

Early morning fire destroys apartments

A 5:30 a.m. fire broke out in Allen House apartments yesterday causing an unestimated amount of damage to 16 efficiencies.

The fire started in the south end of the attic in C building, Murfreesboro Fire Safety Inspector Dayton Poterfield said. "We don't like to list definite causes of fire, but it was probably caused by an electrical short," he said.

Poterfield said the fire was confined to the attic. The roof of the two story complex caved in and both floors were badly water damaged, he said.

"The building will have to be bulldozed down," Manager Art McCurdy said.

Allen House apartments have three buildings with eight apartments in them. The building that burned was the only one with efficiencies.

MTSU Student Cary Moore, who lived in C-30, reported the fire. "I woke up and heard something popping in the bathroom," Moore said. "Out of curiosity I got up. The popping continued. I stepped outside on the balcony and saw orange flames." Moore then called the

fire department and started knocking on doors to warn people.

"The fire department got there while he was knocking on doors," co-manager Marie McCurdy said.

"They (the fire department) were very helpful," the McCurdys said, explaining that the firemen got to the apartment in about three minutes and helped move one student's band equipment out of the damaged apartments. Officials said two firemen, Capt. Wade Parker and William Murray escaped injury when part of the roof fell on them as they entered one of the apartments.

The McCurdys explained each of the occupants will be given back their rent money for March.

"Some of the students that lived here are going to start commuting from Nashville," Marie said, adding that others are simply finding new places to stay.

One student, Ed Annable, said he lost some things in the fire, mostly books that are too wet to be used, but he said he is just thankful to be alive.

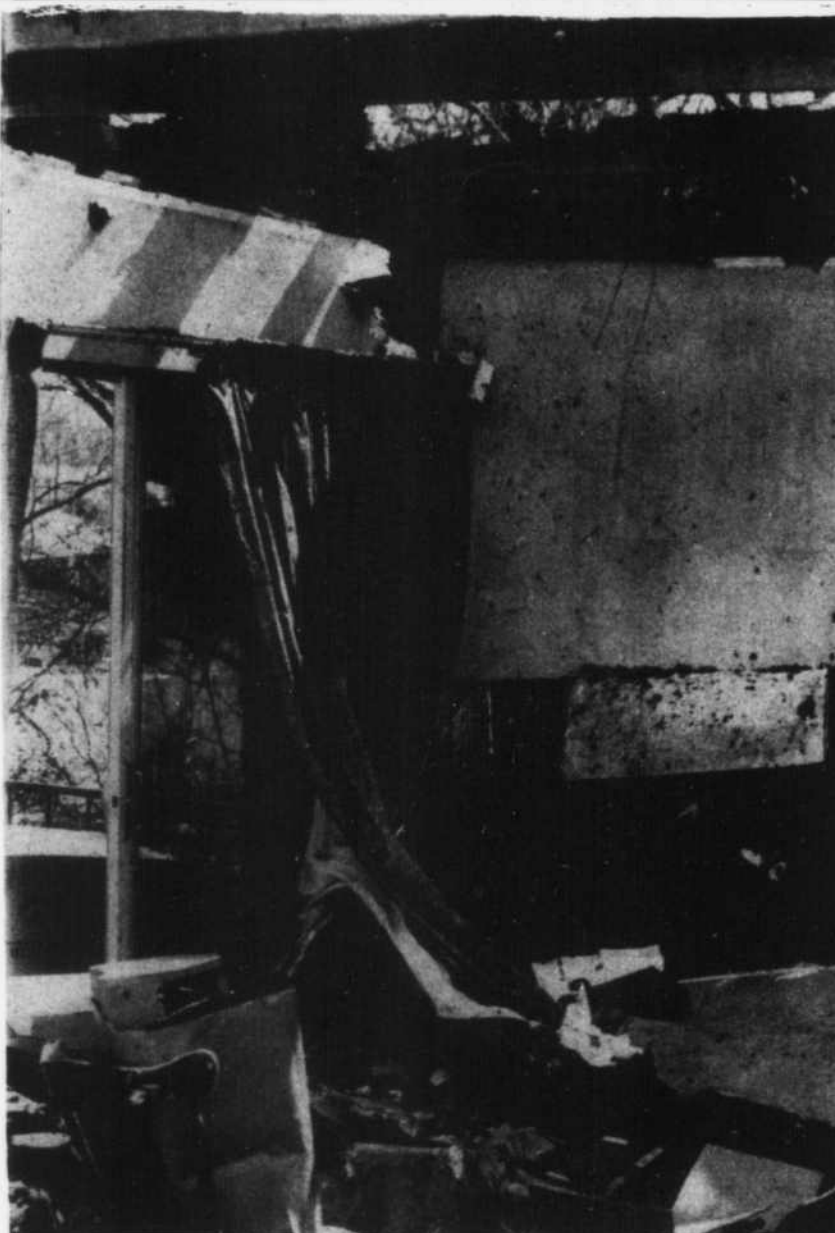


photo by Eddie Braswell

Fire destroyed 16 Allen House apartments on East Main Street early yesterday morning. The fire started in the attic, causing the roof to cave in. The interior was damaged by water.

Salary raise proposed

By CYNDI CLINE
Sidelines Staff Writer

Teachers in higher education institutions in Tennessee may receive an increase in pay, according to Roy Lassater of the State Board of Regents.

The 1980-81 state budget, proposed by Gov. Lamar Alexander, shows a request for a 6 percent faculty salary increase with longevity bonuses for faculty similar to those of state employees. This increase would be funded by tuition increases

and by an increase in taxes, Lassater said.

"Tennessee ranks in the lower 25 percent of the nation in faculty pay," he said. "Education is just not one of Tennessee's high priorities and it hasn't been since the Civil War."

Compared to other school systems throughout the nation, Lassater said teachers in the southeast are the lowest paid. Other states in the south have also initiated proposed salary increases.

Lassater further said that Tennessee did not have an equitable tax base to carry an increase spent for teachers salaries in the past.

"I believe that the legislature will pass the increase in teachers' salaries because of the economic situation that currently exists and teachers do have to eat," he commented.

Teachers in business administration, engineering and law will receive the largest increase in pay because of a higher enrollment in those areas, Lassater said, "the reason for this is that there is not enough teachers in those areas and people with those degrees can go into other areas of the job market."

Discrimination between women and men in salaries does not exist in Tennessee, he said. "Lower salaries for women exist because women teach in areas that do not have a large enrollment such as the humanities and education."

MTSU received the largest salary increase in the state last year and is due for another increase this year, Lassater added.

Justice speaks on Govt. Days March 10-11

A justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court will be on campus Monday to speak, field questions and meet with classes as part of the second annual State Government Days March 10-11, according to Frank Essex, assistant professor of political science.

Judge William Harbison will join minority leaders of the state house and senate, Loy Smith and Tom Garland; local legislators John Rucker and John Bragg; John Parish, press secretary to Gov. Lamar Alexander, and Deputy Commissioner Bill Morris.

"It will be a rare opportunity for students and community members to meet and know people at the state decision-making level," Essex explained. "And it will also provide persons in various branches of state government to report to us and get some feedback."

State Government Days, a free and non-partisan occasion, was initiated as a project of the Pre-Law Society on campus last year. It will be co-sponsored by the department of political science and the Pre-Law Society this year and will feature minority leadership, since majority leadership was highlighted at last year's conference.

Monday's public sessions will include the minority leaders at 10 a.m. and Judge Harbison at 1 p.m. in the UC theatre. Legislators Bragg and Rucker will be in UC 324 at 2 p.m.

Public sessions on Tuesday will be Deputy Commissioner Morris at 9 a.m. and Press Secretary Parish at 1 p.m. in UC 324.

Student van pool replaces shuttle

The van pool from Nashville to MTSU will begin today for commuters.

The pool has been established by riders of the discontinued shuttle bus who has rented a van from Crown Ford.

The van pool cost will be the same as the bus services were, approximately \$3 per round trip. Also, the stops will be remain at the Green Hills Kroger Store at 6:55 a.m. and at the Harding Mall First American National Bank at 7:10 a.m.

"We have continued to get calls from people who have seen the flyers posted and we are advising them to come in and put their name. If they can come up with another 14 people they can lease another van," David Grubbs, chairman of the energy committee, said. "It is a continued interest."

