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Photo by Keith Tippitt

4077th moves out

A crowd of people watch the final episode of "M*A*S*H" on a large-screen television at the local Mr. Gatti's. The program, which was expected to set a viewing record, marked the end of the series' 11 years.

Decision expected this week on study day

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

An official decision on the proposed study day, passed Jan. 17 by the Faculty Senate, will be given to MTSU President Sam Ingram late this week.

If approved there will be no classes or university-approved social functions on the weekday immediately preceding final exams.

ACCORDING to Bob Jones, vice president of academic affairs, he and Vice President Delbert Meyer have "verbally discussed the proposal with President Ingram" but will make their written recommendation "sometime late this week."

Jones said he and Meyer have discussed with Ingram the pros and cons of the proposal, as well as possible problems caused by adding an extra day to the semester calendar.

"There may be some conflicts in shuffling dates around," Jones said.

GRADUATION ceremonies are held on Saturdays, so the semester and exam schedules are arranged with that in mind. The Christmas holidays may also be influenced by the extra study day, according to Jones.

In other matters, student opinion and input are being sought regarding the proposed combination of the blue and

green parking stickers into one general student sticker.

The proposal is now on MTSU President Sam Ingram's desk. Before making a decision on it, Ingram has requested reactions from the student body on the issue.

ASB President David Kessler, who is in favor of the proposal himself, is soliciting student reaction.

Governor to ask tax increase for education

By DAN BATEY

United Press International

NASHVILLE — Gov. Lamar Alexander delivers his budget address tonight to the Tennessee General Assembly, complete with up to \$50 million in new tax hike proposals and details on his Master Teacher Plan.

Alexander has called the Master Teacher Plan the "heart" of his \$210 million Better Schools Program, but has withheld details of how he will finance the selective teacher raises until the budget address.

AT FIRST, Alexander said a "general tax increase" was necessary to finance his education program, but he has remained silent on reports that he will ask for \$50 million in tax hikes in lieu of raising the sales tax this year.

During Monday night's session of the General Assembly, the "minute of silence law" easily cleared the only legislative roadblocks thrown in its path and passed the House 89-6, with one

"I fully intend to push it to reality, unless the students tell me they don't want it," Kessler said.

The University Traffic Committee voted Feb. 16 in favor of recommending the proposal to the administration. This recommendation followed a study by Dean David Hays, who oversees the traffic court.

lawmaker not voting.

The bill now goes to the governor's desk.

THE BILL, which would require public school classrooms to observe a minute of silence at the beginning of each school day, ran into minor opposition after sailing through the Senate and the House Education Committee.

In Senate action, a bill to impose prison sentences for killing police dogs was deferred for two weeks.

The General Assembly passed a similar silent minute bill last year, but the law was struck down by a federal judge who ruled it unconstitutionally attempted to establish religion in the classroom.

SPONSORS of this year's bill deleted the word "prayer," and insisted their sole motive was to help students compose their thoughts.

Rep. Don Dills, D-Dyersburg, brought the bill before the chamber by restating that the bill "in no way indicates we will have prayer or religious activity in any way."

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ASB elections set tomorrow and Thursday

MTSU students will have the opportunity to elect ASB officials during elections Wednesday and Thursday.

Polls, which will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., will be located in Kirksey Old Main, Peck Hall and Keathley University Center. KOM will have only paper ballots, while Peck and KUC will have voting machines and paper ballots for handicapped students and write-in votes.

THE POLLS will be manned by the election commission and poll workers they have selected.

Ballots will be counted Thursday by members of the commission behind closed doors in the ASB office. Two representatives from each campaign will be allowed in

the outer office during the tabulations.

According to election regulations, a candidate must receive 50 percent plus one vote to win. If necessary, a run-off election would be held March 16, after mid-term exams. Only paper ballots would be used in a run off.

The presidential election is a contest between Public Defender Vic Larned, Speaker of the Senate Mark Ross and Rep. Eric Steinberg.

Following are the candidates' responses to a *Sidelines* questionnaire distributed last Thursday.

QUESTION: What is your classification?

Larned: Senior.

Ross: Senior.

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Activity fee continuation to be decided by voters

By MARTY WATT

Staff Writer

Voters in the ASB election will be asked to consider the referendum on whether the \$1 student activity fee should continue to be automatically required of MTSU students.

When the Tennessee General Assembly passed the act allowing the university to collect an "activity fund" from students, it stipulated that every two years the university must conduct a student referendum to allow students to vote on whether they wish to continue the fee.

"THIS referendum has to be voted on every two years," the ballot says. "A 'for' vote will

allow the \$1 referendum to be effective for the next two years. An 'against' vote will defeat the referendum."

The activity fee this semester was divided between 10 organizations, which reived a total of \$8,650, according to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

Division of the funds, according to Cantrell, was as follows:

- ASB: \$5,229 for ASB activities;
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon: \$1,000 for the Miss MTSU contest;
- United Campuses Against Nuclear War: \$250 for spring convocation;
- Students United to Save Humanity: \$500 for the Miss Black MTSU contest;
- MTSU Flying Raiders: \$700 to defray expenses for regional and in-state meets;
- MTSU Bowling Club: \$156 to cover entry fees and practice time for Intercollegiate Bowling Congress activities;
- Phi Beta Lambda: \$300 for entry fees at their convention in Gatlinburg;
- MTSU Frisbee Club: \$360 to defray expenses for three tournaments;
- MTSU Chapter of American Computer Machinists Society: \$145 for a

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Former officers consider dismissals

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

Three MTSU campus security officers whose "positions were abolished" served in those positions for the last time yesterday.

Although Jim Burkhalter, Greg King and David Bennett were given their notices in early February, none of the officers have as yet found new jobs.

"I've looked into a few job possibilities," Burkhalter, a seven-year veteran, says. "I'm thinking about re-enlisting in the Army for active duty."

Bennett says he is especially concerned about the effect his unemployment will have on his family.

"My wife is pregnant, and we have no insurance," said Bennett, on the staff since September of 1981, who adds that "this has been quite a blow."

KING, employed by MTSU security for a year

and a half, said he was forced to drop out of school because he could not finance his education after the loss of his job.

