

Outstanding senior awards may be scrutinized in court

by Merry Lynn Starling

Outstanding senior selections this week could become the subject of court studies according to some ASB senators, as the vote took place without the approval of the ASB constitution.

According to the ASB constitution six seniors are to be named but last week's selection named eight. The selection of two additional seniors was made to facilitate a four-way tie for the last position, according to Speaker of the Senate Buddy Creasman, who was in charge of the selection process.

Creasman stated that when the selection took place and votes were tallied, the selection committee had already gone home. "It was my decision to add two more seniors since there was a tie," Creasman said.

Creasman added that the ASB constitution makes no provisions

for a tie in the selection of outstanding seniors and thus the action could conceivably be considered unconstitutional by some.

Nancy Scarlett, Chief Justice of the ASB Supreme Court, declined to comment as to the constitutionality of the selection, stating that if the case should come before the court, she would have to keep an open mind about the situation. She added, however, that if the matter were challenged by a student, it could possible go to court over the constitutional question. "Any student has the right to challenge action," she said.

Creasman and ASB president Richard Langford were both nominated and later selected as Outstanding Seniors and declined to participate in the selection committee which included two members of the House, two members of the Senate, two faculty members, two administrators, Speaker of the House and Senate.

Faculty members were appointed to the selection committee by the Faculty Senate, with administrators appointed by Dr. Scarlett. Student members volunteered for the committee from the ASB.

The selection committee was composed of: David Bragg, administration; Dot Harrison, news bureau; Harvey Miller, HPERs; Jerry Brookshire, history; Allan Betz and Riley Clark, ASB senate; Sheila Honeycutt and Mark Floyd, ASB house; with Margaret Alexander and Micky Baldwin filling Creasman and Langford's spots.

Selection was based on qualifications of nominees in categories which included grade point average, community and school activities, community service, offices held, athletic achievements, etc. Each nominee had to have accumulated 90 semester hours and be classified as a senior.

Of the eight outstanding seniors selected, seven had ASB affiliations, according to one ASB senator.

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Escorting singer proves memorable for cop

by Chuck Cavalaris

Campus policeman Albert Miles may never wash his right hand again. It opened doors for global star Olivia Newton-John...even the one she walked through en route to a shower.

"I was one of the ones who escorted her to the women's faculty room after the concert," Miles explained yesterday. "She was wearing a black robe and her hair was pinned up."

Miles, who joined the campus security force in January, was but one of nearly a hundred security guards who kept a constant vigil over Newton-John, one of the most

popular singing stars in the world today.

All of the Middle Tennessee State University force was on duty at Murphy Center, as were three Murfreesboro policemen. Also, there were countless concert security troops and a few civil defense guards.

Newton-John arrived at Murphy Center shortly after 5:30 p.m. Sunday and practiced for 30 minutes on stage with her trio of backup singers. After practicing she ate at the handball courts.

The security was tight. "I don't think anybody could have gotten an autograph from her if they didn't

know her already," Miles said. "They rushed her everywhere. Cops were all over the place, but we didn't have any problems."

Miles admitted to "being anxious" before he went on duty.

"I was kind of nervous, but I wanted to get a real good look at her. I just wanted to know for myself how she looked. No, I didn't

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Navy: Recruiting, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Military Science: Awards Day, D. A. Auditorium, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Noon Cartoons: Film Festival, UC Theatre, 12:30 p.m.
Graduate Test: UC 314, 1-4 p.m.
J & K Dorms: Picnic, Area Between J & K, 3-9 p.m.
Traffic Court: UC 311, 4-6 p.m.
ASB House Meeting: Multi-Media Room, LRC, 4:30-6 p.m.
DOT Awards: Arena Theatre, 6-10 p.m.
Film Festival: "The Count of Monte Cristo," UC Theatre, 6 and 8 p.m.
Exchange Club: Dinner, Dining Room B, SUB, 6:30 p.m.
Junior-Senior Recital: Kim Pearce and Kathy Hart, D.A. Auditorium, 7 p.m.

ASB Banquet: Tennessee Room, SUB, 7 p.m.
Speech Department: Campus Forum, Insurance Fraud, Mr. Don Waskom, State Farm Insurance Company, UC 322, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

Pearl Day: Omega Psi Phi "Hop Down," 6 p.m. Speaker: Bobby Oliver, 7:30 p.m., UC 321.
Faculty-Social Committee: Retirement Reception, Tennessee Room, SUB, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Noon Cartoons: Film Festival, UC Theatre, 12:30 p.m.
Traffic Court: UC 324A, 2-4 p.m.
Annual Awards Banquet: Tennessee Room, SUB, 6 p.m.
Dance: Koolettes, Dance Studio A, Murphy Center, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Thursday

Softball and Beer Blast: Omega Psi Phi v. MTSU basketball team, 4 p.m., intramural softball fields.
Army: Recruiting, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

State Department of Education: Regional Meeting, Middle Tennessee Principals Study Council, UC 322, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Retirement Luncheon for Dr. Bealer Smotherman, Dining Room B, SUB 12 noon.
Noon Cartoons: Film Festival, UC Theatre, 12:30 p.m.
Baseball: MTSU/Murray, Baseball Field, 3 p.m.
Tennessee Office Education Clubs (TOEC): State Leadership Conference, Murphy Center Arena, 5-9 p.m., Murphy Center 100A, 100, 9-11 p.m.
Track Meet: MTSU/TTU, Jones Field Track, 6 p.m.
Residence Hall Programming: Banquet, Tennessee Room, SUB, 6 p.m.
Film Festival: "A Midsummer Nights Dream - 1968 Version," uc theatre, 6 and 8 p.m.
MTSU Modern Dancers: Performance, D.A. Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
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Cop proves to be nervous escort

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go crazy when I saw her. It wasn't breath-taking, but it was nice to be in the position to see someone that gets all the praise she does. She was alright."

...During the first half of the concert Miles was stationed at the dressing room door of Jim Stafford, who opened the show with "Wild Wood Flower."

"I don't have an opening number," Stafford jokingly told the audience seconds after taking the stage.

His part of the concert was apparently surprisingly good to



Officer Miles

many people who didn't expect the showmanship on stage that Stafford is noted for.

