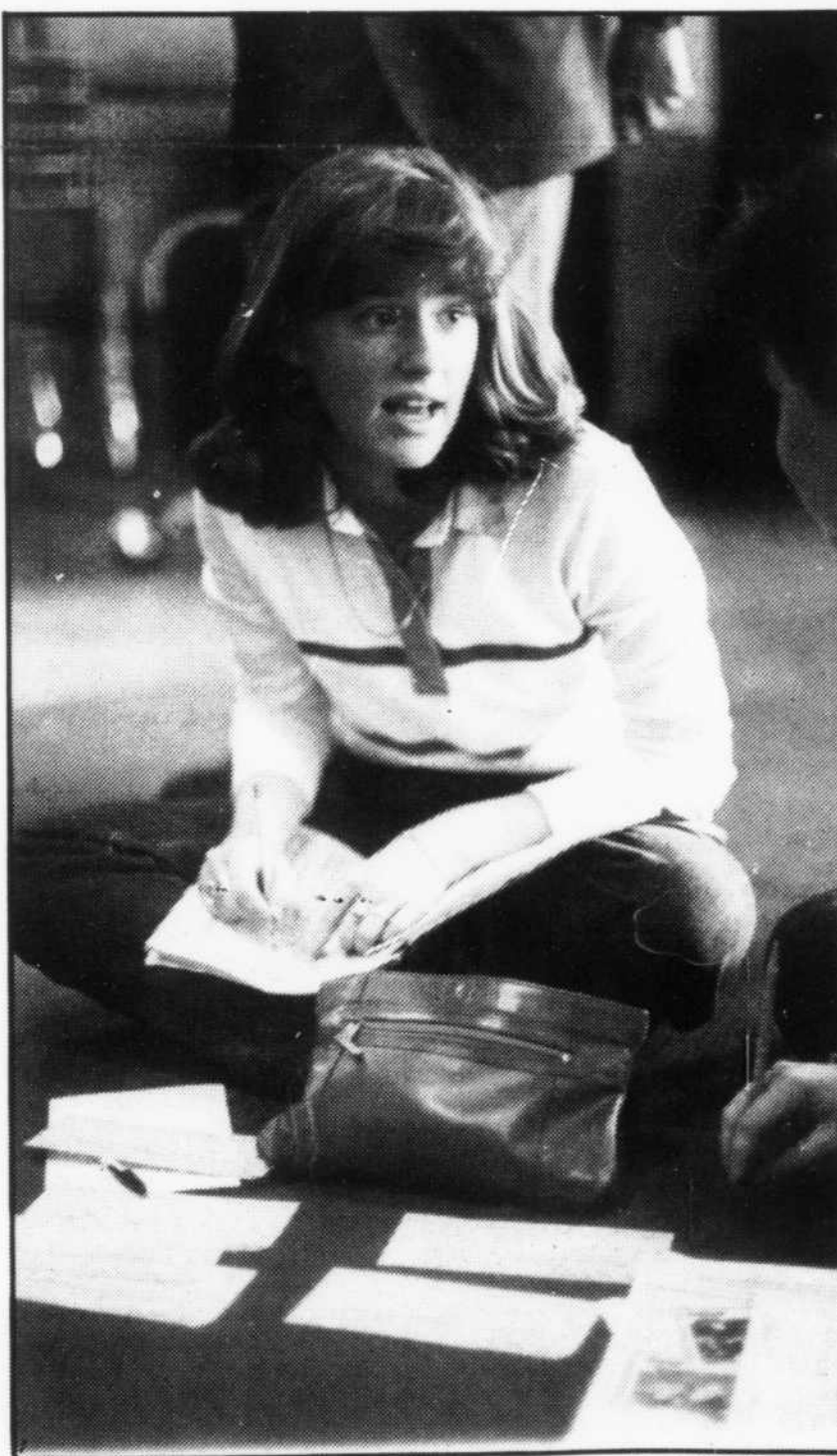


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Just a freshman

Unless you've been through it a couple of times, registration can be a pain. Freshman Jan Perry goes a bit further, adding that registration was driving her "insane."

Frat rush begins tonight; large turnout expected

By CYNTHIA FLOYD

Sidelines News Editor

A large number of rushees are expected during spring fraternity rush, and the majority of those who pledge are expected to qualify for initiation, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

Rush functions begin Tuesday night and will continue through Jan. 23, when bids will be sent out.

"WE'RE EXPECTING a big turnout," Cantrell said last Thursday. "But more than just a large number of pledges, we're expecting a large number to make their grades for initiation."

Cantrell said that the number of pledges is not as important as the number of initiates.

"That's the bottom line," he said. "If we pledge 20 and

initiate only three, that's no good. But if we pledge 20 and initiate 20, that's very good."

ONE REASON FOR such optimism is the "deferred rush" policy implemented in the fall, Cantrell said.

Deferred rush allows only those rushees who have completed 12 hours of college work with a 2.0 GPA to receive bids.

After accepting a bid, a

pledge must maintain a GPA of 2.25 to qualify for initiation, Cantrell said.

THE OBJECTIVES OF the deferred rush policy are to obtain pledges with a "proven track record" and to encourage studying during the pledge period, Cantrell said.

"If they [the pledges] develop study habits then, they will continue to receive good grades as actives," Cantrell

said.

An "overwhelming majority" of pledges qualified for initiation in the fall, Cantrell said. However, he did not have an exact percentage of those pledges who were initiated.

OVER-ALL, FRATERNITY GPAs have been improving during the past 18 months, Cantrell said, adding that he is hopeful that they will continue

to do so.

Ten fraternities performed academically above the all-male average of 2.28 for the fall semester, Cantrell said.

The all-fraternity grade average for the fall semester was 2.35, while Delta Tau Delta had the highest average with a 2.61. Alpha Phi Alpha had the next highest average with a 2.60.

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Campus Capsule

THE FOREIGN language department is offering elementary Japanese courses for the spring semester. Japanese 111, open to all interested students, will be taught Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 12:50 p.m. Japanese 112 is an intermediate course open to those who have taken 111 or the equivalent with the permission of the instructor. Japanese 112 is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 1:50 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SIGMA TAU DELTA, the English honors society, will have its first meeting of the semester in Room 327, Peck Hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 4:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

APPLICATIONS ARE now being accepted for attorney general, public defender and graduate senator. Positions are also available on the ASB Traffic Committee and Student Supreme Court, as well as a director of public relations. Forms can be obtained from the ASB office, Room 304 at the University Center. For more information call 898-2464.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS which plan to apply for student activity fee funds should secure applications in Room 128 of the University Center. The deadline for filing applications for the spring semester is Jan. 31.

Frat

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WHILE HE SAID he is optimistic about the upcoming rush, Cantrell said that, in light of the recent death from alcohol poisoning of an Omega Psi Phi pledge at Tennessee State University, the Inter-Fraternity Council will keep a close watch out for hazing practices during the spring pledge period.

"We really don't have those kinds of problems," he said. "We work with the fraternities at the start of rush to warn about hazing. They take it pretty seriously."

One hazing practice that the IFC is trying to deal with is the voluntary branding done by some of the fraternities.

CANTRELL SAID THAT the IFC has asked those fraternities who brand to

rewrite their constitutions not only to discourage branding but to ban it totally.

Comparing it to the branding of livestock for identification, Cantrell said that he feels that the practice does not represent 20th century America and that it does nothing to enhance the image of the Greek system.