"I'm thinking about going back to my home town [Lebanon] and maybe working with the police there," King added.

All three officers say they have questioned the procedure and grounds for their dismissals and have sought legal advice.

"ACCORDING to the legal advice we got, the administration did nothing illegal," Burkhalter said. "Perhaps it was just unethical."

Burkhalter explains that he found out that Tennessee has an "employment at will" standard, and that may have had something to do with his dismissal.

"I was not fired," Burkhalter said. "My position was abolished."

MTSU carried out the proper procedures and formalities for the dismissals "very

carefully," according to Burkhalter.

The former officers said they feel that neither seniority nor job performance were considered in determining exactly which three officers were to be let go. Burkhalter is a seven-year veteran of the staff, while Bennett said he has had almost seven years of police experience.

"I'm also one of the few qualified bomb technicians around," Bennett said. "I've got experience, but evidently that's not what they're looking for."

ALTHOUGH employed by MTSU for only a year and a half, King claims that his job performance has been above average.

"If you take a look at my file, my arrest records, the number of tickets I've written and the time I've spent in court, you'll see that I've got one of the best records over there," King

said.

Otis Floyd, administrative assistant to the president, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

THE OFFICERS are pessimistic about the possibility of being reinstated. Burkhalter questions whether or not the officers have legal grounds, Bennett admitted attempts would "probably be futile" and King said being reinstated "wouldn't be worth the time or energy to come back and have the same thing happen again."

Bennett was critical of John Bass, security director, regarding the dismissals as a "knife in the back."

King, on the other hand, said he thinks that Bass was "caught between the rock and the hard place," and that there are "absolutely no hard feelings."

Campus Capsule

TODAY

"THE BICYCLE THIEF," a fine-arts film, will be shown at 3:30 and 7 p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

THE ASB CANDIDATES "SPEAK OUT" in the University Center Grill Annex at 11 a.m.

THE UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE will meet in the President's Conference Room in the Cope Administration Building at 3:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

"ERASERHEAD," a fine-arts film, will be presented in the University Center Theatre at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

CROW JOHNSON IN CONCERT will be presented by the Special Events Committee at noon in the University Center Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.

A GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING will be in Room 112 of the Cope Administration Building at 3 p.m.

A CAREER PLACEMENT ORIENTATION for seniors and graduate students, entitled "Placement Services and Your Job Search," will be at 2 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 324.

ASB ELECTION BOOTHS will be set up at Peck Hall and Keathley University Center from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

NASHVILLE'S POVERTY PLAYHOUSE will perform at 8 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Auditorium Arena Theatre. This event is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee and is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY

"KING OF HEARTS," a fine-arts film, will be shown in the University Center Theatre at 3:30 and 7 p.m.

NOVELIST DOUG ADAMS will lecture in the Learning Resources Center's Multi-Media Room at 8 p.m.

ASB ELECTION BOOTHS will be set up at Peck Hall and Keathley University Center from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

THE BLUE RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM faces Morehead State at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

THE LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM entertains Morehead State at 5 p.m. in Murphy Center.

SATURDAY

THE LAST CHANCE TRACK MEET will begin at 10 a.m. at the Murphy Center track.

THE BLUE RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM will host Eastern Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

THE LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM takes on Eastern Kentucky at 5 p.m. in Murphy Center.

BLUE RAIDERS BASEBALL, MTSU vs. Trevecca at 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

BLUE RAIDERS BASEBALL, MTSU vs. East Tennessee State University at 1 p.m.

MONDAY

MOVIE: "WARRIORS" BEGINS at the University Center Theatre. Show times are 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated R.

NOTICE

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building.

Election

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Steinberg: Senior.

Q: When do you plan to graduate?

Larnerd: May 1984.

Ross: May 1984.

Steinberg: Spring 1985.

Q: What is your major?

Larnerd: Recording Industry Management.

Ross: Pre Law, Criminal Justice, Speech Communications.

Steinberg: Political Science with a Pre-law emphasis.

Q: Since the ASB president must maintain a minimum grade-point average, what is your GPA?

Larnerd: 3.01.

Ross: 3.04.

Steinberg: 2.95.

Q: What specific positions have you held in student government?

Larnerd: Public Defender, Administrative Aide to the President.

Ross: Senator, Director of Legislative Affairs, Speaker of the Senate, Public Defender, Assistant Attorney General.

Steinberg: Representative, Speaker Pro-tempore, Chairman ASB Joint House and Senate Parking Committee, Member of ASB Traffic Committee.

Q: What role should the ASB play at MTSU?

Larnerd: The ASB is the main communications channel between the students and the administration. Therefore, the president must be an effective communicator, willing to spend time and effort in creating awareness in the student body concerning organizational opportunities. The ASB must work diligently to defeat apathy on the MTSU campus.

Ross: The ASB should represent student concerns and their needs. While representing the student body as a whole, ASB members should also be available to assist with individual problems. The ASB should serve as a strong and consistent liaison between the student body and the administration and faculty. Student leaders should also join other student leaders in Tennessee in an attempt to address larger concerns.

Steinberg: The ASB should "provide the means whereby student opinion may be introduced in the governance of" MTSU—ASB Constitution.

Q: If you could make one change in the ASB, what would you do?

Larnerd: I would like to see more of a coordinated working relationship in the ASB office itself.

Last year, the legislative and executive branches of the ASB spent much of their efforts trying to undermine each other simply due to personality clashes, thus putting the student body in the background.

It takes just as much work to be constructive as it does to be destructive.

Ross: I would like to change the perception of ASB that the student tends to have. If students would become involved and be supportive of ASB we would be more effective.

If the student body would take a more active part the ASB would have to be more responsive. Students should monitor their representatives

and make sure they are doing the things students want to see done.

Steinberg: Relocate the ASB office. By putting the ASB on the first or second floor of the University Center, thus making it more readily accessible to the students.

Q: Should the ASB become involved in state or national issues? Why? If so, to what extent and by what methods?

Larnerd: The ASB should be aware of state and federal issues. As far as becoming a politically bureaucratic cog for issues which may never concern the student body, no.

Concerning state and federal legislation which deals with matters of pertinence to the students, delegations such as TISL may be appropriate but certainly not inclusive.

