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Senate bill to abolish House passes

By DALE DWORAK
Editor-in-chief

The Associated Student Body Senate passed a bill Tuesday that would eliminate the ASB House of Representatives and establish a unicameral student legislature at MTSU.

"Apathy is rampant [on campus] for the House," Herring said, explaining why his bill should be passed. "The ASB legislative process

doesn't work."

He added that it takes close to four weeks for a bill to pass both the Senate and the House.

"The House never has quorum," said Senator Tonda Mott.

Quorum is a majority of members of the House plus one. Several Senators mentioned the difficulty in determining exactly who belonged in the House.

The bill, sponsored by Graduate

Senator Geoffrey Herring, would affect articles IV, V, IX and XI of the present ASB Constitution.

The changes will affect both the House and the Executive branch. If Herring's bill passes, the executive branch will consist of a President, Executive Vice-President, and Speaker of the Senate. Each of the officers will have the power to convene a session of the unicameral Senate.

The new Senate will consist of 34 members. Four elected from each undergraduate class, two graduate senators, and 16 at-large senators.

The freshman senators and four at-large senators will be elected in the spring. The at-large senators may be members of any class at MTSU.

Two additional steps must be accomplished before the bill goes into effect.

First, the House of Representatives must pass it, and second the bill must go before the student body as a referendum in the Feb. elections.

The bill must be approved by referendum because it involves changing the constitution.

If the bill passes both, it will go into effect beginning the spring of 1988 with first unicameral legislature meeting in the fall of 1988.

The bill passed with only one Senator, Brian Conley, voting against it. Conley said that he feared Greeks and other organizations would use block voting to get control of the unicameral Senate.

"The bill is going to be on the ballot anyway," Speaker of the Senate Doug Roth said. "Troy Baxter wants it and he's going to get the 500 signatures necessary to put it

there.

"He's against ineffective government," Roth added.

Conley has since changed his mind concerning the bill.

"I feel the bill deserves a chance," he said. "And besides the House is grossly ineffective and apathetic."

Three Senate Resolutions also passed — all three unanimously.

The first called for the establishment of a Basketball Homecoming Game. The second for ice machines in the dorms and the third for an investigation into the aerospace department and its policies concerning required and recommended courses.

Student advising lacking Academic, student affair vice president's agree

By MELISSA WRIGHT
Assistant News Editor

The advising system currently being used at MTSU has room for improvement, Robert Jones, associate vice president for academic affairs said.

"The quality of advising is unequal. Some of the faculty advisors are outstanding, but some of the faculty do not put enough time into advising," Jones said.

The average quality of the advising that students receive should be better, Jones said.

"Faculty members should be available to students, and this is not always the case," Robert Corlew,

vice president of student affairs said.

A committee on advising has been established to plan for changes in the advising program.

The AD-HOC Committee on advising has been studying the advising system for over a year, and have made plans for changes. Tom Vandervort, Political Science professor and head of the advising committee said.

"The advising plan is targeted toward students with undeclared majors and toward incoming freshmen, Jones said.

The committee plans to institute a central advising center for incom-

ing students and those with undeclared majors.

The central advising center will try to help these students decide on a major that interests them, and it will also give them options on what they may want to take, Vandervort said. He also said that the center will give incoming freshmen advice about general requirements.

The committee plans to have specialists exclusively for advising the undeclared and freshmen students, but the departments will still have the obligation of advising the students who are majoring or minoring in their department.

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Comedian Byron Allen entertained a large crowd at the Learning Resources Center Tuesday night.

Sociology chairman resigns

By BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

The sociology department chairman has turned in his resignation effective at the end of this semester, said Robert Corlew, vice president of academic affairs.

Kenneth Blanchard said he resigned to take the position of Dean of Arts and Sciences at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

"I definitely have some regrets about leaving," the 15-year MTSU veteran said. "It's hard after 15 years."

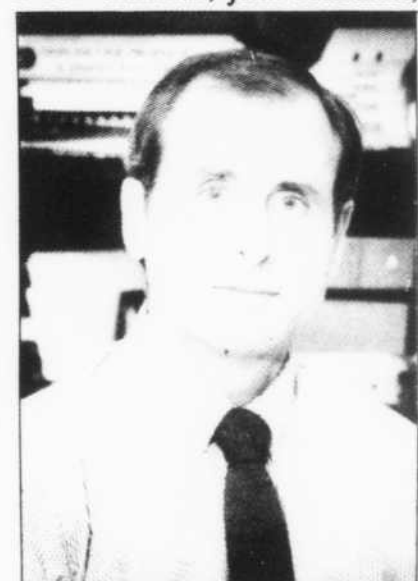
"I have a lot of friends at MTSU and there are a lot of good people here," said Blanchard, who has been chairman of the sociology department for the past nine years.

Blanchard said that he felt he needed new opportunities, and the Emporia position filled that need.

"I had a sense of needing new

challenges, new kinds of opportunities," Blanchard said.