Band performs for outstanding teachers

By TERRY MEACHAM

Sidelines Staff Writer

Recipients of the Middle Tennessee State University Outstanding Teachers Award were honored Sunday at the Presidential Concert which featured the MTSU Symphonic Band.

Directed by Joseph Smith, the 90-piece band performed to a half-filled Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The concert opened with a trumpet fanfare in "Festive Overture." Combined with staccato rhythms, this song reminded one of medieval times.

"Nocturne" featured Raymond Bills on piano. The

french horn and flute section provided a soothing effect with their flowing music. The piano part was well-played, but did not add much to the overall interpretation of the song.

"Finale, Symphony No. 3" is a beautiful piece of music. The organ added a suspenseful mood to the atmosphere as it poured out chords of great volume. The playing back and forth of the trumpet, flute, french horn and clarinet as echos was very well done. Tempo increases were built up to a chilling climax as the song ended.

Particularly impressive was the band's performance of

"Othello," which included the first four movements of the suite. The trumpet and french horn section highlighted the first movement, Prelude (Venice). The percussion worked perfectly together in keeping the lively tempo during the fourth movement.

After the intermission, the band returned with "Duke of Cambridge March," where the flute and clarinet section played admirably.

The guest soloist, John Coulehan of the United States Navy Band, delighted everyone with his expertise on the clarinet. Performing "Concertina," "Finale from Violin Concerto" and an encore,

Coulehan's techniques included impressive articulation and the production of smooth, rich sounds.

"Russian Christmas Music" was the perfect song to close the performance. The playing of the saxophone, percussion and low brass created beautiful sound images. Swept along by the majestic quality produced by the chimes, tympani, trumpets and french horns, the audience showed their deep appreciation of the concert with thunderous applause.

A reception honoring those who have received Outstanding Teachers Awards since 1966 was given in the University Center Lobby after the concert.

Mime theatre performed to delighted crowd

By PHYLLIS HAMM and JANE MIER

Sidelines Staff Writers

Slapstick, ballet and interpretive movements combined to portray human feelings and actions beautifully last night in the DA as members of the

Pendulum Mime Theatre performed before a delighted audience.

A familiar character — Groucho Marx — greeted the audience and silently introduced the acts. Lecturing on the history of mime, a bumbling

professor strod back and forth across the stage unaware of his model's antics.

Innocent love was portrayed by two sheet-draped creatures. It was the classic case of boy meets girl, boy loses girl and boy gets girl. Their flirtations were

well received by the crowd that filled the auditorium.

In the next scene, three masked, blue-robed figures danced hauntingly to strains of classical music. As they voyaged through life, the Master of Death swept them into eternity.

Unlike the classic white face of mime master Marcel Marceau, masks and costumes figure predominantly in the troupe's production. The masks allow the members a chance to offer a wide range of characterizations that might not otherwise be well-received or understood by the audience.

Other acts included a derby and chair swap-up between three clown-like characters, an exchange between two decidedly different old women in a park and a sensitive ballet of loneliness.

Two buns and a piece of lettuce amused everyone as they lured a hamburger patty into a sandwich trap. A sad-faced janitor was surprised when a soft chair turned into a person, but was disappointed when he found he couldn't manipulate her. He then stuffed her back into her original abode.

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photo by Trent Edwards

Three robed Grecian figures float toward eternity as the Master of Death strikes them and draws them with him. The Pendulum Mime Theatre performed before a filled DA last night in their second annual show here.

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Sidelights

Expectant parents classes to start

A new session of expectant parents classes will begin at Sutherford Hospital March 6-April 17. Each session lasts for seven weeks and meets on Thursday evenings, 7-9 p.m. Classes will be conducted by Norma Christiansen, R.N. For further information call 890-0949.

Jordan will address ASPA

Ennis Jordan, director of personnel for WSM, Inc., will address a meeting of the American Society for Personnel Administrators (ASPA) Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Kirksey Old Main 222. "Management in a Non-union Atmosphere" will be the topic of Jordan's talk.

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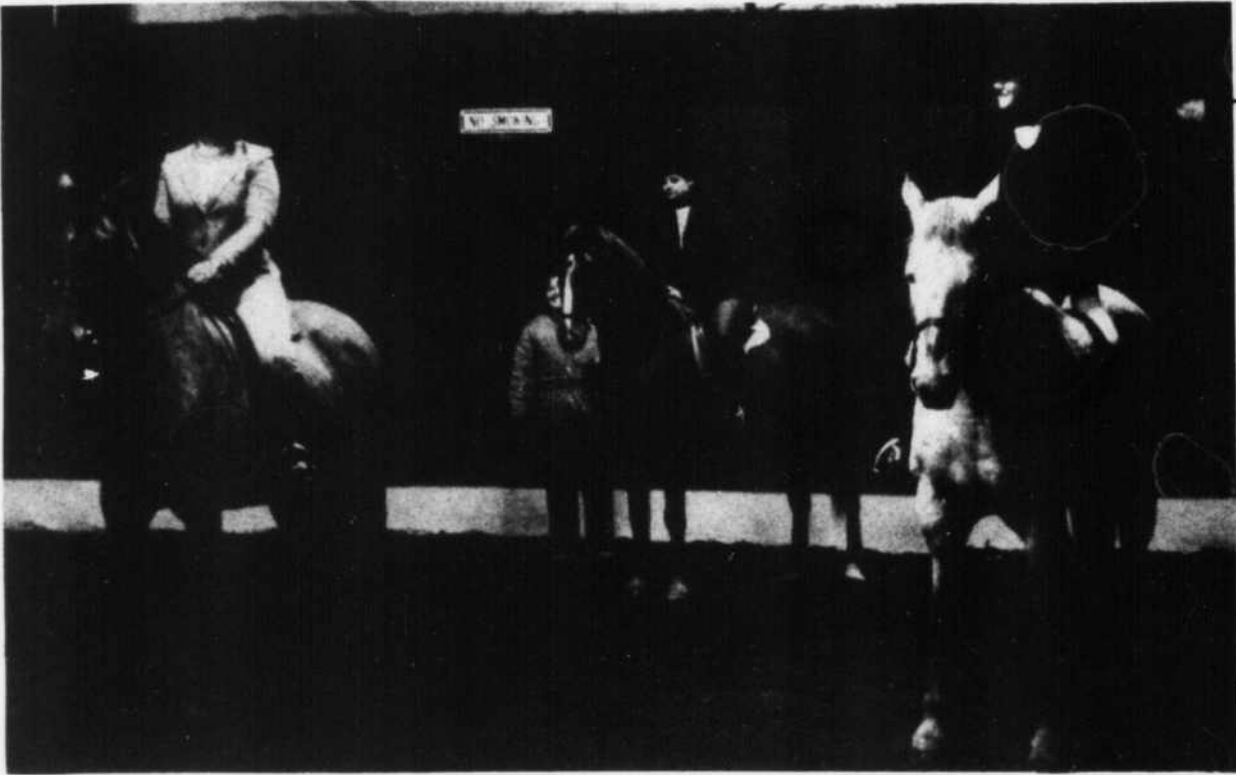


photo by Mark Holland

Several contestants in the intercollegiate horse show held here last Saturday and Sunday prepare for a showing in front of the judges. Twelve schools from six states competed for ribbons in 72 categories.

Instructor exhibits in Nashville

By TERRY MEACHAM
Sidelines Staff Writer
Paintings, drawings and sculptures by MTSU art instructor Phil Vanderweg are being shown in the Marnie

Sheridan Art Gallery of Harpeth Hall in Nashville through March 14. "I was invited to show my work in the Harpeth Hall school's art gallery. Artists from

Nashville have also had exhibitions there," Vanderweg said. "The work on exhibit there is my most recent work. It was done out of a series I have been involved with for the last three years," he explained. Vanderweg's pastel and graphite drawings mainly deal with self-portraits and portraits of Howard Stringer, a Murfreesboro art patron and business executive.

Physics and engineering are used in the drawings as methods of expressing visual effects. The paintings in the exhibit are concerned with non-objective categories rather than abstract qualities. Color elements are the main aspect in the paintings.

The other sculptures involve working with wood and steel. Vanderweg has used sheets of steel bent with cable in some of these sculptures. Marnie Sheridan Art Gallery of Harpeth Road is located at 3801 Hobbs Road.