Interpersonal communications between interested students and interested public officials could easily be as beneficial.

Ross: Yes. These issues vastly affect MTSU students, e.g. financial aid, state supplements for education, etc.

There are several major issues of concern to students and involve students that require work beyond or in addition to institutional efforts at MTSU. The costs of tuition, job prospects, etc. all affect students in a vital way.

Steinberg: No, except in areas as provided for in the daily operation of the university. The purpose as outlined in the ASB constitution does not provide for these activities.

Q: If you answered yes to the previous question, what are your qualifications for such an effort?

Ross: I am currently governor of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

One of my duties and the duties of others involved in TISL is to work with state legislators and other state leaders and agencies. TISL is designed to work for students of Tennessee and represent their interests and concerns.

Faculty Senate elections slated tomorrow

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate will hold elections for new senate members Wednesday in the University Center basement from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Candidates were nominated by petition by faculty members.

RUNNING for senator from the School of Business are Robert Colvard, Accounting and Information; Walter

Greene, Management and Marketing; Reuben Kyle, Economics and Finance; Linda McGrew, Business Education; and William Richmond, Management and Marketing.

Three senators will be elected from the School of Business.

One delegate must be elected from the School of Liberal Arts Speech and Hearing Department. David Walker is the only nominee.

THREE delegates will be elected from the School of Basic and Applied Sciences; one each from the Aerospace and Chemistry departments and one at-large.

Nominated for these positions are Roy Clark, Chemistry; James Cook, Chemistry; and Lamon Marcum, Aerospace.

The School of Education will elect a senator from the HPERS department, the Music

department and two at-large. Nominees are Ralph Ballou, HPERS; Harriet Estes, Home Economics; Jeanette Heritage, Psychology; Earl Hinton, Music; Powell McClellan, HPERS; and Sondra Wilcox, HPERS.

Eligibility requirements for Faculty Senate members are as follows: (a) must have completed five semesters, (b) must be full-time faculty member, not performing wholly in the area of administration, (c) must be nominated by a minimum of seven full-time faculty members, not performing wholly in the area of administration, within the school where the vacancy exists and (d) must not be completing a second consecutive term in the Senate.

Silence

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Four amendments were lined up to alter the bill. Two were tabled and the others died when debate was abruptly cut off.

THE FIRST amendment, proposed by Rep. Steve Cobb, D-Nashville, would have made any teacher liable for at least \$1,000 in civil damages for taking the minute to promote religious activity.

"The sponsors of the bill say this is not a prayer bill, and I take them at their word," Cobb said. "My friends fear not a moment of silence, but someone who would misuse the minute and try to impose their views on others, especially impressionable young people."

"I think this is a good way to enforce what the sponsors say they want."

THE SECOND amendment, by Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, would have granted teachers up to an hour to impose silence.

"Sixty seconds may not be long enough for some of those towheads to get their minds together," Bragg said. "Maybe it would be better for them to have 60 minutes."

Both amendments were shouted down by voice vote. The other two amendments, one to make the minute optional and another to make every citizen of Tennessee be quiet for a minute, were ditched without debate.

A representative of the American Civil Liberties Union said she was "disappointed but not surprised" the bill steamrolled through the

House. TENNESSEE ACLU Executive Director Kathryn Hearne said her organization, which brought down last year's law in court, would not challenge the bill unless it is abused.

"We will monitor the classrooms," Ms. Hearne said. "I am sorry Rep. Cobb's amendment wasn't taken more seriously, but we are encouraged at what some of the representatives said."

Rep. Tommy Burnett, D-Jamestown, voted against the bill, claiming his constituents were interested in prayer, not silence.

"A lot of my people want prayer, but none of them has come to me talking about silence," Burnett said.

Fees

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high school computer contest. "By this time, we only had \$10 left, so if any organization has a request for this money, they can let me know," Cantrell laughed.

A total of \$17,095 was requested by the various organizations, with five being totally denied funds.

"THREE of those had errors in the request forms," Cantrell said.

Cantrell said if the ASB secretary's salary was paid from the university budget, three-fourths of the remaining requests could have been fulfilled; however, he said she has played a vital role.

"With Billie [Patton, ASB secretary] around, communication and the overall effect of the ASB has improved tremendously," Cantrell said. "The addition of a secretary has improved the continuity from administration to administration."

THE ASB last week requested the secretary's salary be made a regular part of the university budget.

"The ASB asked President [Sam] Ingram last year to fund

the salary from the university budget, but that was during a time of cutbacks," Cantrell explained. "If the money is available, I'm sure President Ingram will consider the issue."

Mark Ross, Speaker of the Senate, said the only change that will be made in the activity fee, if passed, will be the lowering of the limit specifying

which students are required to pay the one dollar fee.

"THE new fee, if passed, will require students taking more than four hours to pay," Ross said. "As it is now, only students taking 12 hours or more must pay."

"Since part-time students are members of organizations that benefit from the fee, part-time students should pay."

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Features

MTSU's Willetts makes symphony debut

By JANENE LEONHIRTH

Features Editor

MTSU Choral Director Sandra Willetts has come a long way since her first experience behind the baton directing her first-grade rhythm band.

Not only is she in charge of choral activities at MTSU, Willetts is also founder of the Murfreesboro Choral Society and acting director of the Nashville Symphony Chorus.

IT IS in this capacity that Willetts will debut at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, Thursday at 8 p.m. The 120-plus member chorus will accompany the symphony in a performance of Prokofiev's "Alexander Nevsky."

There are some differences between Willetts' task at the Nashville Symphony and her job at MTSU.

"It's [the symphony] a professional situation," Willetts said, one in which people are making a living, whereas the situation at MTSU is one of learning.

BUT WHILE this may be the first time that Willetts has had a regular job conducting a chorus the calibre of the symphony chorus, one glance at her office walls, on which memorabilia from past performances and choral groups from Maryland to MTSU



Sandra Willetts' technique has changed since her conducting debut with her first-grade rhythm band (top left), but she is compete for space, will show that she is no novice to conducting.

On March 24, Willetts will become the first woman to ever conduct the Nashville Symphony Orchestra during its regular session. She will lead the group in a pops concert of a

medley of tunes from five Learner and Loewe shows—including "Gigi," "Paint Your Wagon," "Camelot" and "My Fair Lady."

