

Seventy utilize new car pool parking



About 70 people took part in the first day of MTSU's special car pool parking lot plan yesterday, Robert MacLean, dean of student services, said.

"By 9 a.m. we had 21 cars parked in the car pool lot located next to the baseball diamond," MacLean said. "Each of those cars carried a minimum of three persons, and some cars carried four or more."

The dean, chairman of a special committee designed to ease commuting burdens of MTSU students, said about 60 car pools are currently registered and equipped with car pool stickers which must be displayed in order to gain entry into the special lot.

Beverly McPherson, a campus police officer shown at left, is stationed at the lot every day between 7 and 10 a.m. to insure that only registered car pools use the lot. Dana Cowan, driving the car, is one of the first students to take advantage of the lot, being a commuter from McMinnville.

Sidelines

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Dishwashing falls below regulations

by Gina Jeter

Eating utensils and dishes used in High Rise West cafeteria are not being washed in water meeting state temperature regulations, according to a temperature check yesterday of that dishwasher.

Although the machine's final rinse temperature gauge read well over the 180 degrees required by state regulations, a dial thermometer registered only 151 degrees while held under the final rinse water.

Representatives from Hobart Manufacturers, makers of the dishwashers used on campus, examined and worked on the machines in both the Grill and High Rise West Thursday. They replaced final rinse gauges on both machines and supposedly repaired them, according to Saga director Greg Magill.

Magill said Friday that both machines registered 180 degrees Thursday night on his thermometer.

However, when this reporter accompanied Magill yesterday, his thermometer registered 174 degrees under the Grill machine's final rinse and 151 degrees in High Rise West.

The Grill's final rinse gauge jumped to 190 degrees when a dish rack passed into the final rinse compartment triggering that cycle.

Although a thermometer that can run through a dishwasher and register the maximum tempera-

ture of any cycle is normally used to check dish machines, only about a 15 degree discrepancy should exist between the actual dish temperature and Magill's thermometer, according to Danny Coons of the State Public Health Department.

Considering this 15 degree difference, the Grill dishwasher is above state regulations with a temperature of 189 degrees.

Adding 15 degrees to the High Rise machine's temperature still leaves it below regulations with a temperature of 166 degrees.

Hobart's office in Nashville was notified by Harold Jewell of the

maintenance department yesterday that the dishwasher in High Rise needs more repair work.

Jewell did not know whether Hobart's representatives are waiting on parts for the machine or if they left Thursday thinking all work was complete.

"Hobart has instructions to take whatever means to fix it," Jewell said, "regardless of cost or time."

The Hobart office could not be reached for comment.

Sidelines began checking dishwashing temperatures about three weeks ago after student questions concerning the reuse of plastic utensils in the Grill.

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If the gauge above could be believed, High Rise West cafeteria would be meeting state regulations for dishwashing temperatures.

Inspector asks store clean-up

by Bill Mason

Investigation of Davis' Foodland last week resulted in a directive to the store to clean up its facilities, according to Robert Reeves of the food and drug division of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

Davis' was inspected by John Adams, local agent for the department, in response to a report from Sidelines of unsanitary conditions at the market.

"Apparently, the store needs quite a lot of housecleaning in general," Reeves said.

Floors were found to be dirty, especially around the aisles and food equipment, according to Adams' report. The floor in the meat department needed reinforcing.

Adams found that repairs are needed in the ceiling and food-stands in the store.

The report also stated that frozen food cases and barbecue equipment needed cleaning, and that the entire meat department needed a "thorough cleaning."

Adams also noted that the trash pick-up area behind the store had no covering over it.

Gary Davis Jr., general manager of the store, was contacted yesterday for comment on the Sidelines article of Feb. 1 and the investigation by Adams.

"I don't wish to make a statement," Davis said. "You will be hearing from our lawyer."

Davis then refused to reveal the identity of his attorney.

ASB answers Sidelines' attacks

ASB President Tim Watson and Secretary of Mobilization Terry Thomas responded to the Jan. 25 Sidelines editorial concerning the ASB last week.

Thomas said "I am the one solely responsible for the Midlander-Collage survey, and it was through my own inaction that the results have been delayed."

"This should have been reported in the Sidelines and not used as an excuse to accuse the entire ASB of inaction," Thomas said.