"A lot of good men who otherwise would pledge might not do so out of fear that they will be forced to be branded—although the branding is a strictly voluntary thing, he said.

SPRING RUSH functions begin Tuesday night with parties at Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Nu.

No other fraternities will be allowed to have parties that night, in order to permit rushees to attend all functions.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi will have parties Wednesday night.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES may be served at the Tuesday and Wednesday parties, but this service is not mandatory, Cantrell said.

All fraternities may have parties Thursday night, but no alcoholic beverages may be served.

Smokers will take place Jan. 16 through 19. Preference parties by all fraternities will be Jan. 20.

Bids will be sent out to aspiring pledges Jan. 23.

Fire damage may be \$25,000

Replacement estimates for the contents of an MTSU agricultural storage barn on Manson Pike which burned Dec. 26 could go as high as \$25,000, Department Chairman Harley Foutch said yesterday.

Lost in the afternoon blaze were 3,200 bales of alfalfa hay and 600 bales of straw, as well as a few minor pieces of

equipment.

THE REPLACEMENT of these items will cost approximately \$10,000, Foutch said, and other small items lost in the fire could account for the remaining \$15,000 of the estimate.

No major equipment was stored in the building, and the calves housed in the barn were removed safely, Foutch said.

Foutch's immediate concern is the influence the fire will have on milk production, he said.

The agricultural department is presently looking for other places for storage, he said.

The barn itself was old, which made it good for storage, but estimates to replace it will be extremely high, Foutch said.



MTSU's horse judging team was the winner in the prestigious judging contest recently held in conjunction with the World Championship Quarter Horse Show. Team members from left front are Andy Peterson, Amy Jamison, Mary Arnold and Nancy Korn. They are shown with David Whitaker, team coach, and Harley Foutch, chairman of the MTSU agriculture department.

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TEAM MEMBERS WERE Mandy Arnold, Amy Jamison, Nancy Korn and Andy Peterson.

Walt Garrison, former Dallas Cowboy running back and current representative for U.S. Tobacco Co., presented the team with \$1,000 in scholarship funds.

Cam Foreman, special events coordinator for the American Quarter Horse Association, presented in-

dividual and team trophies and plaques.

MTSU'S TEAM IS only the second team from east of the Mississippi River to win the World Championship contest.

Dave Whitaker, director of public service/horse science, coaches the team.

Other teams placing in the top five were Texas Tech, New Mexico State, Texas A and M and Colorado State.

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Dr. Dobson, Well Known Author, is Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and is on the attending staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.



Dr. James Dobson, Ph.D.



Photo by Randall C. Kimbrell
Freshman Pam Orton (with a little help from mom) gets her stuff back into the dorms for another semester of classes.

One dies, one injured in car accident

By JIMMY TAYLOR

Sidelines Staff Writer

An MTSU fraternity president was injured and a former student killed in an early morning automobile accident on Interstate 24 Dec. 24.

Former MTSU student Scott Amos, 25, was killed in the accident, while John Landers, Kappa Alpha president, suffered a dislocated hip.

WHEN CONTACTED at the KA house yesterday, Landers said that he had been instructed by the "state" to withhold comment on the accident until an investigation is completed.

"I really can't say anything yet," he said. "They are waiting until I recuperate before they question me."

The Tennessee Highway Patrol is investigating the accident. No charges have yet been filed.

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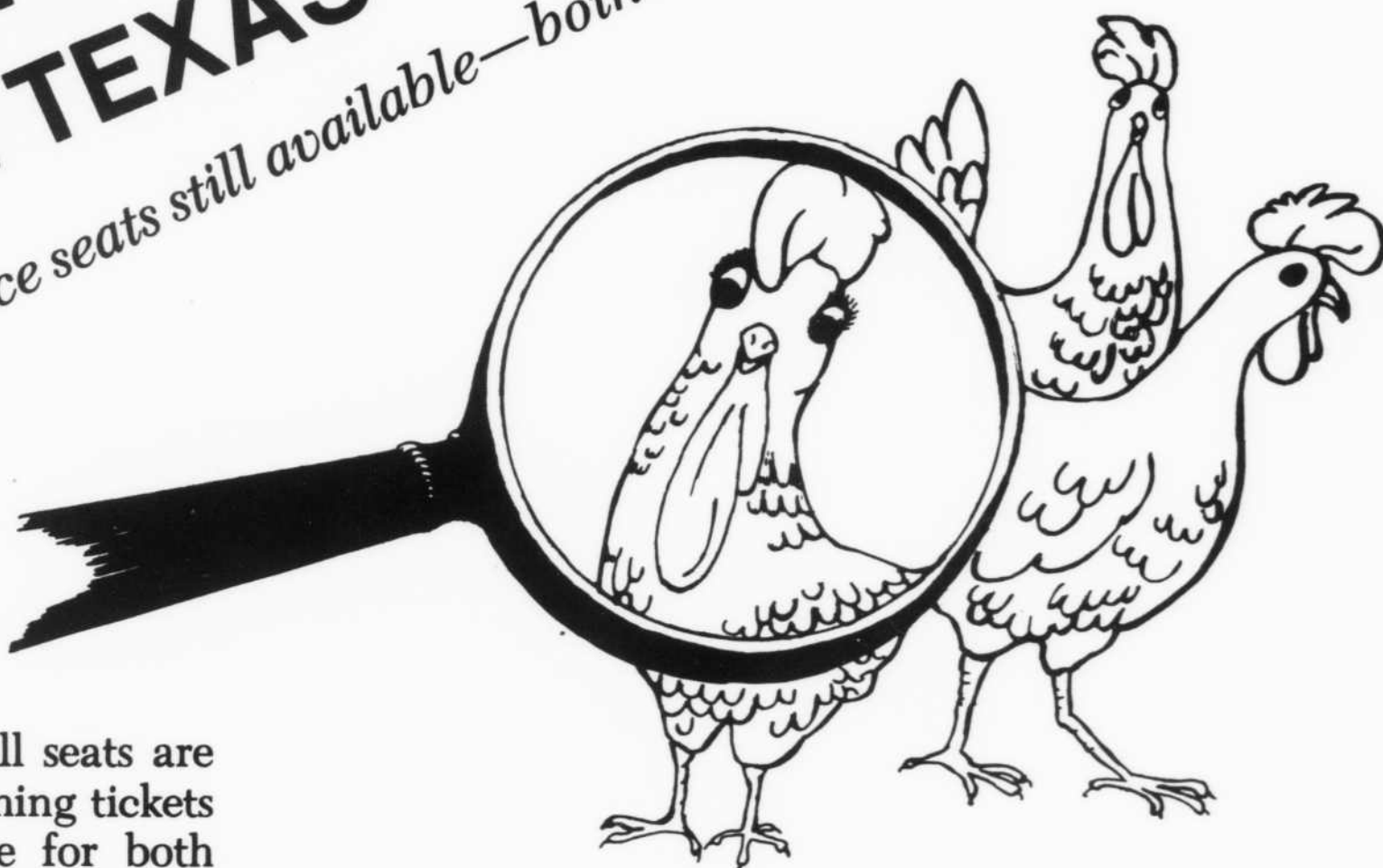
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Big Brother's watching MTSU

Ten days into 1984, and where are we? Right back where we started, at least at MTSU. Some things never change.

Efforts to ease into the digital age by computerizing registration haven't eliminated all the problems that this campus faces in that omnipotent process.

The long lines are still there, as well as the short tempers when a piece of red acetate is slipped over a class section which a student *must* have to graduate at the end of the semester.