"I think it's long overdue [a woman guest conductor], and I'm glad I got the opportunity to do it," Willetts said. Her

still behind the baton as she teaches chorus at MTSU and does extracurricular directing.

previous work includes conducting an orchestra for the Maryland Choral Society and guest conducting a portion of Handel's "Messiah" with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center.

ALTHOUGH outside choral activities take up a major

portion of Willetts' time, she has always combined them with some sort of teaching work.

Even now that she has become part of a professional organization, she has no plans to abandon the educational

aspects of her career.

"If I can mix professional experience with college work, I will," Willetts said, comparing her life to the saying "My life is the search, not the discovery."

"WHEREVER I am, I try to make the most of it.

"If I can influence whoever is around in a positive way by the activities I'm involved in, I feel they got their money's worth," Willetts said.

It is this attitude which keeps her going despite the monopoly on her life and time that her choral activities have.

"I'LL HAVE one weekend off between now and May," Willetts said. "But you have to make time for what has to be done."

With no family ties in Tennessee, Willetts doesn't have to worry about neglecting a family for work. As to opinions that such involvement hampers a social life, Willetts said:

"This is a people job. Even though I don't have much of a social life outside of my activities, I do have one in that I am around people."

"Just as long as I get an occasional hug, I'm all right," she said.

Two events slated as part of MTSU's 1983 Fine Arts Festival

Comedy writer to talk at LRC Thursday night

Author-comedian Douglas Adams, creator of such intergalactic parodies as *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* will speak Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room of the Learning Resources Center.

The free program is part of the 1983 Fine Arts Festival.

A FORMER writer for

Britain's Monty Python, Adams has written two other books (*The Restaurant at the End of the Universe* and *Life, The Universe and Everything*) in addition to the guide, which chronicle the space travels of Arthur Dent. Dent is an earthling who escaped from Earth just before it was demolished to make room for a "hyperspace highway."

Dent has explored the galaxies since 1978, first through Adams' novels, then through radio and television

shows aired on PBS. During his travels, he has contemplated some of the great mysteries of the world: "Why are people born? Why do they die? Why do they want to spend so much of the intervening time wearing digital watches?"

Adams, son of a theology teacher and a nurse, earned his degree in English literature at Cambridge University in 1974.

He hasn't decided if there will be a continuation of Dent's adventures, but says "... I can swear on the souls of my ancestors there will not be another. But I haven't started working on it yet."

Crow Johnson to sing Wed. at Noon Show

Singer-songwriter Crow Johnson will appear in the Noon Show Wednesday in the University Center Theatre.

Her performance, part of the 1983 Fine Arts Festival, is free.

BEGINNING as a solo act in 1962, Johnson has appeared in many Houston and Austin clubs and has worked with such artists as Janis Joplin and The Rolling Stones.

A European venture in 1969 with performances at the

Roundhouse and the Marquee brought Johnson recording, publishing and performing contracts in London.

Johnson's style is contemporary music including pop, folk, jazz and funk. She displays her talent with the help of the guitar, piano, banjo, harmonica and flute.

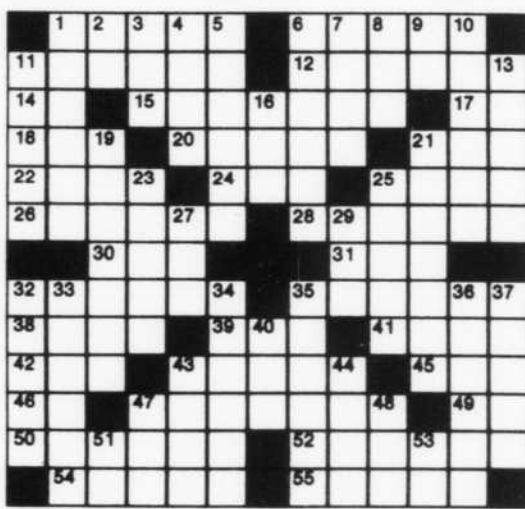
When Johnson is not performing, she makes her home in the Boston Mountains of northwest Arkansas where she says the solitude of her surroundings inspires her to create more beautiful music.

Wednesday's Noon Show is being sponsored by the Special Events Committee.

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- 11 Threefold
- 12 Wiped out
- 14 New Eng. state
- 15 Resilient
- 17 Hebrew letter
- 18 Ship's rear
- 20 Sedate
- 21 Crowd
- 22 Entreaty
- 24 Goddess of healing
- 25 Time gone by
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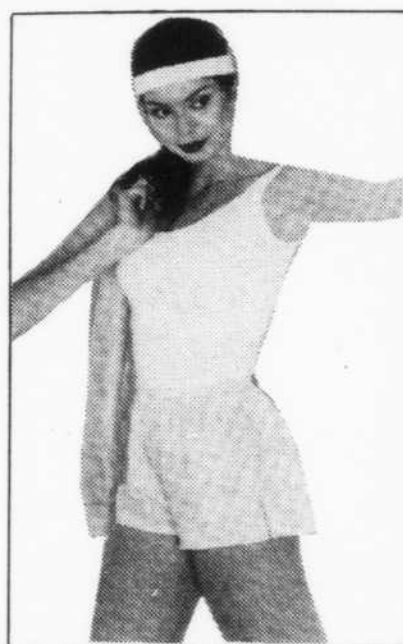


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Opinion

Ross most qualified for presidential post

Newspapers run the danger of being accused of biased coverage when they endorse political candidates. Since *Sidelines* has been as objective as possible (even to the point of rotating placement of candidates' photographs), we feel it is now necessary to exercise our right of editorial opinion about the upcoming ASB election.

After extensive interviews with the candidates—except for two who refused to come in and answer our questions—we are convinced that there are some extremely qualified people seeking office who deserve our support.

FOR THE office of ASB president, Mark Ross is the best candidate because of his experience in student government, his ability to work with people to accomplish his goals, his credibility with other ASB of-

ficials and the administration and his firm grasp of student needs.

As to experience, Ross excels in that he is the only one of the three candidates who has served in all three branches of the ASB—the executive, the legislative and the judicial. In addition to his present position as speaker of the Senate and ASB vice president, he has served as a senator, director of legislative affairs, public defender and assistant attorney general.