Library hours were not "forgotten," Watson said. "During exams last semester, a meeting

was held to discuss extending the hours."

"A number of students were invited to the meeting, but I was the only one who attended," he said.

Administration and library officials "honestly could not see any justification for extending library hours," Watson said.

"Irresponsibility of the student body at large (tearing out articles and stealing books) was the major bar to negotiation," he said.

"However, we are still looking for ways in which students can have a place to study all night," Watson said.

The ASB is currently involved

with 12 different projects, according to Thomas.

Academically, a professor evaluation survey by students and a proposed change in the grading system are being worked on, Thomas said.

Final preparations for a WDCN-TV program about MTSU are being conducted, Thomas said.

Other projects sponsored by the ASB include an ombudsman, college bowl program, a proposed general sessions court, student discount system, a carpool study, food committee investigations, senior superlatives and a St. Jude fund drive, Thomas said.

Dish machine proves 'fickle'

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Plastic can be reused if sanitized correctly, according to the State Department of Conservation's Division of Hotel and Restaurant Inspection. (SAGA has now replaced most of their plastic with silverware since the petroleum-based plastic has risen in cost.)

When checked Tuesday before its repair, the Grill's machine registered 170 degrees on Magill's thermometer.

Even disregarding that the 15 degrees discrepancy would raise that temperature to 185 degrees, 170 degrees is an acceptable thermometer figure, according to Eric Bell, director of the Division of Hotel and Restaurant Inspection.

"Although we say we require 180 degrees, a dish will be sanitized when its surface reaches 162 degrees; therefore, we'll accept 170 degrees on a thermometer," Bell said.

The High Rise machine was also checked last Tuesday and registered 160 degrees in its hottest cycle. Considering the 15 degree discrepancy, it too should have been accepted by state inspectors.

However, until the High Rise dishwasher is completely fixed by Hobart and proves reliable, a comment by Magill might apply--"It's as fickle as a woman."



Photo by Alan Loveless

International Soccer Club members Sarathana Samphan, David Chan, and Dave Baily (left) practice at the soccer field behind the maintenance building.

Practices are held 2 p.m. Sunday and 3 p.m. Wednesday but times may be changed later, according to Paul Tosh, club member.

Most of the 30 members are international students. Five girls are presently members, but more women are urged to join, Tosh said.

Objectives are "to promote the game of soccer on campus and in the community and to promote relations between international and American students," he said.

TSA to confront financial 'crisis'

by Lisa Marchesoni

Financial problems will be discussed at a "crisis convention" Feb. 8-10 at Tennessee Tech, according to Tim Watson, ASB president.

Only four delegates will represent MTSU, Watson said.

One reason for the small delegation is that TYSA is in an embarrassing situation financially because of the fraudulent misuse of funds by its former chairman James Griggs, also a former MTSU student, Watson said.

"Another reason for restricting our number, is that our own budget is suffering," Watson said.

"We are short of funds because of debts incurred from the previous administration," he said.

Therefore, only experienced delegates will attend this convention, Watson said.

Jane Carroll, former TSA treasurer, said the purpose of the convention is "to reorganize and redirect the goals of TSA."

A regular convention will be later this spring, Watson said.

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Stunt Night ups loan fund

by Mike Rucker and
Michael Gigandet

Due to the outstanding success of Stunt Night, the Biology Club will continue to have the annual fund raising event, according to Kathy Hall, club president.

The show, consisting of 15 performing groups, grossed \$450 for the "suffering" George Davis Loan Fund.

The Gymnastics Club won the first place prize of \$50 in the independent division with a skit called "Whistling Bellies." The German Club placed second.

In the Greek division Alpha Delta Pi won a trophy for first place, and Delta Tau Delta placed second.

A door prize of 500 pennies was awarded to Mike Morris of Sigma Chi.

For over three hours dancing pears, fighting bananas, assorted ne'er do wells and Mother Goose characters danced across the stage before a laughing audience.

Vocalist Sheila Hixson provided the intermission entertainment.

Clown Joe Banker, formerly with Ringling Brothers Circus filled in between stage settings. Banker

donated his performance fee to the loan fund.

Skits ranged from a plug for the Womens' Army Corps to a karate exhibition and a trip through fairy tale land. One fraternity even performed a biting satire on the universities' rules and regulations.

