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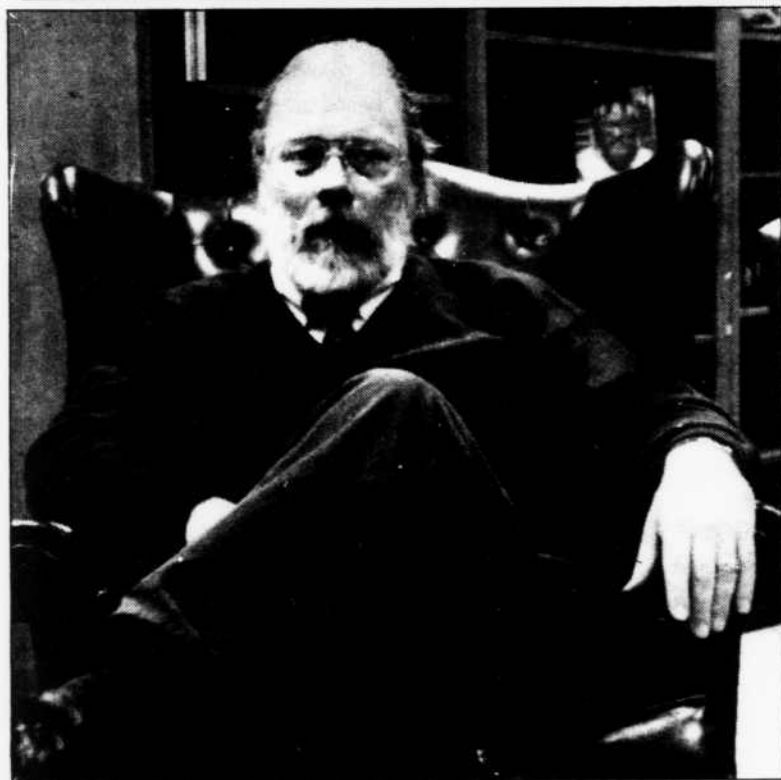
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NEW HONORS DIRECTOR: Dr. John Paul Montgomery, the new director of the honors program, reclines in his chair in his office. Montgomery, a teacher in the English department, replaces Dr. Ron Messier as director. He is a 1969 alumnus of MTSU.

Honors program gets new director

TERRI BLACKBURN
Staff Writer

The new director of the MTSU honors program, Dr. J.P. Montgomery, hopes to expand and diversify the honors curriculum and encourages all students to take part in the program.

"You don't have to plan on graduating with honors to take an honors class," said Montgomery. "Yes, the classes are more difficult, but the challenge and rewards are well worth it."

Montgomery was named as the new director Jan. 2, a position previously held by Dr. Ron Messier. A 1969 alumnus of MTSU, Montgomery has taught in the MTSU English department since 1972. In 1972, he earned his Ph.D. at Ohio State University.

Although he commends Dr. Messier for doing an excellent job, Montgomery said he plans to broaden the present structure of the program.

"I would like to see the next few years as a 'rebuilding process' of the honors department, not only as an

opportunity to further enhance the excellent job performed by Dr. Messier, but also to grow in new and different directions," Montgomery said.

Other goals set by Montgomery during his tenure as director are a new and exciting lecture series; sequenced course offerings in departments not presently offering honors courses; a wider range of upper-division electives; and an increase in honors theses.

The new director said he believes the honors program can be an enriching and enlightening experience for many students.

"I find that once a student takes an honors class, his GPA comes up," he said. Before entering the honors program a student must already have a 3.0 grade point average.

"To take an honors class not only enables the student more individual time and personal interaction with his fellow students and his teacher, but also gives that student a sense of accomplishment.

"I look forward to what the future holds for the honors program here at MTSU."

Master plan targets academics this week

RUSTY GERBMAN
Assistant News Editor

Ideas for the academic portion of the university's master plan is being presented this week to university officials.

The deans of each school and the department chairmen in the schools will also review the recommendations.

Included in the presentation will be a proposal for a new business building which will accommodate the aerospace department, a new building for the art department, expansion of the library and renovation of the Campus School, said Charles Pigg, campus planning director.

New ideas for the nonacademic portion will be reviewed next week.

Consultants from the Pickering Firm which has been contracted to develop a master plan for the campus interviewed academic and nonacademic department heads in December. During these meetings, the firm's representatives provided an overview of changes they thought would enhance the aesthetic quality of the campus, such as a border of trees surrounding the campus and a commons areas in front of Keathley University Center.



The consultants also asked for input from university officials on what physical improvements they would like to see in their departments.

"More classrooms and faculty office spaces were mentioned," Pigg said of the input concerning academics.

"Now we will go through the nonacademic services areas such as student affairs," Pigg said.

One of the recommendations made from the nonacademic areas is the suggestion that a multi-million dollar recreation facility be built. The proposed facility would be fully equipped with a pool, weight room and track.

A parking garage to help solve parking problems was also suggested.

The state is expected to provide funding for all to the academic changes addressed in the master plan. Nonacademic changes, like the fitness center or the parking garage, will have to be funded by the university.

"This will mean a tuition increase," Pigg said, if the facilities are approved.

The proposed master plan will be implemented in five steps, Pigg said, and is linked to projected enrollment, not a five- or 10-year plan.