"I wouldn't be leaving if I didn't." Plans are in the works to select a new chairman, John McDaniel,



Ken Blanchard

European bicycle trip planned

By LISA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Ron Messier, a MTSU history professor, will be leading a cycling trip through the lands of the old Hapsburg Empire in Central Europe this summer.

Messier, an experienced cyclist and European tour guide, will be assisted in the tour by Hap Harrington, a former United States Cycling Federation racer.

The tour will cover parts of Germany, Austria and Hungary, and will last from July 4 to July 26.

The fact that Hungary has had no effect on the trip, Messier said.

"They [the Hungarian government] were really quite pleased and cooperative."

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Murphy Center water leak to cost \$16,000

By BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

The main floor of Murphy Center sustained an estimated \$16,000 in damage due to a water leak above the K section of seats on the west end of the complex, said Bill Smotherman, director of the physical plant.

"A heating and air unit above [the] K [section of seats] in Murphy Center leaked water onto the track, and since the track is sloped inward toward the arena floor the water built up on the floor," Smotherman said.

"When it was discovered Tuesday morning water was standing on the floor and had seeped under the floor," Smotherman said. "We had already begun to see the floor begin to buck."

Smotherman said they attempted to dry the floor out as much as possible using kerosene heaters and by drilling a hole in the floor where the water was standing.

"We have also took the finish off of the floor to facilitate the process."

The center will be ready for the game on Monday, Smotherman said.

"We know we will not be able to dry it out completely," said Smotherman. "But we will have it ready for the game on Monday."

Contractors from Fyke Flooring Co. were doing the repair work. "I was lucky to get them before they went out this morning," Smotherman said.

According to Smotherman it will be "several days" before the cause of the leak is known.

"A fitting may have come loose or a pipe may have burst. We will have to pull it out and inspect it before we can tell."

"We do have the heater cut off that leaked," Smotherman said. "We want to take the trouble calls in other buildings before we fix this one."

The exact cost of the repair will not be known for some time, Smotherman said.

"This emergency repair will cost somewhere between \$3,000 and \$4,000," Smotherman said. "It is

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Terry Warrick, of Fyke Flooring Co., strips the finish off of the Murphy Center floor after last Tuesday's water damages.

Lebanon off limits

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Declaring that all Americans in Lebanon are potential hostages, the State Department on Wednesday ruled the Middle Eastern country off-limits to U.S. citizens and warned violators could face up to five years in prison.

The action taken by Secretary of State George P. Shultz acknowledged the United States is unable to protect Americans there. It may also make U.S. military action against terrorists easier by reducing the number of American citizens who might be targeted for retaliation.

"While the U.S. government will attempt to help citizens unlawfully detained in Lebanon or elsewhere, our ability to secure their release is limited both by the chaos in Lebanon and our responsibility to protect broad national interests," said department spokesman Charles E. Redman.

Contra aid may be cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite President Reagan's appeals for more aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels, both the Senate and the House are considering bills to cut off the \$40 million not yet spent from the current aid package.

"We made a deal with the devil. We sold arms and ammunition to the Ayatollah," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who argued for a cutoff of already approved Contra military aid at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on the issue.

"We offer this legislation in the hope that, from the rubble left by this administration's policy, we can generate a new beginning," Dodd said at Wednesday's session.

Similar legislation has also been introduced in the House by aid opponents in an uphill bid to capitalize on the furor over the Iran arms deal and the diversion of profits to aid the Contras at a time when Congress had barred military aid.

'LaRouchies' charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors have presented new allegations of illegality against political extremist Lyndon H. LaRouche and his followers, saying they failed to file income tax returns, refused to repay loans and charged more than 150 airline tickets on unauthorized credit cards.

Prosecutors filed court papers last week in U.S. District Court in Boston saying they would present evidence of "other crimes, wrongs or acts" in the trial of 13 LaRouche followers on federal fraud and obstruction of justice charges.

The court papers do not bring criminal charges against LaRouche himself or add to the 124-count indictment already issued against LaRouche followers, his 1984 presidential campaign committees and other corporations associated with him.

Murphy's law based in fact: computer center

By Associated Press
MONTEVALLO, Ala. (AP)—The computer age has reached Murphy's Law — if something can go wrong, it will — and found that Murphy wasn't wrong.
In fact, a mathematics professor said, if one thing goes wrong, it is likely that one or two more will follow.
"Murphy's Law is in fact a law of nature which, like those of physics discovered by Newton 300 years ago, cannot be broken," said 39-year-old Gene Garza of the University of Montevallo.
His computer research, he said, shows that people can be affected by conditional probability, which holds that the chance of a second mishap is higher than the chance of a first one.
"Events will cluster together," Garza said. "Bad things will occur together, and good things will occur together. Several appliances in the home will break down at the same time. If one breaks down, chances are another will break down."
"If it is known that one mishap has already occurred, then we know the probability of the second one has gone up."
Mathematics Magazine, an academic journal, is to publish Garza's findings later this year.