And the thought-criminals will never be completely eradicated.

One of these hardy souls boasted that he was "getting 10 dollars a card" by registering early Thursday morning and requesting class cards for those outside who crossed his palm with silver.

At last count, rumor had it that the young man was doing a healthy business, because he had obtained at least 15 class cards, in addition to his own. Pity those who would never think of crossing Big Brother and who didn't realize how lucrative this practice could be. It could have saved a lot of groveling downstairs

at the financial aid desk for emergency loans.

And what did this young thought-criminal's ingenuity prove?

Simply that no matter what the system tries, there's always someone to buck it. Things change, but people don't. Just because MTSU has a computer downstairs to conveniently itemize class schedules doesn't mean the people who have a thriving practice in selling class cards are going to slow down.

It also proves that this university's system of registration is still back in the dark ages—though we are making some progress—and should be brought up to date by utilizing pre-registration. It's only fair...it is 1984.

In the meantime, the rest of the petty criminals will satisfy themselves with waiting until the last possible day and the last possible moment to file upper-division forms, drop classes and pay parking tickets.

The major thought-criminals will have to be content with planning the overthrow of the ASB or some other pseudo-government.



Jackson trip 'political ploy'

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's recent excursion to Syria, ostensibly to secure the release of captured U.S. Navy pilot Robert Goodman Jr., may not be as helpful to Jackson's Presidential campaign as he apparently planned.

Goodman did not attend Jackson's campaign rally in the serviceman's hometown of Portsmouth, N.H., last Saturday because of a Pentagon policy which prohibits military personnel's affiliation with any political campaign. He has also sidestepped any questions regarding his possible voting preferences—which could understandably be influenced by Jackson's role in his release.

Goodman was the guest of honor, however, at a more conventional homecoming party in Portsmouth yesterday with his family and friends. Jackson was not in attendance.

One can only wonder if Jackson would have made the celebration another campaign rally, in the guise of expressing his continued devotion to the cause of "human rights."

The average person with the slightest semblance of political understanding can recognize Jackson's trip for what it was: a political ploy, which he apparently plans to milk for everything he can while seeking the Democratic nomination during the upcoming Presidential election year.

Jackson's trip to Syria should be commended at face value, however, because it shows that the "little man"—

in this case, a captured Navy flier—matters to the American public and the American politician. But the civil rights activist is not the only person who should be recognized.

Goodman, the serviceman who was shot down in the line of duty and held for almost one month under decidedly unfriendly conditions, also deserves commendation for his bravery, as does the pilot of the captured plane, who died in action.

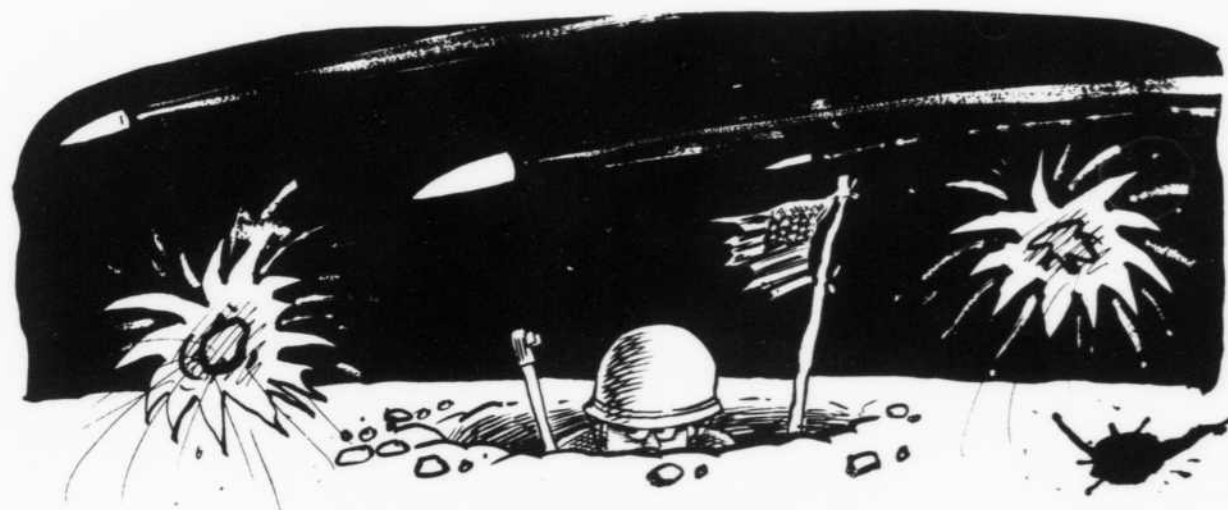
And Jackson, ever the militant preacher, is using Goodman's return to further his political campaign, even going so far as to refer to the policy prohibiting servicemen from engaging in political activities as keeping Goodman "under house arrest."

Why didn't Jackson refer to the Pentagon's current policy of maintaining personnel as "peace-keeping forces" in the Middle East as "house arrest"?

It seems that these men and women are just as bound as Goodman ever was. Their only consolation, perhaps, is that they now can put ammunition in their rifles to protect themselves and the area to which they are attempting to restore peace.

Jackson's Syrian excursion should be recognized for what it was—an attempt to keep his name in the public consciousness during the first days of this election year. Human rights and humanitarian efforts took a back seat to Jackson's own political hunger.

THE MARINES



A FEW GOOD MEN ...
TOO FEW GOOD LEADERS

Rant 'n' Rave

By DALE DWORAK

Sidelines Columnist

I suppose it would show inexperience and a child's view of the world if I asked who the good guys are in Lebanon.

Surely the world has outgrown the need for heroes. Instead, it has settled for muddled lines of right and wrong, and haze where human rights and national interests mingle.

But who are the good guys? There is a long list to choose from: the Israelis, Christians, Druze Moslems, U.S. Marines, French, Italians, Syrians and even the Russians are all involved. And let us not forget the Palestinians; they seem to be everywhere, as well as the Iranian terrorists. Perhaps we

should ask the real Lebanese to stand up just so we know they exist.

In Poland, it's obvious that the good guys are members of the outlawed Solidarity trade union, and the bad guys are the repressive communist regime and the Russians. In Lebanon, it isn't that easy. In fact, with everyone getting killed in the name of God, freedom, the dollar and safe Israeli boundaries, it's hard to even find the rights and wrongs of everything.

In Poland an American invasion would be welcomed with open arms by the people. We would be liberators, bearing the priceless gifts of "life," "liberty" and "the pursuit of happiness." Of

course, the Soviets would frown upon us playing in their front yard, and the world would be swiftly plunged into the Third and Last World War.

So, instead, United States Marines are dying for no apparent reason in an heroic attempt to keep Beirut International Airport open for those who are fool enough to visit Lebanon.

Maybe I'm too naive to understand why we're in Lebanon, but with no good guys, bad guys, or right or wrong, it seems our marines could be better employed elsewhere.

I understand Afghanistan is looking for a few good men.

From Our Readers

Racism not limited to whites, reader claims

To the editor:

After reading "Stepping from the Shadows" in the last issue of *Sidelines* for the fall semester, I simply could not sit still for another dose of racist remarks without making what will probably be called "racist" remarks myself.

I cannot comprehend how a person who claims to make an attempt to see all sides of an issue could make such statements as Ms. Abdullah did regarding her support for the Rev. Jesse Jackson in his Presidential campaign.

Why not support the Rev. Jackson because he is the most qualified person for the job? Why not support him because of his political experience?