"We didn't want to tie it to a calendar," Pigg said. "We wanted to let enrollment drive the program."

The second step is conferences, the stage at which we are now, he pointed out.

After all the meetings have been completed and a final plan agreed on, the third step is to draw up a graphical map of the university.

"It is a progressive development of the total concept," Pigg said.

The fourth step is to get the plan approved through the proper channels, Pigg said.

If everything is approved, the final step is to find funding for construction.

The consultants are looking at completing the plan by the end of the semester with implementation beginning in fiscal year 1992-93. They are targeting the year 2000 for completion of the plan if funding for the proposed buildings is approved as scheduled.

Habitat for Humanity reaches \$2,000 goal

Members of the MTSU campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity surpassed their goal of \$2,000 in donations before moving out of their shack.

The shack, made of scrap wood and cardboard, was built by the students to raise money for Habitat for Humanity projects and to educate the campus and the public about the plight of persons living in poverty.

While the students were confident that they could raise more money by continuing the project, world events took precedent.

"Having reached our goal, we believe with the outbreak of war with Iraq that our concentration and our prayers should turn towards peace," said Paige White, MTSU Habitat secretary.

For five nights, a total of 20 students took turns sleeping in a makeshift shack on campus.

Over 65 students took part in the fund-raising project by helping to build the shack, staying in the shack during the day, or sleeping in the shack at night.

The students concluded the fund-raising event last Thursday afternoon with a closing ceremony in front of the Wesley Foundation, a United Methodist student center.

A total of \$2,080 had been raised.

Because several student organizations made pledges which have not yet been received, the total donations are expected to climb.

The funds raised from the campus shack will be directed to the Rutherford County Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity and a Habitat for Humanity International project in Tlapa, Mexico.

Student directories to appear

KRISTI OVERSTREET
Staff Writer

A representative of the university housing office said this week that student directories for the 1991 spring semester will be printed and distributed as soon as possible, provided none of the offices involved in the production get behind schedule.

The exact date of printing and distribution is still uncertain.

"We are still compiling information due to the Great Move Day," a housing spokeswoman said. "Everyone is still getting settled."

Great Move Day is the last time students can make changes in their semester housing situations. By

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The Placement Office will conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduate students on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. in the KUC 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend one of these meetings.

Nacel Youth Exchange Program is looking for families to host teen-agers from Spain, France and Germany and other countries this summer for four weeks (mid-July to mid-August). If you are interested, contact the local NACEL representative: Rita-Marie Maisonneuve, BDA 331, 898-2284.

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The MTSU AES chapter presents: The Movers and Shakers. Spend an evening with Nashville's top producers, including Tony Brown, Fred Foster, Kyle Lehning, Bob Montgomery and James Stroud. The event is at the Park Plaza Hotel, 9th and Broadway in Nashville, at the 6 p.m., Feb. 7.

The event is free and open to all students.

The ASB joint session of Congress will conduct an open meeting on Jan. 30. Members are expected to attend to discuss student issues. The meeting will be held in KUC 322.

Continuing Education Classes beginning next week include: Therapeutic Massage, Discover, Floral Design, a variety of gymnastics for children, Basketweaving and Beginning MS-DOS. For more information, call 898-2462.

Mike Cavender, news director at WTVF-TV, channel 5, Nashville, will speak at a meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists at 7 p.m. Jan. 29, in LRC Studio A. He will discuss how a local TV station covers the war in the Persian Gulf and other topics. Anyone wishing to join SPI, as well as members, are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Glenn Himebaugh, faculty adviser, at Box 299 or call 898-2205.

The campus recreation department is attempting to implement activities and programs for disabled students. All disabled students are encouraged to express their interest in horseback riding, aerobics, cycling, outdoor trips or other activities. Please contact Barton with your suggestions by Feb. 15 at 898-2104.

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Lady Raider volleyball team tryouts will be held Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 in the Alumni Memorial Gym at 4 p.m. both days for those interested in participating as players or managers.

Looking Forward, an on-campus support group for sexually abused women, will begin holding meetings 6-7 p.m. every Thursday in KUC 312. For further information, contact JoAnn at 355-1077.

Christian Music Society (CMS) is having a back-to-school party Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's. BYOB (buy your own buffet). Afterward, there will be Christian music videos on the big screen television.

Bob Womack will present "Civil War Letters" as part of the Spring Honors Lecture Series. The lecture

will be delivered at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in Peck Hall 107. The Honors Lecture Series is free and open to the public.

25 scholarships are available for undergraduates majoring in engineering and science disciplines and interested in careers in environmental restoration or waste management. Applicants must be U.S. citizens currently pursuing A.S. or B.S. degrees full time. Program includes full payment of tuition and fees, \$600/month stipend and three-month practicum. Applications are being taken through Jan. 28 and awards will be announced in May. Contact Peggy Gibson, Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Scholarship Program, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Science/Engineering Education Division, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, or call 615-576-9278.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Fellowship would like to invite those who are interested in Christian fellowship to join them Friday night at 6 p.m. for supper and Bible study. Anyone interested is invited. For more information, call 895-6128.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the stadium bleachers. Come alone or bring a friend. Call 893-3133 or 898-3234 for more information.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m.