By the time the Country and Western performer had finished his set with "Spiders and Snakes," the crowd seemed fully aware of his guitar-playing abilities. "But I can sing, too," Stafford quickly pointed out.

...All of the plants hanging from the lighting equipment above the stage were for more than decoration. "Olivia loves plants and riding horses," said one stage hand. "She says those plants encourage her to sing better."

...In order to cut travel costs, Newton-John picks a large city in the area of the country she is performing. She has an apartment near Atlanta, Ga., now and will remain there for another week before her tour moves out of the southeast.

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Nude model proposal considered

by Steve Miller

A proposal to allow life (nude) models to be used in art classes is now under consideration by MTSU President M.G. Scarlett.



Botticelli's 'The Birth of Venus' is a classic nude which probably wasn't painted from a kid in a leotard.

Dr. Leon Nuell, chairman of the Art Department, said that because of community standards, the proposal would be handled delicately to avoid a controversy. He said that Dr. Scarlett would examine both sides of the issue before making a final decision.

Chancellor Roy Nicks, of the State Board of Regents, said the decision would be strictly a university matter and not for consideration by the board.

Nuell added that a policy has never been established concerning the subject and that makes it more difficult to decide what to do. He said that the proposal has already been approved by the Dean and the vice-president for Academic Affairs.

According to Nuell, if the proposal passes it will be the first time a regional university has been allowed to use life models. He said that U.T. Knoxville has been using the models for some time. He feels that if MTSU were allowed to have them, it would be easier for other regional universities to use the models.

Nuell said that his students need to have experience with life models so they will be able to gain admission to graduate school. He said that students without nudes in their portfolio would have to make up some classes when they go to graduate school.

Many of the students in the Art Department are in favor of having the life models. They say it is not possible to learn to draw the body properly when the curves and bone structure are covered by clothes. One student said he doesn't understand why the proposal is being questioned because no one questioned nudes being used in the Renaissance.

Nigerian Association gains recognition

The Nigerian Students Association has been officially recognized on campus.

The Association comprises about 42 Nigerian students pursuing various academic disciplines at MTSU.

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MTSU Dance Club will present the annual spring concert of dance in the DA at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, titled, "Untitled."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will sponsor a "praise gathering," Thursday from 4-6 p.m. in the MTSU picnic area, with the gathering open to all Christian organizations on campus.

Murfreesboro Federation of Womens Clubs will meet at 8 p.m. tonight in the club room at the Old Bradley School. Margaret Butler will present a program on education.

Advanced Lifesaving Certification course will begin May 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. taught by Pat Hannon at the MTSU pool. Cost of the course will be \$35.

MTSU's Block and Bridle Club will hold their annual Spring Classic Horse Show at 7 p.m. April 22 at the Rutherford County Agriculture Center. Proceeds will be used to fund an addition to the university livestock barn. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

J and K dorms will have their "end-of-the-year" picnic Tuesday, April 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the courtyard shared by the two dorms. Admission is free with a residence hall programming ID; 50 cents otherwise. Volleyball, horseshoes, frisbees and food will be plentiful.

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Newton-John songs, Stafford humor shine in concert



Photos by Robin Rudd

by Chuck Cavalaris

The clocks in Murfreesboro didn't cease ticking, but for one brief hour Sunday night, Olivia Newton-John seemed intent on stopping time with a dazzling display of song and dance before leaving to a standing ovation.

An audience estimated at 8,000, sat in a near hypnotic state as Australia's best commodity since the koala bear walked briskly to center stage, wearing a long satin peasant dress and boots of gold that sparkled brilliantly as she danced.

Comical Jim Stafford began the concert with a lively combination of song and jokes, and even managed an amazing likeness in voice when playing songs by Charlie Rich, Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash.

But all the laughter failed to conceal the fact that Stafford is a wizard with a guitar, as verified by the diverse tunes he played.

Surprisingly, Olivia opened her performance with a low key "Do You Know What I Mean," recorded first by Elton John.

"Hi, y'all! How y'all doing?" Newton-John said in an obvious southern Australian accent after finishing the first number.

After mixed replies from the enchanted crowd, the 1975 Country Music Academy's female vocalist of

the year roared into a jazzed up version of John Denver's "Country Roads" and followed with a vigorously applauded version of "My Love is Alive" by Gary Wright.

Accompanied by three back up singers and an almost flawless seven-piece orchestra, which included the drummer for Ray Stevens who joined the band only 30 minutes before taking the stage, Newton-John moved from hit record to hit record.

"Please Mister, Please," though interrupted briefly by audio difficulties, was the first big hit to thrill the audience. "All I Need Is the Air That I Breathe" followed and both met with warm applause.

But the biggest response from the crowd came after Olivia bounced from side-to-side of the stage while singing "I'll Be There," which was "my first hit record," she said.

While the songs with faster tempos usually drew louder reactions from the crowd, the quiet, if not seductive voice of Newton-John magically told the story of a personal experience in "Pony Ride."

After commenting on "the sad things going on in our times," Newton-John grabbed a stool and





sang "Say You Know Where I Am," the beginning of a barrage of some of the most moving music ever performed in Murphy Center.

Olivia, always acknowledging the applause, moved into a two-song medley of "Maybe" and "As Time Goes By," both of which were recorded on early albums.

Finishing with what one person in the crowd called the "big three," Newton-John closed the evening

with "Have You Never Been Mellow" and "Let Me Be There" before thanking the crowd with "I Honestly Love You."

...During the middle portion of the concert, Newton-John baffled the crowd by introducing the drummer as "one of your's." By "your's," she was referring to Nashville, where Stevens was contacted less than an hour before the concert started because the

regular drummer suffered "respiratory difficulties."

He was admitted to Rutherford county hospital Sunday night but was released yesterday and was expected to join the band in Atlanta, Ga., today for a concert tonight.

...The stop in Murfreesboro was the third of 22 scheduled for the current Olivia Newton-John tour. Last week they made appearances

in Charleston, S.C., and Huntsville, Ala.

...At one point, Newton-John seemed confused as to which city (or town) she was in. When asking the audience to join in a birthday song, she said, "I want all you Nashville...uh, Murfreesboro people to sing along."

But that didn't seem to matter...nothing could spoil an evening with Olivia Newton-John.