Because, unfortunately, he is neither the most qualified, nor is he the most experienced person running for the office. If he were, I'd be among the first to campaign and vote for

him. But he, as well as the other candidates, really needs to show me that he can do something other than make pretty speeches.

If I vote for Jesse Jackson, it will be because he shows me something that the others don't—competence, intelligence and the ability to do the job. If I don't, it's because he didn't—not because he's black.

Supporting the Rev. Jackson simply because he is black is just as racist as refusing to vote for him because he is black. One doesn't have to be caucasian to be a racist.

Eileen Brandon
Box 7201

Reader lauds public radio

To the editor:

I would like to publicly thank WMOT-FM and WPLN-FM for providing a listening choice for the Middle Tennessee area.

Amid the sameness of commercial radio, it is great that collectively, these two

stations offer us the opportunity to hear not only the best of American jazz, but the rest of the world's great music.

John R. Duke
Professor of Music, MTSU

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Please address all letters and inquiries to: *Sidelines*, Box 42, or come by Room 310 on the third floor of the James Union Building.

Clydelines

By CLYDE CRAWLEY

Sidelines Columnist

Before I go any further, I feel it necessary to apologize to those of you who expected my cat to take over the job of writing this column.

She backed out at the last minute, and would not reconsider.

I even tried appealing to her sense of humanity, but that only elicited a derisive chuckle.

I said, "Hey, Dr. Schnelle's dog can do statistics, so give me a break!"

No deal.

I suppose it's just as well. Her vocabulary is fairly limited, and she adamantly refuses to speak English, clinging tenaciously to her own peculiar dialect: kitty-talk.

So I'm stuck with this for another semester, and maybe it's just as well.

This column is dedicated to all of you "first-time-at-MTSU" students. Don't worry if you have the vague feeling that a lunar landscape would seem more familiar than this campus and that finding your

way around Pluto would be easier; everybody feels that way around here for a while.

One solution to the problem of finding your way around campus is to obtain a campus map. The only problem with this is that we have yet to discover what campus this map illustrates—it's certainly not MTSU. The best thing to do is to ask someone. Appear to be totally helpless and completely humble, but also appear eager to learn.

That big square building in the middle of campus is really named Peck Hall, and we've already heard all the jokes about it. If you don't want to look like a real geek, keep them to yourself.

The Grill in the University Center is basically the place to see and be seen. I'm not going to comment on the food served there, since there is no accounting for tastes, but I have actually seen people eating there.

Proper seating is important in the Grill. If you are not a frat-type, do not sit on the side

closest to the windows. This is unofficially reserved for different fraternities, and these people will very readily let you know this. Fraternity people are not known for their tolerance or lack of prejudice, so save yourself a headache and sit with us mortals on the other side.

The people on the Campus Security force take themselves very seriously, so I suggest that you take them very seriously, too.

No, MTSU's campus is not under military rule, and we have not been invaded. The people in military uniforms are in ROTC and do not carry loaded weapons. I assume this is to prepare them for a tour of duty in Lebanon, but I'm not certain.

The main thing is to relax. Most students here are very friendly, sensitive people, and will only make fun of you behind your back. I mean, if you can't make fun of those less fortunate than you, who are you going to make fun of?

features

'83 movie pics predicted for Academy Awards

By LARRY PAREIGIS

Sidelines Staff Writer

Join me, if you will, for an excursion into some of the best moments in film from 1983, my list of the top five movies of the year, and some early Oscar predictions.

You won't find *Flashdance*, *Porky's II*, *Staying Alive*, *Jaws III + D*, or *Breathless* in this list. If that is where your cinematic head is at, stop reading here. I won't waste precious time, energy, and space analyzing the daunting demerits of the aforementioned films.

INSTEAD OF WASTING TIME with adolescent, supposedly titillating fare, I sat in a nearly empty theatre to watch the latest film from Bill Forsyth. Who? He is the creator of one of the most entertaining and offbeat films of 1982, *Gregory's Girl*, and he repeated and exceeded that high mark with his 1983 release, *Local Hero*, which stars the increasingly marvelous Burt Lancaster (nominated in the Best Actor category last year for Louis DeMalle's *Atlantic City*) as a Texas oil baron who purchases a small Scottish village.

Did you miss the Disney film (the name Disney seems like a stigma to a major release nowadays) *Never Cry Wolf* that is directed by Carroll Ballard and stars Charles Martin Smith in his best role since *American Graffiti*?

How about Bonnie Bedelia's quietly brilliant performance as race-car driver Shirley Muldowney in *Heart Like a Wheel*?

HOW ABOUT RICHARD FARNSWORTH's lyrical touch in bringing to life forever the character of *The Grey Fox*, an

aging stagecoach discovering time has passed him by with the locomotive?

How about the last film, so he says, from the Swedish director Ingmar Bergman called *Fanny and Alexander*, which is an autobiographical explosion of enough color, life and truth to make you think and touch your soul?

How about...?

More rewarding... than cutting a sweatshirt...

One can see that these talented actors, actresses and filmmakers didn't go with flashdancing convention but cut brilliant swaths by going against the grain and trailblazing new territory with unique and original communications to the heart.

ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT you missed. Just remember that there are stacks of cans of film containing classics that will appear for a week's time at a neighborhood theatre. It could turn out to be a much more rewarding and enjoyable experience than cutting a sweatshirt for the off-the-shoulder look.

Now to the grand and glorious of the year gone by, my top five films from 1983.

1) *Terms of Endearment*. What can one say about coming in contact with this movie? You've laughed, cried, but never once felt like the film was too maudlin or that it wrenched reactions from you. Any film that presents a live wire of emotion like this one treads a delicate line, and this one took the chance and emerges a winner. Shirley McLaine, Debra Winger, Jack

Nicholson, Danny DeVito and John Lithgow prove themselves to be the true people that disappear into their characters and mirror over 25 years of interpersonal relationships in vignettes that do hold together as a loose narrative that, taken cumulatively, ring true for all concerned, especially the moviegoer. James Brooks, who elevated the art of comedy writing by several notches with *Taxi*, co-wrote and directed, in my estimation, the finest film of 1983.

2) *The Big Chill*. Until the above film was released, this was my favorite film of 1983. From the opening scenes of a dead man being dressed while his friends are being notified of his demise to the accompaniment of "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" until the closing credits roll and the speakers burst forth with "Joy To The World," this movie maintains its high standards of acting, writing, direction and production. You walk out of the moviehouse with a wistful grin and realize that the state of American cinema is rock solid. With the ever-fantastic and commercially slick Lawrence Kasdan aboard as co-writer, co-executive producer and director, as well as the assembled talents of the best and brightest actors and actresses—Tom Berenger, Glenn Close, Jeff Goldblum, William Hurt, Kevin Kline, Mary Kay Place, Meg Tilly, and Jobeth Williams—starring as a group of friends from the University of Michigan's graduating class of 1972 dealing with the suicide of a close friend and aging up and out of the counterculture, was the success of this film ever doubted? Even the soundtrack,

which is comprised of 1960's Motown hits, is superb. Everyone involved in this film deserves a massive Oscar. Come in from the winter cold to see this one if you haven't already.