"It was just a natural curiosity with me, just as it is with most people," he said of Murphy's Law. "I wondered why things happened in clusters. After giving it a lot of thought over a few years I decided to look and see if it had a mathematical basis."
If four people are walking along a street after a rain, Garza said, the chances are better than 50 percent that one of the four will be splashed by cars twice while the others stay dry.
In addition, he said, the chances are that the same person will be splashed a third time.
The other side of the coin, Garza said, is that Murphy's Law works in reverse, that the same probabilities apply to good things happening.
"We accept the fact that bad things will happen, but what the paper says is that bad things will happen together," he said. "If it makes me feel good that bad things will happen in clusters...then once I get over this crisis I know there most likely will be some good days."
"There is no such thing as good luck or bad luck, it just happens," he said.
"This is exactly what we should expect if one understands the laws of probability."



Frank Conley/Staff
Students battle the snowstorm which hit campus last Tuesday between classes near the Todd Library and Davis Science Building.

Campus Capsule

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: All submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 4:30 p.m. Friday for Tuesday publication or 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for Friday publication. All submissions are printed on a space available basis, and may be edited by *Sidelines* for clarity and brevity. *Sidelines* cannot guarantee submissions will be published.

Student Organizations desiring to make application for activity fee funds for the spring semester must secure and turn in their application in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center today.

Valentine Pictures will be taken of students by the United Greek Council Monday, Feb. 2 and Tuesday, Feb. 3 in the KUC Room 315, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The cost of each picture will be \$1. Pictures may be picked up in the Minority Affairs Office Feb. 11, 12 and 13.

Japan Center of Tennessee announces a tour of the Toshiba America, Inc. Plant in Lebanon, Tennessee on Thursday Feb. 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For reservations call Edith Sliger at (615) 372-3465. There is no admission charge and the tour is open to the public. For more information and directions call professor Fujita at (615) 372-3847.

Rape seminar, "Avoiding the All-American Crime: Rape," will be held in the Learning Resource Center's Multi-Media Room on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will cover all aspects of rape and will feature four speakers — Dr. James Trent, Dr. Jeanette Heritage, MTSU security officer Brian Grisham and Detective Anita Flagg of the Murfreesboro Police Department. The seminar is free and open to the public. There will be a question and answer session following the lectures.

Alpha Omega Zeta, an organization for non-traditional students, will be meeting Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Grill. All non-traditional students are welcome to attend.

Hypers is sponsoring a lecture by Dr. Art Dickinson in Room 100A of Murphy Center, Friday, Jan.30 at 2 p.m. Dr. Dickinson will be speaking on "Man's Potential and Limitations to make Adaptive Changes Through Exercise." Dickinson has worked with the NFL and the U.S. ski team in measuring success potential.

Amnesty International is holding a petition/letter writing campaign in the KUC Basement on Thursday, Jan. 30. AI is a non-partisan group which works to end human rights abuses worldwide. Please come by the table to sign petitions and for membership information.

Student Teaching applications for the 1987 Fall semester must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching Office, Jones Hall, Room 106 no later than Feb. 13, 1987.

The Placement Office will conduct Career Placement Orientation for seniors and graduate students on Monday, Feb.2 and Tuesday, Feb.3 at 3 p.m. in Room 324 of the Keathley University Center. Students interested in participating in the Campus Interview program should attend this orientation.

A \$750 dollar scholarship is being offered for second semester freshman, sophomore or junior's with a minimum grade point average of 2.3. Financial need, demonstrated activity on a student publication at MTSU and leadership

Electron microscope micrographs on exhibit

Three geology students are currently displaying pictures that were taken by using a scanning electron microscope, Marion Wells, a biology professor, said.
Junior Kyle Hall and seniors Linda Thorburn and Perry Kelso took the pictures for their scanning electron microscopy course which is taught by Wells.
"The micrographs are of leaf stoma, pollen grains and insect eyes," Wells said. "The range of the magnification varies but is between 28 and 3,000 times normal size."

Seigenthaler

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Bill Willis, attorney for *The Tennessean*, served as chairman of the committee that raised money for

Bicycle

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Anyone who is in moderately good shape is eligible to go, Messier said. The group will be traveling approximately 35 miles a day, or about three hours actual cycling time.

The remainder of the day will be spent touring the various cities and landmarks, Messier said.

"The advantage of touring on a bicycle as opposed to any other method is that you come in much closer contact with the countryside and the people of the country you are visiting," said Messier.

The cost of the trip will be \$2,250. \$1950 will be spent on round trip airfare from Nashville to Munich, Germany, all railway transportation while in Europe, shipping of the bicycles, nightly accommodations, and breakfasts and dinners while in Hungary.

Sightseeing costs are also included in the \$1950. The remaining \$300 will be the \$1950. The remaining \$300 will be the \$1950.

A \$975 deposit should be made by the end of February, and the balance will be due May 15.

For more information contact Harrington at either 896-4950 or 890-1706. Messier can be contacted at 898-2152 or 273-2474.

the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence.

The money "wasn't all that hard to raise," Willis remarks.