"A lot of imagination and hard work was put forth by everyone who participated in the performances. The crowd seemed to get into it also," said Andy Johnston, the master of ceremonies and WLAC-TV's Tennessee Traveler.

One of the highlights of the show was the impromptu performance of Dexter Dodson. Dodson was called to the stage by Johnston after the crowd called his name several times. He imitated Richard Nixon, John Wayne and Elvis Presley.

"All in all, the show was very successful," Patrick Doyle, the Biology Club sponsor, said. "It would not have gone off as well without Kathy Hall. She contributed a tremendous amount of time to making the show a success."

'A Funny Thing' to open Feb. 15

The musical play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will be presented by the MTSU Theatre this month, according to Vernon Cox of the speech and theatre department.

Curtain time will be 8 p.m. on Feb. 15-16 and 18-23 at the Arena Theatre.

The book for the musical was written by Burt SheneLove and Larry Gilbert, and the music and lyrics were written by Stephen Sondheim. The musical will be produced by special arrangement with the Music Theatre International.

The play will star Karla Pate as Domina, Randy Thompson as Hero and Debbie Nolen as Philia.

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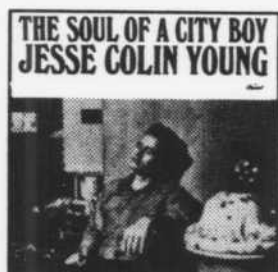
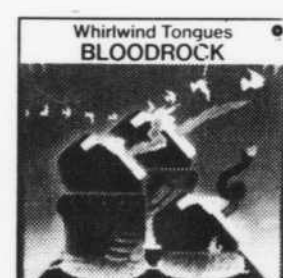
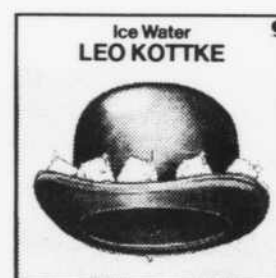
Photo by Alan Loveless

Trash man?

Dennie Hall, teacher in the mass communications department, staggers under a load of copy paper he uses in class instruction. Hall, like other faculty members, claims his paperwork is really "getting me down."



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Academics need sharpening

Any university worth the name strives to service many broad interests ranging from sports to cultural enlightenment, but the highest goal it should seek to attain is that of academic excellence.

We feel that remedial history courses and the institution of a grade quota system in the psychology department cannot be of assistance in reaching that pinnacle.

Students who cannot perform college work in history or any other department should step aside and allow other, more talented persons a crack at higher education.

Grade quotas, whether informal or a matter of policy, cannot achieve any end other than the ultimate "leveling" of the quality of instruction. Faculty members should feel free to assign grades on the basis of merit, not percentage.

University officials, now confronted with these two instances of academic laxness, should act immediately to "clean up" course offerings and sharpen departmental policies, thereby assuring the person who attends this institution the best quality and equality in education that his hard-earned dollars can buy.

Buckley doubles as progressive

by Ray Notgrass

He said that the basic cause of crime is "the increasing moral and social disorder that marks contemporary society," surely a progressive view. And in at least one city, he realized that crime could not be dealt with without dealing with the inner city's social problems.

He recognized that pollution of our environment was choking everyone, and that government was the best institution for dealing with the problem of pollution. He proposed fining violators of water pollution laws according to the degree to which they polluted the rivers.

Concerning air pollution, he proposed using non-polluting vehicles by the government, and cracking down on the main polluter, the power company that fouled the air with its furnaces. He also called for equipping cars with pollution control devices, even at added cost to car buyers.

On drugs, he realized that "it is practically impossible to 'cure' a narcotics addict who does not desire to be cured." In saying this he was using logic that many who work with drug users realize: drug abuse comes from attitudinal problems which must be resolved as a first step in overcoming the drug problem.

Although he realized (correctly) that the process of busing to achieve racial balance would cause hostility (a majority of blacks and whites oppose it, according to several polls), he felt that the schools should confront "courageously... the special needs of students of

differing race, background, and training."

He questioned mass-promotions on the basis of age, felt more authority should be given to the individual teachers and, in short, favored education which children most need.

Concerning transportation, he favored strengthening bus systems as a means of mass transit. Also, significantly, he wanted government to encourage the use of bicycles to alleviate traffic congestion and as a means of exercise. Government encouragement is the important part here.