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then, students have had time to recognize whether they and their roommates are compatible.

The housing office is planning to have all the information together within the next couple of weeks. The information will be sent to the publications office for typesetting and then to the print shop. Distribution will follow.

"If everything goes as planned, we'll have the student directories," said Joyce Vaughn, secretary to Ivan Shewmake, housing director.

Last semester, the publications office did not print a directory

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Opinions

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"No blood for oil!"

"No blood for oil!"

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Let's quickly examine the condition of peace in the Middle East. There is none! There never was any peace there! And very likely, there will never be any peace there.

And what exactly are we doing in the Middle East? Defending our national interest by protecting the flow of oil from the Middle East, or are we really saving a region from a power-hungry and blood-thirsty lunatic? Well, I would have to say they are both reasons why we are there. Even though we get little in the way of oil from Kuwait, it is always nice to have rich and powerful friends.

We must remember that, ultimately, we put Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in the position they are today with our thirst for oil. You know that we, the United States, accounts for only five percent of the world's population, yet we consume 23 percent of the world's oil.

This is not George Bush's war, this is our war.

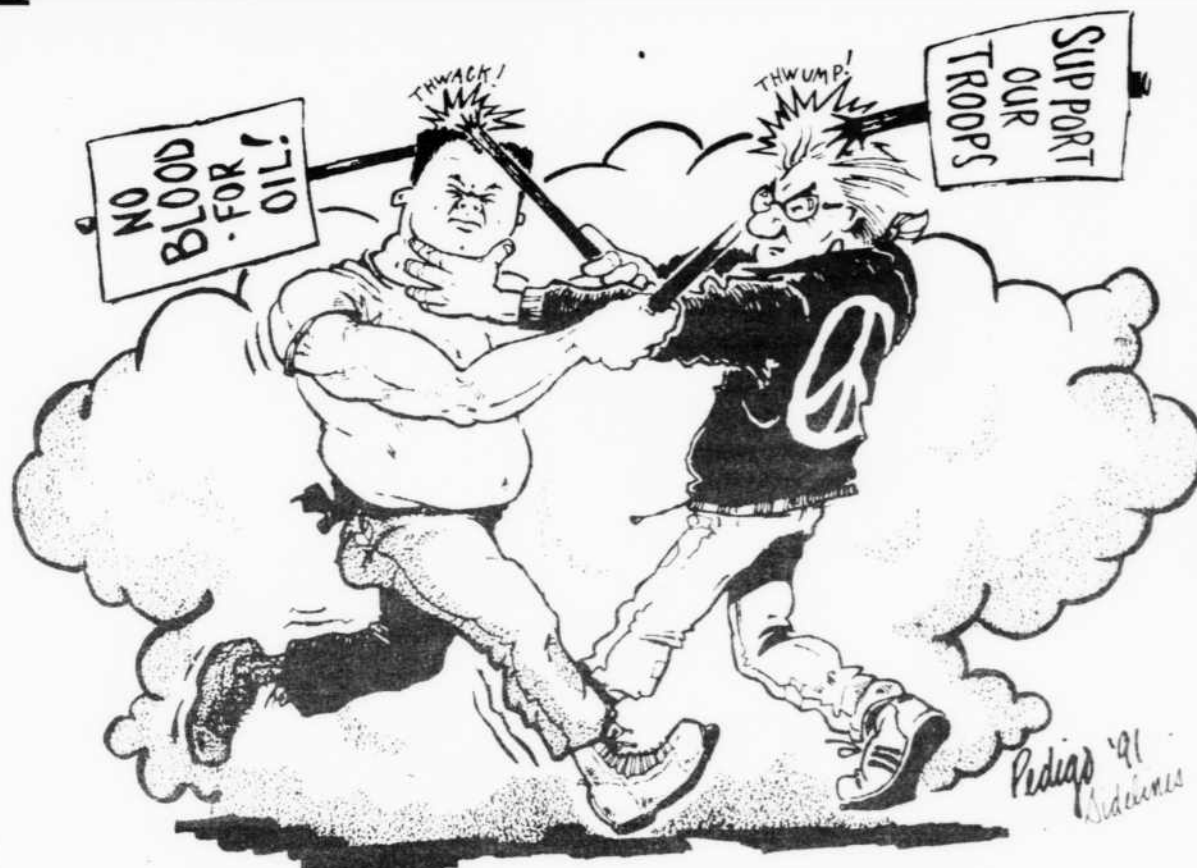
What is peace? Is peace recognizable by the fact that 2,000 babies have died since economic sanctions began? Is peace defined by the injustices and tragedies the Iraqi army placed on the peaceful people of Kuwait? Or is peace evident when the world sits idly by while a dictator such as Saddam Hussein crushes his Arab brothers?

The quickest route towards peace is the support of the American people. To many, this war is unnecessary, that we should wait the year, or two, for economic sanctions to take hold. That would be another two years for Saddam to garner the support of other Arab nations. At the end of this ordeal, a Middle East peace conference will be called for to try and solve some of the many problems facing the Arab people. This would be an attempt at real peace and that would never be possible if the situation facing us now never occurred.

