

Scarlett may quit as early as March, Banner reports

President M.G. Scarlett has updated his resignation and is expected to step down from the MTSU presidency, possibly as early as March according to a story in the Nashville Banner.

In a front page story Saturday, the newspaper said Scarlett and Roy Nicks, State Board of Regents chancellor, met privately Friday and Scarlett gave Nicks the new resignation letter.

But, Scarlett denied he met privately with Nicks and said that he was in Nashville for a presi-

dent's council meeting.

"We met from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and I had no personal word with the chancellor. We didn't even tell each other hello," Scarlett said.

The Banner story said the purpose of the updated letter is to discredit the Banner's Dec. 2 story which said Scarlett's resignation was already on file.

Nicks was away from his office and unavailable for comment, but Roy Lassiter, executive vice-chancellor, said that both Nashville papers had misconstrued the presi-

dent's meeting and that Scarlett had not met privately with Nicks.

"There was no chance of personal contact between the two," Lassiter said. "All the presidents met together except for lunch when Nicks had to leave to attend to personal business."

The Tennessean, in its story, said that Scarlett was scheduled to meet with Nicks this Friday.

Scarlett denied the planned meeting and said he had heard

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M. G. Scarlett



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Shots threaten ex-undercover agent

by Cathy Wood

An MTSU sophomore who previously worked undercover with Murfreesboro city police said he has been shot at twice since he testified Thursday in General Sessions Court.

Ricky Alan Davis, according to a Feb. 10 story in a Nashville newspaper, said he had been given \$600 a month since August to buy marijuana as an agent for the police department.

He appeared in court against Oliver Spurgeon, 23, of Murfreesboro, who was described as a "close friend" of Davis'. Spurgeon was charged with two counts of selling marijuana (totaling 28 grams). He was bound over to a preliminary hearing on Feb. 16.

Refusing to comment on his testimony or his undercover work, Davis said he was "in enough trouble already."

"My car windows have been shot at twice," Davis said. "I just don't want to talk about it any more. Everything I say gets distorted."

Davis was referring to the story written by Tennessean reporter Jim Wisuri. "He didn't even talk to me about it before he wrote the story," Davis said. "He just asked me how to spell my name. I thought he was a court reporter."

Although Wisuri denied it, Davis said he talked to the reporter on the phone Friday night about so-called distortions in Wisuri's story.

"I can understand that he would be upset," Wisuri said, "and I know he talked to Chuck Varn (one of the city police officers who arrested Spurgeon) after the court hearing. But he didn't talk to me."

One of the points of the story Davis seemed to disagree with was the amount of money given to him

by the police department. "He testified that they gave him \$600," Wisuri said, "but he said it so softly that at first I thought he said \$60." The amount was later confirmed by the judge, he added.

Davis was also upset by Wisuri's identification of him as a quarterback for the football team. "Football has nothing to do with this," he said. Redshirted last fall, Davis will be one of three contenders for the starting quarterback spot next season.

University officials didn't know that a city undercover agent was working on campus until about two weeks ago when warrants were signed based on Davis' work, according to University Police Chief Matthew Royal.

"That's normal procedure,"

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Legislature won't allocate more money for pay raises

by Cathy Wood

Tennessee's General Assembly will not appropriate any more money for university salary increases this year, according to Jim Vaden, Board of Regents vice chancellor for business and finance.

A coalition of university secretaries and clerk-typists, the Clerical Caucus, has asked the MTSU administration for pay increases to equalize their salaries with other regents schools.

Last week, President M.G. Scarlett told a group of clerical workers, including the caucus, that he couldn't provide the pay raises from the present budgetary allocations.

Scarlett suggested that the workers write letters to state politicians and regents petitioning for pay equalization.

However, letters won't change the budget this year, Vaden said, although they may influence next year's budget (which takes effect July 1).

"Legislators can only appro-

priate the money," Vaden said. "Salary discrimination on a campus is the president's problem."

State schools under the regents system operate within a budget set by the state legislature. A certain amount is earmarked for pay raises, Vaden said, with guidelines for how the money should be spent.

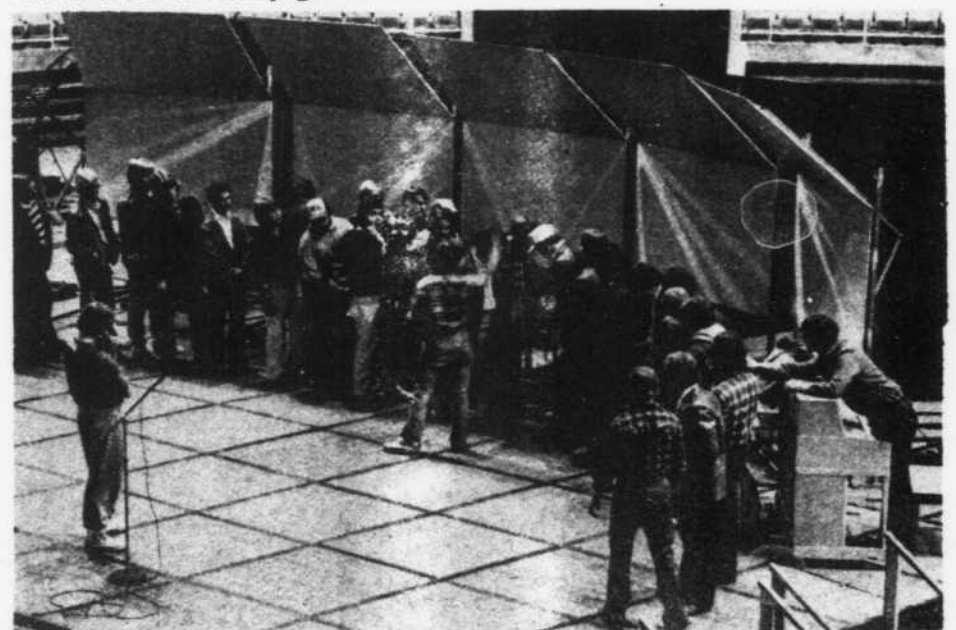
"The institutional head has the discretion to recommend the use of the remaining dollars," Vaden said. "He has flexibility in allocating that money."

"We don't support salary discrimination," he continued. "There's no reason why there can't be equal pay for equal jobs. But everybody thinks they're underpaid."

Comparing jobs only on a salary basis will show what appears to be inequities, Vaden said, "but other factors must be considered."

Cost of living scales and the supply of manpower in the area all affect clerical salaries, he said. For

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They may have been unorganized last night but Kappa Sigma along with the rest of the All-Sing participants will be giving it their best tonight at 7 p.m. at Murphy Center [Steve Harbison photo]

Faculty Senate asks for shorter chairman term

An amendment calling for shorter terms for department chairmen was passed last night by the faculty senate in their monthly meeting.



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The amendment calls for a three year term for department chairmen rather than the five year term now in effect. At the end of the three-year term, each chairman will be evaluated and given a "vote of confidence" by the faculty if they recommend the chairman for a second term.

A proposal for a salary increase for graduate teaching assistants was defeated by the senate. The proposal called for an approximate raise of \$1,400.

The proposal will be sent to the senate budget advisory council for study after a request by Bill Holland, professor of English.

A tentative conference for better communication between faculty



Patrick Doyle and other members of the faculty senate vote on Doyle's proposed professional negotiations conference to be held March 31-April 1. [Steve Harbison photo]

and administration was accepted by the senate. Biology professor Patrick Doyle proposed the professional negotiations conference for March 31-April 1.

An insurance complaint was

voiced by George Kerrick, professor of English. After switching from Provident Insurance to Blue-Cross, Kerrick placed a claim for \$240 and only received \$40. He was told the problem would be looked into.

Weekly spraying alleviates bug problem

A new system of spraying "two or three" dormitories on a weekly rotating basis may have solved J and K apartments' bug problems, according to Ken Fox of the maintenance department.