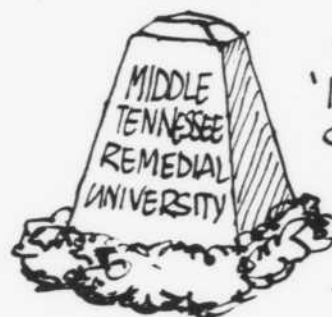
He proposed all this, many observers said, because he didn't care if the public accepted him or not.

Who was this far-sighted, wide-thinking man? He was, and is, William F. Buckley, Jr., and these ideas are put forth in **The Unmaking of a Mayor**, written about his campaign for mayor of New York way back in 1965. That's nine years ago, when most of us were in junior high, in the halcyon days of that great progressive, Lyndon Johnson.

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Readers' views

To the editor,

Have you ever been awakened in the middle of the night by the steady "drip, drip, drip" of wet towels, blue jeans, socks and other assorted articles of clothing? No? Well, then, you obviously don't reside in McHenry or Lyon Hall.

One would think that there would be more than three washing machines and two dryers to be shared by approximately 200 girls. Do you realize that totals about 300 pairs of jeans, 400 towels, 800 shirts, and a heck of a lot of other clothes to be washed and dried?

If these appliances worked, we could probably cope with the situation. We could always sit for an hour or so and eventually get to use one or the three washers.

No such luck! These five appliances are never all working at the same time.

Right now, both dryers promptly swallow one's dimes, but that's as far as they go. So if you visit McHenry or Lyon, don't expect the typical dorm rooms, because they are more like 'porta-laundry-mats'!

Julie Holt
Box 3785

To the editor:

The American Constitution provided for freedom of the press. Did it also allow the press freedom of disrespect while the national anthem was being played?

Does the press have one set of standards they expect the public, including sport spectators and athletes, to follow and another set of standards for the press to follow? Remember how the mass communication media exposed and exploited the lax manners of the two Olympian athletes?

Nothing, though, was said about

the photographers or cameramen that continually move freely about during the national anthem, seemingly exempt from paying their respect.

The photographers that cover MTSU's sports events are no exception. At nearly every home game I've attended, one or more photographers get right in front of the band or singer, completely oblivious of proper conduct.

Jerry Crites
Box 6823

To the editor:

I realize that one must be somewhat, shall we say, otherworldly to properly edit "Collage." Still, I am amazed that Ms. Lucy Sikes can be so out of touch as to dismiss MIDLANDER as a "failing book," as reported in Friday's newspaper.

I hope I don't surprise her too badly when I tell her that MIDLANDER's circulation is half again as large as that of "Collage." Speaking relatively, if MIDLANDER is "failing," then "Collage" has already failed.

It is sad that Ms. Sikes sees fit to use her power as "Collage" editor (and now, regrettably, as chairman of the Publications Committee) to downgrade MIDLANDER. The two publications need to cease bickering and pull together to prevent the demise of both.

Ms. Sikes will not inspire that cooperation in her role as chairman of the Publications Committee. She is hell-bent to promote "College" at MIDLANDER's expense and, incredibly, MIDLANDER lacks a representative on the Publications Committee to prevent it.

Jim Trammel
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Department employs grade quota system

by Steve Crass

Those students taking psychology courses may fall victim to an informal quota system regarding grades.

The system is based on a memorandum sent Jan. 11 to the psychology faculty by Willard Kerr, chairman of the department. The memo set guidelines for giving certain grades.

A committee has since been established within the department to monitor grades and adherence to the guidelines. The committee was established after the guidelines were issued and had no part in the formation of the guidelines, according to the chairman of the committee, Stanford Golden.

For undergraduate courses, not less than 45 per cent and not more than 50 per cent of the students should receive A's and B's, according to the memorandum.

Those receiving A's would include only 45 to 55 per cent in

to approximate the average grades given in the university. The university computer gives a printout of grade averages of the various departments. With each semester some of the departments seem out of line. Actually, ours hits around the middle most of the time, but like every department of any size we have some instructors who are unduly generous in giving grades or unduly severe.

"The chief specific benefits from the guidelines is to, in fact, make a college transcript mean something," Kerr said. "The departmental variances in this university range from 2.2 to about 3.5. Not in our department of course, but in all the various departments the averages alone have that extensive a range. Actually, our department is not that bad; we're not one of the worse offenders. I'd say we're about in the 70th percentile."