3) *Zelig*. This is the ultimate comic sendup of *Citizen Kane* in general and the documentary in specific as seen through the eyes of the gifted filmmaker that made paranoia simultaneously fashionable and funny, Woody Allen. The title character is a Chameleon Man, Leonard Zelig (played by Allen). This oddity can, due to deep-rooted feelings of inferiority and an equivalent need for acceptance, change into anybody at will. I mean physically change into, at alternate times, representatives of different minority groups, heads of state, and members of the clergy. Mia Farrow is equally as good as Allen in her role of Zelig's psychiatrist. The film is set in the late 20's and early 30's and evoked more resonance and feeling for a period of time than did all of the cumbersome lavishness of a recent period piece, *Ragtime*. The best of film from one of film's best.

Kwan was played by a woman...

4) *Tender Mercies*. The Australians have done no wrong in recent releases, and this film proves no exception. Despite the fact that this movie was shot in America, it was directed by the Aussies' own Bruce Beresford (*Breaker Morant*) and stars Robert Duvall in possibly the finest male performance of the year

as a down-and-out country singer. To get the correct accent for his role of a Texas crooner, Duvall traveled hundreds of miles across the Lone Star State to find the perfect voice, which belonged to a gas station operator. Duvall paid him to read the lines of the script into a tape recorder, which he then memorized in the voice of the pump jockey. Is that preparation or what? Well, it showed, making *Tender Mercies* one of my all-time favorites.

5) *The Year of Living Dangerously*. Set in Jakarta, Indonesia, during the fall of the Sukarno regime in the 50's, this Australian production by Peter Hunt stars Mel Gibson (*Gallipoli*) as a radio correspondent covering a life-threatening story. Romantic sparks fly when he meets the gorgeous Sigourney Weaver (*Alien*). In one of the more inspired casting decisions of recent years, the diminutive Linda Hunt scores as a male Chinese-Australian photojournalist named Billy Kwan. Audible gasps of disbelief from the audience upon discovery that Kwan was played by a woman attests to the power of Hunt's performance. This one wins hands down for screen heat.

Near misses include *Return of the Jedi*, *Risky Business*, *The King of Comedy*, *Gorky Park*, *Trading Places*, *The Man Who Loved Women*, and *The Right Stuff*.

In the Oscar race, quality doesn't always count and Hollywood politics often wins awards. I will pick potential winners.

BEST ACTOR: Mel Gibson for *The Year of Living*

Dangerously; Kevin Kline and William Hurt for *The Big Chill*; Robert Duvall for *Tender Mercies*; Al Pacino for *Scarface*.

BEST ACTRESS: Shirley McLaine for *Terms of Endearment*; Debra Winger for *Terms of Endearment*; Jobeth Williams and Glenn Close for *The Big Chill*; Bonnie Bedelia for *Heart Like a Wheel*.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: There are no comparisons to be drawn. Jack Nicholson's superlative performance as McLaine's ex-astronaut lover nearly became a third major character in *Terms of Endearment*. This Oscar is his.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Once again, no comparisons. I didn't believe that the Billy Kwan character in *The Year of Living Dangerously* was a woman until I saw the credits. That is acting at its height. The Oscar is yours, Linda Hunt.

BEST PICTURE: No matter what gets nominated, the momentum leans too heavily toward *Terms of Endearment* to make it anything but the winner.

See ya in April for the Oscars, and keep your fingers crossed for a better movie year in 1984.

What are your predictions for the Academy Awards for 1984? Write in and let us know. Send predictions to Predictions, c/o Features Editor, Sidelines, Box 42. We will do an article on the results—depending on participation—closer to the awards ceremony.



Jan. 22 marks the date Gene Cotton will be recorded live for a tv special to be aired later this year. Free tickets for the 8 p.m. performance will be given out tomorrow in the Office of Student Programming, KUC Room 309. Hurry while they last!

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By GEORGIA DENNIS
Special to Sidelines

The MTSU Special Events Committee presents the professional theatrical touring company of the musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" for two performances on Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Auditorium. Recording and concert star Stella Parton will portray the famous madam for this production.

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century in La Grange, Texas, earned its nickname when, during the Depression, its residents accepted barter for services.

When more chickens were traded than could be used immediately for food, the survivors were raised as on any other farm. After so many years of peaceful co-existence as an important member of the community and a favored recreational place for locals and visitors, a television vigilante launched a campaign which eventually forced the premises to be closed.

The story of that campaign and its effects aroused nationwide attention. The stage showtells the story through energetic song and dance and features a sequence in which a winning football team is treated to a traditional victory celebration at the Chicken Ranch.



All seats for the two performances are reserved. The matinee begins at 3:30 p.m. and the tickets are \$12.50. The evening performance begins at 8 p.m. with tickets set at \$14. Choice seats are still available and on sale in the Office of Student Programming, Keathley University Center Room 309.

For additional information, call 898-2551. There will be a \$1 student discount for students with a current MTSU i.d.



! ATTENTION ! FEATURES WRITERS

There will be a mandatory meeting for all those interested in features writing this semester Wednesday, January 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the *Sidelines* office (Room 310, JUB). Features writing includes reviews, consumer reports, satires, and human interest articles. I need writers in these areas. If you can't attend and want to work, call Lynda at the *Sidelines* office at 898-2815.

'Cosmo girl' myth impractical in business world

B. LYNDIA TEWELL
Sidelines Features Editor

What are your goals for the future after finishing college, college women? Do you want a high-paying job in the glossy office of a top firm or to marry a professional man and have children?

Well, according to *Cosmopolitan*, a popular magazine among the female college elite, both goals are extremely desirable and the essence of true womanhood.

LET ME SET the scene for the woman *Cosmo* heralds as ideal: The *Cosmo* woman goes to college and gets a bachelor's degree which is applicable to the business world in some way. She gets a job with a reputable company that pays her enough to buy the most

expensive make-up, clothes and alluring perfume.

She *always* goes to company cocktail parties, dressed in a gown cut to the navel. She seeks out only the most *eligible* man to pursue, and after they meet, she practices her sexual techniques with him in the bedroom to *perfection*. Her next goal is to get him to marry her, and when he does, she quits her job to have babies.

It amazes me just how far women's liberation has come in this century. With Sandra Day O'Connor as a member of the Supreme Court and Sally Ride as an astronaut, the *Cosmo* girl pales in comparison. Sure, women still want to be feminine and considered attractive, but going *Cosmo* will set women back two inches for every one inch they have

gained in liberation.

BUT WHAT IS even more amazing is that women all over America are willing to buy the bill of goods of which Helen Gurley Brown sells millions of copies monthly. College and educated women seem to be the main target audience of *Cosmo*, which bothers me. I assume that most women read *Cosmo* because they find it entertaining (I personally enjoy articles such as "My Affair with a 13-year-old French Boy" myself), but I am addressing this to those who take *Cosmo* seriously.

Sorry to disappoint you, *Cosmo* fans, but this magazine simply is not realistic. The days are gone when a woman goes to college to seek a mate. A woman today attends college for an education in a field she

finds intellectually gratifying. The realistic college woman realizes that she may not get a job with a big company starting out, but she is willing to work toward her career goals—which don't necessarily include working in an expensive office wearing expensive clothes or seducing men.

The mature and realistic career woman would not wear gowns slit to the navel or up to the hip *especially* at a company cocktail party. This would be considered highly unprofessional. And while it would be enjoyable to meet nice, educated men in a company for which a woman works, the realistic woman would not try to trap a man into marriage with *delicious* interludes of sex, which seems

to be the entire goal of a *Cosmo* woman's career.