Terminix, the exterminator for MTSU, uses different types of insecticides for different parts of the room. A special type is used for the corners and crevices of the walls, according to Wayne Beard of Terminix, Inc.

The bugs causing the biggest

problem are German roaches, which are not affected by the temperature, Beard said.

"The bug situation has improved tremendously and has dwindled down to nothing," said Fox.

The cause of the problem may have been that the Terminix employee who was in charge of MTSU was not doing a satisfactory job.

"The man just wasn't doing his job," Fox said. The employee has quit and has been replaced by a man who seems to be doing a good

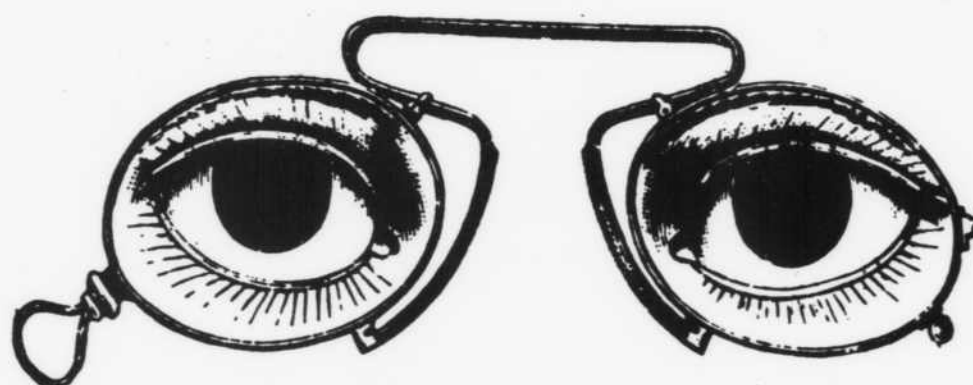
job, he added.

Even though Fox has received no complaints from the residents of J and K apartments, many of them believe the bug problem isn't any better.

Linda Kappelmann, a resident of J apartments, said the bug problem is "still real bad in the cabinets and the showers" of her apartment.

Another resident of J apartment, Judy Crawford said bugs are still in her apartment. She said Terminix's spraying "didn't do any good."

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Marsha Mason:

Happy Valentines Day. (We ate all your candy.)

Love,
The Roaches

Happy Valentines Day to the graveyard shift—Angie, Brenda, Eddie, Jane and Retha. Thanx.

Bill

To Craig, Greg, Don, Tony, Jerry and Andy in Pennsylvania—Happy Valentine's Day from the Wood Hall Little Sisters (you too, J.R.)

Dear R.R. (B.B.),

Hope you have the best Valentine's Day ever, and Happy 1 yr., 10 mos. Anniversary on the 17th!!!! I love you,

J.J.

Lynn Crosby, Beth Rhodes,

5'7"

5'2"

Eyes are green

Eyes are blue

Hair is dark

Lashes are black

WE LOVE YOU

PLEASE COME BACK!

Admirers

To Schlep, Dum-Dum, and Mom,
Thanks for being the most wonderful friends I could ask for.

Happy Valentine's Day,
The "Cat"

To: Janet, the skier,
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Sugar is sweet

What happened to you?

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

From: Your curly redheaded lover

Happy Valentine's Day, Gary Joe, and Happy Anniversary.

Love always,
Lisa

To the biggest family on campus:
Happy Valentines Day to my dear brothers—Bobby, David and Sammy.

From their dear sister,
Susie

A.J.,

Thankyou for two beautiful years. Marrying a Polock wasn't so bad after all. I'm glad we found each other.

M.A.

Here's to pop-top cans and friends, and anything else that makes it easy to have six cents to your name.

DBFischnetz 78

Carletta:

Happy Valentine's Day and stay away from the octopus.

The Loveable EIC

Lynn Stanfield,

It seems I can't get through to you for the ATO's. But it's been fun trying. See you around campus.

A Depressed Lover

To Jill, Lisa & Nancy:

Thanks for the card. Share and share alike.

Lynne, Cheryl, and Judy--

Today, and always, may your life be as happy as the two years we've spent together as "roomies." Happy Valentine's Day.

Debbie

From the Bull,

To the Babe, thanks for just being you.

I.L.Y.

A Special Message. . . For two special friends at MTSU, Mrs. White and Mrs. McPherson, Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,
Porter

Dear Debbie, Cheryl, and Lynne,

You are the best roomies I've ever had and I hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day!!!

Love bunches,
Judy

Dear Nancy and B.B.,

I hope you two have a whopper of a Valentine's Day! Tell Jesse, Meremy, and Casy I love them and am thinking about them, believe it or not! B.B., I miss you, my number is still the same!

Love,
J.

Dear Jeff, Chip, Sharon, Roger, and Larry,

Thanks for being such nice employees, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Love,
J.

Maynard,

Could I have a picture? You are a very special person in my life and you always will be. Happy Valentines.

Love,
Betty

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

TO

Mike Gray and Don Willoughby

TT K A Love,

Your Secret Big Sister

The Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha wish Phebe, Janice, Brenda, Cindy, Beth, Sharon, and Denise a Happy Valentine's Day!

Lisa,

Happy Valentine's Day. It's nice just having you around. You're really special.

Love,
Larry

To Janie:

If we didn't think you could do the job, we would never have let you come up.

B&S

To B & S:

Today, Copy Editor...Tomorrow, the world!!

Happy Valentines
J.

Happy Valentine's Day--C.C.,

Scotty

Dear Herman:

Sorry you couldn't make it for Valentines Day.

Love R&S

Happy Valentine's Day Tom!

WE LOVE YOU,

"The Angels"

To the Liddie Bull for two months of marriage and a life of love, I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,
Cindy

Dear J. and R.,

Your warm-up suits are looking great, just take them off-----and wash them before our date.

Love,
B. & L.

Jonie & Jane,

"Mes Amis," Happy Valentine's Day to two of the best friends, at home or abroad, that anyone could ever have.

D.S.

Honey,

Always use "discretion" and act "Mature!" Ha! I love you. . . a whole BIG bunch!!! Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,
Rosa

P.S: You better realize that this one's for you!!

Mary,

White stockings don't really turn me on, but then I'm not picky. You can nurse me back to health anytime.

S.

To the Little Sisters of Alpha Kappa Psi, Happy Valentine's Day from the Brothers.

To the brother of Phi Beta Sigma,

We the Silhouettes would like to wish each and every one of you a happy Valentine's Day.

Love,
"The Silhouettes"

Editorial

Double standard dies slowly as law excuses male juvenile

When a New Mexico judge ruled that a 15-year-old boy's sexual relations with a 23-year-old woman contributed to his worldly education instead of his delinquency, the judge showed either a very progressive attitude or a reinforcement of the double standard.

Judge Lewis R. Sutin, New Mexico Court of Appeals, ruled that the boy's sex act was "nothing more than sex education essential and necessary in his growth toward maturity and subsequent domestic family life."

Sutin added that among consenting adults the act did not involve a crime and that the mores of the 20th century recognized sexual intercourse as normal conduct in the development of humal beings.

"Once upon a time, the burden of teaching this important subject rested upon parents, but generally it was forbidden as a subject for discussion in family life. It was too difficult for parents to explain."

"Children had to learn this subject matter along a different route in walking down the pathway of life. The fact that a normal young man experiences one act of sexual intercourse does not tend to cause or encourage a perversion of the sexual instinct," Sutin said.

Sutin's words sound liberal on the surface. He realizes that the adult laws which make sexual intercourse between consenting adults a non-crime do not address themselves to underage people who may be mature enough to handle the relationship. His ruling is a declaration that many of our present morality laws are archaic.

There may be another meaning to the ruling, however. When Sutin used the words "young man" he may have implied that what is excusable for 15-year-old boys may not apply to 15-year-old girls. He might have changed his ruling then and said that it was contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Guy Dotson, District Attorney General for Rutherford and Cannon County, said that in Tennessee it would be difficult to prosecute a case similar to the New Mexico case. He added that it was really a matter for the individual court to decide.