Kerr indicated he felt high variations in grading between individual instructors makes it impossible to evaluate the transcript of a student.

The overall grade average for the university is 2.697. Kerr was asked if departments try to keep grades near that level.

"They're supposed to. I don't think some are really putting any effort into it, but they're supposed to," he responded. "Otherwise transcripts don't mean anything. They become a function of the personalities of the professors in the given department rather than the work of the students."

"The transcript is not a measure of the students, it's a measure of the professor," he continued. "It's a projection of the professor's personality."

"Of course, the freshman and sophomore gradings are a bit overly severe, and a lot of professors have the philosophy that this is the time to flunk them out," Kerr said.

"And yet at the same time, the general education people think this is the time you give them the courses they ought to have whether they want them or not--two years of lab science, two years of English, this and that, two years of P.E. and so on," he added. "So the poor harrassed devils--it's a wonder so many survive as do. I don't think freshmen and sophomores should be graded any more severely than graduate students or anybody else."

"But," Kerr said, "the fact remains that in the first two years, because of the severe grading, we flunk out, and scare out a lot of students, so by the time you get to the junior and senior year, a lot of the students are not as well

able to compete, so they're not there anymore. The average performance level is objectively better. It's called survivorship, you know. Not all who quit or flunk out are poor students; some are very promising people."

In a later interview Kerr said the 2.697 average "might not be

'The poor harrassed devils'

reliable data since it was for only one term."

Kerr was asked what would happen if an extremely high number of A's and B's were given this semester. "Nothing," he replied. "It depends on the good will and devotion of the teacher to the institution trying to adhere to institutional goals and norms."

Reporter: So these are more or less highly suggested recommended guidelines?

Kerr: "Oh yeah, sure that's all we can do, that's all the authority we have."

The last sentence of the memo, "Each of us will be evaluated accordingly," apparently means there might be attention given to an instructor who did not follow the guidelines.

In reference to the sentence Kerr said, "Each of us is evaluated

on countless points each year for pay raises, promotions, tenure, evaluated on how well we teach, how fairly and adequately we test, grade and evaluate students in the courses and countless other things, and this is one of the things."

Reporter: "I understand that the department chairman evaluates his own department?"

Kerr: "Right, we are required to and held responsible for them."

Reporter: "Would not adhering to these guidelines have any effect on them for tenure, promotions, and raises in salary?"

Kerr: "Yes, theoretically some effect. I wouldn't say that it would be a tremendously major thing, but it's certainly one of the factors in the picture, at least a modest factor."

Apparently, Kerr feels the grading by some faculty members in the department of psychology is inconsistent and also too high, especially on the graduate level.

The "guidelines" may have a marked effect on grades in that department. Though they were intended only to be guidelines, some instructors, especially those not on tenure, may try to stay as close as possible to the stated percentages, possibly at the expense of students.

Friday: Some other views.

Analysis

500 and 600 level courses, while between 65 and 85 per cent of those enrolled in 700 level courses would be permitted A's.

Similar, but less strict, guidelines have been issued in the past, according to Kerr.

The memo stated, "A good job of teaching includes fair and objective grading of quizzes and courses. Individual teaching competence therefore must be evaluated with consideration given to how well each of us adheres to following departmental guidelines."

Kerr's statement went on to say that there would probably be some deviation for individual sections but not on the average per professor per year.

"Please note that adherence to above is not merely a departmental matter but also relates to keeping our performance in reasonable line with the undergraduate school and graduate school according to the Fall, 1973, Statistical Studies. Each of us will be evaluated accordingly," the memo concluded.

Kerr was interviewed about the memo on two different occasions. Following is a transcript from one of these interviews.

Reporter: "We've heard from a few students that some instructors have read a memo stating that a certain amount of grades would be given and that would be all, like a certain percentage of A's and B's, is this true?"