"I really made it difficult for them," Seigenthaler said. "It was pretty hard to raise."

The committee raised a total of \$382,000 — \$70,000 over their goal. MTSU agreed to match the amount that the committee raised, and the state of Tennessee will match the total raised by both. In the end, the total is expected \$1.2 million.

This money will be used to hire a prominent journalist to teach at the university.

"He has spent his life pursuing First Amendment rights, and they

Advising

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Jones said.

The committee plans to institute freshman seminars. The students will receive credit for classes on how to study and classes on personal deficiencies, Vandervort said.

Leak

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difficult to tell how much it will be since it is not an exact science."

"We don't know how much water is still trapped under the floor."

"Also, taking the finish off has destroyed the aesthetic appearance of the floor. Sometime this summer we will have to come in and re-establish the floor to looking good."

are very important to him," John Jr. said. "He hoped that someday that could be carried on with younger people, and this gives him a way to touch them."

chance for his own identity."

John Jr. decided to change his name because he "never liked the middle name very much." He said that he had always wanted to find a way to drop it.

Seigenthaler says that he is "very proud of his son."

He added that he never pushed John Jr. to go into journalism, but he is satisfied that he did.

"He could have put pressure on me to go into the same area," John Jr. said. "A lot of parents do, but he didn't."

The committee also plans to have a summer orientation for incoming students. The students will be in groups of 200 and meet with their advisors. The orientation will also give the parents a chance to come and see the campus and to meet with the faculty, Vandervort said.

We also need to do more wood-work.

"I would estimate that the whole floor will be in the \$11,000 to \$12,000 range and between \$600 and \$2,000 for the heating unit."

"It will be approximately \$16,000 for everything."

Smotherman said that he will give some thought to preventive measures, but it was "too early to comment on what those may be."

"He was supportive and encouraging, but he never pushed," John Jr. added. "He probably would have been happier if I had been a lawyer."

"I have professional as well as personal respect for my dad," John Jr. said. "We're very close personally, but we're also competitors."

A chair of excellence for First Amendment studies has been established in Seigenthaler's name at Middle Tennessee State University. The idea was first presented by members of the mass communications faculty at MTSU.

"[Jim] Jesse [former Newspaper Printing Corporation president] and Wyatt tried it [the idea] out on me, and I did not like it," Seigenthaler recalls.

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Art / Entertainment

Wesley to host concert tonight

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

MTSU's Wesley Foundation will begin their annual Spiritual Awareness Weekend tonight with a concert by popular christian artists Dust and Ashes.

According to Bill Campbell, campus minister for the Wesley Foundation, Spiritual Awareness Weekend "seeks to remind students that there is a sacred dimension to life."

Dust and Ashes, a kind of gospel version of folk artists Peter, Paul and Mary, consists of Tom Page, Mary Lou Troutman and Lee Domann.

Not only do they physically resemble the folk trio, Dust and Ashes have also been performing since the 1960's, which shows through in their use of basic instruments such as guitar, bass and of course, voice.

They sense the power of music



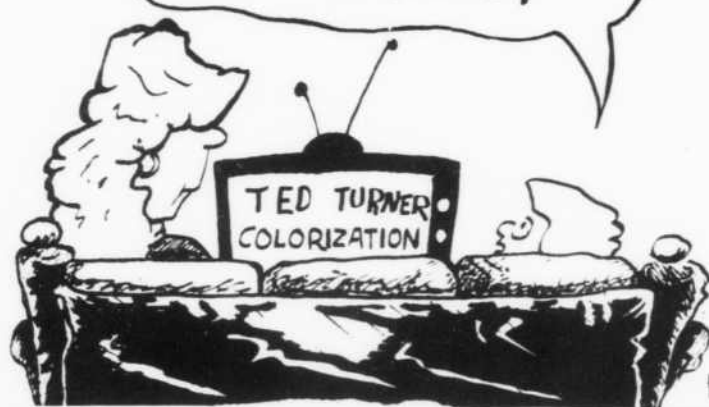
Dust and Ashes will kick off Wesley's Spiritual Awareness Weekend, as a means to communicate thoughts and feelings, and they sing about the importance of a life involved in helping bring peace and justice to the world.

Dust and Ashes have recorded six albums, and they have per-

formed at universities, local churches and The Grand Ole Opry House.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. tonight at the Wesley Foundation located across from Clement and Gore Halls.

BUT MOMMY, HOW CAN WE TELL WHEN DORTHY GETS BACK TO KANSAS?



Colorization alters film classics

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

Isn't it enough for Ted Turner to have his own cable station, a mansion and the very extensive collection of MGM/Lowes movies he purchased from MGM last year?

Apparently not. Now Turner has decided to use the newly developed technique of coloring black and white movies. "Colorization" is a computer-generated process that adds very unrealistic colors to black and white movies.

Commentary

So far, Turner has added color to copies (at least he does have the sense not to tamper with the original reels) of such favorites as *Yankee Doodle Dandy* and *It's a Wonderful Life*.