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ASB controls it; ASB wins it

Eight outstanding seniors were selected last Thursday and it just so happens that seven of the eight were members of the ASB. And it also just so happens that only one female was selected, and by another strange slip of the brain, not one minority was represented.

In a year when MTSU's basketball team won the OVC championship, when debaters have won national recognition, when track members have qualified for NCAA finals, when members of the music department have toured world-wide, when senior broadcasting students won state and regional awards, in a year when students from all departments, all organizations, all races have contributed heavily to MTSU's autonomy...the overwhelming majority of outstanding students hail from one organization.

And the fact that the entire selection process of these students was directed and controlled by the ASB makes the process seem slightly less than credible.

Selection of outstanding seniors should be taken out of the hands of the ASB and put into the hands of a more diverse cross section of the campus--a section of the campus not dedicated to the promotion of its own organization. Representation should be given to a variety of academic departments, clubs, sports, instructors, administrators--not just those people who come constantly in contact with ASB members. Then and only then will ASB "accomplishments" be put in the proper perspective to be compared with accomplishments of other campus groups.

Certainly some ASB members have contributed heavily to the success of MTSU, but does their involvement outweigh the long hours of practice and sweat put in by MTSU athletes, the hours of study and research put in by debaters, musicians, drama students, artists--the hours put in for the advancement of MTSU within the community, the state and even the nation?

No...this type of unselfish devotion cannot even be compared to the actions of student politicians on campus. But as long as ASB governs the selections, these accomplishments will be overlooked for the lesser accomplishments of ASB.

Your basic editorial....

Good morning, and welcome to Elementary Layman's Journalism. This, by the way, is an editorial.

It is not a news article, feature article, sports article, book review, record review, concert review, review review, column or letter to the editor. It is an E-D-I-T-O-R-I-A-L.

The reason for this impromptu lesson crops up every semester, and this spring is no exception.

On this occasion, we are referring in particular to remarks made by Dean Judy Smith and MTSU Athletic Director Charles "Bubber" Murphy at the All Sports Banquet last night.

Their remarks were directed toward a column printed in the opinion pages of *Sidelines* on Jan. 25 discussing the merits of the cheerleading squad, insinuating that the column represented the feeling of the *Sidelines* staff.

Well, fellas, we don't know how to tell you this, but a C-O-L-U-M-N does not express the opinion of the editorial staff; it expresses the opinion of the columnist.

Furthermore, Murphy's remarks indicated that the writer of this column, Tom Wood, was a member of the *Sidelines* staff. Bubber, a look at the *Sidelines* staff box (printed each issue in the opinion pages) will show that Mr. Wood is not a staff member and has not been since last semester; therefore, his column, and any articles written by him have been contributed voluntarily.

Murphy further alleged that letters he and Coach Earle had written to *Sidelines* concerning Wood's article were not printed (presumably because *Sidelines* did not like the contents). Well, coaches, we hate to break the news to you, but *Sidelines* never received any letters of that sort; otherwise, they would have been printed in the next issue. *Sidelines* has never refused to print any letters simply because we disagreed with the contents; though we may be student journalists, we do make our attempts at supporting the first amendment--(freedom of the press, remember?)

It seems harder and harder every semester to impress the distinctions of these types of writings to readers, and particularly to members of the administration. Why?

We (we say 'we' because this is an editorial) feel these distinctions should be made by the reader in order to understand the functions of this newspaper. Our opinion pages not only contain editorial pieces representative of staff sentiment, but serve as a forum for the opinions of others; for example, Tom Wood.

So we urge everyone to realize, or try to realize, the difference between an E-D-I-T-O-R-I-A-L, a C-O-L-U-M-N, a L-E-T-T-E-R, etc.

Class dismissed.

ARE YOU SURE HE'S IN THE ASB



People pray, God answers

To the editor:

In defense of my previously submitted article to the *Sidelines*, I write the following response to Mr. Benson's comments:

Mr. Benson submitted the statement that I said "the Christian parents who prayed for their son's safe return from a war got their wish and that all these returning soldiers turned their backs on their morality."

My intended purpose, Mr. Benson, was to emphasize the fact that the people actually did pray and that God did answer prayers. The prayer answering was accomplished because they had faith in God. They prayed for other parents' children as well as their own. The soldiers that fought were of two types: saved or unsaved. The saved people were the ones that knew Christ as their personal Savior. The unsaved were in darkness through the work of sin and the devil. It's the rampaging work of sin in this life and the faithlessness of saved people that is causing the world and those in it to be in the shape that it's in.

People who do not know God have not turned their backs on their "own morality." The Bible teaches in Isaiah 64:6 the following truth: "But we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." The righteousness of men is not the righteousness of God. It is when a person knows Jesus Christ as his personal Savior that their "own moral ways" are replaced by the righteousness of God. If Mr. Benson considers my statements fantasy, he must live in somewhat of a fantasy world himself. Sin exists today, Mr. Benson, and people still reject God. However, God is still alive, and He's still on the throne of glory. Sin is still sin, Mr. Benson, whether you or anybody else believes it.

Mr. Benson's reply stated that "within any group, veterans

included, will be different people who went different ways." However, there's only one way that God has ordained for His people to walk, and that way is the straight and narrow way. If people don't know the straight and narrow way, they sure cannot walk in it. Many people aren't walking in it today, Mr. Benson. God's people are supposed to be a group different from the sinner portion of this world, whether they be veterans, middle-aged, young, or whatever. God's word states in Romans 12:2 the following: "and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Many saved people today, Mr. Benson, are conforming to the ways of this life, and they are not living a dedicated and consecrated life to God.

To continue, Mr. Benson commented about everyone having input into the law making process, regardless of religion. I agree with Mr. Benson wholeheartedly, and I haven't as yet forgotten the fact that this happens in our society. However, people, be they law-makers or lawbreakers, have forgotten the "truth." I'm not totally dumb, Mr. Benson. I know laws need to be made and enforced. However, when these laws that are made tend to disrupt the truth of God's Holy Word, God is not pleased with it. God wants His people to stand up against anything that condones sin. This is the point I'm trying to get across to the students and/or the people of this country.