If the case had involved reverse roles with a 23-year-old man and a 15-year-old girl, Dotson said that statutory rape laws would apply to the case, regardless of whether there was consent. Dotson said that the statutory rape laws applied only to underage girls, boys are not included.

The double standard is alive and well in Tennessee.

Letters

Survey in clean apartment finds samples of bug life

To the Editor:

Sidelines, we thought you would enjoy our one night survey of the bug population in J. apartment 322. These are a few of what was found behind the stove, the refrigerator, under the sink, on and in the cabinets, from the shower and bathroom, and one prime specimen from my beer mug that sits on top of the refrigerator.

We do keep our apartment clean

and have had to buy spray ourselves.

We felt you would be interested.

Judy Crawford
Linda Kappelmann
Kathy Miller
Pam Bryant
Box 4863

Ed. note—Taped to the letter were several samples of bugs and some eggcases found in a kitchen drawer.



Report of remarks incorrect according to p.r. director

To the Editor:

President M.G. Scarlett never told members of MTSU's classified staff in the Wednesday morning meeting in the University Center theatre that "pay equalization for secretaries and clerical workers can only be accomplished" through a letter-writing campaign to legislators and members of the Board of Regents.

Neither did he say that "low enrollment" here is a major reason for "low" clerical salaries.

The president did repeatedly emphasize his interest in improving salaries of support personnel, and he did explain the funding formula, which is derived on a per-student allocation basis. He did further state that in nine of the 10 years he has been at MTSU, the university has received a smaller per-student appropriation than any other Board of Regents institution.

Asserting that the administration is "fully cognizant of where you are and what the inequities are," Scarlett assured the group that "we have really tried, but we have severe limitations."

Identifying the limitations as budgetary, and adding that there is limited campus input and very little flexibility in preparing the budget, the president did say, "You can and should make known the miserable salary conditions we have here. I would not object to any of you contacting people to try to get more monies."

President Scarlett outlined for classified employees the unpleasant facts about stretching a limited budget to meet many needs. The administration has worked systematically over the last ten years, he said, to improve university salaries.

"All salaries ten years ago were miserably low. Faculty salaries were fifth, only above Tennessee State."

Initially, faculty salaries were increased, since they are tied to the quality of education the university provides. But before he could move to increase clerical salaries, state government put a limitation on what could be done with monies.

Nevertheless, in an effort to provide salary relief to clerical personnel, maximum percentage increases were budgeted. In 1976, although the average salary increase on campus was set by the legislature at 7 percent, all classified personnel received 10 percent increases. In 1977, classified personnel received increases of from seven to 10 percent.

MTSU's student population is, along with East Tennessee State's, the third highest in the state, exceeded only by UT-Knoxville and Memphis State. But the funding formula considers, in addition to numbers of students, kinds of program, at what level they are studying, etc.

In addition, Rep. John Bragg has recently applauded MTSU's administration for its good stewardship of its funds, such as taking care of maintenance needs such as those which have been virtually ignored on a campus whose salaries have been noted to be higher.

The problem, according to Personnel Director Bob Arnette, is one of compensation. "If we were funded properly I don't think you would be near as concerned about the level of your job," he told the group. "The big problem is compensation."

Dorothy Harrison
Public Relations Director

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Open Forum

Continued access objective of the canal treaty

by Ralph Fullerton
Chairman, Geography and
Earth Science Department

In 1903, immediately after the formation of the Panamanian nation, a treaty was signed granting the United States the use of Panamanian territory in a strip configuration 10 miles wide for the "construction, maintenance, operation, and defense" of an interocean canal.

Within the writings of this treaty, the United States was granted the rights, power, and authority that it would possess "if it were sovereign." At that time (1903) sentiment was very high to place the canal through the present area of Nicaragua; however, geography (distance) favored Panama. The favorable terms of the 1903 treaty became the major factor in the United States' decision to select a site in Panama.

Historically, the canal has made

an important military contribution to the security of the United States. In the minds of many people, it remains an important defense asset, the use of which enhances U.S. capability for timely reinforcement and resupply of forces. Its obvious strategic and geographic advantage is that it provides a route to accelerate the shift of military and logistic support between the two major oceans of the world. In the age of missiles, however, future U.S. military use of the canal is hindered because it can be easily damaged or blocked.

Since the canal's 1914 opening, about 44 percent of the tonnage transiting the canal each year originates from and 22 percent is destined for U.S. ports. Approximately 16 percent of total U.S. exports and imports, by tonnage, and eight percent by value, pass through the canal.

Even the economic value may be

legitimately questioned. The importance of the canal to the economies of the world's nations has decreased from earlier years as trading patterns have shifted and world commerce has become more sophisticated. The increased use of air transportation, supertankers, and the shifting of markets and supply sources have affected the economic importance of the canal. As canal users continue to search for lower transportation costs, it would appear that the economic value of the canal to the user nations will probably continue to decline.

Admitting the need for a new treaty, however, depends less on our legal position in the Canal Zone than on considering the optimum way to assure continued protection of vital U.S. interests in the canal. We must logically weigh the costs of perpetuating the exercise of total U.S. jurisdiction of the Canal Zone. Will this perpetuation allow the U.S. to continue to provide the degree of protection for the canal which we seek? I submit that our fundamental interest in the canal is to keep it open, safe, efficiently operated, and neutral. The question is how do we best do that?

In accord with the basic interests just expressed, the governments concerned have drafted a treaty based on the concept of partnership. Under this new relationship, the U.S. would have the needed rights to operate and defend the canal for an extended period of time. We are seeking, in addition, a

guarantee that the canal will remain open to all shipping, even after the termination of the present treaty.

It appears, however, that the discontent of the Panamanian government is almost totally political. This discontent is focused on the treaty terms which granted to the U.S. "in perpetuity" vast jurisdictional powers over several hundred square miles of Panamanian territory "as if it were sovereign." Panama is asserting strongly that the U.S. is operating a foreign government on Panamanian soil by maintaining a police force, courts, and jails to enforce U.S. laws.

Over the years, the U.S. has attempted to respond to some of the Panamanian charges. The 1903 treaty was revised in 1936 and again in 1955; and as a result, Panama now receives a greater share of the economic benefits of the canal. In addition, certain outdated powers have been eliminated, such as our right to interfere in Panama's internal affairs.

In summary, the mutual goal of Panama and the U.S. is to negotiate a treaty which will satisfy the basic concerns of both nations, while gaining the appropriate constitutional acceptance in both countries. True U.S. interests in the canal should not be the mere retention of property; it should rather be an assurance of continued international access to an important geographic trade route.

Men's game coverage small, culprit is the 8 p.m. tip-off

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to comments made by President Scarlett in the Feb. 2 edition of *Sidelines*. I found the brunt of his remarks reminiscent of some bad dialogue in an old gangster movie.

Regarding Scarlett's position that the later starting time of basketball games is to drum up more interest and attendance in the women's program, I must agree with Mr. Cavalaris' observation. I have regularly attended MTSU home basketball games (both men's and women's) for the past two seasons and haven't noticed any appreciable difference in attendance at this year's women's games as compared with last year's.

Scarlett also states that he has no evidence of injury to the sports program. I beg to differ. The Tennessean is probably the most widely-read newspaper in this area and as a subscriber, I find myself searching for our game write-ups with a magnifying glass. As for any pictures, perish the thought! Our basketball team is being deprived of the recognition and praise it deserves for its hard work and effort.

I cannot lay the blame for this inferior coverage at the Tennessean's doorstep. It is not their fault that they are hampered in their work by a policy which is still being carried out, even though the reasons for its current existence are a mystery. One can only hope that a change for the better (mainly, the restoration of a 7:30 tipoff time) will be instituted soon despite the

lateness of the season.