The problem isn't really that Turner is adding color to these classic black and white films, the problem is why he is doing it. If he insists on doing this, why doesn't he have his staff make the colors look more like the color in today's films. Why doesn't he make sure there are no major mistakes in the color choices?

The "computer-colors" look more like they were done in the early years of color instead of the 1980's.

So far, we have seen such major screw-ups as Frank Sinatra's 'ol blue eyes suddenly turn brown in 1945's *Suddenly*, and Humphrey Bogart's suit in *The Maltese Falcon*, which was brown when he filmed the classic, turned blue in the colorized version.

These films were made, for the most part, when color was new and expensive, but they could have been filmed in color if the people in charge had really wanted them to be in color.

Sure everyone wants to see a movie in color, but if it was filmed in black and white — lets leave it that way. It is part of our history — just like black and white photographs of the early 20th century are part of our history.

Coca-Cola Telecommunications (formerly Columbia Pictures) has decided to color some classic series such as *Wyatt Earp* and *The Real McCoys*.

Following Columbia's lead, Turner has decided to add color to the 36 black and white syndicated episodes of the cult classic, *Gilligan's Island*.

Just remember one thing Ted — the Skipper's shirt is blue!

Exhibit opens Sunday

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

Student photographs from different colleges and universities around the country will be on display at MTSU's Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center beginning Sunday.

This exhibit is part of an annual contest held at The University of Missouri at Columbia. It includes photographs as well as photo stories that have been entered in the annual College Photographer of the Year competition.

Most of the photos on exhibit are the winning entries from 1982-85.

The actual photographs that were entered in the contest are on exhibit just as they were presented by the artists. No prints are on display.

The contest is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Mu, an honorary fraternity of photojournalism, UMC, Canon and the National Press Photographers Association.

Other than cash prizes, the contest awards winners with camera equipment and internships.

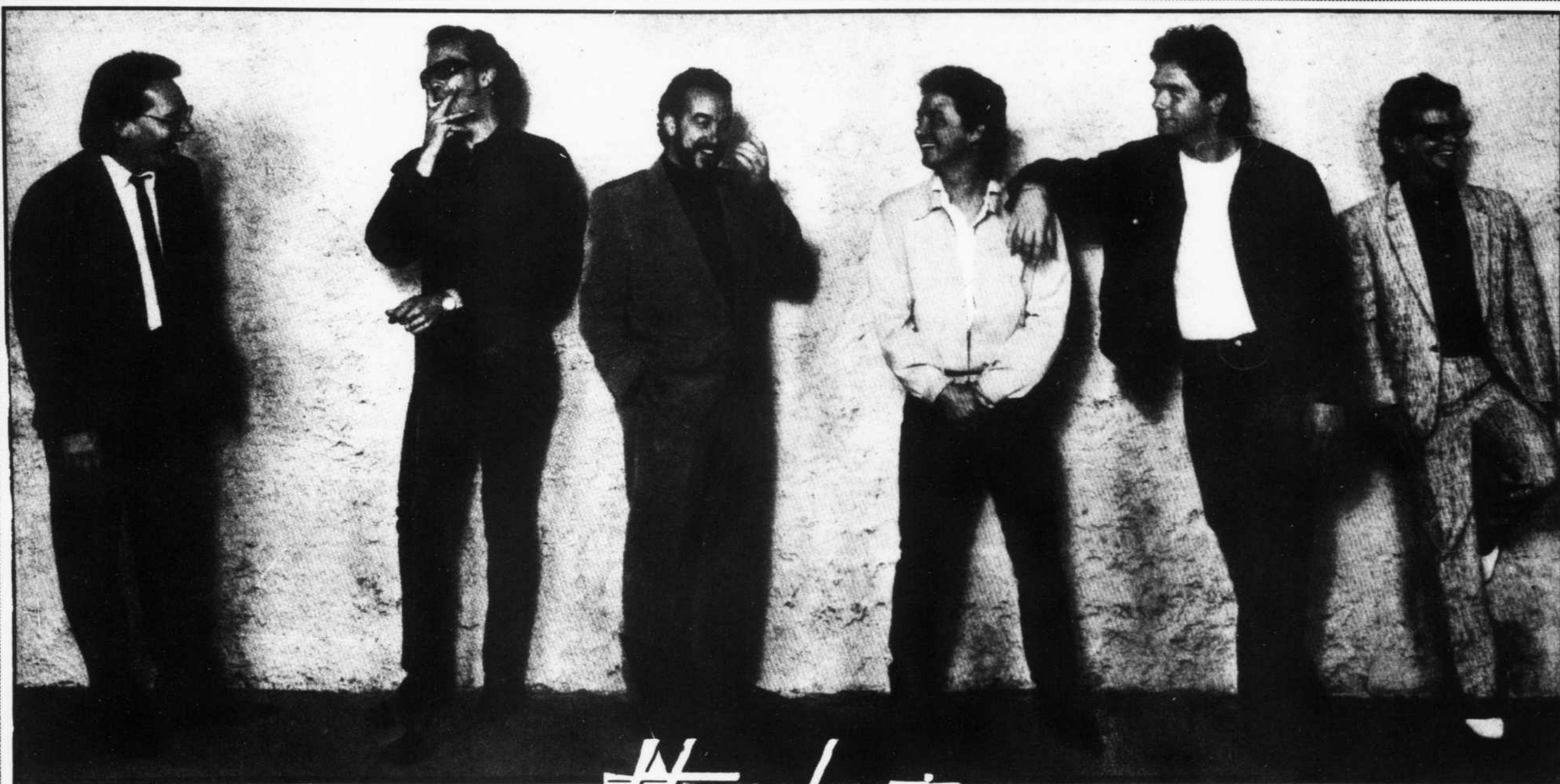
The exhibit will run from February 1-19. The Photography Gallery is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and Sunday 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the contest itself, contact either the director of the University of Missouri at Columbia photojournalism program, Bill Kuykendall or contest coordinator, Julie Ostrem at UMC.