Mr. Benson mentioned he didn't want to misconstrue my remarks. Misconstrue, Mr. Benson, means "to wrongly interpret." It seems that you have misrepresented yourself. I don't condemn people for forgetting God, Mr. Benson.

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Food stamp program can feed college students, too

by Mike McDonald

ASB Speaker of the Senate-Elect

A lot of people think that the food stamp program is just for the poor, poverty-stricken Americans. Well, it isn't.

For about a year now, the United States Department of Agriculture has made food stamps available for students. The process by which you can receive them is simple. First you must go by or call the Tennessee Department of Human Services in the county in which you reside and set up an appointment. Second, ask the people at the food stamp office to give you, or mail to you, an application form and any other forms you will need. Fill them out before you go for your interview, getting help from a friend or neighbor if necessary.

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Third, gather together as much of the following information as you can, and take it with you when you go to the food stamp office. You will need papers proving that you live in the county, what your income is, what your expenses are, informa-

tion about employment and information about what you own.

Within 30 days after the application is filed, the food stamp office approves or denies it. If it is approved, an identification card is issued. If the application is denied, the applicant may appeal his case to the local human services office. Before an application for food stamps can be approved, all employed, able-bodied students may be required to register for employment. For most students a part-time work-study job is sufficient employment to receive stamps.

The amount a student must pay for stamps is determined by other monthly income. For married students, the amount that must be paid is determined by both the size of the household, and its monthly income. No student is required to spend more than 30 per cent of his or her income for food. The amount of food stamps a student is allotted is then matched to the monthly income.

Most students would have to make no more than \$245 a month in order to receive \$50 worth of stamps each month. And each month the student buys coupons from the food stamp office, using the cash that he is expected to spend on groceries. For a student to

receive \$50 worth of stamps, he must pay \$14.50.

Each person receiving food stamps is required to report any new circumstances that would affect his eligibility, such as a change in the number of persons in a household (married students), a change in family income, or a change in country residence.

A change of \$25 or more in income or resources must be reported within 10 days and the food stamp office must take action on such changes within 10 days from the time the reports are received.

Withholding information or giving false information to the Welfare Department in order to receive food stamps constitutes fraud and may result in a fine of up to \$5,000 and as much as five years in jail. The truth is you are eligible to receive them without fraud. It is just a matter of going to the proper authorities in your county and applying for them.

There is nothing to be ashamed of if you have stamps. Pride won't fill an empty stomach. A \$50 monthly allotment of food stamps will.

The proper authorities from whom you can receive food stamps here in Murfreesboro is the

Department of Human Services located on Broad Street, next to the University Inn.

Any student needing further information can contact me Wednesday, April 20, at Box 4234 or at the ASB Vice-President's office. Your application or participation in the food stamp program is strictly confidential. And there is no limit on how long you can receive stamps. The government has made it possible for you to have them. Now it is your move. Apply. Fifty dollars never came so easily.

I would also like to add that there will be a meeting Wednesday, April 20, for all senators-elect at 4:30 p.m. in the ASB Conference Room.

Then at 7:30 p.m. in the ASB Conference Room there will be a meeting for all students interested in working on ASB Senate projects next year. The HELP line, Food Stamp Program, and Foreign Student Association are only a few of the projects for which we are seeking your involvement--both time and effort.

The key to better student government is student involvement. Good things just don't happen. It takes work. It takes time. And with your time and effort, we can get things done. See you Wednesday night at 7:30.

Writer comments on prayer, pornography...

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This is not my purpose or reason for living. I just want to let them know that it's wrong to do so. To condemn, Mr. Benson, means "to sentence to punishment or to an unpleasant fate." If a person rejects God and he continues to live in sin, he will condemn himself to the punishment of an unpleasant fate. The unpleasant fate, Mr. Benson, will be eternal torment and pain in a place called hell.

On my comment concerning the purpose of a woman, Mr. Benson established my opinion as contrary to the thinking of many people today. Nonetheless, it is impossible for God to lie. God was the one that said women was to be a helpmate for man. God set forth the fact and established it by many infallible proofs. I'm going to believe God, Mr. Benson, because He cannot lie. If something is contrary to God's will, it is sin. Therefore, any way that a woman conducts herself apart from the purpose appointed by God, whether married or unmarried, is sin.

I'm not some "Holy Joe" or "angel" writing these articles to put people down and to pick me up. I'm just a child of God and a young God-called preacher, trying, by the help of God, to proclaim some truth

to this world that is being blinded by the devil's lies.

Further, Mr. Benson commented on the statement I made involving the effect of pornography. He wrote: "Pornography itself does not have any omnipotent power of corruption." I feel, Mr. Benson just read the parts that best suited his fancy of the statement I set forth. The fact remains that any pornographic book by itself on a secluded island or in the deepest pit where no human being has access

to it will not effect anyone whatsoever. The paper itself bound into a book has not power on either side of either page. However, these books in the hands of young teenagers, young adults, and middle-aged men and women, due to the presence of sin in this world can corrupt people's lives.

You say that you have rejected it, Mr. Benson. I'm pleased to hear that.

I want it understood that I'm not trying to judge anyone. I'm only

trying to proclaim the truth with the help of God. Furthermore, I want to proclaim that a turning-back to a true and living God is the only thing that will help this world today.

Sam Randolph
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was his intent*

To the editor:

The letter that appeared in the April 15 issue of *Sidelines* concerning the use of obscene language in intramurals was not meant to slander the character of anyone. The intent of the letter was to express the need for some type of regulation that would not permit obscene language.

It has been brought to the attention of the *Sidelines* staff that several people, including Tom Wright, have sworn that no such language was used.

The letter was not meant to point a finger at any one person, but to force the intramural office to take a look into such other alleged instances. If the letter proved embarrassing or offensive to Tom Wright, I apologize.