ON THE other hand, candidate Vic Larnerd has only served one year in the ASB, during which he has doubled as public defender and as administrative assistant to ASB President David Kessler. Office-seeker Eric Steinberg, who refused to answer questions from *Sidelines* Friday, has only served two years in the legislative branch.

During his period with the ASB, Ross has participated in proposals which have been of *direct* benefit to students. For example, he:

- Coordinated the Student Discount Card, which this year offers savings at 19 area merchants. Included on the card are places frequented by students, such as Wendy's, Mr. Gatti's, Mr. Transmission and Century 21 Records and Tapes.
- Drew up a deferral plan for those who could not pay the housing deposit when it dramatically increased last spring from \$30 to \$100. After getting approval from housing director Ivan Shewmake and Vice President for Student Affairs Bob LaLance, Ross designed the application and helped screen those seeking assistance.
- Introduced legislation at the Tennessee Interscholastic State Legislature, which was later approved by the Tennessee General Assembly, to put a student representative on the board of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.

Supported ASB legislation requesting the study which resulted in the current proposal to have one student sticker.

While he has actively worked for these "direct student benefits," Ross is aware that the administration must work within the guidelines of its budget, and that any

requests must be made in consideration of those facts.

IN ADDITION to this awareness, Ross has the credibility to work with administration officials to accomplish what students need. Recently, one administrator remarked to the *Sidelines* editor that, while some ASB officials are "only hot-dogging" when they come with a proposal, Ross comes in prepared to defend his position.

He also has the ability to work well with his fellow students. In comparison, Steinberg would not even come in to discuss his ideas with *Sidelines*. During his period in the House, Steinberg has had difficulty in getting proposals through because representatives have grown weary of his argumentative nature and left meetings—thus losing quorum.

Finally, while the other candidates only speak the usual campaign rhetoric, Ross has specific proposals which are innovative and insightful. Among them are:

- Setting up an emergency student loan program, which would work in conjunction with the present plan to make more money available for students to borrow.
- Instituting a progressive ticket fine system, which would penalize habitual parking violators instead of increasing fines to those who only occasionally get tickets.
- Requiring professors to give syllabuses in all courses.
- Developing written guidelines for academic appeals. Ross, who is also a member of the academic appeals committee, says the procedure is unclear.

In contrast, when Larnerd was asked Friday about any specific proposals, his only original idea was getting more money to a specific club on campus; however, he was not sure of the process by which the money is divided.

THIS IS our recommendation. It is up to you to decide who to vote for.

However, if you want an effective Associated Student Body and an ASB president who has innovative ideas and the credibility to get them approved, Mark Ross should be elected ASB president.



Malone draws support for seat

In the speaker for the Senate race, both candidates are qualified individuals and would make excellent speakers; however, Ronald Malone, because of his experience, is more deserving of the office.

Malone, who is currently chief justice of the Traffic Court, has also served as a

senator here and at the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. where he previously attended. In addition, he was speaker pro tempore of the student senate at the College of Charleston.

IN COMPARISON, Joel Brown has served one year as a junior senator and is chairman of the Senate Bookstore Policy and Procedures Committee.

Furthermore, Malone's attitude about the office of speaker of the senate represents an attribute needed in the office. When asked his opinion about allowing alcohol on campus, Malone replied: "My opinion is just that—*my* opinion. The things that the students want most is what I want most."

This attitude is needed within the Associated Student Body government. Because of that and his experience, Ronald Malone should be elected speaker of the Senate.



Howell top choice in House race

In the race for speaker of the House, Calvin Howell stands far above the other candidates in his experience.

Howell, a graduate student, has served in the senate for three years and has been speaker pro tempore during the past year. In addition, he has served as parliamentarian for Gamma Beta Phi.

IN CONTRAST, Geoffrey Herring,

has only served one semester in the House, and Richard McClary, who refused to answer *Sidelines*'s questions, says he has only watched the ASB "from the point of view of an outsider."

A major problem in the House in recent years has been poor attendance by its delegates, often resulting in cancellation of a meeting because of not having quorum.

While none of the candidates are sure how to solve the problem of the House not making quorum, Howell seems to have more of a grasp in his proposals to individually visit those organizations which are members of the House. He also appears to be the only speaker of the House candidate aware of the constitutional provisions for dealing with delinquent members.

Making the House more efficient will require a speaker with experience in the ASB. Calvin Howell has the necessary experience and should be elected.



Talking Heads

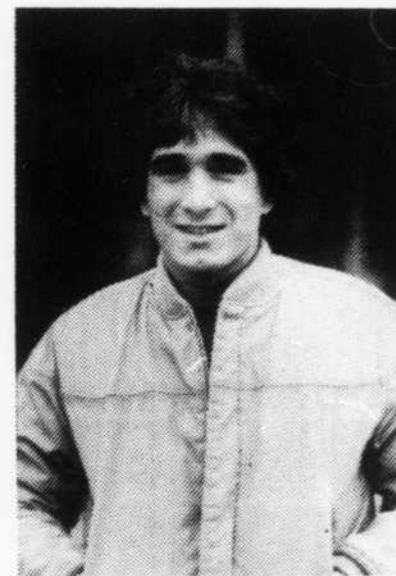
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What should ASB officials do for the MTSU students?



CHERIE TURNER — Sophomore

"I think they should do something for this school instead of themselves."



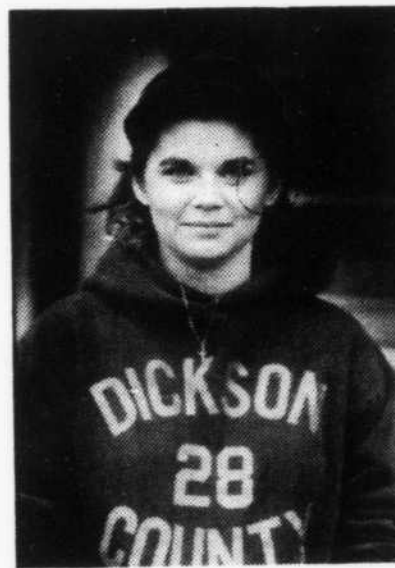
VINCE MARINO — Junior

"They should bring us cable-TV and get 24-hour visitation for everyone."