Kerr: "No, it's not true. We've set some bands, some guidelines

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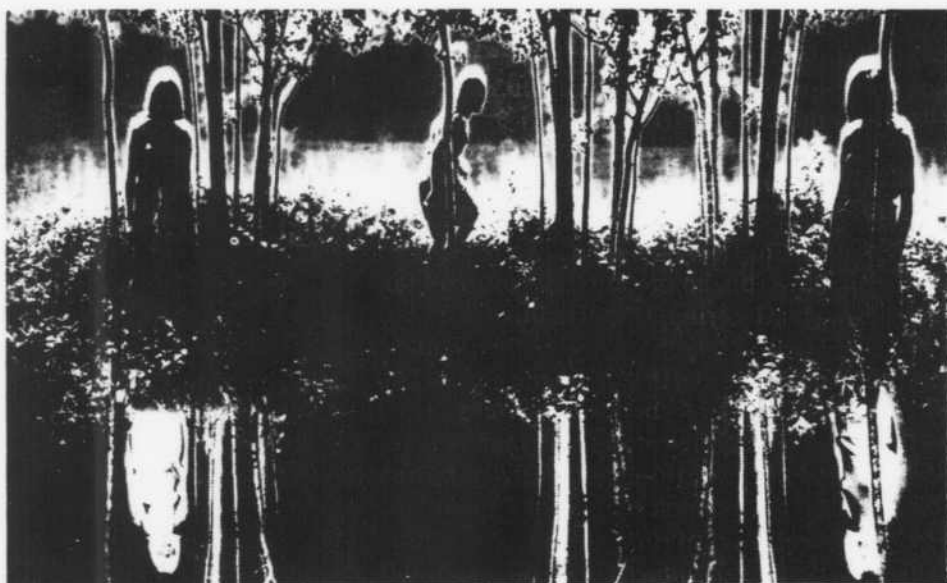
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Photos portray 'images'



Fifty photographs are being shown at MTSU's Photographic Gallery by Jerry Uelsmann, professor of art at the University of Florida.

The images portrayed in the above photo are realistic with superimposure, according to Harold Baldwin, curator.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. The show will continue until Feb. 26.

"Uelsmann is one of the best-known photographers in America, according to Baldwin. It took three years to get his exhibit on campus,

Baldwin said.

The photos are on sale for \$100 per print, Baldwin said. Four photos have been sold already, he said.

Uelsmann was honored in 1967 with a one-man show at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. His photographs were exhibited in the Alfred Stieglitz Center of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Uelsmann received his B.A. from the Rochester Institute of Technology and his M.S. and M.F.A. from Indiana University.

Livestock team to start season

By Michael Gigandet

While competing on a national basis, the Livestock Judging Team has done an "excellent job" of public relations for the university, according to Robert Garrigus of the agriculture department.

"The team justifies the money the university puts into the program three-fold," he said.

They traveled over 10,000 miles last spring going to contests. The team will start their spring season at the end of February in Houston. In April, the team will compete at Clemson University and Ohio Wooster.

"We have a winning streak of three straight against U.T., and we're pretty proud of that," Garrigus said. "We do not get nearly as many students as other schools, but we get enough of the best to make a good team."

Garrigus said the purpose of the team is to aid students in livestock evaluation in order to improve the quality of herds in the future.

The team members must evaluate an animal class on quality for consumption. Later, they must be able to orally defend their opinions. "It is a debate contest in a way," he added.

Garrigus is beginning to organize the 1975 team, and anyone interested should contact him at 898-2418.

File 13

MTSU Archeology Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the UC, room 324A. James Powers will speak on Paleo-ecology, a look at the environment of early man in America. Everyone is invited.

All students who plan to do student teaching fall semester, 1974, must have their applications in the student teaching office no later than Friday, Feb. 15. If there are any questions, contact George Keem, office of student teaching.

The Norman Luboff Choir will present a concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 8 in the DA theatre.

Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity will present its seventh annual stageband show at 8 p.m. tonight in the DA Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door or from any member.

LOST: A two-month old Irish setter puppy lost in the downtown Murfreesboro area. If found, please contact MTSU Box 7125 or call 890-5610. A reward is being offered.

Regents to decide dorm policy changes

by Wayne Hudgens

Policy decisions affecting J and K apartments and freshman girls hours will probably be decided Feb. 15 during a meeting of the State Board of Regents.

The Regents are expected to act upon recommendations by their Student Life Committee, which last week heard a variety of policy changes proposed by MTSU in regard to the new apartments and unlimited freshmen hours.

MTSU institutional officials last Thursday recommended that J and K be allowed to operate along

the same lines as regular dormitories, with the public areas of each apartment being treated like any dorm lobby.

The MTSU proposal, would allow visitation by the opposite sex from 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. each day in the living rooms of J and K.