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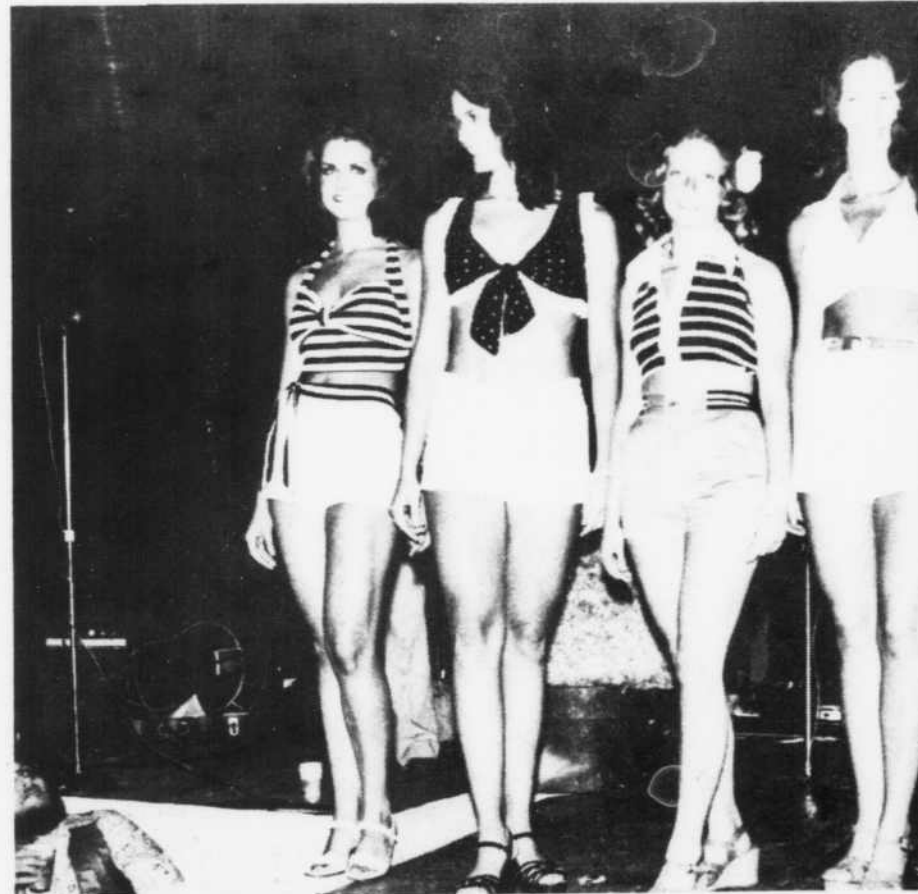
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A 'Disney' Derby Week



Chi Omega won top honors this week in Sigma Chi's Disney Derby: [pictured clockwise from above]: Snow White frolics with Seven Dwarfs; an onlooker cheers for her side; Derby Darling hopeful Anita Cannaday is judged, as are contestants Teresa Everett, Mimi Hodges, and Patty Jones; Laurie Burr wins the title; Chi O's hanging on at the Beer Chug; Hot Pants contest winner Teresa Spaulding parades before the crowd; Hot Pants contenders awaiting final judgement; and [center] Mickey Mouse joins in a Delta Zeta cheer.





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Gov coach phones Vanatta; Raiders must play at Peay

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Austin Peay baseball coach Joe Ellenburg was almost decked by a John Stanford right cross at the MTSU baseball field Saturday before the Raiders' split a doubleheader with the Govs, losing 3-0 and winning, 9-3.

The fistfight nearly erupted over a controversial decision by Ohio Valley Conference commissioner Bob Vanatta that will send Middle Tennessee to Clarksville tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. to make up a game that was rained out April 2.

Gov athletic director, reportedly called Vannatta and charged MTSU with trying to avoid playing the make up contest until after the regular season.

Also, sources close to the OVC office in Lexington, Ky., reported the telephone call from Clarksville also claimed "MTSU and Murray State were in cahoots and had tampered with the schedule."

Whatever the case, tomorrow's clash at Austin Peay is a game Middle Tennessee can't lose.

"If we win," Stanford explained, "all we have to do is beat Murray once on Thursday. But if we lose, we will be eliminated from the Western Division race because that is Austin Peay's last game and they would have beaten us three out of four times."

MTSU is currently atop the division by a few percentage points. The Raiders are 6-3 in the division while Austin Peay is 7-4.

Junior college transfer Mike Moore, a southpaw with a tremendous breaking ball, will be Stanford's choice to derail Austin Peay. Moore is 6-1 with an ERA of 1.84. Moore was the winning pitcher in Saturday's second game against APSU, and allowed but four hits.

One key to the outcome, Stanford agreed, will be how well Middle Tennessee can handle one of two "junkballing left handers" on the Gov staff.

"Our left handed hitters (five starters) must be aggressive at the plate," Stanford explained. "I told them that before the season started, but it is puzzling to me why we haven't been able to beat left handers consistently."

Seniors Danny Moore and Rick Cheshire are among the lefty hitters. Others are (Big) Jon Weathers, Tom Nichting and Kerry Maxwell. "If they just get after it," Stanford said. "We can win."



Raider Kerry Maxwell dives back to first base as Austin Peay's Tom Shuttle tries to handle a pick-off throw in the dirt. The ball eluded Shuttle and Maxwell scampered to second. Photo by Chuck Cavalaris



Mike Moore

Because Trevecca Nazarene College was already scheduled for tomorrow, MTSU (23-15) will be forced to forfeit that game. Also, Wednesday's conference showdown with Austin Peay comes only one day before the Raiders' will face Murray State here.

Stanford, 1976 OVC coach of the year, became upset before the first game when Ellenburg approached the Raider dugout after he, or the

Sinopoli weaves no-hitter

by Chuck Cavalaris
Sports Editor

Nobody would ever mistake the University of the South (Sewanee) baseball team, for the Cincinnati Reds, but Pete Sinopoli doesn't care. He'll take a no-hitter anytime.

Sinopoli, a sophomore from Silver Springs, Md., did not allow a hit and struck out seven in the first game of a double-header yesterday as MTSU won, 5-0. Raider Rob Elsea picked up the win in the night cap in a 14-0 romp.

"I was just lucky," Sinopoli confessed last night. "Yesterday was the first time I've pitched in 11 days. I wasn't that sharp. But how can I complain after a no-hitter?"