Is it the United States' duty to be the "world's policeman?" I do not know. That role, I assume, belongs to the United Nations. They have voted overwhelmingly to support the resolutions calling for economic sanctions and the force to back them up.

To envision a world at peace, power-hungry dictators such as Saddam Hussein have no place now, do they?

Staff Comment
Don Pedigo



Letters to the Editor

Good sportsmanship encouraged

To the Editor:

As we approach a weekend that includes basketball games with two very significant rivals, I am reminded of the importance of our student support for the men's and women's ball clubs. I am hopeful that contests with Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State will result in filled stands at Murphy Athletic Center. I am also hopeful that you will enthusiastically and boisterously cheer us on to victory in all four games.

I also recall with some disappointment the fight that occurred on the floor during the men's game with TTU and the somewhat volatile atmosphere that was created as a result of the tension between cheering sections during the TSU game. I implore our students and other supporters to direct their efforts totally toward the support of our student athletes and avoid focusing on heckling athletes and fans from opposing schools. If we set an example that epitomizes good sportsmanship, I think you'll find that it will be "contagious" and everyone will enjoy an enhanced wholesome and competitive athletic environment.

I hope to see our stands filled both Saturday and Monday evenings.

Robert C. LaLance
Vice President for Student Affairs

Lifestyle root of problem

To the Editor:

If people wanted to make an

effective protest against the war, they would have to boycott petroleum. However, if we did that, the vast majority of our population could not function. They could not go to work, back home, out to the mall or the ball game, etc. It is inconceivable, isn't it?

We, with the luxurious lifestyles which we have taken for granted, are the real culprits here. And war is the price we must pay in this case to maintain the level of materialism and commercialism that is the foundation of our culture. You can't stop using oil, can you? War and our history is inseparable. We could still be a colony of Great Britain if there had not been a war. Blacks might still be enslaved if there had not been a war. Hitler could be ruling all of Europe if there had not been a war.

This is not Viet Nam. Viet Nam was a civil war, a domestic squabble, if you will, in which we had no business there. This is Kuwait where a madman has violated people in ways which are abhorrent to us. We are not alone in the world and as our brother in the family of nations, it is our moral duty to liberate Kuwait. Some people you cannot talk to. Saddam you cannot talk to. You might as well try to talk to a Ted Bundy or a Hillside Strangler. Sometimes it's not a choice whether you want to fight or not, sometimes you have to. If Hitler had been stopped at Poland, there would have been no Holocaust. There would have been no Hiroshima nor Nagasaki. We

have to stop Saddam before he commits even more atrocities against the family of man. There is the peace movement and there is isolationism.

A lot of what has passed for a "peace protest" lately, is simply isolationism. We do not want to get involved. We will turn our backs on our friends in the Middle East simply because we do not want to make a sacrifice. Yet we want to keep our luxurious lifestyle based on oil! We can't have it both ways. If you have a problem with this war, change our lifestyle. If you can't then don't be a hypocrite about it. This nation was born in death and blood and if you want to continue your standard of living, you're going to have to accept that. Any bloodshed in the Middle East is on our hands. Deal with it. But if you want to hide your head in the sand and pretend that the rest of the world isn't there nor that our links to it aren't intimate, then all I can say is that same kind of thinking brought about Pearl Harbor.

This will be not another Viet Nam because, thank God, we're going to go in there and give them all we got—and we are not alone in this. The rest of the world is with us. It is only a matter of time. Time for you to take a good look at yourself instead of pointing a finger at somebody else and realizing your own complicity in this situation. The next time you fill up the tank to go out to the mall think about the price you have paid.

David Randolph
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Features

HammerHeads hit hard



"We want people to have just as much fun listening as we do playing," states Jimi V.

And that's just what happened when the HammerHeads stormed on stage last week at Nashville's Ace of Clubs.

Concert Review by ANGELA BONDS

"Boys and girls, dudes and dudettes, it's time to hammer," Jimi V. wailed.

And believe me, he wasn't talking about any M.C.!

Before the show began, I didn't know what I was in for. But when the band fired up the first song, I knew I was in for a lot of excitement.

The Nashville-based band exploded with energy opening with an upbeat "I'm Coming to You."

As Jimi V. pranced and strutted across the stage, Greg Foresman on lead guitar dug in with a strong, rocking beat.

And with Eric Kephart on bass and Matt Thompson on drums, these hardhitters delivered some intense, tight music.

Their performance grew stronger throughout the night as they belted out one original cut after another.

Bursting with ease and confidence, the HammerHeads have a style that lands somewhere between the Chili Peppers and R.E.M., a style one listener described as "psychedelic punk-funk."

As each lyric flowed from the stage, the audience became more involved, eventually with some flocking to the dance floor.

One song that seemed to please was "Run to Her," an upbeat romantic ballad that revealed talent and professionalism.

The HammerHeads closed the show

with an impressive cover of Led Zeplin's "The Lemon Song."

This band performed these as well as their own tunes as if they'd been together forever instead of only two years.

And their confidence and excitement carried over backstage when the show was over.

In the time that the HammerHeads have been working with manager Ray Chenoweth, they have made some big strides.

"Our major marketing strategy is to hit the 12 major trend-setting cities and build a following," explains Chenoweth.

They have already performed coast to coast at Indianapolis, Louisville, Chicago, Atlanta, and Memphis, just to name a few.