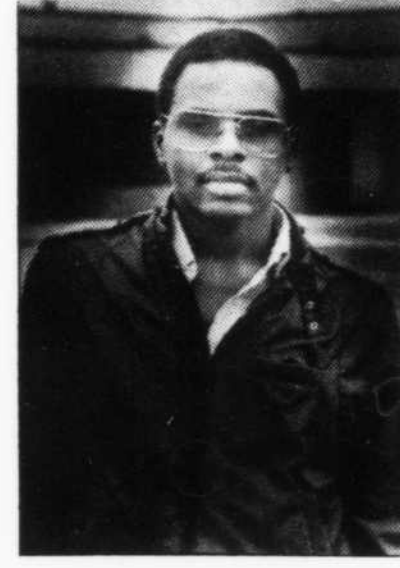
LELAND GREGORY — Senior

"Resign."



JENNIFER ROBERTS — Junior

"They should have more lines of communication between themselves and the student body, so that they can do more along the lines of what the student body wants."



ANTHONY PILLOW — Senior

"They should conduct opinion surveys to determine what the students want."

Sports

Lady Raiders beat Lady Gavs

By MIKE JONES

Sports Editor

CLARKSVILLE — After letting Austin Peay's Lady Gavs play with them for a half, MTSU's Lady Raiders turned and marched out of Dunn Center Saturday night an 87-73 victor.

For the Lady Raiders, the win marked number 20 against only four losses on the year, a plateau that Head Coach Larry Inman was glad to reach.

"I'M GLAD to get number 20," Inman chuckled. "This next week's going to be super tough."

The Lady Gavs shot 50 percent in the first half compared to MTSU's 38.2 percent, and Austin Peay was down by only three at half-time, 41-38. The Lady Raiders led by as much as eight in the first half.

"They shot the lights out in the first half," Inman said. "It was terribly physical also. We had two players that had to come out with foul trouble early. The first half was definitely a little scary."

THE PHYSICAL style of the first half perhaps prompted the officials to toss Lady Raider forward Patricia Allen out of the game after she allegedly "hit" a member of the Austin Peay squad. According to Inman, the incident was the result of an entanglement between the two players as they were on their way down the floor.

Austin Peay kept the game close in the early moments of the second half, before the Lady Raiders finally took a 10-point lead with 8:55 remaining, and went on to go up by as much as 19 points before taking the 14-point win.

"We had one player thrown out, and two in foul trouble," Inman said. "I think it says a lot for our bench."

WHILE the bench help was there for the Lady Raiders, five MTSU players went into double figures before the night was over. Junior center Holly Hoover led all scorers with 19 points, while Jennifer McFall had 16, Sherry Smith 15, Eva Lemeh 14 and Cyndi Lindley 13.

Austin Peay was led by Amy Davis with 18 points and Michele McKinnon with 17.

The Lady Gavs shot better from the field percentage-wise for the game, hitting for 49.2 percent. Lady Raiders could only muster 42.9 percent for the game, but outrebounded Austin Peay 52-37.

AUSTIN Peay closes out their season 2-23 overall and 1-9 in the league.

The "super tough week" that Inman referred to earlier features a clash with the Lady Mocs of UT-Chattanooga tonight in Chattanooga, and closing out their regular season with home contests against Morehead State on Friday night and Eastern Kentucky Saturday night.



Sizing up the opposition

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Sherry Smith looks for an open teammate from her familiar guard spot in Saturday night's victory for the Lady Raiders over

Austin Peay. The Lady Raiders are in Chattanooga tonight to face UT-Chattanooga.

Trackmen win third consecutive OVC title

By KEVIN WEST

Sports Writer

For the third straight year Coach Dean Hayes and the MTSU track team have taken home the Ohio Valley Conference Championship Meet's first-place trophy.

Without even having an entry in four of the 16 events, the Blue Raiders blew the rest of the competition away. MTSU managed to defeat Eastern Kentucky, their nearest competitor, by a margin of 151 points to 132.

THE MEET was highlighted

by two record-breaking efforts for the honors as Eddie Loyd took the 100-yard dash in 10.5 seconds. Meeks finished second with a 50-5.75, but had a severely bruised heel.

DESPITE the injury, Meeks came back strong to finish second in the 60-yard dash, missing the meet record by .03 seconds, as he ran a 6.33.

Kenny Shannon finished third with a 6.39. Tim Johnson burned up the track in the 440-yard run as he took the tape in 47.5. Mike Farris finished fifth with a time of 49.54.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

NEW ORLEANS MTSU dropped their 19th loss of the year last night to the University of New Orleans Privateers, 83-67.

The win moved the independent Privateers to 21-6 on the year and should get them a bid to the NCAA tournament.

MTSU used good defensive play and blistering free-throw shooting in the first half to stay with the hot-shooting New Orleans club, who are among the nation's best in field-goal percentage. MTSU only trailed 32-30 at halftime.