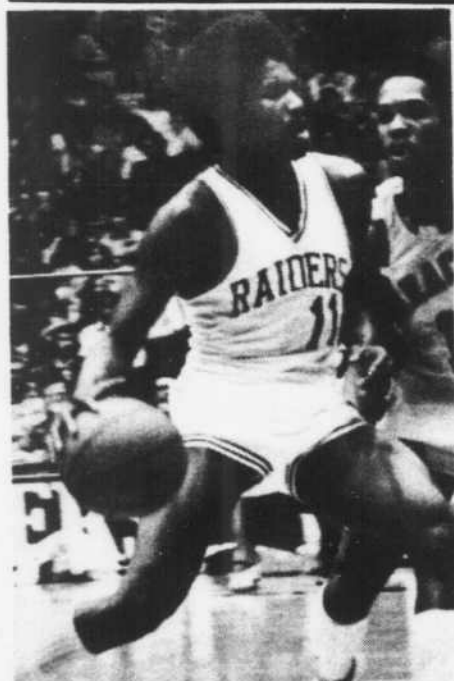
Sewanee's main threat to the 20-year old right hander came with one out in the seventh, and final, inning. Left fielder Greg Robertson hit a smash to short.

"Ben Lankster (Raider shortstop) just made a superb play," Sinopoli explained. "The ball was hit in the hole. I thought it had eyes and would get through, but Ben made a real good play to save me."

Lankster, a senior, also paced MTSU at the plate, collecting three hits and five RBI. Center fielder Danny "Pogo" Moore also had three hits as the Raiders banged out a total of 17 hits.

Middle Tennessee jumped out to a 7-0 first inning margin in the second game. Steve Smith replaced Elsea, who allowed but two hits, in the sixth inning and retired all six batters he faced.

...Left fielder Stanley Shanks cut down a Sewanee runner at first before he made it to the bag after a single...Elsea's nick name is "Bozo" because of red hair...Sinopoli was coached in high school by ex-Raider shortstop (1968) Brady Straub.



Lewis Mack



Jan Zitney



Mike Moore

'Stars' Banquet caps '77 year

The finest athletes at Middle Tennessee State were honored last night at the "All Sports Banquet" held in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building.

All of the intercollegiate sports on campus had representatives at the awards dinner.

Senior guard Lewis Mack was voted the most valuable basketball player award. Jan Zitney won the women's basketball honor. Fullback Mike Moore was awarded MVP honors in football.

David Buck was tops in the eyes of his wrestling teammates. Ardena Garth was named best women's volleyball player and Dennis Votava took home the cross-country honor.

Seniors seek farewell home win against Tech

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's track team will face Tennessee Tech on Jones Field this Thursday night in the farewell home meet for six Raider athletes. Coach Dean Hayes wishes all of them could return next year.

The six are serving as the nucleus for a team that has "responded real well to their challenges all season," according to the MTSU coach.

Harrison Salami, a Ghana senior and two-time OVC champion in the discus, leads the contingent of track men who hope to bring Dean Hayes his first conference championship in 12 years at MTSU.

Salami presently leads the conference in the discus, with a school record 180-0 that is also his lifetime personal best. Salami also is ranked fourth in the javelin with a 199-11 best this year. "He's really been super," Hayes said of Salami, who came to MTSU four years ago and has hardly left a conference or school record untouched since.

Larry Cotton, leadoff runner for the mile relay team, is finishing his fourth season with the squad. "Having his best year ever,"



Larry Cotton

according to Hayes, the Chattanooga native is ranked seventh in the OVC in the 400 meters (48.7). Distance runner Dennis Votava, who has had trouble placing in recent meets despite fast times, is finishing his outdoor track eligibility, but will return for cross-country next year, Hayes said.

OVC pole vault champion Jack Warner, finishing his second season here after transferring from Cornell University, will be among the favorite in the conference meet



Scotty Akins

again this year. Warner holds the school record with the 15-6 he reached last year. His personal best this season is 15-0, ranking third in the conference.

A pair of field event specialists, Scotty Akins and Bill Elmer, will see their last home action in the Tech meet. Akins has filled in well for the injured OVC champion Ted Hausauer, with a personal best of 52-6 to rank fifth in the OVC.

Akins came to MTSU after Florence State (now North Alabama) discontinued their track program two years ago. Elmer backs up Salami in the javelin and discus, and is ranked fifth in the javelin with a 184-10 best.

Tennessee Tech, hampered with injuries this season will not be "as strong as they were last year" but will still bring some talented athletes to town Thursday, Hayes said.

Hurdler Bill Burney leads the conference in the high hurdles with a 13.9 clocking, while Dee Dee Trowell will be a threat in the triple jump (his personal best is 52-9 this season, a leap that bettered MTSU's John DoDoo and his conference leading 52-8).

Tech's Ben Simms appeared to be hobbled with a leg injury this weekend at the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, but if healthy, might repeat his 10.4 showing that ranks him second in the conference. Darcy Boyton has topped 200 feet this season in the javelin, with a 201-3 that ranks him just ahead of Salami in the OVC.

...Salami placed third in the discus at the Dogwood Relays Saturday, tossing 167-7 in his best showing. Russell Holloway took fourth in the intermediate hurdles as the only other Raider to place in the meet...

...Salami (discus), Holloway (hurdles), Votava (1500 meters) and long and triple jumper John DoDoo are Raiders who have qualified for the NCAA outdoor championships in June. Hayes said he hopes to qualify "at least seven more people and the mile relay team" for the championship in upcoming meets.



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Scarlett, Jones are critics

NCAA-AIAW rule differences draw official fire

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

Discrepancies between NCAA regulations governing men's basketball and the guidelines presently governing the women's game have drawn fire from several sources —



M. G. Scarlett

notably university President M.G. Scarlett and Pat Jones, women's athletic director.

Both MTSU officials are disturbed that women's sport rules drawn designated by the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Woman (AIAW) do not provide the same safeguards as provided for the

men's sport, especially in the realm of recruiting and scholarships.

Scarlett and Jones join Tennessee Tech women's basketball coach Marynell Meadors and Tennessee coach Pat Head in criticism of the rules as they now stand, and the possibility that the difference may be in violations of equal opportunity laws.

"I think we need to give women the same opportunities in athletics as we give men," Scarlett said last week. "I don't think the AIAW — in all its present form — will allow that," the president added.