According to Jimi V., the band tries to incorporate the styles of Led Zeplin and James Brown.

"A mix of the two is the avenue we like to follow," he confirms.

And where do they expect this avenue to lead them?

Well, although they won't go into detail, there has been some label interest in the band.

Future hopes include landing a record deal that will offer enough money to keep them writing and on the road, so they can in turn keep their fans happy.

"We don't want to be Rock Gods," Jimi V. comments.

"No, just maybe Rock Princes," drummer Matt Thompson adds with a laugh.

Well, these royal rockers will be playing all over the country this spring in spots like New York City, Boston, D.C., and Dallas.

But tonight you can catch the HammerHeads and opening band Jamie Kyle at Mainstreet.

This is one show you don't want to miss!



Patricia Tenpenny/Photographer

AT MAINSTREET TONIGHT: (Top picture) The HammerHeads thrill listeners at a recent show at Ace of Clubs with one original cut after another. (Bottom picture, from left) Greg Foresman, Jimi V., Matt Thompson, and Eric Kephart were all pleased with their performance and ready to answer all questions in a backstage interview.

Troops honored

STEPHANIE DOCKERY
Staff Writer

The Stones River Chamber Players and special guests from the Tennessee Dance Theatre joined together last Thursday night to present "The Soldier's Tale."

The first half of the program featured an inspiring rendition of Maurice Ravel's *Chansons Madecasses*, Beethoven's *Duet in B-Flat Major*, and Schoenberg's *Nachtwandler* performed by the Stones River Chamber Players, a group composed of MTSU faculty.

After a short intermission, the combined artists treated the audience in Wright Hall to "The Soldier's Tale." This performance was dedicated to the soldiers in the Middle East.

Composed in 1919 by Stravinsky, "The Soldier's Tale" is a shortened version of the Faust legend. It is a moving story that intrigued the

audience with every movement.

In "The Soldier's Tale," a soldier is walking back to his native village when he unexpectedly meets the devil. The devil persuades the soldier to part with his fiddle, and in return the devil gives the soldier a magic book.

To his surprise, the soldier returns to his village and finds he has been gone for three years instead of three days. All of the soldier's possessions are gone and he is a ghost among his people.

As the tale continues, the soldier gets his fiddle back which relieves him of the devil's power. The soldier uses the fiddle to win the heart of a princess and the two of them get married. A while later, the couple decides to visit the soldier's native village.

To the soldiers in the Middle East, "may they never meet the devil in the middle of the road."



Lee Gibson/Photographer

PERFORMANCE OFFERS VARIETY: In Schoenberg's "Nachtwandler," Christine Isley, Yvonne Chavex, Leonard Foy, Lalo Davila, and Raymond Bills, all of the Stones River Players gave an entertaining performance last week at Wright Music Hall. They will be performing at the Z. Alexander Looby Theater on January 25 and 26.

Sports

MTSU splits in 'Death Valley'

Both men and women swept at ECU, sweep Morehead Blue Raiders popped by ECU

DAN STURM
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee saw its Ohio Valley Conference record drop to 0-3 in an emotionally charged 83-73 loss to Eastern Kentucky Saturday night.

The Raiders spotted the Colonels eight points before Quincy Vance jammed home the Raiders' first bucket at the 17:19 mark of the first half.

MTSU freshman Jeff Clifton scored the Raiders' next seven points to slice the Colonel lead to three with just over 15 minutes left in the first period. Eastern Kentucky was led by the scoring of junior center Mike Smith and the emotional play of senior forward Aric Sinclair. Smith scored 14 of his 19 points in the first half to give the Colonels a 42-33 lead at intermission.

Sinclair, who learned his brother had been declared M.I.A. in the confrontation with Iraq, played as if the Raiders were responsible for his brother's plight. Early in the contest he hammered Vance with an elbow, causing a continuous trickle of blood to flow from the injured Raider warrior.

As Blue Raider skipper Bruce Stewart stated during his post-game interview, "sooner or later we're going to get tired of getting our face rubbed in the mud, at some point in

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MTSU defense paves way to first conference victory

DAN STURM
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee rebounded from an 0-3 start by beating Morehead 64-58 Monday night in Morehead, Ky.

Saddled with a three-game losing streak early in this 1991 Ohio Valley Conference campaign, Raider mentor Bruce Stewart turned to junior guard Jeff Hunter, in place of Tim Corder, who did not make the trip because of an illness, to stop the Raider slide. The Raiders, who Stewart had described as "very poor out of the blocks" against Eastern Kentucky, took their frustrations out on an improved Eagle team.

With eight different Raiders scoring and an incredible defensive performance, MTSU threatened to blow the Eagles out early. The unselfish play of Hunter, as well as the scoring tandem of Jeff Clifton and Chris Ingram, resembled a Big Blue attack that had been missing since the first half of the Austin Peay game.

Middle used an offensive attack that included two long-range bombs from Mike Buck and tremendous effort from Quincy Vance to build a 41-25 lead with :02 left till intermission. When it seemed that the ball would finally bounce Middle's way, the Eagles' Reese Turner reminded the Raiders how tough the early portion of their conference schedule has been.