Self-determination of hours for all freshman girls has also been called for by the MTSU proposal. This would replace the current rules system, which requires that first semester women be in their dormitories by 2 a.m.

No students from MTSU or any

other state university attended the Student Life meeting Thursday, according to Harry Wagner, vice-president for student affairs.

Wagner, Robert LaLance, dean of students, and President M.G. Scarlett presented the MTSU proposals before the committee.

The vice president said notices of the committee session went out Friday, Jan. 25 before the Jan. 31 session in Nashville. Wagner said he was notified of the meeting Tuesday, Jan. 29.

"We will know what the committee intends to recommend to the full board before their Jan. 15 session," Wagner said. He had earlier said that he felt the committee would act favorably on the proposals.

"The Regent's meeting on the 15th will be open to everyone," Wagner said. "If, at that time, students or others do not agree with the recommendation of the Student Life committee, then I'm sure the Board will hear them."

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Scott's Spot

A hard luck saga: MTSU wrestling

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

You're not supposed to kick a good man when he's down, but you can sure as heck pin him.

Evidently, this must be the theory of MTSU's wrestling opponents this season.

After 21 years of dormancy, the Blue Raider wrestling program was brought out of mothballs. To say the least, the rebuilding year of 1974 has not been kind to head coach Chip Langley and crew.

The program started with a note of optimism back in September when 24 prospective grapplers showed up for an organizational meeting.

However, that number reduced by 10 at the time of the first practice. To make matters worse, several members of the squad terminated their participation during the first weeks of the schedule.

The next person to quit was Henry Sorrell, the first head coach

of the team. Sorrell is now on the football coaching staff at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

So, Langley took about six relatively inexperienced athletes and decided, if nothing else, to represent MTSU for the remainder of the schedule in the best way possible.

Since that time, the Raiders have suffered six consecutive defeats, three of those were shut outs administered by powerful UTC.

Saturday marked the tenth defeat of the year for Langley's crew, a 43-10 defeat at the hands of the University of Kentucky.

However, one must realize that wrestling is an all or nothing sport. You don't get any points for trying on the mat.

In a way, this scoring system is sad because there are some hard working athletes on the MTSU team.

There is no denying that MTSU

is a long way from becoming a dominant power in Southern wrestling such as UTC or Louisiana State. The Raiders do have a fine facility in Murphy Center; however, and this should greatly aid the program.

These are young men who get little credit for their efforts--maybe 25 to 30 fans at the home meets, and some of those are the usual hecklers.

I wouldn't deny that I'm hysterically excited about our great basketball team this year, but there's a few guys such as Greg Elam, Butch Bryant, Robin Hamilton, Clyde Howell, Tom Jones and Richard Earl who bust their guts every afternoon on a rubber mat in a lower level room at Murphy Center and who deserve recognition.

These fellows are in the same boat with the girl's basketball team, the cross-country team and, to a certain degree, the track team. All of them do a lot of hard work and get little other than personal satisfaction in return.

No, these teams don't pay any bills, but if perspiration could be turned into money the MTSU athletic program would be self-supporting.

Raider gymnasts fall to Eastern

Failing to gain an individual win, MTSU's gymnastic team was defeated 110-85 by Eastern Kentucky University Friday night at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Three second place finishes by Pat Lightner, Guy Freeman and John Lucas paced the Raider attack.

Lightner was the runner-up in the sidehorse competition, losing first place by three tenths of a point.

Freeman took a one point defeat in the floor exercise, and Lucas edged teammate Gary Woodlee for second-place honors in the still rings event.

Lucas finished the meet with a 29.15 total score, placing first in the over-all competition for MTSU.

"Eastern had a very good team," MTSU Gymnastics Coach Pat Honnon said, "but we gave them a good fight. It was our best meet of the season."

Hannon indicated his squad will be doing extensive work in the vaulting competition this month.

The Raiders' next meet is Feb. 23 with Western Carolina and Georgia Tech at Cullowhee, N.C.

MTSU suffered a 110-95 defeat by Western Carolina earlier this season.

Rematch tonight

Raiderettes to host Columbia State

by Scott Elliott

A rematch between MTSU's Raiderettes and Columbia State Community College will take place at 7:30 tonight in Murphy Center.