BROWN'S USE OF italicized words is not only silly but redundant. Favored adjectives are those with sexual connotations such as *delicious* and *naughty*. It is ironic that a woman is the editor of *Cosmo*—the magazine seems to be written and photographed for men. Women would fare much better with magazines designed in their own intellectual and professional interests such as *Ms.*, *Working Woman* or *Savvy*.

I don't mean to be a spoilsport, but I just wish more students would be concerned with magazines with realistic information substance rather than magazines designed to entertain. I'm all for en-

tertainment—hell, I'm the Entertainment Editor—it just bothers me when entertainment is passed off as reality, as it is in many magazines (not just *Cosmo*) that are popular with college students today. Realistic, applicable information is important in achieving career goals after college, not entertainment disguised as information.

Please, if you feel the urge, write in. I would love to hear your comments about the subject, both from males as well as females. Don't forget—this is still a democracy. Address comments to Letter to the Editor, Sidelines, Box 42. I'm expecting comments from you as well as from Helen Gurley Brown to be in the mail tomorrow.

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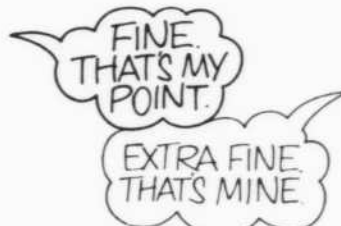
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Sports

Second half drought

Tech rolls past Raiders

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Writer

COOKEVILLE—MTSU suffered a second half drought, while Tennessee Tech found plenty of water Saturday on its way to a 70-60 win over the Blue Raiders at Hooper Eblen Center.

The slump, which came minutes into the second half, saw MTSU shoot just below 27 percent (9 of 34) from the field, while Tech shot almost 50 percent during the half, utilizing a slow, steady and patient offense and an advantageous defense.

DURING THE FIRST half the Blue Raiders rolled up 35 points and had a six point lead at one time before the rival Golden Eagles tied the score at the half.

Sharp offensively, MTSU shot 51 percent in the first half, but it was the Blue Raider defense which gave Tech its biggest worries, Eagle Head Coach Tom Deaton said.

"They really played well defensively which bothered us offensively in the first half," Deaton explained after the win. "Our patience has come in the last couple of games. With some patience against their defense we wore down their intensity."

TECH ALSO TOOK advantage of MTSU's youth in the second half, allowing junior forward Lonnie Boone to rack up a game-high 20 points, with many of the buckets coming on quick back-door buckets.

"Anytime they're playing

that much pressure on the perimeter, it opens up the inside," Deaton noted.

"Lonnie Boone is a fine player who took advantage of the inexperience of players we had trying to guard him," MTSU Skipper Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said. "Tech was patient against us and wore us down."

"OUR YOUNG GUYS are doing the best they can but we've still got to learn."

Tech capitalized on the relative inexperience of MTSU freshmen Andrew Thompson and Bryant Woodford, who were called upon to fill in for starters LaRae Davis and Lonnie Thompson. Davis was ineffective shooting, suffering from strained ligaments in his left knee, while Thompson left

with a gash over his left eye.

"It was not a situation of not having the ability; it was a situation of not having the experience," Simpson said.

THE GOLDEN EAGLES also had two other players in double figures; sophomore sensation Stephen Kite and junior Jimmy Elliot both had 16 points.

MTSU was led by junior forward Russell "Slim" Smith with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Doug Lipscomb had 13 points.

Now 0-1 in the conference, 5-6 overall, MTSU heads to Morehead State for a Thursday night tilt. After a Saturday game at Eastern Kentucky, the Blue Raiders begin a seven-game home stand Tuesday with Georgia Southern.

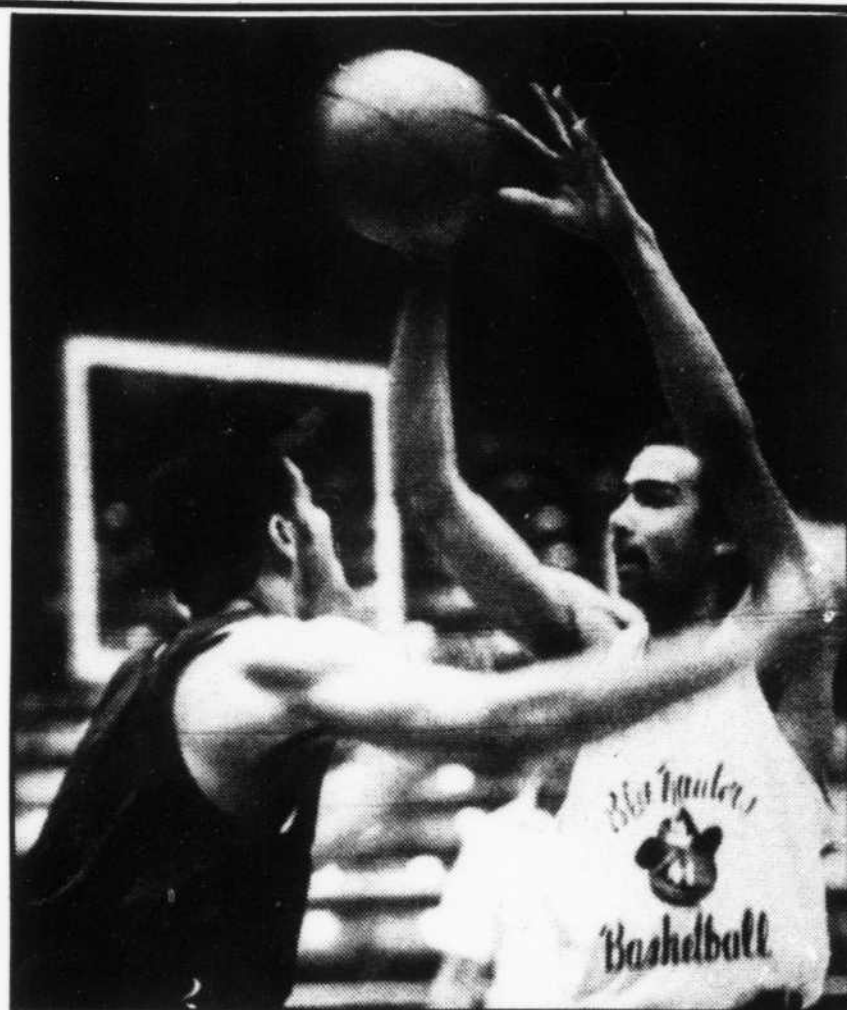


Photo by Mike Poley

Freshman Andrew Thompson passes the ball against Lonnie Boone during a practice session yesterday. The 5-6 Blue Raiders travel to Morehead, Ky., to face the Morehead Eagles Thursday night.

Fluid Webb leads Lady Raiders

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sidelines Sports Editor

After three straight losses, MTSU's Lady Raider basketball team got back on the winning track with a hard-fought 70-66 win over arch-rival Tennessee Tech last Saturday in Cookeville.

Coach Larry Inman's troops, now 3-5 after the win, had fallen to Ole Miss, Western Kentucky and UT-Chattanooga during the Christmas break, and a victory against the Eaglettes was vital.

"WE'VE GONE THROUGH a lull period," Inman acknowledged after the game. "We had to get back on the winning track. We needed this for momentum."

If anybody is capable of providing that momentum for the Lady Raiders, it will be

Kim Webb, a fluid freshman from Smyrna.

Webb scored 28 points, hauled in five rebounds, blocked a shot, made three steals and generally created havoc for Tech with her tremendous quickness and court savvy. Simply put, she was the best athlete on the floor.