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Student Teaching Seminar: UC 318, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wesley Foundation Bake Sale: UC Basement, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Girls' Basketball Tournament: MC, 1:30-10 p.m.
Traffic Court: UC 313 & 315, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Movie: "The Frisco Kid," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.
Continuing Education: Driver Education, UC 312, 4-6:30 p.m.
Continuing Education: Investment Tips, UC 318, 7-9 p.m.
Fine Arts: Michael Meyers: Performance/Conceptual Art, Multi-Media Room, LRC, 8 p.m.
Campus Interviews: Duval Co. School Board, Jacksonville, FA: Teachers

Wednesday

BDOM Department Conference: "The Consumer & the Free Enterprise System," Tennessee Room & Dining Room B, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Music Department Senior Recital: George Williamson, LRC Media-Media Room, 8 p.m.
Fine Arts: MTSU Performing Arts Company, Original Dance Program, D.A. Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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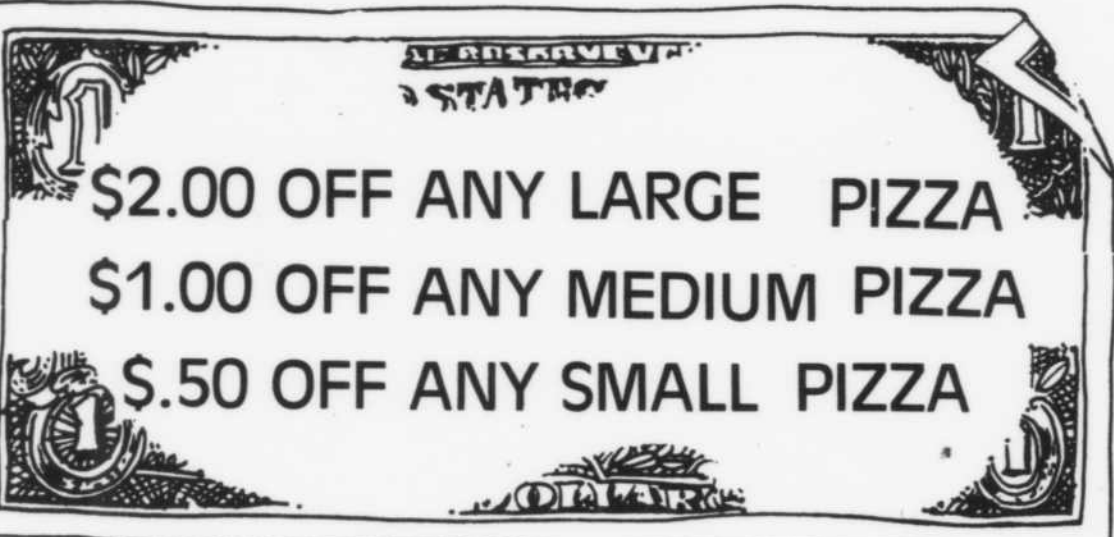
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Cable television to arrive on campus

By RENEE VAUGHN
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's intra-campus cable television system will soon tie into Murfreesboro Cable Television Company, John Rhinehart, company spokesman said yesterday.

The hook-up will allow the

Learning Resources Center to broadcast from their video department on channel 12, a new channel designated by Murfreesboro Cable for local programming, he said.

This one-way arrangement will provide campus-to-community broadcast of sports

events and give mass communication students in broadcasting the opportunity to get their work on the air, much like the role the student newspaper plays for print journalism majors, according to Frank Forgette, MTSU's chief engineer.

"MTSU already has a cable hook-up to just about every building on campus that has classrooms. They are used to broadcast video-taped films. It runs on an underground cable and includes library science, dramatic arts and industrial arts buildings, as well as the library

and the LRC," Forgette said.

The commercial cable is attached to telephone poles and comes onto the campus behind the University Center. Murfreesboro Cable is planning to connect the two systems within two weeks at no cost to the university, Rhinehart explained.

The possibilities of having cable broadcast on campus have been discussed by LRC personnel and MTSU President Sam Ingram. The president has agreed to investigate the practicality of having this done sometime in the future, Forgette said.

"The main issue associated with such a move is how administration of the service would

be handled by the university," Forgette stated. "Someone has to be responsible for the operation of the incoming stations, and decisions about programming are important," he added.

Rhinehart said Murfreesboro Cable would certainly like to bring cable broadcasts to MTSU. "Whether or not the cable would extend to include the dorms is another decision that must be made by university administrators. Including dorms with the system would mean extensive hook-up work for us. If we get in there and wire the dorms we have to know how it would be organized. But we would sure do it if the university

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Meyers to present works, slides

By ZEBEE MC CULLOUGH
Sidelines Staff Writer

Michael Meyers from the Kansas City Art Institute will be featured today at 8 p.m. in the LRC Multi Media Room.

Meyers began as a medical illustrator who worked with doctors, dissecting bodies in order to get a clear drawing that can be used by other people for medical research. From an

illustrator he got into the fine arts.

"He's an excellent draftsman; he draws extremely well," Lon Nuell, professor of art and a personal friend of Meyers, said.

"He's full of ideas and energy; he's very vital and teaches foundation courses of drawing and design at the Kansas City Institute.

Meyers' performance at MTSU will include readings of

his original works, slide presentations of his street plays and explanation of performance art and why he does it. After his performance he would like to see individuals interested in being involved in his Audio Encyclopaedia of Knowledge.

The Audio Encyclopedia includes taped recordings of people and what they know. Prior to the performance an individual should write down on

a piece of paper what they know beginning with the words, "I know that." Meyers will then record their statements and edit the tape to form a package documentation representing a certain group of people in a certain area.

Anyone interested in being in the Audio Encyclopedia of Knowledge should write down what they know and bring this to the performance.

Conference to battle the fear of math

Helping Students Enter Mathematical and Scientific Careers Conference will be conducted on March 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in UC 322.

"The concern of many teachers is that not enough students are going into the science and mathematics field," explained Edgar Beaty, chairman of the education department and the conference.

"When students enter college, they enter fields that are closed to them when they get out. We try to get them interested in mathematics and science during junior high and high school."

Shelia Tobias, author of the recent publication, "Overcoming Math Anxiety," will be the keynote speaker. She is presently engaged with overcoming obstacles which tend to keep individuals from the study of science and mathematics.

"Dr. Tobias' topic will be

"The Math Filter — A New Look At An Old Problem," because she feels that most students actually shy away from and fear science," Beaty noted.

The conference is open to science and mathematics teachers and guidance counselors, grades 7-12. It is also open to college students majoring in education who plan to teach and counsel science and mathematics students in junior high and high school, Beaty added.

It is designed to help teachers recognize the barriers which serve to keep students out of careers in science and mathematics and how to overcome them, he said. The conference will also help teachers and perspective teachers to help students identify careers which draw heavily on these fields.

Group leaders will include individuals from area univer-

sities and school systems, but the sponsors are still in the process of selecting them, Beaty said.

The conference will be sponsored by the MTSU Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physics; Geography and Geology; Mathematics and Computer Science; and Youth Education and School Personnel Services. The Public Service Committee

and the Office of Continuing Education are also sponsors.

There is no registration fee for the conference, but enrollment is limited. Registration forms can be obtained from the Office of Continuing Education.

Deadline for completing and returning the form is March 3. For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462.

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DOMINO'S PIZZA

from the editor

Genetics: *Master race idea
not very brilliant*

An exclusive sperm bank that offers the sperm of Nobel Prize winners to carefully selected women is interesting, but if the intentions of those involved is to make a master race, the idea has serious problems.

Robert K. Graham, a 74-year-old retired businessman, said he set up the sperm bank — probably the world's most exclusive — to produce exceptionally bright children.

This may sound wonderful, but it has its drawbacks. "There are such serious problems in this kind of social manipulation that (there are) serious dangers involved," said Luigi Cavalli-Sforza, genetics professor at Stanford University. "Naive enthusiasm (in this area) has very often in the past caused some major tragedies."

He said even the best of humans carry some bad genes and legal problems are possible if an offspring of the program "turns out to be mentally deficient, which is entirely possible."

"The principles of this may not be popular," Graham said Thursday, "but they are sound. We're trying to take advantage of the possibilities of genetics."

The possibilities are interesting, but hopefully, the persons involved in this it will not attempt to make a master race.

It takes all kinds to make the world run, as the adage says. And that means brilliant and not so brilliant.

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Our opinions are limited to this two column area entitled "from the editor."