After Kelvin Hammonds missed the front end of a one-and-one,

Turner grabbed the loose ball and tossed it almost 70 feet into the basket to close out the first-half scoring at 41-28.

The second half began similar to the Raiders' earlier performances. Middle Tennessee's defense continued to frustrate the Eagles, holding Morehead to a lackluster shooting percentage at 34 percent.

After an amazing three-point shooting display brought the Eagles storming back, the Raiders increased their defensive pressure and calmly sank their charity shots to preserve the victory.

The Raiders' offense performed exceptionally well for 29 minutes, yet there was an 11 minute stretch during the second half in which the Raiders could not buy a basket. The Raiders seemed to have lost their timing on offense and after shooting a blistering 50 percent in the first stanza, cooled considerably to a chilling 28 percent.

Middle Tennessee's defense was the key to victory. Holding the Eagles' leading scorer, Rod Mitchell, to a miserable 2-10 showing, while completely shutting out junior guard P.J. Nichols who came into the game averaging 14.4 points per game and a league-leading 44.6 percent three-point shooting average. Coach Stewart made a vast understatement when he said "defense was a very big factor tonight."

The Raiders were led to victory by Ingram who scored 16 points and
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"We're ready for them and they better be ready for us."-MTSU Lady Raider forward

Pippa Gibson

Poor shooting deadly at ECU

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders let their guard down and their guards let the team down in a 69-52 setback to Eastern Kentucky Saturday evening in Richmond.

"Our guard play was pitiful tonight," a frustrated Lewis Bivens said. "It was a sad sight. We need to make better decisions."

"We just didn't see the court and our decisions were pathetic."

Going into the game, the Lady's were averaging 72 points per outing. However, after receiving only six points from beyond the paint-both 3-pointers-they saw their average drop suddenly.

But, despite the chilling performance, the Lady Raiders managed to hang tough throughout the contest behind another outstanding performance from freshman Priscilla Robinson.

Robinson tallied her 10th point at the 13:32 mark to knot the score at 12.

Then ECU's Sue Zylstra decided to retaliate with seven unanswered points of her own to rally her Lady Colonel squad to a 35-22 halftime lead.

In that half, ECU burned the nets by hitting 50 percent
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Track team action Sat.

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's men and women will run into action this weekend in a meet to be held in Murphy Center.

The meet will feature Florida State, Western Kentucky, the Murray State men and Vanderbilt women. FSU, who is from the Metro Conference will be the heavily favored team in both meets.

MTSU's Roland McGee will be pressed in the long jump by FSU's Kelsey Nash, while William Beasley (the USA's leading Triple Jumper this year), who also represents the Raiders, is expected to be challenged by Charles Simpkins, who was a member of the 1988 Olympic Team.

McGee also figures to be competitive in the High Jump.

The women's meet will feature good speed and strength with FSU in the field.

Jacqui Brown and Michelle Welch are expected to do well in the High Jump by head coach Dean Hayes.

Hayes also expects the hurdles to be competitive with MTSU's LaTonya Jackson and Carmella Shives of FSU running head to head.

"It should be a good quality meet with a number of good individuals from all teams, both men and women," Hayes closed.

Seniors pace squad, teammates follow

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

After one of their poorer outings of the season two days earlier, the Lady Raiders stepped onto the court in Morehead with a new attitude Monday night.

Not only did it look like a new attitude, it looked like a new team as they swamped Morehead's Lady Eagles, who had upended ECU earlier in the season, 90-47.

Sparked by the lone two seniors and a superstar freshman, the Lady Raiders hit 60 percent from the field and 50 percent from 3-point range to improve their OVC record to 3-1. Overall they stand at 8-9 but have been victorious in three of their last four outings.

"We shot the ball better and took care of it," head coach Lewis Bivens commented. "We did a good job defensively and played 100 percent better than we did at Eastern."

Once again, freshman Priscilla Robinson took charge of the paint and poured in 10 points to give the Lady Raiders a young, yet commanding, 12-2 lead at the 16:25 mark.

However, the quick flame appeared to be sparked by senior Pippa Gibson who started for the first time this season.

"Pippa really makes a difference out there," Bivens said. "She gives us some added intensity on the floor and no one works harder."

Gibson was considered one of the nation's finest 5-9 rebounders as she cleared the boards 10.2 times per game, which was fourth in the league last season. She was also near the top in scoring (13.2) and field goal percentage (.540).

But this season, Gibson found herself helplessly watching her team from the bench. It wasn't because of her play, it was the result of a knee injury she suffered before the season opened.

After working herself back into form, Gibson was up to her usual tricks Monday as she showed relentless hustle on defense as well as offense. The inspiration seemed to rub off on her teammates.

"My leg is getting better and I'm just going out there and doing my job," Gibson said. "We're playing more as a team and as long as we get the job done I'm happy."

MTSU's guard play reappeared as they started popping from the outside after Morehead was forced to stuff their defense inside.

Kristi Brown nailed two 3-pointers and Mary Smith drained one long range bomb to pump the lead out to 31-17 with 6:35 remaining in the opening half.

With the outside attack proving to be deadly, Morehead was unable to neutralize the inside-outside rally and MTSU's other senior, Stephanie Capley, stepped forward and proved

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from the field and an astonishing 80 percent (4-of-5) from 3-point range.