In closing, I would like to say that I find it extremely hard to believe that anyone is making Scarlett and the administration "look bad." They seem to be doing an excellent job of accomplishing that without any help whatsoever!

Karen C. Durham
Box 2215

SHAKERS

by DBFischnetz

Mark Russell here—
in the air as we
continue "One Day
in the Life of Ivan
Denshewmakevich."

Before his arrest in the USSR,
Ivan, a Dissident poet, was being
trained to fly Russian MIG-25
aircraft...

Da. Bureaucratic mistakes allowed
an avowed Dissident to be assigned
to a military unit.

You learned bombing procedures
you knew you would never use...

I thought I could not use them...
until I came to this campus.

Ha. Ha. Well, looking below
we can see—wait! The Cope
Administration Building has
disappeared! We'll get a
shot with our Live Action Camera!

Me muddler told
me about those
naughty girls!

Never mind...for you
viewers who don't know,
The LearningResource Center's
TV studio is...
was where the MTSU
game show Sil-Ly-Bull-Hoo-Ey
was taped.

Smith, Bensley and Sims Halls seem
intact... All beyond that points have
disappeared. There seem to be
ROTC Barracks.

Maybe we're in the Murfreesboro
Triangle, heh, Ivan?

Perhaps we are flying over
an open copy of the 1950
Midlander, comrade.



The Learning Resource Center no
longer exists, Comrade Russell.



ASB election rules given, forms ready

Qualifying petitions for candidacy in the ASB election slated for March 15 and 16 are now available in the ASB office at the University Center.

•The petitions must be turned in to the election commissioner by noon, seven calendardays before the election date.

•No student may sign more than five petitions for senator, nor more than one petition for a candidate for president, speaker of the senate, or speaker of the house (vice-president).

•All signatures must be students

of the university. Senator petitions must contain signatures of students in the class the candidate would represent.

•A 2.00 GPA is required.

•No campaigning, except on a one-to-one verbal basis should take place prior to noon, ten calendar days prior to the date of the election.

•Each candidate shall be re-

quired to file an itemized statement reporting all donations received and all campaign expenditures, to be submitted to the election commissioner two days prior to the election date.

•No individual or organization shall contribute more than \$15 to the campaign of any candidates.

•There is to be no campaigning on the second floor of the UC except in the grill.

•Each candidate is allowed one poll watcher at each polling place.

•Candidates are liable for all illegal acts pertaining to his or her campaign.

•Signs are not subject to the "eight and one-half by eleven" size rule as stated in Rescue.

•They must not be placed on official administrative bulletin boards unless permission is secured from persons in charge.

Further information is available from Steve White, election commissioner, in the ASB office.

Road repairs stalled by cold

With weather conditions as they are, there are no immediate plans at this time to repair the damages caused by the snow and cold weather, according to maintenance director Harold Jewell.

The weather has taken its toll on the roads and sidewalks on campus and the only thing the campus maintenance crew can do at this time is to continue filling the pot holes with gravel. "Due to the weather conditions up north, the school is not able to receive any type of cement or asphalt necessary to make the repairs," Jewell said.

The money used to pay for the materials will be taken from the maintenance budget and it is not expected that any more money will be appropriated for repairs, Jewell added.

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Home Ec. week set for Feb. 13-17**Home economics program constantly updated**

Cooking, cleaning and sewing does not a home economics department make. In order to introduce a more diversified program to the public, Tennessee is celebrating Home Economics week, Feb. 13-17.

Most Students in MTSU's program will be more than teachers, mothers or housewives, according to Dr. Ernestine Reeder in the home ec. department. "In fact, the roles of a home economist are changing all the time, and we are continuously updating and changing our program."

Programs offered at MTSU include Human Development and Family Life, which is a new major preparing students to work for social agencies, and Early Childhood Education dealing with children and their parents from birth until ninth grade.

Vocational Home Economics Education offers career opportunities for those interested in general home ec instruction.

Two of the newer and most popular programs here are interior design and fashion merchandising. Three students from the interior design class are spending Home Economics week at High Point, N.C. where they and students from other schools are involved with the Institute of Business Designers competition.

"About 600 designers from the Southeast are asked to come," said Nancy Woodson, interior design instructor. "Every year IBD sets a design project, and this year we

had to do designs for the interior work of a nursing home."

The students from MTSU are Cathy Meadows, Diana Welch and Melissa Hewitt. According to Woodson, the project cost the girls about \$150, but they have a chance of winning some of \$2,500.

MTSU's fashion merchandising program is unique in the fact that it offers field experience and three hours credit for students working at several ready-to-wear stores in Murfreesboro.

Interns work 100 hours a semester and meet once a week for a discussion group. They also keep a daily log of problems they run into.

Sharon Fitzgerald, fashion merchandiser must possess certain qualities. "She or he must be constantly aware of new styles, study fashion fundamentals and be able to get along with people."

Before field experience, students must take courses in clothing construction, since "It's important to know how clothing is constructed in order to tell if what you are buying is of good quality."

According to Fitzgerald, students are selected on looks and personality. This semester Kathy Buck is working at Pricilla's Bridal Salon and Darnell Enoch and Priscilla Baker are working at the Davis Shop.

As additional experience MTSU classes are planning a field trip to Atlanta late in March where they will learn how to buy merchandise.

After Home Ec Week, there will

be a district meeting of the student Home Economic Association, said Reeder. As for now the public will be invited to browse through the

department or sit in on classes.

"We're making our department into an open house for the public this week," said Reeder.

Soloists to be featured at concert

Soprano Cynthia Perkins and baritone Randie Blooding will be featured soloists during the Feb. 19 concert of the University-Community Orchestra at the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The Sunday afternoon concert is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Dr. T. Earl Hinton, the Orchestra will perform Wagner's "Overture to Die Meis-

tersinger Von Nurnberg," Gounod's "King of Thule and Jewel Song" from Faust, Mascagni's "Son pochi fiori" from "L'Amica Fritz," and Symphony No. 5 in C minor by Beethoven.

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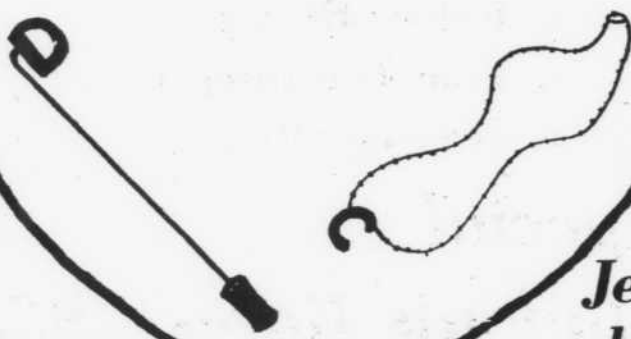
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Cold food, short hours lead student complaints

Extension of service hours, warmer foods and reasonable allotment of food are some of the things cited by most students as needing improvement, according to the Health Service Council.

The Food Service Committee, which is part of the Health Service Council, and the ASB set up tables in the cafeterias to receive complaints from the students.

Doug McCallie, director of dining services, said that there were no major complaints but the extension of service hours at Woodmore was the most mentioned.

He said that the dining services was contemplating extending the service hours 15 minutes, but "the more flexible the hours, the more expense to us."

Another complaint mentioned frequently was that the food was not warm enough, according to McCallie.

"They make no attempt to keep the food warm and they sometimes even close before they are supposed to," Keith Smith, a second semester freshman said.

McCallie said that he was not aware of Woodmore closing early, but if they did, he was sure that it was for some understandable reason.

Other students made complaints about the food waste of students, McCallie said.

"If you go in at 9:15, almost all of the food is gone and they won't make anymore," freshman Bobby Smith said.

McCallie said that they run out of food because of the people wasting it. "If students would quit wasting the food, the prices of meal tickets would lower and we could have better services," he said.

The people who drink 12 glasses of milk are the reasons for everyone having to pay the high prices, McCallie added.