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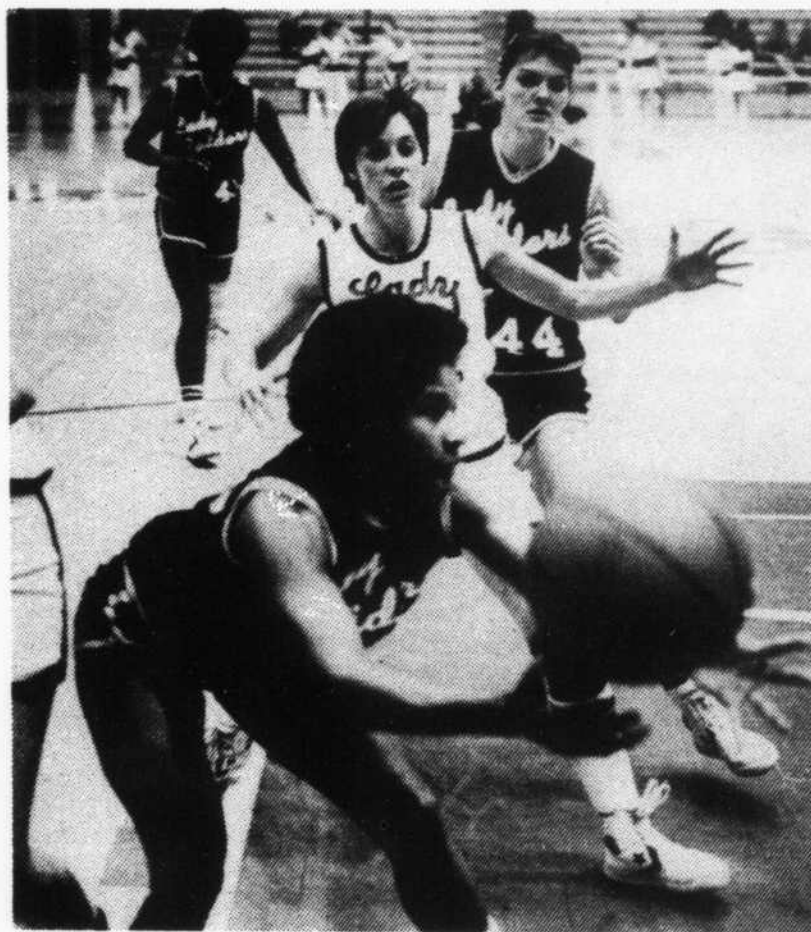


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Lady Raider guard Eva Lemeh bobbles the basketball near the end line while Holly Hoover (44) and an Austin Peay player look on.

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Austin Peay downs MTSU

By **MIKE JONES**
Sports Editor

CLARKSVILLE — For Austin Peay it was the best of times . . . for MTSU it was the worst of times.

The host Governors outbounded, outhustled and outplayed the Blue Raiders here Saturday night to walk to a 74-60 triumph in their final game of the season. For MTSU,

it was another chapter in a book of defeats.

AUSTIN Peay's win over MTSU, combined with their Friday night upset of Murray State, put the final topping on what was a dismal season for the Governors. They closed out their campaign with an 11-16 overall mark and a 4-10 Ohio Valley Conference tally.

The Governors were seen by

league critics as a team to be reckoned with when the season opened, a unit that had only one senior and featured a tough lineup of underclassmen. Proverbial "luck" was not to go their way; however, as Peay could not hold on to leads and ended up losing many games in the final minutes. In other words, they hadn't gotten any breaks—despite having talent.

They showed their talent right from the beginning Saturday night and jumped out to a 15-9 lead in the opening minutes. MTSU cut the lead to two before juniors Lenny Manning and Mandel Stockton exploded to put the Governors up by 10, a margin the Raiders would break only twice more in the game. They led 41-27 at haltime.

THE second half was more of the same as MTSU had problems keeping the Governors off the boards, the place where Peay won the game, according to MTSU Coach Stan Simpson. The Gobs went up by 20 in the early going and led by as much as 25 before the dust settled.

"We had to make a few things happen tonight, and we didn't," Austin Peay said afterward. "Austin Peay is the best rebounding team in the conference, and that's where they beat us. They stay in ball games with their rebounding."

BESIDES the problem of rebounding, there was the old nemesis of the Raiders, shooting percentage. MTSU shot only 44.6 percent from the

field, while the winners shot almost 51 percent.

"It's been the same thing the whole season—we haven't had our shooters to come through," Simpson said.

"We just didn't stop them defensively," Simpson added. "I give them a lot of credit. It was the best thing that could happen to them. They believed in themselves, and we knew it was going to be tough to beat them three times out."

MTSU had won two previous contests against the Gobs earlier this year, both at Murfreesboro.

Austin Peay put four players into double figures for the evening, led by Manning's 18. Randy Harris had 17, Stockton 12 and Greg Andrews 11. MTSU was paced by LaRae

Davis with 16 points, 12 of those points coming on three-point shots. Dwayne Dorsey had 13 points, while Raleigh Choice had nine and Greg Smith eight.

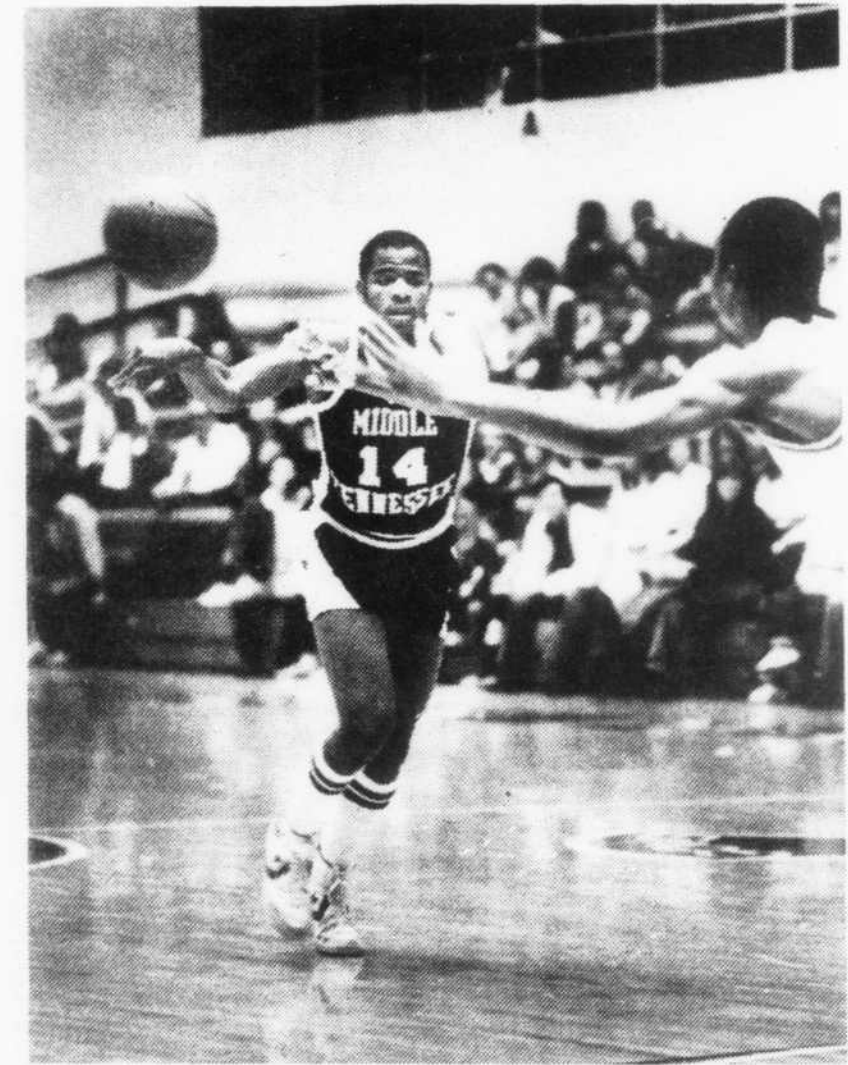
MTSU drops to sole possession of last place in the OVC with a 2-10 mark, while their overall slate is at 6-17.