When reading the editorial pages, we would like to remind you to take into consideration who is saying what. All viewpoints are welcome on these two pages, especially those that differ from our opinions.

There is no way we can agree with all letters and columns we print.

Therefore, for clarification we would like to remind you, our readers, that most of the opinions on these pages are not from the *Sidelines* staff, but from you.

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

Viewpoints

SPERM BANK



the last word

by Warren Denny

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by Mike Kopp

**Draft dodging not limited to
U.S.; Soviets punished more**

Well, it's about that time to start packing your bags. If you are one of a growing number of insistent draft dodgers, you may have your chance to burn out tread on the old track shoes again. There's talk on Capitol Hill of another reinstatement of the draft.

But those of you who take to the highways when dear Uncle Sam calls, don't think your alone. Draft dodging is not an American invention.

Even in Russia, the problems of young draft dodgers exists. There are no statistics on just how many avoid the draft call in mother Russia. But western sources believe it's a real problem in the Soviet military.

Every young man in the Soviet Union becomes eligible for service on their 18th birthday. To refuse the draft call in Russia can see a young man carried to serve a three-year prison term.

And unlike our system of justice, there is no chance for amnesty.

U.S. regaining old prestige of world power

After more than a decade of low world opinion, the United States seems to be regaining some of its old prestige.

By the virtue of level-headed reaction to an extremely volatile situation in Iran, the U.S. is again portraying the humanistic side of a major world power.

The showing of restraint by avoiding military action to the hostage situation has forced other nations to compare our behavior with that of the Soviet Union. As we all know, the Soviets are currently waging one of their holy wars with some unassuming Afghans.

Now, some have argued that the reason for the pacifism is solely because of U.S. oil ties to the Middle East and the inherent fears that go with them. The Soviets quite obviously believe

that we are afraid to intervene militarily into the "crescent of crisis."

However, I believe they are mistaken. I think that the actions of the U.S. government are reflections of the character of the average American. The American is basically a rational man. He is strong-minded, free-willed and a staunch individualist. He is also a humanist. That is why he would prefer not to fight, but will do so when backed into a corner. And

when he fights, he does so very well.

Public reaction to the fighting in Vietnam is proof of the American consciousness. It is not to be mistaken for cowardice, but should be taken as a people's dislike for fighting without due cause.

The rest of the world is watching the current behavior of the U.S. and taking heart from it. Our relations with China (a very ethno-centric culture) have improved vastly

and this does not sit well with the Soviets.

The Soviets are unwittingly pushing the Western world into a corner and with it the United States. Perhaps they should study their history.

It has shown that when the United States has been forced to become the aggressor, they have dominated. It has also shown us that when the Soviets are forced to fight under wartime conditions, their best maneuvers are withdrawal and retreat.

the land of mythia

by David Walker

Forms threaten perfect school

Ed. note: This three-part series was originally printed as "Viewpoint" in the *Journal of the Tennessee Speech Communication Association* in Winter 1979. Author is David Walker, MTSU professor of Speech and Theatre.

Once upon a time, in the land of Mythia, students attending The University received a high quality education. They enjoyed a close relationship with their faculty and administration. The emphasis was placed upon helping the students learn not just facts, but a way of living, and the necessary tools to adapt themselves to their society. The faculty were available to students for counsel, encouragement and just plain conversation. The administrators of The University were also in close touch with both students and faculty; they knew their faculty closely and were concerned about their problems. A member of the faculty knew he could sit down and talk over his problems with them, and they would actually consider what he had to say.

The University was concerned

with upgrading its standards and so it sought to encourage its faculty to pursue further studies. Incentives were given to complete graduate work, and earn the magical Degree. Although the primary emphasis was upon teaching, incentives and recognition were also given to the instructor who performed well in research and public service.

The administrators were concerned about keeping up the high degree of morale the faculty enjoyed. Capable leaders were placed over the various departments; these leaders were able to instill into their faculties a sense of accomplishment, direction and fulfillment. The various departments enjoyed feelings of unity and harmony as they worked together towards their common goals.

If a person was selected as a leader who could not lead, he was replaced with one who could. Mythia wanted leaders who believed in faculty who sought not to motivate faculty through external control and threats of punishment, but who believed that work is as natural

as play and rest; who believed that faculty would exercise self-direction and self-control in the service of objectives to which they were committed; who believed that the average person learns under proper conditions not only to accept but to seek responsibility; who believed that the capacity to help solve problems is widely distributed in the population and that decision making should be based upon messages from all levels of the organization.

But then one day something happened. The land of Mythia decided it was not getting its money's worth out of The University, so they created controlling boards to control The University, and controlling boards to control the controlling boards. They invented numerous forms, which faculty and administrators spent weeks completing, and which were filed away in obscure corners of the controlling boards' offices. Yes, even the record held by the Internal Revenue Service for most forms generated seemed to be in danger.

Next issue: *Mythia dies.*



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Perspective

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

from our readers

Quality education costs if students want it

To the editor:

I feel compelled to write a response to the "point/counterpoint" which appeared in *Sidelines* on Feb. 26 on liberal arts education at MTSU. Of course it will be said that I am biased and that I am in favor of liberal arts. But let it also be understood that since I have worked in the field of the humanities for many years, and thought a great deal about them, I have a sense of perspective perhaps unavailable to most students. That in part, is why I write.

It occurs to me that it is virtually impossible for young people in the process of sorting out their lives to understand what richness means in life once some basic issues of coping are substantially settled. When you develop the desire to enrich time or cultivate the quality of living, you buy a theatre ticket, attend a concert, read a book, see an exhibit and reflect. You become a thoughtful person and doesn't that seem a worthy goal?

There's a lesson to be learned there: If you want quality, you pay for it. Don't students deserve the means to a richer life? Don't we want to produce a more thoughtful citizenry? Isn't

'Honor' society is now 'earn' society

To the editor:

I would like to thank Kenny Kleespies for his letter in your Feb. 26 edition. In it, he blasted the Gamma Beta Phi Society for its adoption of the Point Amendment. It was very good to hear an empathetic voice.

This is the third letter I have written concerning this amendment. The first was to GBP President Chris Bean shortly after the amendment was proposed. To slightly understate, I let Mr. Bean know that I was violently opposed to the idea. I believe I used the analogy that if we as members were going to be treated like children, our thumbs would become fixed in our mouths and we would never be able to raise our hands and volunteer for any of the GBP projects.

My second letter can after the amendment was passed.

This second letter was one of resignation. Quitting, if you prefer. I could no longer be part of an organization that so desperately wanted to own and control me.

Gamma Beta Phi should not be an organization of force. Granted, there is apathy, but the officers and advisors seem to have forgotten that to maintain membership in Gamma Beta Phi, one must study every now and then. As Mr. Kleespies said, quality has diminished, almost disappeared. MTSU's honor society has become an earn society.

Kim Spence
Box 2324

All thanked for help

To the editor:

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those students and members of the Murfreesboro community who came to the Cut-A-Thon on Feb. 18 at Charlie Pitts Styling College.

With your help we raised over \$1,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. This money will go towards research to help find a cure for the many children who suffer from juvenile diabetes.

The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta
Box 583

this indeed in the "interest of the students?"

There is a simplistic fallacy in the thinking of the opponent of support for the liberal arts which is to be expected in a mind whose only dimension seems to be quantitative and whose goals all seem short range. The assumption expressed in the article was that support for the liberal arts "requires a draining (of money)

from those schools whose enrollment has risen."

To paraphrase, the writer is saying that "your gain must be my loss" and that's not exactly true. Indeed if there was more institutional support for liberal arts, not only might intangible benefits like prestige accrue to the university (for the benefit of all), but it's also possible that because of our commitment more money might find its way

here from alumni, public and private foundations and (miracles do happen) even from the legislature.

In the last analysis, support of the liberal arts is a commitment to the possible above and beyond the probable; it leads to a future which is open and that, it seems to me, is the right choice, even a necessary choice.

Charles Jansen
Asst. Prof. of Art History

Politics could bring Nixon back

To the editor:

Spring is almost at hand and with it comes the inevitable pursuit of politics. It's amazing to discover that if you elect a certain candidate, he will juggle his high-wire act just for you!

That's right, you student 1/2000-00-0001. Some of the deals and promises going around are enough to make Richard Nixon return to politics!