Bingo! means big bucks for the winners and this photograph, on exhibit in the LRC photo gallery, won honorable mention in the 1985 college photographer of the year competition.

Jonathan Nourok



Tickets will go on sale on Saturday, January 31 at all Centra-Tik Outlets and at 10:00 a.m. on the MTSU Campus in the Concert Ticket Office at Murphy Center. There will be ticket limit of 10 tickets. MTSU students may receive a one dollar discount on each of the first two tickets they purchase with a valid MTSU ID.

After Saturday, tickets will be available on the MTSU campus in both the Athletic Ticket Office at Murphy Center (8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) and in the Concert Ticket Office, Student Programming, K.U.C. Room 308 (10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). For additional information please call the Concert Ticket Office at 898-2551.

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Editorials

Jan. Freedom of College Student Press Month

"Congress shall make no law...abridging freedom of speech, or of the press..."
No law. In this, the 200th year of the U.S. Constitution, those words from the First Amendment and what they mean are still being debated.

Freedom of the press is considered a basic American right. *Sidelines* is a free paper.
The student editorial staff have full control over the content of the paper. If they want to print stories which contain language that many may find obscene they can. They can print material approving far left or far right policies — they can even say the President of the United States is a senile old bastard — they have the right.

No one, not an administrator, a member of the Mass Communications faculty, the President of the ASB or a representative of the Student Publications Committee can exercise prior restraint over the paper.

The faculty and students of MTSU have a right to a free press which will inform them of events of importance, interest and controversy.

That is the fundamental function and role of *Sidelines*.
The first amendment gives the mass media awesome power not only to report events but also to shape them. TV has been accused of affecting the results of West Coast elections when they announce winners of elections in the East. Both TV and the press have been accused of hurting the American war effort in Vietnam.

People complain that the press never reports good news, that it invades their privacy and ruins their lives.

This is Freedom of the Campus Student Press Month. During this time we must look both at the need for a free student press and the need for balanced, objective professional reporting in student newspapers.

And, this should be done with the liberties provided by the 1st Amendment without censorship.

This means that *Sidelines* must have the freedom to publish

anything without regard to public pressure or angry public figures

But, it must do this with the professionalism and commitment necessary for such responsibility.

Sidelines is a college student paper with editorial freedom and the dedication to report only the truth in a professional manner worthy of such freedom — anything less is unacceptable and unethical.

**"Congress
shall
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no
law..."**

By Connie Cass
Guest Columnist

Freedom of the press.
It sounds good. Most Americans agree freedom of the press is a good way to run a country.

But is freedom of the student press a good way to run a campus?

Couldn't students allowed to run amok with their own newspaper libel the president, embarrass prominent guest speakers and complain about the food too much?

Yes, these possibilities do exist, and it's not surprising that some faculty and administrators may be frightened by the power of the student press.

Like any media, the power of the student press can be abused. But fear of that possibility doesn't justify depriving students of the Constitutional guarantee of a free press.

For this reason, January is celebrated as Freedom of the Campus Student Press Month. It is a time to commemorate university students' right to a free press — and a time to continue the fight against censorship.

But why should anyone who doesn't work for *Sidelines* or some other campus publication be concerned with the freedom of the student press?

The stock answer is the press' "watchdog" role — the media's responsibility to keep an eye on the university, student government,

and anyone else who looks suspicious.

And that's important.
But there's another reason why students should be concerned. The rights of the "press" don't just apply to some special group of certified, official, card-carrying "news-people."

The rights of the press — student or otherwise — are the rights of everyone. (Or at least all U.S. citizens.)

Sidelines doesn't have a special commission from God or the president to publish. And you don't need one either. You have the Constitutional right to publish, free of prior restraint by the government.

Of course, like *Sidelines*, you may be held accountable for your actions if you print something determined to be libelous, seditious or obscene.

There are other rights traditionally associated with the press that belong to all citizens.

Last semester, *Sidelines* took the university to court because reporters had been denied the right to see records that should have been made public under the state's open records act.

But any student, or any citizen of the state, could have exercised the same right.