All the Lady Raiders could muster was 25 percent from the field while missing all six of their trey attempts.

"We were only down 13 and they were hitting 50 percent of their shots while we weren't hitting anything," Bivens said. "We were lucky to be in the game as we were."

When the final half opened, Robinson once again spirited a Lady Raider charge which put the Lady's back in it. Pouring in seven points, Robinson and her teammates outscored ECU 13-2 to trim the lead to 35-37 at the 3:58 mark.

However, that's as close as they would come because the Lady Colonels neutralized the momentum shift with a 9-2 run and began to pull away as the clock dwindled down.

"We were able to get it down there," Bivens said, "we just didn't recognize what was on the court well and make the smart decisions when we had to."

MTSU finished the game hitting 27 percent from the field and 13 percent from 3-point range.

ECU on the other hand poured in 48 percent from the field and knocked down 60 percent from trey range.

"They played well and when they're hot, they're hot," Bivens commented. "Besides not scoring, we had a lot of turnovers and tonight ECU beat a dead horse to death."

Robinson paced the squad with a game-high 26 points by knocking

down 9 of her 12 field goal attempts.

If it wasn't for her performance, the Raiders would have shot 16 percent from the field and lost 69-26.

The only other Lady Raiders to place in double figures was senior Stephanie Capley with 11. She also pulled down 10 rebounds which tied her for game-high honors.

MTSU's guards scored a total of five points in the game. They were 1-of-23 from the field, 1-of-13 from 3-point range and accounted for 13 turnovers.

Seniors

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to be the most deadly arsenal from everywhere on the court.

After tallying 11 first-half points, Capley continued to hit the open jumper as well as net her shots inside the paint as the Lady Raiders continued to pull away from the Lady Eagles.

With two free-throws at the 4:14 mark, Capley chalked up her game-high 27th point and took her seat on the bench to watch her teammates finish up the OVC win and get ready for Tennessee Tech, who rolls in Saturday night.

"I think we just got cocky at Eastern," Capley said. "I was tired of missing my shots and I made up my mind that I was going to go out there and hit them."

"Now I'm looking forward to

Tech. I think that we have a quicker team and if we can continue to play the way we did tonight, it will be a good game."

Opposite of the shooting performance Saturday evening, the Lady's nailed 60 percent of their field goal attempts, including a 50 percent clip from 3-point range.

Although Capley led the scoring, Robinson was right on her tail with 19 and Gibson chipped in 12 while clearing eight rebounds.

With Robinson's performance, she now has a 24-point average in the teams four OVC games.

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time we're going to decide to fight back".

The precise moment he was talking about came with 13:01 left to play in the contest. Sinclair nailed a three-pointer and showered the Raiders with obscenities. Coach Stewart had heard enough, he called time out and began to plead his case with the officials and then was promptly slapped with a technical foul.

After connecting on both free throws, Colonel guard Chris Brown nailed a three-pointer to Eastern a 61-40 advantage with 12 minutes to play in the game.

Jeff Hunter, who replaced ailing point guard Tim Corder, took charge

of a sputtering Raider offense and led a charge that saw the Raiders rally and cut the Colonel lead to seven with 1:03 to play. Mike Buck quickly hit a 24-footer, his twelfth point of the night, to pull the Raiders within four with 41 seconds to play. The Raider rally fell short as the Colonels swished ten of eleven free throws.

The Raiders were led in scoring by freshman Jeff Clifton who tallied 24 points, Warren Kidd, scoring 10 points along with 10 rebounds, and Chris Ingram grabbed seven rebounds while tossing in eight points, while Hunter dished out six assists.

After the game, coach Stewart praised the character and hustle of his ball club, yet he insisted that the outcome of the games would not change until "we put 40 minutes together and hit our open shots." The Raiders fell to 0-3 in the conference and 10-5 overall.

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grabbed eight rebounds. Robert

Taylor returned to action after sitting out the Eastern game and tossed in 11, while Clifton continued his quest for freshman player of the year by

bagging 11.

The Raiders return to action Saturday night hosting Tennessee Tech with tipoff slated at 7:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

Lady Raider Volleyball team tryouts Friday, January 25 and Friday, February 1 in the Alumni Gym at 4:00 p.m. both days for those interested in participating as a player or manager.