"WEBB HAD A great defensive ballgame," Inman said, trying to downplay the brilliant offensive performance of the freshman. "She went to the boards great."

The game was not a one-woman show, however.

Holly Hoover showed some of the old form that made her the OVC Player of the Year in 1982-83 as she scored 14 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked three shots. She was an intimidating presence through

the contest.

JENNIFER McFALL also scored 14 points and added six assists and five steals, both team highs.

And last, but certainly not least, Cyndi Allen did a fine defensive job on Tech's tough freshman center Cheryl Taylor.

Allen held Taylor to 11 points and 12 rebounds, well below her season average of 17.1 ppg and 14.6 rpg. Taylor shot a dismal 3-of-11 from the field and fouled out toward the end of the battle.

"YOU'VE GOT TO give credit to Allen for blocking Taylor off the boards," Inman noted.

The turning point of the game came at the 12:23 mark of the second half when Webb scored on a lay-up to tie the

score for the first time since early in the first half.

A couple of minutes and some blocked shots, steals and layups later, the Lady Raiders had increased their lead to 53-47 and had taken the air out of Tech.

THE EAGLETES TRIED valiantly, but could never overcome the deficit as McFall hit two free throws with four seconds left to ice the game.

"For the first time all year we played some defense," Inman said. "We handled the [defensive] pressure a lot better than we have."

In addition to Taylor, Tech was led by Chris Moye's 19 points and 13 rebounds and Mindy Campbell's 18 points and five assists. The Eaglettes fell to 6-6 after the loss.

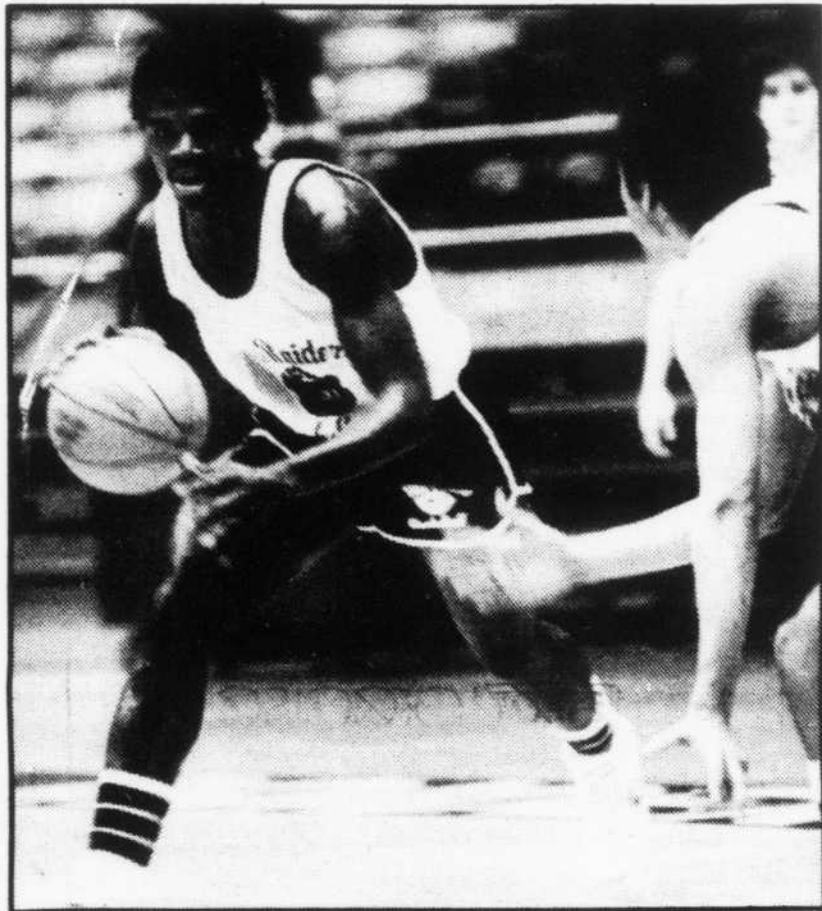


Photo by Mike Poley

Leon Issac moves upcourt against Andrew Thompson during a practice session yesterday afternoon at Murphy Center.

Baseball practice opens; roster has new faces

By DON TILLET

Sidelines Sports Writer

New faces will be counted on heavily to lead the Blue Raider baseball team this season, as spring practice opens up today.

With six positions and six pitchers gone from last year's squad, Assistant Baseball Coach John Jarnagin is confident that new players and returning players that were used sparingly last year can contribute to the success of this year's club.

"THIS YEAR, WE have some guys who want to win. Gary Emerson is a good addition to our infield and Tim Goff will be trying to replace Ronnie Vaughan," Jarnagin said.

Jarnagin sees problems with the number of new players on

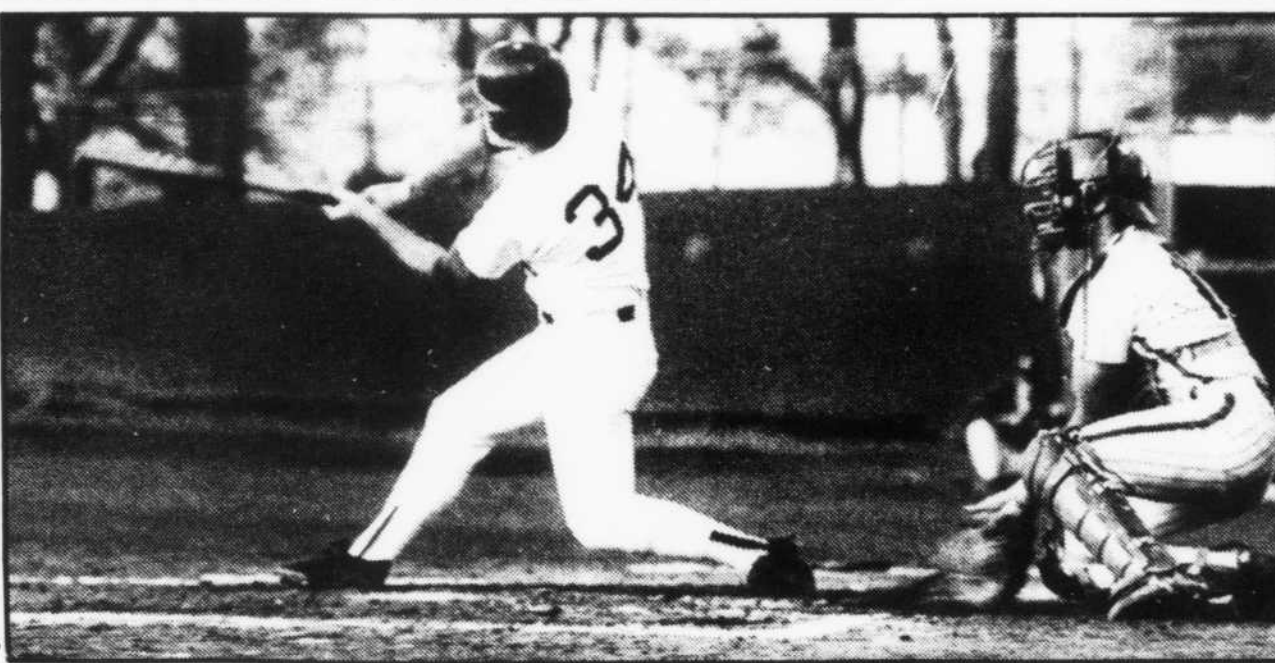
the team, but he predicted that these dilemmas would be ironed out in spring practice.