"How can you limit a woman coach's recruiting when you pay the men?" Scarlett asked, saying an AIAW rule against reimbursement for recruiting trip expenses was "in defiance of the law."

The AIAW also limits women's scholarships to 12 while the NCAA presently allows 16 athletes to be given financial aid. "It seems to me that's in violation, also," Scarlett said.

In addition, AIAW rules do not provide for disciplinary action by the conference, do not force a player to sit out a season after transferring and do not try to police recruiting violations, Scarlett pointed out.

"The NCAA does have penalties and suspensions to deal with problems that arise," Scarlett added. "Several OVC schools are involved in AIAW; OVC is under the NCAA. There could be a problem with the OVC tournament conflicting with the AIAW."

The controversy surrounding the AIAW has come into focus with the formation of a women's division in the OVC, hoped to put female athletics closer to men's.

With the advent of Title IX legislation to establish equality among men's and women's athletic programs, Jones was given the task of making the MTSU women's basketball program more competitive. After a pair of coaching

seasons with winning records, Jones is now facing the problem of keeping the team (now coached by Pay Sarver) at the competitive level.

"What do you do when your school is ready to pour money into your program...but the AIAW says 'no' to your plans?" Jones inquired, adding "We are not given a choice."

Jones determined stance on the issue was reflected by a comment that "We will not be pinned down by AIAW if someone else offers us better. If a national tournament is offered by the NCAA, we will go—even if there is only one other team and we play each other for the title."

Linksters roar to state title

by Eddie Gossage

After this weekend's Tennessee Intercollegiate Championship Golf Tournament in Sewanee, Tenn., another championship can be added to the long line of Blue Raider feats.

The Raider linksters out-distanced such teams as Austin Peay, and the University of Tennessee and six-time defending champion East Tennessee to claim the crown.

Emile Vaughan captured the low-medalist honors firing a two-round total of 136. His first round of an 8-under par 64 set a course record and broke Gerald Nelson's minute old tournament record of six-under par 66.

Nelson claimed the no. 3 individual honor by firing a two-under par 140.

Harmon, a native of Clarkston, Georgia, took the no. 4 individual position by shooting a one-under par 141.

Austin Peay's Randy Duncan took the second place in the low medalist division by firing a total of 139, three under par. Vaughan possible could have had a score one stroke lower, but he finished his round near dusk and bogeyed the last hole in darkness.

As a team, MTSU shot a total of 709 while Austin Peay and Tennessee tied for second place

with a score of 730.

East Tennessee shot a total of 740 to take fourth place in the tournament.

The golf team began play yesterday in the Western Division OVC Golf Tournament in Murray, Ky. The quadrangular meet finds MTSU pitted against Murray, Austin Peay and Western Kentucky.

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NIL star signs with Raiders; more recruits visit

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

Basketball success at MTSU has produced an unprecedented fourth signee from the midstate area, this time Hendersonville's Curtis Fitts, a 6-3 forward who will likely play at guard here.

The All-State and two-time All-NIL performer joins Pulaski's Mike Frost, a 6-9 center, as future Raiders signed just last week. Mark Lynn of Manchester and Raymond Martin of Warren County, both 6-7, were earlier signees, and Raider coaches still were seeking two more players for scholarship aid.

Fitts was a three year starter for the Commandos, averaging 20.1 points per game while leading his team to a 25-7 record and their first substate playoff berth.

In his career at Hendersonville, Fitts set eight school records, including most points in a career (1,608) and most in one season (648). Fitts also set field goal and rebounding records, and scored 41 points in a single game last season.

Head coach Jimmy Earle termed Fitts "one of the best athletes in the state...a class person."

The four Raider signees will join four returning starters from last

year's OVC tournament champion squad (only point guard Lewis Mack will not return next season) and University of Florida transfer Greg Armstrong, who sat out the 1976-77 season to fulfill NCAA transfer rules.

...This past weekend, a pair of Texas junior college transfers visited MTSU as one of their six allowable campus visits. Wendell Mays [6-10] and Chris Williams [6-6] were both starters for Tyler Junior College, Texas Eastern Conference champions. Both were named to the TEC all-conference team.

Mays, sought by such teams as University of Nevada (Las Vegas) averaged 26 points and 12 rebounds while Williams averaged 21 points and ten rebounds.

Williams was the leading scorer in Illinois high school history in his career in Peoria, having been named to three All-America polls (AP, UPI, and Street and Smith) his senior season.

Men netters split; women take pair

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's men took a 6-3 tennis decision from Louisville on Friday, then dropped a 5-4 decision to Austin Peay Saturday due to a "stacked" lineup that pitted the Gobs' high ranked players against lower ranked Raiders.

Also over the weekend, the women's squad dumped East Tennessee with a 7-2 trouncing and added a 5-4 win over David Lipscomb yesterday.

In the Louisville match, first seed Lasse Durchman defeated Dan Lucas 6-2, 6-3, while freshman Dale Short fell 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 in a close contest.

Peter Heffernan, (7-6, 6-0) Chris Baker (6-4, 6-4) and Tony Fernandez (6-1, 6-1) all won their matches in straight sets, while sixth man Tom Ward fell to a Cardinal challenger 7-5, 6-3.

Durchman-Short and Heffernan-Baker both took doubles wins, while the final Louisville points were tallied in the third doubles match, with Fernandez — Mike Patrick falling 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Against APSU, Durchman was beaten by Gary Boss 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 and Short blasted sixth man Darrell Johnson 6-0, 6-0.