Every candidate has something to offer, with the exception of apartment cleaning (I don't do windows).

I think we need to re-evaluate and reform our political programs to serve the good of the whole student body and college rather than just the few and influential.

How idealistic but unrealistic!

So I guess the next best thing to do is sit back and enjoy the mud-slinging and name-calling. It's already started and it ought to be a good one this year.

Perhaps this is the year we should elect an unknown candidate and keep everyone guessing!

Bruce Baranowski
Box 1899

Organizational row election good

To the editor:

Tuesday when I picked up a copy of *Sidelines*, I was delighted to see that our election commission had exhibited a very intellectual attitude toward our student body.

I am referring to their decision to hold an election on March 26 concerning the question of Organizational Row.

I would also like to extend my extreme gratefulness to Louis Holiday for his insight and general concern for the student rights of this university.

Mr. Holiday, through his actions and determination, has given the student populace a voice in a matter that our present ASB saw fit not too.

Too long has the voice of the

students been ignored, while the administration and ASB saw fit to listen to the more pleasing tones of special interest groups. So I, for one would like to say, "I'm damn tired of it."

If we had more people like Louis Holiday working for the students maybe we wouldn't have so much apathy at MTSU.

Robert Jackson
Box 4791

Olympic boycott not justified by America claiming 'moral obligation'

To the editor:

This letter is written in response to an article appearing in the Feb. 19 issue titled "Olympic boycott is a potent weapon," which was written by Warren Denny. Let me first say that it doesn't take much intelligence to surmise that Mr. Denny is not on any Olympic team.

Admittedly, the Olympic boycott has become a potent weapon for Mr. Carter, but I must disagree with your criteria for justification of this boycott. In other words, Mr. Denny, for heaven's sake let's leave "moral obligation" out of this issue. Check your facts, Mr. Denny, about the USSR and Afghanistan and about the United States and moral obligations.

For instance, in 1976 the African nations boycotted the Olympic games in protest of South Africa and Rhodesia's policy of apartheid. In case you have never heard of the word, Mr. Denny, or do not have a dictionary handy, Webster's "New World Dictionary" defines apartheid as "strict racial segregation as practiced in South Africa." If you'll check the records, you'll see the United States did not feel any "moral obligation" in this instance. But maybe I'm mistaken; just maybe racial racial segregation and people treated as though they were inferior beings is not considered a moralistic issue.

As for the USSR and Afghanistan — Afghanistan has been more or less a puppet state of the USSR for more years than you have been alive. So, Mr. Denny, I suggest you find another criteria for the

"justification" of a boycott other than "moral obligation."

I am disappointed in Mr. Carter's decision to forbid American athletes from participating in the Olympics. He would "deflate the Soviet's largest propaganda balloon ever assembled" more effectively by stopping the American media from signing a contract with Moscow to broadcast the games. This would definitely hurt the Soviets since these moves involve money. I do regret that so many

American athletes and coaches will see their balloons of Olympic grandeur deflated along with the Soviet's.

Needless to say, the games will be held and we will find ourselves watching the games broadcast by an American network with no American athletes participating. But, Mr. Denny, "we sure did punish them 'ere Russians!"

La Rita T. Bailey
Box 1553

WMOT interview appreciated

To the editor:

I would like to thank Dennis Adamson and WMOT radio for interviewing Louis Holiday, Mike Smith and myself Tuesday morning, Feb. 26.

The subject of the show was the special election to be held March 26 on the proposed organization row. We (the proponents of the special election) feel that the students

deserve the right to vote on anything that affects their university. Such a high degree of student participation can only help to alleviate the problem of apathy on campus.

Once again, thank you, WMOT.

Daniel Brown
Freshman Senator
Box 1578

Ruffner's support of facility merits thanks of student body

To the editor:

I am taking this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to Coach Joe Ruffner, director of campus recreation, for his spearheading the drive for a campus recreational center.

I feel it is high time such a center be constructed on campus. Under Ruffner's guidance, this plan could very likely mature to fruition.

The need for a comprehensive

recreational facility is felt each time an MTSU student is turned away from existing facilities due to a lack of adequate space. The evidence points toward a definite need for a new facility.

Once again, to Coach Ruffner and his staff, my thanks for their concern for the MTSU student body.

Randall Shuptrine
Freshman Senator
Box 836

punchline

By Danny Tyree

Theodoric of York realizes maybe criminals are criminals

I'm sorry that, thus far in 1980, Metro policemen have slain three black suspects who tried to flee. It's terrible to see a life end prematurely.

Police should be trained to use their weapons sparingly. There should be a departmental inquiry each time an officer fires his gun in the line of duty.

But the overreaction of some Nashville blacks is so ludicrous it would make good material for "Saturday Night Live."

Imagine Steve Martin as "Theodoric of York, Medieval Black Leader." Theodoric comes to a sudden realization:

"Maybe it's time we admitted that these suckers shouldn't have run. And that, especially after the first shooting, they knew the risk they were taking. And that they wouldn't have had to run if they hadn't been breaking the law in the first place.

"Maybe we could yell 'police brutality' and 'racism' only after careful consideration and not as a reflex action.

"Maybe it's time we started treating criminals as criminals and not as black people and left-handed people and red-headed people. . .

"Perhaps we should acknowledge the fact that Metro policemen shoot whites also.

"Maybe we should get it through our heads that if officers are pressured into not shooting at fleeing felons, then all criminals will run.

"Maybe 'equal justice' means that blacks must obey the law, too. . . not that blacks are above the law.

"Perhaps it's time we started caring as much about the victims and potential victims as about the criminals.

"Maybe we should admit that a policeman has to make split-second decisions, and that it's impossible for him to be 100 percent sure he can outrun a felon. Not to mention how hard it is to hit a moving target accurately.

"Maybe it's wrong to boycott innocent white merchants just because the mayor won't submit to our blackmail demands.

"Maybe there would be more peace between the races if we would meet whites halfway. . . instead of imagining racists lurking behind every tree.

"Maybe we should realize that the black reaction to this situation is just as detestable as the hate-filled paranoia of the Ku Klux Klan."

Pause.

"Naaaaaahh!"

as i see it

by Chuck Keller

Diary of a compulsive smoker, from 2 cartons a day to CJ's

Dear Diary,

I thought that you would like to know that I'm quitting. I've wheezed my last wheeze, hacked my last hack and coughed my last cough.

By now you should know that I plan to quit-smoking. But let's go back to the beginning and take a look at the past few years.

At first I started like most other young people by smoking behind the barn, in the bathroom at school, while working and whenever my parents weren't at home. My first brand was Viceroy; not because they tasted good, but because my older sister smoked that brand and I stole them from her.

After working my way up to half a pack per day, I soon started buying my own. Trying to satisfy my newly obtained addiction, I started smoking Winston. Advertisements made the claim that, "Winston tastes good like a cigarette should." What they don't mention is the film of light brown tobacco stains left on your teeth.

At the age of 13, I decided that I would rather switch than fight and started down the road of doom and destruction with menthol. Brand name didn't matter, just as long as it was menthol. Salem, Marlboro and Kool were among my early menthol favorites. In no time at all, I was smoking two packs a day.

Things became really bad when I started to go to high school. In order to be able to smoke at school, you first needed a note from your parents giving you permission to smoke. Since neither of my parents knew that I smoked (and I intended to keep it that way), I smoked one pack on the way to school and another on the way home.

Relief soon came my way in the form of a steady after school job. But instead of spreading my cigarettes out, I found it easier to add another pack to my daily habit. By the time I graduated, I was smoking a little more than three packs a day.

After school came a brief tour of duty in the U.S. Army. It was during this time that I first realized that I had a smoking problem. Instead of smoking for pleasure, I was smoking to break the monotony that goes with the duties of being a supply clerk. Without really noticing it, I was soon smoking two cartons a week.

That's when the coughing, wheezing and hacking began. I decided right then and there to cut down on the amount of cigarettes smoked. With the help of a few good friends, I worked my way (slowly, but surely) back down to two packs a day. But, to make up for the "loss" of tar and nicotine, I started smoking cigarettes which rated high in both categories.

Soon I was discharged and I vowed to cut down on my habit even more. I started to smoke NOW, a brand which only has two milligrams of tar per cigarette. After smoking this brand for about six months, my body became used to the reduction of nicotine in my system. I was down to a pack a day.