He also said that the students should inform them of who is illegally using meal tickets. "If we have 15 students illegally purchasing food, it costs us a minimum of \$4,972.50 a year," McCallie said. "This is another factor in the high cost of meal tickets.

Students seem to be confused as to why they can't let other students borrow their 15-meal plan tickets.

According to McCallie, students cannot let other students use their tickets because it would increase the participation in the plan and the food services would lose money.

"The ticket was sold to that person for his use only and that's



what determines the price on it," he said. "We know, through the history, that he will miss a certain percentage of his meals."

Ivan Shewmake, Associate Dean of Students, explained that there are two services that deal with the food services: 1) the food services themselves and 2) the Health Service Council.

He said that the food services

deals only with the food services, but the Health Service Council deals with "a whole bunch of things."

The complaint forms are distributed throughout the university in such places as the counselors office and the infirmary.

"The forms are just used by the food services for feedback," Shewmake said.

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Jaycees honor 3 workers

Three MTSU employees honored at the Jaycees' Annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet at the Stones River Country Club Saturday night.

Bryant Milsaps, director of Alumni Relations at MTSU was chosen Outstanding Young Man of Rutherford County.

Betty Harper, director of Public Service and Continuing Education, was awarded Outstanding Young Woman. This award is based on merit and contributions made by the recipient to the community and county. It is also awarded for recognition of activity in the religious community.

Harper was asked to submit a resume of education and employment background which aided in her being chosen as Outstanding Young Woman. Her resume will be sent to Memphis and in May she will compete for the Outstanding Young Woman of the state. If she wins, she, too, could gain national recognition.

Also honored was Rita Parton, a clerk typist in the math and computer science department. Parton, who has been a Jaycetter for four and a half years, was awarded Outstanding Jaycette. This award is given to a member who has taken responsibility in work for the Jaycees and has done a good job.

Caps, gowns now bought, not rented by bookstore

Seniors and faculty members will be able to purchase graduation caps and gowns from the University Bookstore, according to Kelly Dement, supply manager for the bookstore.

"We are one of the last universities in the area to put this program into effect," Dement said.

He added that all major cap and gown companies are now operating under this "one-way" program. Cap and gown rental is no longer practiced and once they are bought can't be sold back.

The bookstore now sells gowns because "a great many of the students began expressing a desire to own their gowns as souvenirs," Dement said.

Buyers will pay the regular graduation fee at the administrative office and an additional \$2.75 at the bookstore. Students will be able to try on the gown there and take them.

"This way there is no ordering and waiting," Dement said. "We feel it is a very satisfactory program."

The price above is good only for graduating seniors. Those faculty members wishing to purchase their caps and gowns with hoods that show their school colors should

place their order by March 15. These hoods are not kept in stock, Dement said.

Dement submitted the "one-way" purchase plan to the graduation committee where it was approved. University President M.G. Scarlett also approved the plan as well as ASB President Bobby Francescon.

"The convenience factor for the student is our main concern," Dement said.

Kappa Sigma award is given to senior

Alan C. Betz, a Lawrenceburg senior, has received the Kappa Sigma Fraternity Scholarship/Leadership award for 1977-78 at MTSU.

Betz is presently serving as the president of the MTSU chapter of Kappa Sigma. He has also served as a delegate to the 1977 Biennial Grand Conclave in St. Louis and is a former senator of the ASB.

He is a member of three honorary clubs including Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Alpha Theta and the Sigma Club. Betz has also been selected to appear in this year's edition of Who's Who Students in American Colleges and Universities.

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HAPPY VALENTINE

Shots

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Royal said. "For the agent's own protection, the less people who know about it the better. We really don't want to know who the agents are."

Only two city police officers knew about the undercover work, Royal, also a member of the city vice squad, added.

All arrests involving Davis' "buys" took place off-campus, he said. "Davis was given money to buy marijuana both on- and off the

university. He was not limited to the campus."

"Nobody on campus knew there was an undercover city agent until the police department called our university captain the day before the arrests," Shewmake said. "It's not unusual for them not to tell us."

Undercover agents, both city and state, are usually successful, Royal said. "We've had several on campus and they've all worked well."

Students acting as undercover agents generally do so either as a

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example, Vaden added it costs more to live in Memphis than it does to live in Murfreesboro, accounting for the difference in salaries between the two cities.

Low enrollment at MTSU is also an indirect cause of lower clerical salaries, according to Scarlett.

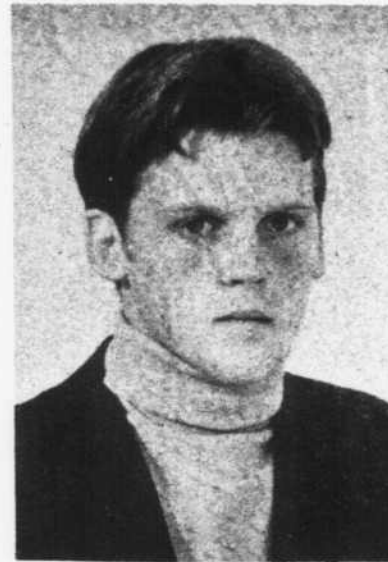
Universities receive state money on the basis of student enrollment, Scarlett said. "Last year was the first time our enrollment had declined and that hurt our appropriations. There is no estimated increase for next year, so there is no extra money."

Faculty pay raises have taken the largest percentage of money allocated for increases, Scarlett said. "My first priority when I came here was to increase the faculty salaries."

In the past, clerical workers have been "given more than their share" of pay increases, according to Vice President for Administration Lynn Haston.

Funds are appropriated on a salary base, Haston explained. All salaries are added together and a percentage of that, divided among faculty and staff, is given to the school for pay raises.

"Last year we gave the clerical workers raises ranging from seven to ten percent, depending on their skill level," he said, "although the state legislature only asked us to give everybody a seven and a half percent raise."



Ricky Alan Davis

deal with police or for pay, Shewmake said.

"Kids will get caught with something and the police will work out a deal with them instead of an arrest," he explained. "Sometimes they'll be paid for the undercover work."

Scarlett

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nothing from Nicks about a meeting.

In its story Dec. 2, the **Banner** reported that the resignation was on file and in its Saturday story said that sources re-confirmed last year's resignation letter.

Scarlett is reportedly being forced to resign to avoid an embarrassing move to have him publicly fired, the **Banner** has reported.

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Drum line players beat a variety of instruments

by Cindy Houston

What is a winter drum line?

That's a question that Mike Mann, Hopkinsville, Ky. junior, has been asked a lot lately.

Last November, Mann decided to organize a group of high school and college drummers into a drum line. Basically, the drum line practices 15 hours a week and performs for civic groups and local sports events.

The drum line members' instruments include four mallets, seven snare drums, four bass drums, three cymbals, two timp-toms, four color guards and other percussion instruments.

Six members of the drum line are from MTSU while the others are from Mt. Juliet, Oakland, and Riverdale High School. These 25 drummers attend practice twice a week in Murfreesboro.

Mann is in a drum corps in Illinois, which this prompted him to start a corps in Middle Tennessee.

Seven of the members of the winter drum line were named to the All-State Band. Several other members are in the Mid-State Band.

Robert Bouley, an interior decorator, has designed hats, drum covers and some uniform accessories for the drum line.

However, two other band members, Mike Thomas and Brian Lamkin, wrote the marching drill for the group.

Joe Smith, director of the Band of Blue, and Matt Ward, drum instructor at MTSU, have assisted in the group's programs.

When asked the purpose of the drum line, Mann replied, "The main purpose is to give the students an education in the techniques of drumming and other percussion fundamentals. The students also learn discipline and

professionalism."

Mann hopes that the drum corps will be organized every year. However, it has become time-consuming, Mann said.

Mann's Illinois corps is currently the second rated out of 80 drum and bugle corps in the nation, the "Phantom Regiment," and is required to go to practices in Rockford, Ill., semi-monthly.