After last night's New Orleans match, the Raiders have only two more contests; facing Morehead State Friday

night and Eastern Kentucky Saturday night. Both games are set for Murphy Center's Monte Hale Arena with tip-off at 7:30 p.m.



Doug Lipscomb (34) comes away from a slam dunk as Austin Peay's Lenny Manning cowers away in Austin Peay's 74-60 victory over the Blue Raiders.



Senior forward Dwayne Dorsey scored 13 points in the loss to Austin Peay Saturday night.

Baseball team opens at Vandy

By **KEVIN WEST**
Sports Writer

"Take me out to the ball game." It's time to start singing that old cliché again because baseball is here.

Coach John Stanford and his Blue Raiders will trot onto Vanderbilt's field today at 2:30 p.m. to open their 1983 season against the Commodores.

RONNIE Vaughn (Catcher), Scott Turner (1B), Doug Birkhofer (2B) and Wayne Newberry (RF) will be the returning seniors for Coach Stanford. Stanford would not really pin down a major

strength in the Raiders, but when asked, he replied, "I am looking for a lot of leadership from my seniors; they have the capability for it. I just hope they do it."

In facing Vanderbilt, MTSU will be up against one of the best teams in the Southeastern Conference.

"I feel that we can compete with most of the teams we will play this year, although quite a bit of it depends on our pitching, and I am just not sure how good we are," Coach Stanford said.

VANDERBILT has already had four games' experience this

year and will be using their best pitcher in the dual. Jeff Edwards, a lefty, is one of the premier pitchers in the SEC.

"I am afraid that our players may be a little too up for this



game, because Vandy is such a tough opponent. If they are it will certainly affect our performance," Stanford said.

Steve Sonnyburger (pitcher) and Tim Goff (catcher) are two freshmen who are likely to see some substantial action this year.

LOOKING ahead, MTSU will play Western Kentucky on March 3; Trevecca, here on March 5 at 2 p.m.; and a doubleheader here on Sunday at 1 p.m. against East Tennessee. All of these teams are ranked very high in their respective leagues.

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The one-two punch of Wade Blundell and Mark Petteway (who is considered by some to be a top-round NBA draft choice) kept the Raiders from finding the win column.

Blundell had 22 points on the evening, 20 of those in the first half. Petteway exploded for 19 points in the second half to give him a game-high 25. Oscar Taylor had 20.

DOUG Lipscomb led the Blue Raiders with 19 points,

while Raleigh Choice and "Pancakes" Perry had 10 each. Lipscomb fouled out of the ball game with 7:06 left to play. Had Lipscomb been able to stay in the game, MTSU might have been able to pull off the victory, according to Raider Coach Stan Simpson.

"I think Doug's fouling out was a contributing factor to the margin of victory," Simpson said. "If we could've kept Doug in the game we could've stayed close with them and had a

chance to win.

"He [Lipscomb] played hard and went out very early," Simpson continued. "He's the one consistent basketball player that we have had since Christmas. New Orleans was having to key a lot of their defense to Doug."

NEW ORLEANS shot a white-hot 59.3 percent from the field, while the Raiders shot a capable 49 percent, which is above their seasonal average.



The MTSU Soccer Club won their opening game of the year by beating the Nashville International Team, 7-2.

After a halftime score of 1-1, MTSU ramblbed for six second-half goals to take the win. Steve Poston and Mohammed

Al-Saihati both scored two goals for the winners.

George Dergerberg, Neil Higgins and Hank Coppedge all scored one goal each for MTSU.

The Nashville International

Team was powered by two former Nashville Diamonds, Godwin Iwelumo and former Vanderbilt standout Vernon Taylor.

MTSU will host the Franklin Express Sunday at 1 p.m.

OVC Standings

	Conference	All Games
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Murray	9 3 .750	19 6 .791
Morehead	9 3 .750	16 9 .592
Tenn. Tech	7 5 .583	14 11 .560
E. Kentucky	7 5 .583	10 15 .400
Akron	7 6 .537	13 13 .500
Youngstown	5 8 .384	15 11 .542
Austin Peay	4 10 .286	11 16 .411
Middle Tenn.	2 10 .162	6 19 .333

Tennis team opens season on the road

Middle Tennessee will open its men's spring tennis season today in Nashville at David Lipscomb College at 2 p.m.

Head Coach Dick LaLance said it is hard to assess how the team will perform at this time, because it has not faced competition this year.

THE probable starting lineup for the first match finds junior Mark Tulloch as the number one player and senior Graeme Harris as the number two singles player. Peter Beare, a sophomore, is listed as the number three player and is followed by junior Jimmy Earle at the number four spot.

Freshman Dan Donnelly and sophomore Mike Feltman hold the number five and six positions respectively.

In doubles competition, the top spot will probably be held by the team of Tulloch and Harris. The number two team,

at this time, is Donnelly and freshman Gonzalo Zurita. Holding the final spot is the team of Earle and Feltman.

"I am anxious to see who is ready to play," LaLance said. "But I don't think we will be able to tell what direction we are heading until after the Las Vegas trip March 18-22."

THE team has been picked to finish third in the Ohio Valley Conference, behind Murray State and Austin Peay. LaLance said he would like to reserve judgment about the finish at this time. But he said the team is capable of making a bid for the championship.

After the match at David Lipscomb, MTSU will travel to Richmond, Ky., to play in a quadrangular meet with Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and Southern Illinois on March 4-5.

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