I felt proud of myself. With this self — pride came the momentous decision to quit smoking for once and for all. I am now down to my last pack and there is only one more cigarette left in it. As long as I can keep that one cigarette in that last pack, I know that I'll succeed in my quest.

Now that I've quit smoking I feel like a brand new person. No longer am I controlled by any annoying vices or. . . excuse me, Diary.

I must go now, I'm meeting some friends at CJ's and don't want to miss any of the happy hour.

Newspapers not controlled by networks

By **ANGIE GALLOWAY**
Sidelines Copy Editor

Do interview shows on the major television stations determine the content of stories in newspapers owned by the network?

According to a study conducted by MTSU professor Larry Burriss the answer is "no."

The three major networks' Sunday interview programs —

"Issues and Answers" (ABC), "Face the Nation" (CBS) and "Meet the Press" (NBC) — were taped over a six week period and compared to 23 newspapers, some network affiliated and some non-affiliated, to find out whether or not the show generated news stories in the papers.

Burriss, doing the report while a graduate student at Ohio

University, explained, "The first thing we did was to see if the newspapers would use the TV show and secondly if the newspapers associated with one network."

Assisting Burriss was Jeanne Williams, a journalism faculty member at Central Missouri who was also at Ohio University as a graduate student.

They set out to determine,

through a content analysis, the stories that were generated from these programs in selected newspapers across the nation.

"Sometimes stories would have come from the TV shows and sometimes it would be personal interviews," he said. "We then used the tape recordings to see if the quotes were from the interviews."

The study, published in the "Journalism Quarterly," wanted to see if any newspapers associated with television stations would tend to run more network news material from their own network than they

would from opposing networks.

"Newspapers *per se* are not 'affiliated' with television networks as are affiliated stations," the study explained. This term is used to mean newspapers which are owned in common with a television station.

Their findings showed that no significant relationships were found, which Burriss said was good for the media. "This shows there appears to be little correspondence between network-related newspapers and newspaper interview use," the report claimed.

Even though the interviews

were often covered in the Monday editions of affiliated newspapers, coverage of the subjects often crossed ownership lines into areas covered by opposing networks.

The test period for taping the shows ran from April 9 through May 15, 1978, and the newspapers were analyzed beginning on April 10 through May 15.

Newspapers used had six with no affiliation; one affiliated with an independent television station; three were ABC affiliated; eight with CBS and five with NBC.

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Mimes

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The Pendulum Mime Theatre was begun in the summer of 1978 by Susan Chrietzburg, who has taught at theatre schools, universities and dance schools throughout the United States and France. Other members of the troupe are Anne Holland, associate professor of dance at MTSU, Ruthe Hawes, and Ezra Eichelberger.

Cable

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can figure out how they could pay for the service," Rhinehart said.

"Feeding the dorms would take the load off the television antennas. Reception of the five Nashville stations would definitely be improved. Married Housing and J and K dorms already have outlets for cable available," Forgette said.

Twelve additional stations are available to cable viewers as well as Home Box Office, which shows strictly movies. It is not mandatory that all of the options would be available to student subscribers, even if the system is eventually installed. It could be limited to local reception, Forgette mentioned.

"Our present major thrust is getting the hook up accomplished at MTSU and give the LRC broadcasting capabilities. Then, the possibilities for them to use it are practically limitless," Rhinehart said. "In Amarillo, Texas, a local university has held classes on cable TV and people who must stay at home for one reason or another don't have to miss class."

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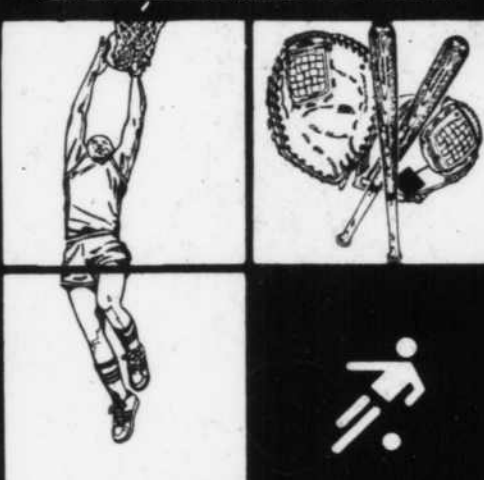
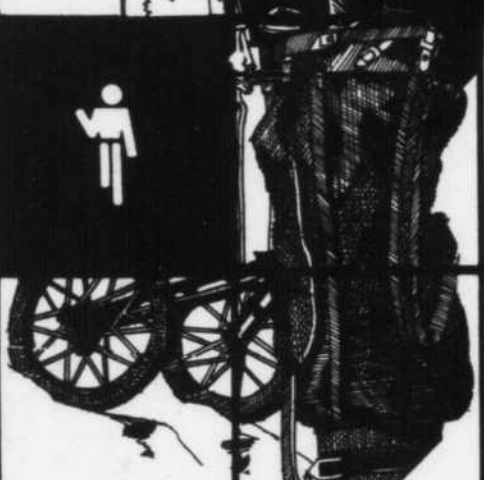
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Lady Raiders experience ups and downs

Tech foils MTSU's hopes of gaining AIAW berth

By CAROL A. STUART

Sidelines Sports Writer

COOKEVILLE, Tn. — The host Tennessee Tech Golden Eaglettes crashed the Lady Raiders' party here Friday night.

Middle Tennessee, working towards a regional AIAW berth and national recognition, lost a nine-point lead to fall 72-70 in their Division I state tournament semi-final.

Playing in front of their home fans, Tennessee Tech took a halftime break after falling behind 38-31. In the first five minutes of the second half, the Lady Raiders pulled farther ahead 52-43 and continued to shake off the Eaglettes home court advantage — that is, until the last minute of play.

After point guard Sherry Smith fouled out with 1:22 remaining, nothing went right for the MTSU squad. Riding on the crowd's chants of "Let's Go Tech," senior Eaglette Pam Chambers drove through the middle for a lay-up to put her team ahead 71-70.

Middle Tennessee quickly called a couple of time-outs, and made a well set-up charge with 20 seconds left. The game looked to be over when Ester Coleman sent an alley-oop pass towards Ileana Portik. The pass, however, went over the head and through the hands of the awaiting Portik.

Lady Raider Josephine Wright then did the only thing possible by fouling Chambers in

the backcourt with 18 seconds on the clock. Chambers hit the front end of a one-and-one for a 72-70 Tech lead.

The second shot was rebounded by Coleman, who took the ball down the court for another time-out. The time-out effort proved ineffective when Coleman's last second shot rolled off the rim for an Eaglette victory.

"I feel like we could play Tech 10 times on a neutral court and we could win seven out of 10 games," MTSU head coach Larry Inman said. "I feel we've got a 10-point better ball club than them. In the last two games against Tech, we led as much as nine points and could have put them away, but some crucial calls hurt us."

Coleman, the freshman guard from Humboldt, canned 23 points in the game to keep the MTSU offense going. Four other Lady Raiders were in double figures with Portik scoring 13, Justice hitting 12, and Smith and Wright adding 10 apiece.

Tech, who was led by Chambers with 13 points and Holly Hoover and Carmen Dowdell with 12, advanced to the Saturday finals against the University of Tennessee Lady Vols. UT's much larger team laid a 83-66 trouncing upon the Golden Eaglettes in the championship round.