If you believe it is important that our government keep the promises it made — whether in the U.S. Constitution or in state laws, then freedom of the student press is important.

Letters to the Editor

Baxter responds to complaints

Dear Editor,

As we begin the countdown to ASB Election '87, I must say that I've enjoyed my term thus far as President of the student body. Some things have concerned me throughout my tenure, however. In April 1986, I was confronted by several administrators that told me that this past year was an incredible year to serve as ASB President. I told them that it was going to be an incredible year for the entire student body. My prediction was fairly correct. After all, we can all say that we participated in the 75th Anniversary of our University.

Even though the homecoming committee was late in publishing results of the events, the "Our Year to Shine" homecoming was a success. And, Mr. Conklin, how would you know what the participation level was? I didn't see you participating at all!! As a matter of fact, more independent organizations, as well as Greeks, participated than in recent memory.

I could not allow the editorials written against me "personally" in the January 23 issue of *Sidelines* to go unnoticed. I think it's my responsibility to clear up the mistakes re-

ported once again! However, I refuse to "fight and bicker" with individuals who continue to be immature by allowing themselves to be unprofessional. I say this because "personalities" remain to be the major concern of our student publications and will probably be next week, next month and next year.

I am finally glad to see that *Sidelines* admitted a mistake in reporting the major accomplishments of the ASB at the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature. When I asked that it be reported directly following our (the delegation) return to MTSU, I was told that it was old and not worthy! Well, thanks for the short paragraph, finally!!

Now! John Conklin, a guest columnist for *Sidelines* wrote an editorial blasting my ineffectiveness during the past year. He says that I've been an inactive president up to this point. I'd like to know how he got his information! If I had to guess, I would say from his campaign staff! But they predicted he would defeat me in last Spring's elections. Perhaps Mr. Conklin is still mourning his loss. And Mr. Conklin, unless you are going to run for my office for a third time, you can quit lashing out at the Greek organizations on our cam-

pus. THEY'RE NOT LISTENING TO YOU! And being the ASB President, as I am, I will offer you Mr. Conklin, my hankerchief, to wipe the tears you shed over the spilled milk.

After all, in less than one month, you can elect someone else to bagger for another year. I just thank the good Lord up above, that not everyone is as apathetic about student government as Mr. Conklin, and the writers of the other editorials against the ASB in the January 23 issue.

Finally, I have tried to be open with *Sidelines* during my tenure as President. I have been open to all students! But every time I grant an interview, I am misquoted several times (at least three times on the front page of the January 23 issue). This has happened several times during the past year. Also, one of our ASB Senators is serving as the News Editor for *Sidelines*. Last year he served as the Assistant News Editor. He approached me, as well as the ASB Advisor, and asked if we thought there was a conflict of interest. I stated that as long as he could stay clear of reporting on ASB issues, it was okay. He did not live up to the agreement, and now it is evident that he will not be able to do so. Therefore, today,

I am asking for the resignation of Senator Brian Conley on the basis of "conflict of interest." Now I have become an active President.

Troy Baxter ASB President Baxter: Good or Bad news?

Dear Editor,
My hats off to you for, as Howard Cosell puts it, "Telling it like it is".

Troy Baxter, it seems however, is very upset with *Sidelines* for doing just that.

I am an avid reader of *Sidelines*. Troy, and I have never once seen them duck — any — story, good or bad. *Sidelines* has given you a chance, Troy, to air some of your complaints such as student apathy, MTSU's being a "suitcase" college and the structure of the ASB legislature.

They have also commended you for your handling of the Founders Day and Flood aid events.

My question to you, Baxter, is this: Why bitch at this publication and its policies?

Is it because when you, as ASB President and leader of the student body, were caught cheating on a test, *Sidelines* reported it?

To me, that's a story worth reporting. Is it because when home-

coming results were fouled up and weeks late, *Sidelines* reported it?

Another Big story for the people involved, are you, Troy, the type of person who wants all of his positive achievements glorified while having all negative happenings swept "under a rug" for no one to see?

If so, I fell sorry for you because life and the real world aren't that way, especially when you're in the public spotlight. My advice to you is this, Troy: Be prepared to take the good with the bad in your chosen field after college. It's something you obviously aren't doing now.

Also remember this formula: good news plus bad news equals — all news — which is what is reported. Get used to it.

Mark Comer
Box 1965

Tradition preferred

Editor,

The name of the publication should not be tampered with by temporary short term personnel. We have few traditions here, why mess with the newspaper name. *Sidelines* does not actually mean non-involvement, or do you consider the coaches—who always stay on the sidelines and not enter the playing field non-involved just because they are not combatants or players.

Surely you have more to do than think up such an issue to get responses. Interestingly, why not report campus and student and faculty concerns, issues and involvement and leave most of what you are printing as duplication for city and state newspapers.

Thank-you for your intentions, and efforts to improve our university life.

W. Beryl West, Ed.D.
Professor of Psychology

Ideas and concepts

To the Editor:

I read *Sidelines* for basically four reasons. First, I read it because *Sidelines* covers issues important to me as a college student that are not covered as well elsewhere. The in-depth coverage and photographs of the recent Ga. civil rights march is an excellent example of this kind of coverage.