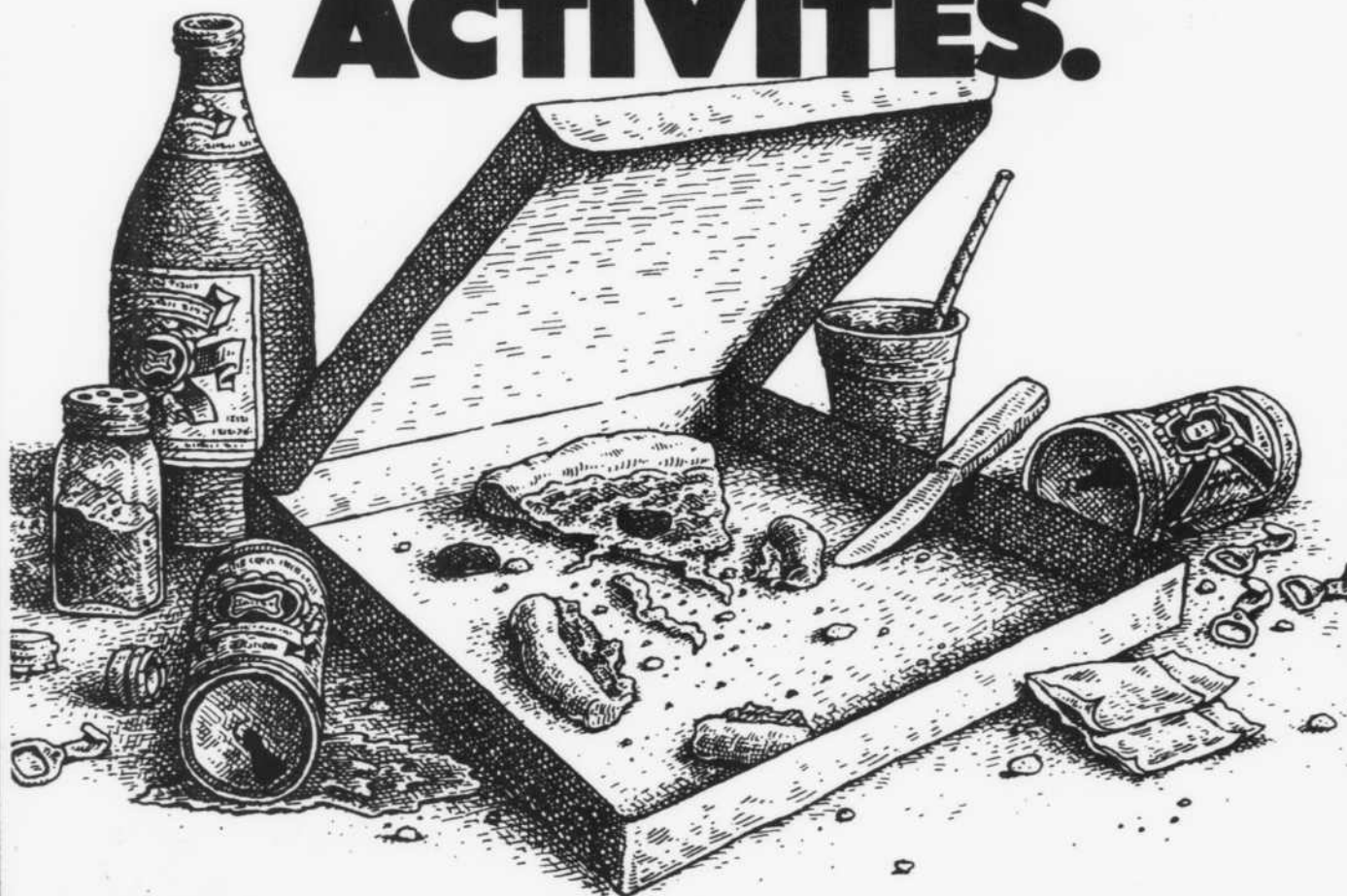
But the altered lineup of the Gobs (MTSU No. 3 facing Gov no. 2, etc.) gave APSU wins in all of the three last singles. Heffernan did defeat Warren Locke 6-0, 6-3, and Baker fell 6-2, 6-4; Fernandez lost 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Patrick was defeated 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Durchman-Short and Heffernan-Baker won again, but Fernandez-Patrick fell 6-2, 6-4 to provide the Gobs' margin of victory.

In the women's matches, all of the first five Middle singles won in straight sets to provide an insurmountable 5-0 lead. Victorious were Kaye Wrather (7-6, 6-1), Corrine McDonald (6-3, 6-1), Traci Williams (6-1, 6-1), Karen Miller (6-1, 6-1) and Carol Craig (6-1, 6-3).

McDonald-Williams fell 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the only other Raider loss. Craig Miller won 6-2, 6-2 and Wrather-Schwan won 3-6, 6-2 and 6-2.

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'Best' spring practice heralds hope for football

Spring practice is over. Jones Field lies silent awaiting the coming of autumn and the roar of the crowd.

Raider football coach Ben Hurt calls this spring's series of drills "the best spring practice since I've been here." Hurt enters this season with back-to-back 4-7 seasons to his credit.

Saturday morning marked the final scrimmage of the team before this summer, with the first offense bombing the third defense for six touchdowns. Senior quarterback Mike Robinson led the attack, connecting on 15 of 21 passes for

224 yards and four of the touchdowns.

Probable lineups for the fall on offense will include Robinson at quarterback for his third year as a starter; 1975 OVC most valuable offensive player Mike Moore and junior Robbie Rogers at the running back positions.

With Robinson throwing more under the direction of offensive coordinator Marshall Taylor, the Murfreesboro native will be looking to receivers Gary Burchfield (flanker), Jeff Shockley (wide receiver) and Larry Miller (tight end).

On the offensive line, junior college transfer Darrell Williams will anchor a line that includes Alvin Palmer, Bill Ming, Brian Knight and Jeff Woodard. Palmer, a senior, is the only returning veteran from last year's offensive line.

Rogers led all rushers in the scrimmage with 97 yards, with Moore adding 69 and Joe Bowers 26 more. Rogers and Moore both scored touchdowns on the ground.

In the air, Rogers hauled in four passes for 86 yards, Moore caught three out of the backfield for 34 yards and Miller hauled in three for 44 yards. Rogers, Moore and Shockley all scored touchdowns on receptions.

The first and second defenses looked strong against the reserve

offense, with the first unit yielding 15 yards and no touchdowns, and the second unit 167 yards and a single score.

Morris Bell, a tackle who has made the transition to middle linebacker, looks to be the most feared member of the Raider defense for next season. Bell has already attracted the attention of pro scouts (he had an interception in the last scrimmage) while strong competition at several positions indicates increased defensive depth for the coming season.

Bell and defensive backs Johnny Carver and Stan Murphy all grabbed interceptions in the game, while center-turned-defensive end Chris Keen, and defensive players Alvin Williams and Stan Wright recovered fumbles committed by the less experienced offensive unit.

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