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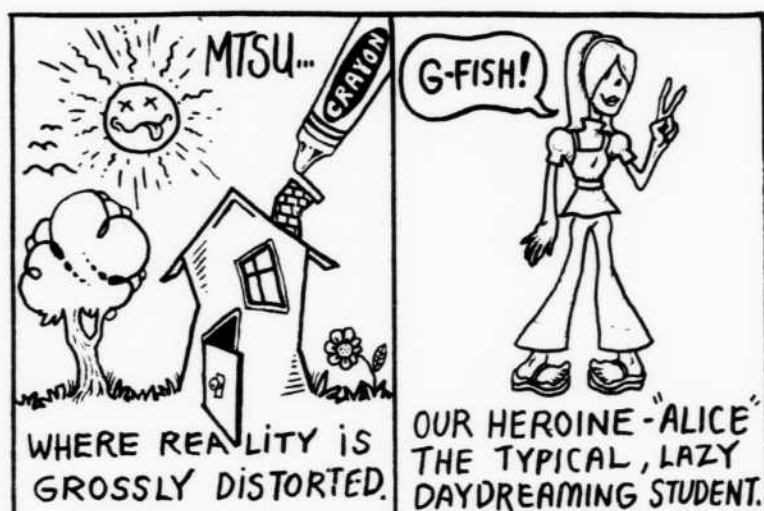
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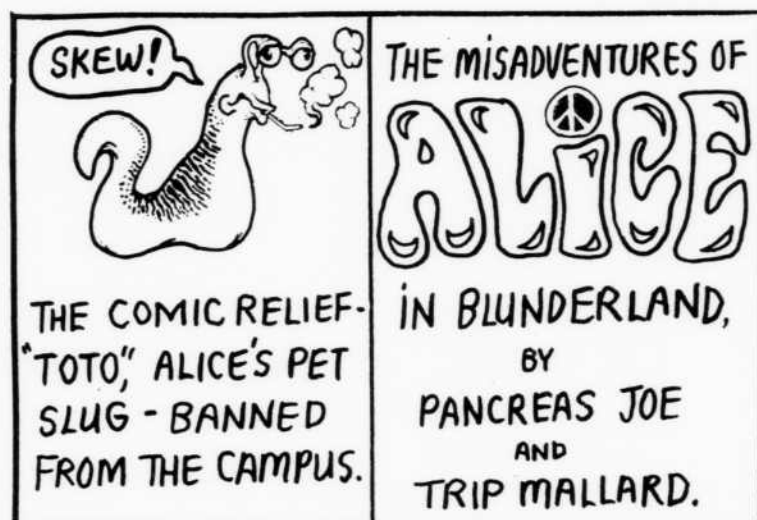
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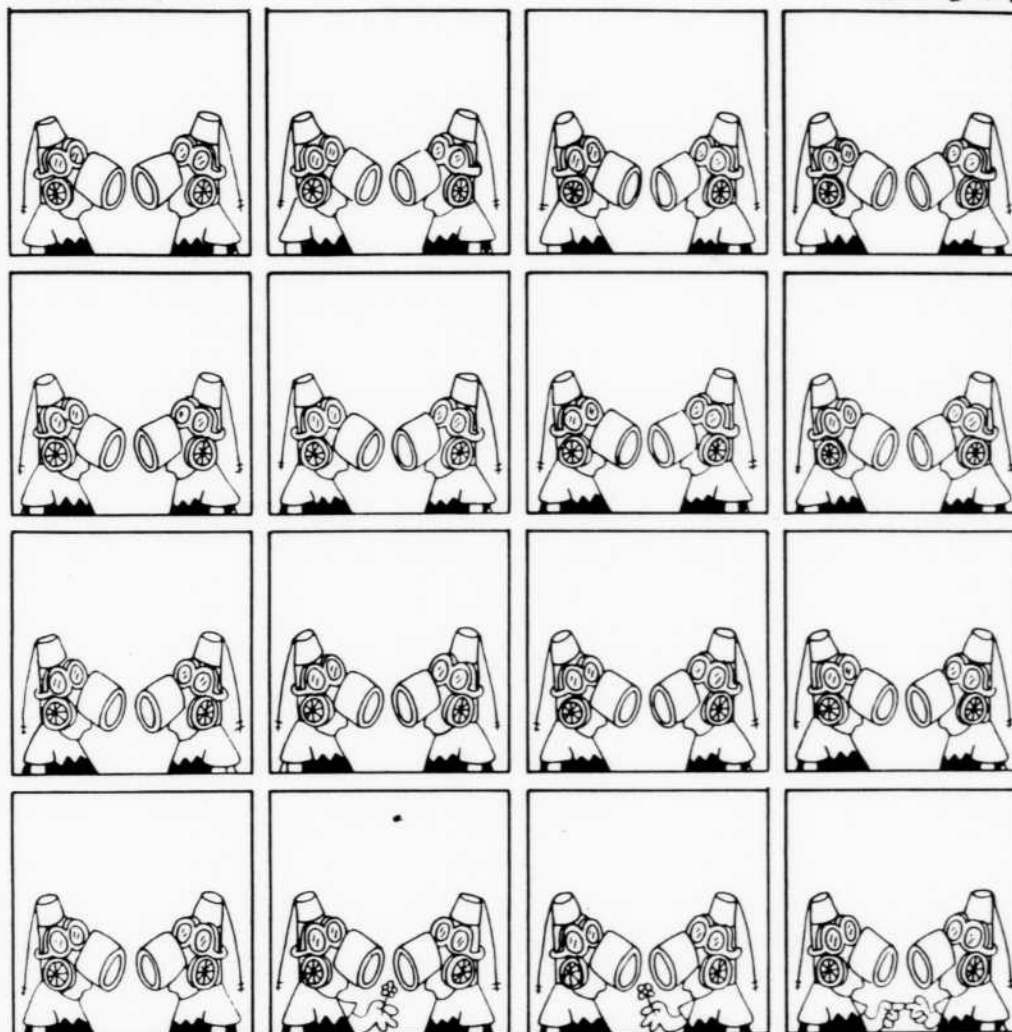
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