MTSU, meanwhile, ended the season on a sour note against UT-Chattanooga in a con-

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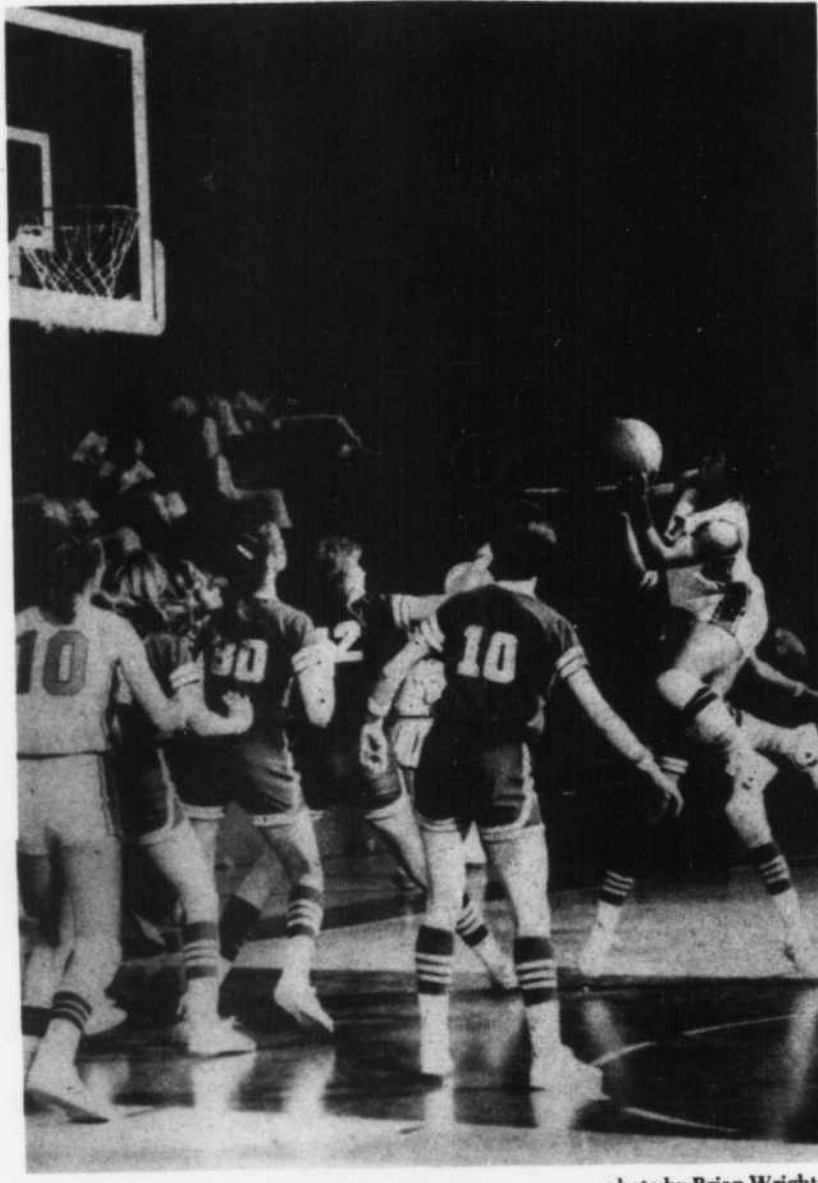


photo by Brian Wright

Josephine Wright soars through the air as she goes in for a layup in Friday night's AIAW tournament. Tennessee Tech eliminated the Lady Raiders from any post-season play.

Second time in MTSU history

Grapplers advance to finals

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

All three MTSU wrestlers competing in the NCAA regionals tournament in Las Vegas this weekend placed, with

two advancing to the NCAA championship to be held March 13-15.

The two advancing to the NCAA championships mark only the second time in MTSU history

that a Raider wrestler has made it to the finals.

"I've said all along the potential was there for our wrestling team to get better and better and I think this bears me

out," said MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell. "I would love for a wrestler to make All-American just to prove to the people who didn't want us (the wrestling program) that they are losing a good thing."

Both Mike Kuziola and Tony Rowland advanced from the regionals to the NCAA finals and have a chance of earning All-American status. Woody Sardin also placed in the regionals, but not high enough to advance.

Sardin lost his first match to Scott Heaton, of eventual team State. Rowland went on to beat Paul Procter of Indiana State, then beat Sam Perkins of Illinois State.

After beating Procter, Rowland topped Mike Wilda of champion Cal-Poly. Sardin's opponent, Scott Heaton, was the number one seed in the nation in the 167-pound category. Sardin took fourth in the tournament.

Rowland won third place and captured an at-large bid to the NCAA finals with his performance in the regional. Rowland, wrestling in the 150-pound class, lost his first match to Bruce Moe of Winona (Wis.)

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photo by Mark Holland

While the weather outside Murphy Center Saturday afternoon was cold and snowy, inside the Raider tracksters were blistering the track. Middle Tennessee won the triangular meet over Austin Peay and Arkansas State.

Middle Tennessee nabs meet over Peay, Ark. St.

The MTSU track team picked up eight first place finishes Saturday en route to a triangular meet victory over rival Austin Peay and Arkansas State.

The Raiders picked up 67 points in the events to win the meet, while Arkansas posted 51 and Austin Peay took third with 42.

MTSU's one field event win came from Greg Artis, who has been suffering from a recent ankle injury. Artis won the long jump with a leap of 25-6. Artis previously qualified for the NCAA track championships.

Middle Tennessee relied heavily on the running events, with the Raider mile relay team earning a berth in the NCAA championships. The Raider relay team of Barry Gambrell, Pete Williams, David Robinson and Ed Stegall turned in a winning time of 3:13.8.

Other first place finishers for the Blue Raiders were Stegall, with a time of 47.6 in the 440 dash. Ed Thomas won the 60-yard high hurdles, turning in a time of 7.48.

Andre (Pip) Kirnes won the 60-yard dash in 6.19. Gambrell's time of 30.7 in the 300-yard run was not only good enough to win the meet, but also set a new school mark. Williams won the 600 run with a time of 1:12.8 and Dana McCutcheon wound up the Raider first place finishes with a time of 2:12.1 in the 1,000 run.

Kirnes picked up 13 points individually for MTSU, the highest point-getter in the meet. Kirnes not only won the 60-yard dash, but also took second in the high hurdles, second in the long jump and third in the 300-yard dash.

Simpson: first year as coach rough but fun

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

It is often said that hindsight is usually 20-20, but if Stan Simpson had it to do all over again, he would do exactly what he has done.

That's the sentiments of the MTSU basketball coach following his first year at the reigns of the MTSU basketball program.

"Overall, I'm pleased with what we achieved this season," Simpson said, leaning back in his chair. "We went so far on emotions that we became emotionally drained at a bad time. But these guys were super. They really were."

What the Raiders did, whether it be on emotions or talent, was push their record to a somewhat surprising 13 win season, the 14th best record in MTSU's 67 year basketball history. Surprisingly, the average margin of defeat was only eight points, meaning that

MTSU was still in the games they lost.

"The main thing was these guys realized what they had to do earlier than most teams do," the Raider head man said while taking a drag off a long cigar.

"They tried to achieve a lot and I thought that where Eastern Kentucky fell apart after having the same team that won the OVC last year, these guys stuck together."

"As far as deserving a chance to play in a post-season tournament, I think our fellows worked hard enough to get there," he added.

By his own admission, the season was a hard one. At one point, Simpson lashed out with harsh criticism of three top players. Two players left the squad for assorted reasons. But Simpson said he still enjoyed the season.

"Overall, this season was like I thought it would be," he admitted. "It has been the most difficult season I've ever been

associated with, but its also been the most fun."

"Some of this goes back to Coach (Jimmy) Earle," Simpson said of the legendary basketball coach he replaced. "He gave me more encouragement every day than anyone else on campus or anyone else in town. He has been just super."

As for the criticism, Simpson said he had a reason for his public evaluation of the team.

"I realized we had reached an all or nothing point and I thought we might be able to jolt the team into one last push," he explained. "Shoot, I couldn't fault anyone on this squad. They gave everything they had."

The Blue Raiders graduate only one senior off the starting team, something which gives the MTSU coach reason to look forward to next season.