"The new guys need to learn the system. It takes them fall practice to adjust to the new system of play," he said.

ONE OF THE pluses for this year's Blue Raider team will be the middle infield stability given to the team by Emerson, a junior college transfer from Columbia State, Jarnagin said, adding that the team's other major strength will be pitching.

"Bill Triplett and Marty Smith are back, and they should provide us with stable pitching," Jarnagin said.

MTSU will need stable pitching over its 55-game schedule in order to contend



MTSU Blue Raider senior outfielder Jimmy Petty takes a cut at a pitch during action last season. The Raider baseball team opens practice today.

for the OVC Title, but Head Coach John Stanford stresses balance.

"The schedule is as full as you can get it. To be a good team this year, we will have to

have balance. We can't just say that we have stable pitching; we will need all phases of our game to be competitive—offense, defense and pitching," the Blue Raider mentor said.

The Blue Raiders will open their season with a Feb. 26 game against North Alabama, and will open the home part of their schedule on Mar. 3 against Trevecca.

Davis' injury adds to woes of Raiders

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Writer

Feeling sick yesterday morning, Stan Simpson's condition improved greatly in the afternoon when he found that an injury to sophomore guard LaRae Davis was not as serious as first believed.

The MTSU head basketball coach said that Davis was "doubtful" for Thursday's contest at Morehead State and had an "outside shot" at playing Saturday at Eastern Kentucky.

DAVIS, A 6-foot-3 guard from Bainbridge, Ga., injured the fibular head on the side of his left knee during Saturday's loss to Tennessee Tech in Cookeville and underwent X-rays yesterday to determine the extent of the damage.

"It will take time," Simpson said. "He's on his own though to start running and getting it back in shape."

Davis' injury comes at the end of a hectic Christmas break for the Blue Raiders, completing six games (five on the road) with Saturday's loss at Tech.

MTSU POSTED A 3-3 record during the break, with wins over Austin Peay, Georgia State and Georgia College, while losing to UT-Chattanooga, Western Kentucky and Tennessee Tech. Overall, MTSU is now 5-6.

"I'm really pleased with the progress we've been making," (continued on page 8)

Indoor track season quickly approaching; Hayes ready to go

By ANDY REED

Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU men's indoor track team will be going for its fourth consecutive OVC championship this season despite heavy graduation losses.

Among those who have finished their careers as Blue Raiders are All-Americans Andre Kirnes, Orestes Meeks and Herb Newton.

"WE HAVE A little more depth," said Head Coach Dean Hayes, referring to the crop of freshmen he has lined up for this season. He indicated that the freshmen would make up 40 percent of his team. "We've got to depend on our fresh

men," he said.

The jumping events may be hurt the most with the losses of Kirnes and Meeks. However, All-American Eddie Loyd returns, along with football split end Dwight Johnson and former basketball player Greg Smith. Freshman Linwood Harris has "outstanding potential," Hayes said.

The sprint team has also been hurt with the losses of Kirnes and Meeks. Mike Farris, the 1982 200-meter champion, is also gone. The top returnee for this event is Kenny Shannon, who won the OVC 60-yard dash in 1982 before going through an off season in 1983. Hayes indicated that

Shannon has lost some weight and, if mentally tough, can have a fine 1984 season.

THE HURDLES events lose Newton, Kirnes and OVC indoor record holder Miguel Williams. Kenny Nesbitt and Ron Davis return. Nesbitt "has the potential for national recognition when he believes it," Hayes said. Freshman Deric Haynes, an Oakland High School product, has what the MTSU track mentor describes as "great flexibility." Hayes added that "Deric can take up the slack in many places and excel in several events for himself."

Tim Johnson, Perald Ellis and Gary Mitchell return to

lead the 1,600 meter relay team. Kenny Shannon returns in the 400. Dwight Johnson and Mike Pittman are also expected to vie for spots.

Coach Hayes expects the weight events to be even stronger as all three competitors return from 1983. Jeff Sims won the javelin. Jim Fitch and West Johnson placed 1-2 in the shot put and 3-5 in the discus. The addition of Steve McQuistin figures to strengthen the team even more.

HAYES EXPECTS THE distance events to be greatly improved with the return of veterans Jeff Skinner, Robert Willis and John Davis. A

healthy Billy Porter is also back. "If healthy...he can be very tough in a number of distance events," Hayes said.

Skinner and Willis were the leaders for the Blue Raider cross country team that was recently declared the winner of the OVC championships that took place last October. Eastern Kentucky had edged MTSU for the championship but had its title taken away during Christmas break because of an ineligible runner. Hayes described the title, the Blue Raiders' first cross country title ever, as "the longest championship we've ever won...eight weeks."

National meet in Texas

Cheerleaders headed for Dallas; championship looming on horizon

By MAT WILLIAMS

Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU's cheerleaders will compete this week in Dallas against 19 other cheerleading squads to determine which is best in the nation.

The finals of the meet, sponsored by the National Cheerleaders Association, are slated for Saturday, said MTSU cheerleader sponsor Richard Walker.

COMPETING IN DALLAS will be cheerleading squads from these schools: Arkansas, Clemson, Florida, Georgia, Memphis State, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Baylor, California State Long Beach,

Georgia Tech, Henderson Junior College, Indiana State, Lamar, Louisiana Tech, Louisville, Southern Methodist, Texas Tech, Wichita State and UT-Chattanooga.

Each squad will perform a four-minute routine which must include at least one cheer or chant, Walker said.

"We have to incorporate all facets of cheerleading," he said. "They [the judges] will judge on choreography, difficulty, precision, projection, dance, transition, safety and overall view of performance."

CAPTAIN TY KENNON, who teams with fellow captain

Julie Bratcher, said he feels the MTSU squad is prepared to face the stiff competition in Dallas.

"I think we can win it if everybody concentrates and tries hard," he said candidly. "It'll be real tough competition. This is our first year to go."

"We'd like to thank everybody—the administration, alumni and friends—who've supported us to go to Dallas."

The MTSU contingent, which will be joined by Dean of Women Judy Smith, leaves Wednesday and will stay in the Dallas Hilton.



Dallas-bound

MTSU cheerleaders for 1984 are (l-r, bottom row): Old Blue (Cindy Schrader), Pam Bohall, Julie Bratcher, Candy Hale, Rhonda McKinley, Sandra Franks, Velma Smith, LeAnne Sosna. Top row, l-r: Dwayne Ervin, Ty Kennon, Paul Thomas, Richard Walker (sponsor), Rick Howard, David Green, Clifford Daniels. Sosna has been replaced by Leslie Windram, while Steve Graves has also joined the squad.

Davis

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Simpson said yesterday. "Most of our people are young and are still working with our offensive and defensive scheme. But I thought right before the break we were going to explode."

The biggest setback during the break came Dec. 30 at Bowling Green, where the Blue Raiders were embarrassed by

Western Kentucky 92-61. Bad weather the week before the game made it difficult to have fruitful practices.

"We had one hour with the entire squad the Thursday before we went up there," Simpson explained. "Some of our practices were with just three people. We had to dress the managers a couple of times to have enough to practice."

Ladies whip UK

LEXINGTON, KY.—MTSU's Lady Raiders upped their record to 4-5 with a 74-68 victory over the University of Kentucky Lady Wildcats.

Kim Webb paced the ladies with 20 points and was aided by Holly Hoover and Jennifer McFall, who scored 10 and 16 points respectively.

Yesterday, Webb was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week.



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