However, the time is worth it, Mann said. "The improvement is unbelievable. I'm seeing the students impress themselves and me. They are proving to themselves that they can do it."

Last night, the drum line performed for the first time for the Lions Club at the Holiday Inn in Murfreesboro. "Orange Blossom Special" and "Auld Lang Syne" were two of the four numbers the line played.

Tonight, the drum line will perform at the half-time of Oakland's basketball game. During the next five weeks, the line will perform at the half-time of Riverdale's and Mt. Juliet High School's games. In March, they will provide half-time activities for the girls and boys state basketball championship finals in Murphy Center.

The final performance will be March 20 for the Optimists' Club at the Ramada Inn.



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The Speech and Theatre Department at MTSU, in conjunction with Travel, Inc., of Nashville, is offering a package tour to New York City, March 21-25.

The tour includes orchestra seats at five Broadway shows, among them "The King and I" and Neil Simon's "Chapter Two."

Accommodations will be at the Howard Johnson's on 51st and Eight Avenue, with a special luncheon slated at Mama Leone's Ristorante.

Cost of the tour is \$314, based on four to a room; \$324, based on three to a room; \$339, double room; and

\$389 for a private room. The cost includes roundtrip air transportation from Nashville to New York; hotel accommodations; orchestra seat tickets for five Broadway shows; transfers from the New York airport to the hotel and return; tips for handling luggage at the airport and at the hotel; and the luncheon at Mama Leone's.

Further information is available from Dorethe Tucker, MTSU Speech and Theatre Department at 898-2640, extension 29.

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Job Interviews: Cobb County Public Schools, Georgia, signup at Placement Office
Recruiting: Navy, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement
Bake Sale: AKA, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., UC Basement
Membership Drive: Pi Sigma Epsilon, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement
GED Test: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., UC 314
Carnation Sale: Delta Darlings, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement
Clerical Caucus: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., UC 324
Movie: "The Towering Inferno," 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., UC Theatre
ASB Traffic Court: 4 p.m., UC 318
Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., UC 314
All Sing: Tau Omicron, 7 p.m., Murphy Center
Dance: Delta Sigma Theta, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

WEDNESDAY

Job Interviews: J.C. Penny Company, signup at Placement Office
Recruiting: Navy, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement
Membership Drive: Pi Sigma Epsi-

lon, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 2nd Floor, Old Main
GED Test: 8 a.m.-12 noon, UC 314
Continuing Education Workshop: Involving Parents in the School Program, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 324
ASB Traffic Court: 2-4 p.m., UC 318 and 322A
Meeting: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:30 p.m., UC 316
Movie: "Nasty Habits," 3:30, 6:15 and 9:30 p.m., UC Theatre

THURSDAY

Job Interviews: Gold Kist, signup at Placement Office
Recruiting: Opryland, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement
Luncheon: Faculty/Press, 12 noon, Tennessee Room, SUB
Movie: "Nasty Habits," 3:30, 6:15 and 9:30 p.m., UC Theatre
ASB: House Meeting, 4:30-5:30 p.m., LRC Multi Media Room
Smoker: Pi Sigma Epsilon, 7 p.m., UC 322
Dance: Omega Psi Phi, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Dance Studio A, Murphy Center

FRIDAY

Luncheon: Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Oakland and Riverdale Advisors, 12 noon-2 p.m., Dining Room C, SUB
Basketball Game: Alpha Delta Pi, 7-8:30 p.m., AM Gym
Mid-Winter Formal: 8:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB
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Carter to seek \$250 grant for college students

by Steve Miller

President Carter asked Congress last week to approve \$1.2 billion in aid to college students from middle-class families.

If approved, the program would provide \$250 in grants to at least two million students from families with gross incomes of between \$16,000 and \$25,000 a year. It would be the first time students from middle-income families have been eligible for direct federal grants.

The plan would also provide subsidized loans to students with family incomes as high as \$45,000 before taxes, and expand federally subsidized work-study programs.

"No one should be denied the opportunity for a college education for financial reasons alone," Carter

said.

Carter's proposal is an apparent attempt to head off moves in Congress to provide tax credits of \$250 or more to parents of all college students, regardless of income.

Ken Jost, legislative assistant to Rep. Albert Gore Jr. (D-Tenn.), said Congress almost passed the tax credit last year but it was dropped when it was criticized by the administration. "They (the administration) said the money would go to people who don't need it," Jost said.

"This (Carter's proposal) embodies what the administration said last year would be the better way of solving the problem," Jost said.

Rep. William Ford (D-Mich.), who heads a higher education

subcommittee in the House, called Carter's proposal "the biggest single infusion of funding for middle-income college students since the adoption of the GI bill at the end of World War II."

Some lawmakers still prefer last year's \$250 tax credit bill to Carter's proposal. Sen. William Roth (R-Del.), who sponsored last year's bill, said Carter's proposal was "a desperate, last ditch attempt to derail the college tax credit, but it won't work."

According to Jost, Gore has not had a chance to vote on either proposal since neither have come to a vote.

"He (Gore) has said that he recognizes the problem of the

increasing cost of higher education and the problem of middle-class families who are having a harder and harder time finding the financial resources to afford it," Jost said.

"At the same time Gore has some reservations about the tuition tax credit," Jost added. "He believes the tax code should be simpler rather than more complicated."

Midlander needs

photos identified

All greek organizations that have had pictures taken for Midlander, should come by Midlander's office at 6 p.m. Tuesday to identify members in the picture.

HPERS scholarships offered

Two scholarships of \$300 each are now being offered to women physical education majors at MTSU for the 1978-79 school year. Applications must be in by Feb. 23.

The scholarships, in the name of Miss Tommie Reynolds, former professor of physical education at MTSU, are available only to those students completing their sophomore year in May or August, 1978 and who do not smoke or drink.

Students must also maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0, plan to be enrolled as a HPERS major in 1978-79 and graduate from MTSU with a major in HPERS. The scholarship committee will also look for applicants who have professional interest in HPERS and a need for money.

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MTSU claims 62-53 victory**Raiders beat ETSU to strengthen title hopes**

by Chuck Cavalaris

JOHNSON CITY—Many a confident team has entered this mountain rim community only to find that beating East Tennessee State in the mini-dome is like slaying a dragon with a butter knife.

If that's the case, Middle Tennessee State's basketball Raiders killed the biggest dragon of the season here last night, before a crowd of 8,800.

In posting a defensive-minded 62-53 victory, Middle Tennessee drove into undisputed possession of the conference lead and completed a two-game sweep on the road. Blue Raider Coach Jimmy Earle had said last Thursday that if MTSU could win these two games, the Raiders should win the OVC regular season championship.

But in an interview after the ETSU game, Earle said the Raiders still had the toughest schedule left in the OVC.

Middle Tennessee's swarming defenses continually forced poor passes, turnovers and shots that missed the rim by three feet.

"Middle Tennessee dictated the game. They took away everything we wanted to do and forced us into numerous mistakes," said East Tennessee Coach Sonny Smith after the game.

Julius Brown and Sleepy Taylor broke open a 6-6 tie six minutes into the first half and MTSU rolled to a 17-10 lead on Brown's 15-foot jumper from the wing—a lead it never lost.