The Raiderettes opened their season with Columbia State Jan. 10 and garnered a 44-36 victory.

"This game is going to be tougher than the first one," Raiderette coach Karen Ledford said. "Both teams are in better condition and have settled down a bit."

MTSU is coming off a 59-44 win over Maryville College Saturday at Maryville.

An eighteen-point performance by forward Debbie "Boogle" Boykin highlighted the Raiderettes' victory. Boykin hit 67 per cent of her shots from the floor and pulled down a game high 13 rebounds.

"It was the best game of the year for Boogle," Ledford said. "She did a good job of rebounding

and followed up the shots off the boards real well."

Center Jackie Carter followed Boykin in the scoring column with 12 markers and contributed 10 rebounds.

Teammates Lynn Burklow and Helen Carroll added seven and eight points, respectively.

"We played together at Maryville," Ledford said. "We took good shots, worked the ball around well and looked for the open man."

"Spirit-wise, it was the best game we've played all year," she added. "The girls knew they could win. If our defense hadn't got a little bit sloppy near the end, we could have won by a bigger margin."

The win brought the Raiderettes season record to 3-6.

"It isn't going to be easy tonight," Ledford said, "but if we play like a team, we can win it."

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Allen nets 27

Mocs edge Blue

by Scott Elliott

Five straight missed shots by the Blue Raider basketball team with less than 20 seconds remaining in the game enabled the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to pull out a 96-94 squeaker last night in Chattanooga.

MTSU blew out to an 11-5 lead early in the game, but UTC came back behind the scoring of center Walter "Moose" McGary to close the gap to 52-51 at the half.

Forward Steve Peeler hit two straight buckets and a three-point play to pace the Raiders to a seven point lead midway through the second half.

However, the Mocs came back late in the game to knot the score at 94 all on two free throws by guard William Gordon.

With 1:42 remaining, McGary hit a 15 footer, a shot that proved to be the winner for UTC.

The Raiders missed three outside shots and a couple layups with but seconds remaining.

One of the missed layups was shot by MTSU captain Forrest Toms. Blue Raider head coach

Jimmy Earle said he thought UTC "took his arm off on the shot."

"We lost to a fine team tonight," Earle said. "It was a super basketball game. I felt like we played good enough to win, but I wouldn't take a thing away from UTC--they were great."

The Raiders were led by guard Freddie Allen and forward George Sorrell with 27 and 20 points, respectively.

Peeler contributed 18 markers and played what Earle called "a tremendous defensive game."

Jimmy Powell, The Raiders' All-Ohio Valley Conference forward, got into foul trouble early in the game but managed 12 points for the night.

Freshman Greg Laravie, who was playing in his first varsity game, garnered four points for his baptismal.

"It's hard to lose a game like this," Earle said, "but now we have to look ahead. We've got some tough conference games coming up."

The Raiders travel to Johnson City to take on East Tennessee Saturday night in their next outing.



Photo by Tim Hamilton

Junior guard Jimmy Martin, a native of Windfall, Ind., charges goalward. Martin scored six points in the Raiders' heartbreaking loss to UTC last night.

Western, time rule beats Jayvees

by Reid Andrews

Western Kentucky's junior varsity basketball team, aided by a seldom used Ohio Valley Conference rule, edged the Blue Raider juniors 92-91 Saturday night at Murphy Center.

After a Western basket gave the baby Hilltoppers the winning one point margin with 1:41 remaining in the game, a WKU coach reminded the official scorer 30 minutes remained before the start of the varsity game.

A minimum of 30 minutes is required, according to OVC rules, between jayvee and varsity contests; consequently, Western was

awarded the victory.

MTSU trailed 49-40 at half-time but staged a second half rally behind the scoring of Clint Dennison and Alan Beauchamp, which gave the Raiders the lead.

Dennison totaled a game-high 40 points with 26 of them coming in the first half.

Beauchamp hit for 21 markers with 19 in the second half.

Western shot 26.2 per cent from the field, while the Raiders averaged 45.7 per cent.

The Hilltoppers cashed in on 10 of 20 free throws, and MTSU hit 27 of 40 from the line.

Western was led by Gary Elliott with a 24-point performance.

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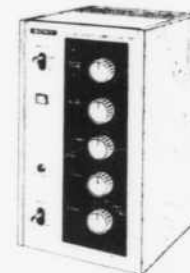
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