"I've really got a lot of hope for the guys coming back next year," Simpson said. "I hope to add a few good recruits and

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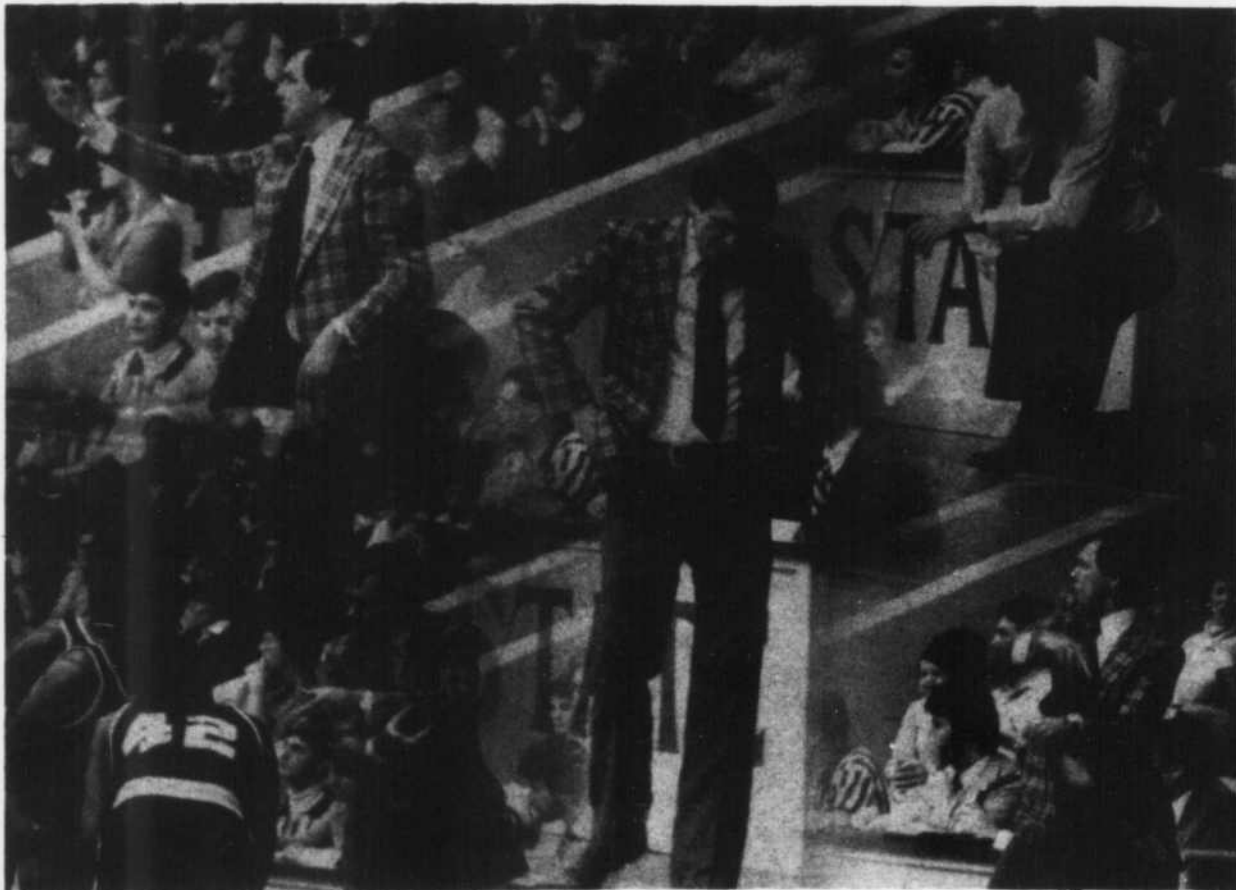


photo by Mark Holland

First year coach Stan Simpson shows several different moods in a game earlier this season. Simpson said he was happy with the season as a whole and would not do anything differently.

Snowfall stops diamondmen; home opener set for Wednesday

Coach John Stanford and his baseball team are used to curveballs, sliders, forkballs, fastballs and sinkers.

But Ol' Man Winter threw a ball as Stanford and his team Saturday morning that they just couldn't handle.

The ball? A snowball.

The result was a snowed out season-opener Saturday. The opening game was set to be against Georgia State, but the snow forced the game to be

cancelled and it will not be made up.

"It kinda' slowed the train down, didn't it?" Stanford laughed yesterday. "We'll crank it up Wednesday against the University of Alabama-Birmingham."

The home opener, against that team, has been pushed back to Wednesday at 1 p.m. The game is scheduled to be a double-header.

The Raider nine were

scheduled to face them again Sunday afternoon in Birmingham, but the late-winter storm also forced postponement of that contest. The game will be made up Friday in Birmingham.

Linksters open Saturday

MTSU golf coach E.K. Patty will unveil his 1980 golf team this weekend in the Orangeburg Invitational tournament in Orangeburg, N.C.

MTSU will be facing such teams as Wake Forest, the nation's number one team,

Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Middle Tennessee will not be as strong as recent teams because no returning golfers will be on this year's squad. The Raider linksters will depend heavily on John Powers to lead the squad.

Tech foils

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solation game Saturday. Winning 84-62, UTC grabbed third place in the tournament behind the scoring of Denise Powers with 21 points and Karen Mills with 18 points.

"I wasn't that upset with them against UTC," Inman said. "What's the difference of whether you're third or fourth? We don't want our athletes to play that way because if you go

for third, you'll always stay third."

The young MTSU squad, finishing the '79-'80 campaign with a 23-11 record, missed out on the AIAW berth with the two losses. As Tennessee state champions, Pat Head's University of Tennessee Lady Vols got an automatic tourney berth and Marynell Meadors' Tennessee Tech Golden Eaglettes received an at-large entry for next week's regionals in South Carolina.

Simpson

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transfers to make it a good team.

"(Jerry) Beck and Chris (Harris) are going to be our leaders next year," he continued. "Pancakes will have a year of experience and that will make him an even better ball player. He excited people this year more than any other new player we've ever had. He really made a lot of progress and Leroy Coleman really helped him out. We're going to miss Leroy next year."

But despite the problems, despite not making the OVC tournament, a special place in Simpson's heart will always be reserved for the 1979-80 edition of the MTSU basketball team.

"As long as I'm in the game, as long as I'm in life, this will be my favorite team," he said, leaning forward in his chair to emphasize his point. "That includes my two 30-0 teams in high school. These guys will always be my favorite."

Grapplers

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Notre Dame and was awarded an at-large berth.

Kuziola placed better than the other two grapplers, finishing second in the 158-pound class. Kuziola worked his way through the competition by defeating Alphonso Phillips of Drake and topping Eric Jones of Southern

Illinois before losing to the nation's number two seed, Robert Kiddy of Cal-Poly.

Both Sardin and Kuziola could earn All-American status by finishing eighth or better in their respective weight classes.

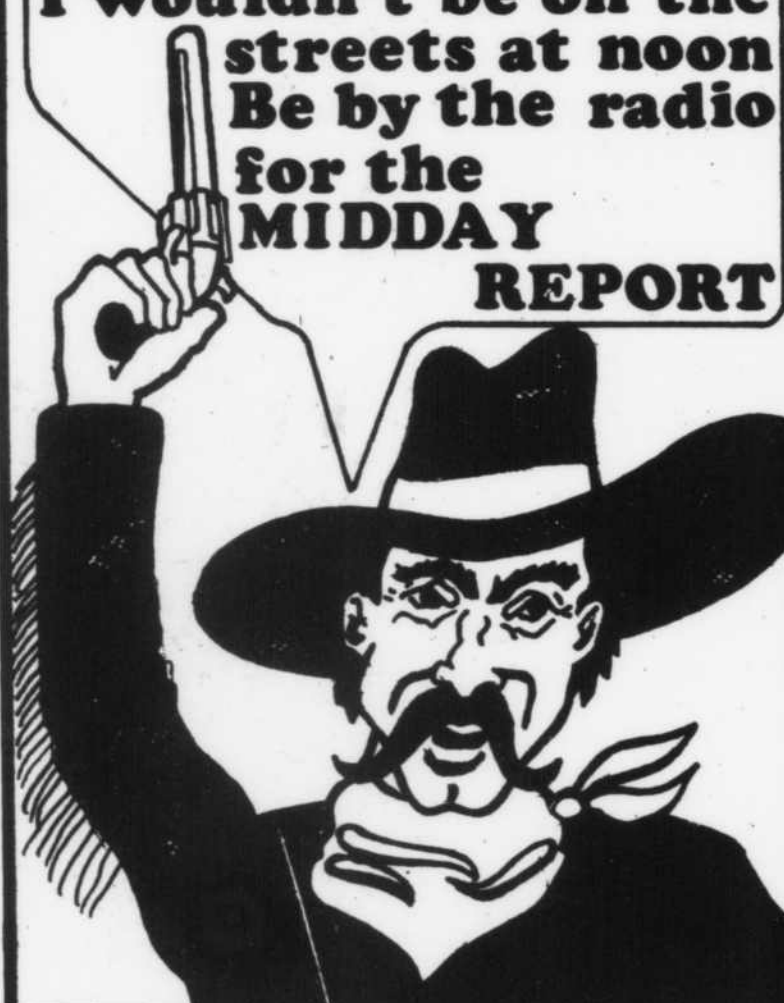
"I would definitely have to say this was our best performance," Connell nodded.

"We picked a good time to wrestle as well as we did. By qualifying these two wrestlers, we showed we are getting better."

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