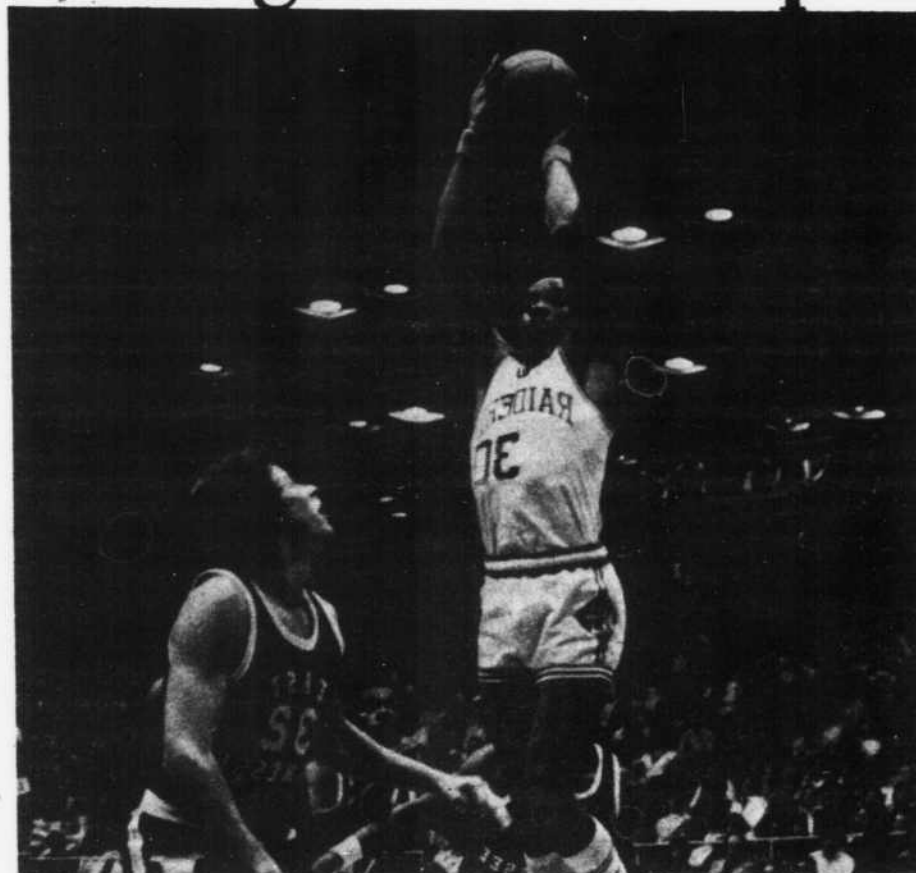
With 8:22 to play in the first half, East Tennessee, which Smith said before the game could win the title with a victory over the Raiders, narrowed the score to 19-16. Then Middle Tennessee, using mainly a 1-3-1 defense, denied the Bucs a single point for the next five minutes and led 32-22 at the half.

The second half was much like the first, with the Bucs unable to pull within more than six points of the Raiders.

The Raiders ability to break the ETSU press and the masterful use of the four-corner offense, kept them in command throughout the final minutes of the contest.

Once again, the Raider's nationally ranked defense held its opponents to less than 60 points. East Tennessee had been averaging 77 points a game, with their lowest point total before tonight being 57.

While forcing the Bucs into 21 turnovers, the Raiders allowed ETSU only 48 shots from the field, well below their 75 to 80 shot average.



Sleepy Taylor shoots for the basket against East Tennessee. MTSU defeated ETSU last night 62-53. [Robin Rudd photo]

The Blue Raiders hit only 45 percent of their shots from the field, but made good on 16 of 20 foul shots, including a string of 14 straight.

Despite its strong defensive effort, the Raiders were out-re-

bounded 34-26 by the Bucs.

Sleepy Taylor led all scorers with 20 points, followed by Julius Brown and Bob Martin with 11 each and Greg Joyner with 10. Joyner and

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Sarver jokingly talked Sunday afternoon about having 13 people representing MTSU's womens' basketball, playing here on the 13th day of February...but Sarver wasn't laughing after the game.

The Lady Raiders cut a ten point deficit and trailed by only four points at the half, 38-34, but couldn't contain ETSU's torrid fast break.

The loss dropped Middle's conference record to 5-4 and 11-10 overall.

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Bucs to withdraw from OVC

East Tennessee applies to Southern Conference

by Chuck Cavalaris

JOHNSON CITY—East Tennessee State University has formally sought admission to the Southern Conference, university President Arthur H. De Rosier said Monday.

The move to the Southern Conference, which has been anticipated by the OVC, will enable ETSU to cut travel expenses in half and develop something the university does not have—a natural rivalry.

"If we leave the OVC, it would not be like East Tennessee was deserting a sinking ship," Brooks said Monday in his office.

"We are on the outside peri-

meter of the Ohio Valley Conference," Brooks said. "The people around here know the Southern Conference tradition much better than the OVC. They think the Southern is a better conference and they are the people we need in the stands."

ETSU's travel expenses in the Ohio Valley Conference have whittled away vital dollars from the athletic budget. The nearest OVC neighbor to East Tennessee is Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, some 220 miles away.

"Most of the teams in the OVC can eat their pre-game meal at home, travel a couple of hours to the game, and then sleep in their own beds at night," Brooks said. "But we have to pay for nine-hour bus rides, four days of meals and three nights in a motel."

Teams in the Southern Conference are UT Chattanooga, Western Carolina, Appalachian State, Davidson, Furman, Virginia Military Institute, Marshall and the Citadel.

All but the final three listed are 200 miles or less from here. The average distance to an OVC school from Johnson City is 289 miles. The average distance in the Southern Conference would be 203 miles.

The major factor in changing conferences appears to be that most people around here feel the Southern is much better.

The Southern Conference has applied for Division I-A status a step above the OVC. The two conferences are quite similar but the Southern is considered stronger in football and, more importantly, is not in danger of losing its automatic bid to the NCAA Basketball tournament.

In the \$11.2 million mini-dome, many East Tennessee supporters feel their football program can gain national recognition, but not while in the OVC.

East Tennessee has a new football coach (Jack Carlisle) and he has voiced his intent to play major college football.

"Ohio Valley Conference schools don't think of us as their rival," Smith explained. "Their fans cannot tell you who is on our team. Tennessee Tech is probably the closest thing we have now to a natural rival and you know they'd much rather beat MTSU than us.

We have no true identity in the OVC."

The increase in fan support for the ETSU program was also a big factor in the change.

"Our alumni are primarily in western North Carolina and southwestern Virginia," Smith said. "This way we can have our fans follow us on the road. That's impossible in the OVC."

Nevertheless, a unique possibility is developing if East Tennessee could qualify for the OVC tournaments and win it.

What would happen if East Tennessee, who hopes to be in the Southern Conference this time next year, wins the OVC tournament and goes to the NCAA in March?

"We really wouldn't want to look that far ahead but to say the least, it would give the sports announcers something to talk about since this is possibly the last year the OVC will be awarded an automatic bid for the NCAA tournament," Brooks said.

Club sets trip for MTSU-Peay clash

Kool Club members are sponsoring a bus trip to the MTSU-Austin Peay game Feb. 20. Tickets are \$6 and go on sale Feb. 15 in the UC Basement.

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MTSU holds off late Tech rally**Blue Raiders get revenge in Cookeville, 57-51**

Avenging an earlier loss in Murfreesboro, Middle Tennessee turned back a late Tennessee Tech rally to edge the Eagles 57-51 in Cookeville Saturday night.

Greg Joyner led the Raider attack with 20 points, but his most important shots were a pair of free throws late in the game that helped foul up Tech's comeback hopes.

Middle led 33-28 at halftime and pushed that lead to 15 points (49-34) with less than eight minutes to play.

But MTSU coach Jimmy Earle ordered a slowdown game to try and alter Tech's tempo, and the Golden Eagles rallied to within one point [53-51] with just a minute left.

Joyner and Sleepy Taylor each hit a vital pair of free throws to save

the win for the Raiders.

Bob Martin was the only other double figure scorer for MTSU, adding 14 points and nine rebounds to a winning cause. Taylor chipped in nine points for the winning Raiders, while Greg Armstrong added eight more.

Center Bobby Porter led Tech

Tech comes from behind to beat Lady Raiders again

Tennessee Tech's women beat Middle Tennessee's women again.

This time, the Golden Eaglettes rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half to rip the Lady Raiders 81-66, the ninth win by Tech in 10 meetings.

Pam Chambers led all scorers for the winners, bagging 29 points. Carla Tart of Tech led all rebounders with 18.

Patrice Amos led the Lady Raiders with 21 points, aided by 13 from Jan Zitney and 10 each from Sherry McKinney and Karen Carter.

Middle had a seemingly comfortable 53-43 lead with about 14 minutes left in the second half when the Eaglettes switched to a man-to-man defense and began

shaking the Lady Raiders up. Tech scored 14 unanswered points during the next four minutes to take a 57-53 lead. Then the Eaglettes outscored Middle 18-2 in the next six minutes to seal the win.

Middle shot 46.8 percent from the field, while Tech managed only a chilly 39.6 percent, taking 11 more shots than the Raiders. MTSU hit 13 of 17 free throws while Tech

could manage only five of nine.

Tech controlled the boards, out-rebounding Middle Tennessee 35-27.

A crowd of 8,000 turned out to witness the contest in Tech's new gym. The win helped Middle maintain the halfgame lead on East Tennessee and raised the Raider overall record to 16-5. Tech practically fell out of contention for the league crown, dropping to 5-5 in the conference and 9-12 overall.

It was a surprising 65-60 win by the Golden Eagles in Murphy Center that gave MTSU its first conference loss in January.

OVC standings

Teams	OVC	All
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	9-2	17-5
East Tennessee	7-3	15-7
Western Kentucky	7-4	11-11
Austin Peay	6-5	12-9
Eastern Ky.	6-5	11-10
Tennessee Tech	5-6	9-12
Murray State	3-8	7-15
Morehead State	0-10	4-15

Monday's scores:

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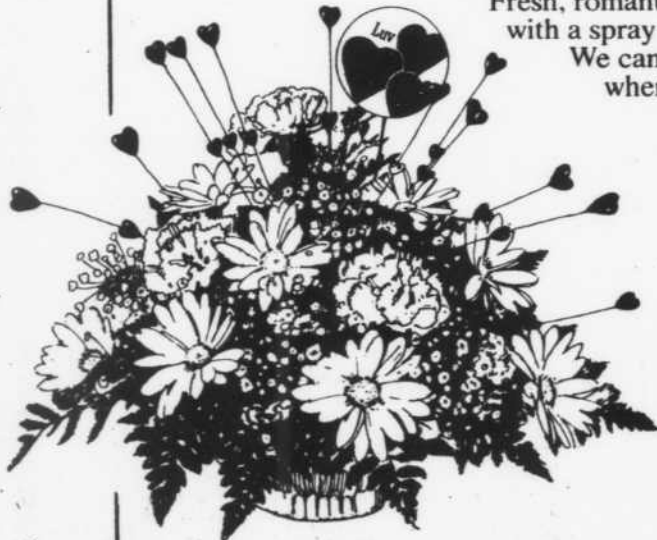
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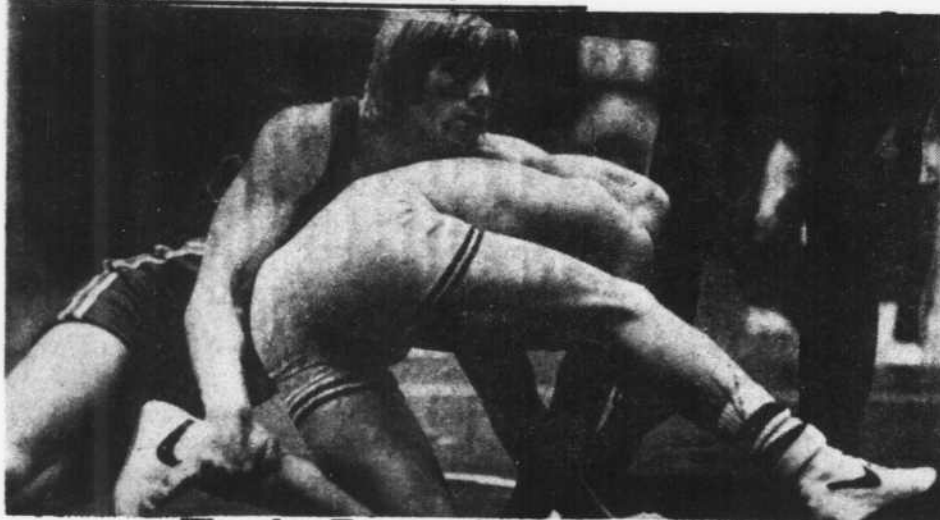


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Wrestler Tommy Smith in action

Wrestlers take fourth in Southeast tourney here

by Scott Adams

Out-dueling opponents from all over the south, Middle Tennessee's wrestling squad fought to a fourth place finish in the prestigious Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament held in Murphy Center over the weekend.

The tournament got off to a startling beginning as pretourney favorite Alabama had to drop out when the flu struck some of their impressive wrestlers. This forfeit aided MTSU, even though defending champion Tennessee still remained in competition.

Coach Gordon Connell's grapplers, who finished fifth in the tournament last season, met many tough opponents on their way to their 4th place finish. One of the most exciting matches in the tourney involved Mike Kuziola in the 150 pound class.

With the score tied at 11-all in the final period and the clock stopped with only six seconds remaining, Kuziola escaped from his opponent, and came back for a takedown and a win in the match.

That was only typical of the action in the tournament which took place Friday and Saturday. Middle's fourth place finish equals their effort of two seasons ago when they also finished 4th.

The round-robin double elimination tournament saw MTSU tied for second after the first round but quickly drop down as the heavy-weight matches rolled around.

Connell's grapplers next match will pit them against rival UT-Chattanooga, a team that edged them earlier this season.

After their fairly high finish in the SEIWA tournament Connell said, "Even though we're still riddled with injuries I think this will be our best chance ever to knock off UTC."

The Raiders will make the trip to Chattanooga on Feb. 16 with the match against UTC beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sidelines needs sportswriters

Anyone interested in joining the Sidelines sports staff is encouraged to contact the sports editor as soon as possible at 898-2815 or 893-6611.

The publication is in need of writers to cover spring sports (baseball, tennis, golf and non-team sports) as well as aid in the general day-to-day coverage of the MTSU sports scene.

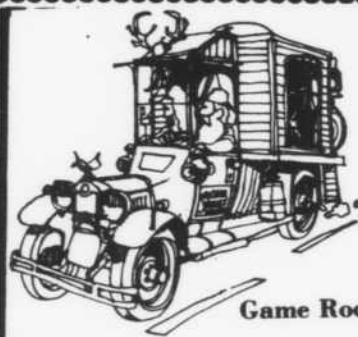


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Long jumper DoDoo takes first in Louisville meet

Although they took only one first place victory, the Middle Tennessee State trackmen came off with some fine performances in the Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, Ky.

Outstanding long jumper John DoDoo of Accra, Ghana, captured MTSU's only first place medal with a jump of 24 feet one half inch.

The Blue Raider mile relay foursome took second place in their event with a time of 3:19.3. The team was composed of J.T. Musgrove, Russell Holloway, David Robinson and Ed Steagall.

Three other trackmen took third place and a fourth was fourth. David Cleveland, with a vault of 15 feet; Dennis Votava, with 4:19.2 in the mile; and Ted Hausauer, with a

toss of 54 feet, four inches in the shot put event were the third place finishers. Sterling Stone was fourth in the 60 meters with a time of 6.6 seconds.

Head coach, Dean Hayes, seemed pleased with the overall progress the team has made up to now, saying, "I feel like we are where we want to be right now, progress wise, and of course we are concentrating mostly on the OVC championship."



John DoDoo

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Martin led the team in rebounds with six apiece.

East Tennessee was led by Scott Place with 12 points and nine rebounds, followed by B.J. Johnson and Joe Perry, who both scored 10 points.

After the game, Earle said he was highly pleased with the team's 1-3-1 defense, calling it "an old friend of the Raiders."

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