Second, I read *Sidelines* for news about MTSU and college events.

Third, I read *Sidelines* because occasionally it has some humor.

Finally, I read *Sidelines* because it is a valuable forum for public discussion and expression. To that effect, I would like to use this forum to introduce a concept that is catching on in Toronto, Canada.

The city has installed small blackboards in rest rooms for the use of people who like to write notes, poems and the like.

If an individual doesn't like what someone else has written, he/she can simply erase it and write something else.

This practice has saved the city thousands of dollars and stopped the practice of regularly repainting bathroom walls, while still allowing a creative outlet.

Keith Van de Castle
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Definition of rape

Dear Editor,

This is in response to all the letters in the recent weeks concerning rape, in particular the letter by Phil Weiss appearing in the Jan. 23 issue of *Sidelines*.

First of all, let's get the definition of rape straight. It is defined in Webster's dictionary as "unlawful sexual intercourse with a woman without her consent and chiefly by force or deception."

This does not say she must be beaten, enough to end up in the hospital, nor does it say it must happen in a dark alleyway with a knife. If a woman gets intoxicated with a man and wakes to find him having sex with her and she tells him to stop and he forces her to continue, even this is rape.

The police tell us that one half of all rapes go unreported, so if a woman does claim she has been raped, she is taken seriously.

I thought that the south was known for ignorance, but now I see that it is even applicable to "big-city" dwellers, like Mr. Weiss, who is from Chicago.

True, I do know that women all over the country and the world seduce men and vice versa. But when the man gets carried away and uses his strength to dominate a woman, this is nonjustifiable. Rape is a crime and should not be chalked up to the woman's "weak nature". This is the 80s, after all.

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Sports

Raiders set for TSU, Tech showdown

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Editor
PHILIP DABIO
Sports Writer

The MTSU Blue Raiders will continue their current three game road trip as they take on Tennessee State University this Saturday night.

The Blue Raiders will return to Murphy Center to take on arch-rival Tennessee Tech this Monday night.

The Tennessee State rivalry is one that has really built up heavily every since the Tigers have joined the Ohio Valley Conference.

Tennessee State will not become an official member of the conference until next year. Therefore, the game will have no outcome on the conference standings.

The game is a continuing challenge for both state schools. The Tigers would like to pull the upset and even their regular season record. The Raiders are currently 8-9 on the season.

The Blue Raiders on the other hand, are trying to bounce back from a 18-point loss to conference foe Akron.

The Raiders are entering the game with a 6-1 conference record and they are 14-3 overall. A win for the Raiders would give them a

chance to draw even more attention from the media.

In the latest Associated Press basketball poll, the Blue Raiders received six votes for the Top Twenty as opposed to only one the week before.

TSU officials are expecting a Gentry Center sell-out for the 7:30 p.m. game. Last year the game drew a record crowd of 7,106 fans at TSU.

"Promoting the basketball programs here is one of our top priorities," said TSU Athletic Director Bill Thomas. "We had a good crowd for our football game with MTSU last fall and we're hoping to do the same thing on Saturday night."

The TSU officials have been holding week-long promotions, including a slam-dunk contest, in order to draw a large crowd against the Blue Raiders.

The rivalry between these two schools alone seems to be enough to draw a large crowd from both TSU and MTSU.

The rivalry was put into full swing last month when OVC Commissioner Jim Delany ordered TSU to forfeit last September's 7-6 football victory over MTSU because of the use of an ineligible player.

TSU is considering filing for an

appeal on the decision on the basis that the game had no bearing on the conference outcome and only the overall won-loss record.

TSU students are planning to fill their gym with banners protesting Delany's decision during Saturday night's game.

TSU will not be an easy team to beat. They only lost one player from last year's squad. TSU mainstay Anthony Mason is averaging 18 points and 6.9 rebounds a game. Johnathon Speller is averaging 13 points a game. In addition to those two fine athletes, TSU had added Termaine Smith who transferred from Aquinas Junior College in Nashville. At Aquinas, Smith was an excellent outside shooter.

The Blue Raiders have currently won their last six games against Tennessee State. Last year the Raiders beat TSU 63-62 at Gentry Center and 85-73 in Murphy Center.

"Middle Tennessee has all the ingredients to be ranked in the top twenty," TSU Coach Larry Reid said. "They are two-deep at every position, while we have such a depth problem that we are having to play too few men for too many minutes."

Tickets for the game are selling for \$4.00 for students.

On Monday night, The Blue Raiders will return home to the friendly confines of Murphy Center, where they currently hold one of the nations longest winning streaks with 25 victories.

The Golden Eagles come into Murphy Center with revenge on their minds.

The Blue Raiders embarrassed Tennessee Tech in the "Temple of Doom" earlier this season by a lopsided score of 114-79.

The Golden Eagles have two very talented athletes in Anthony Avery and Earl Wise.

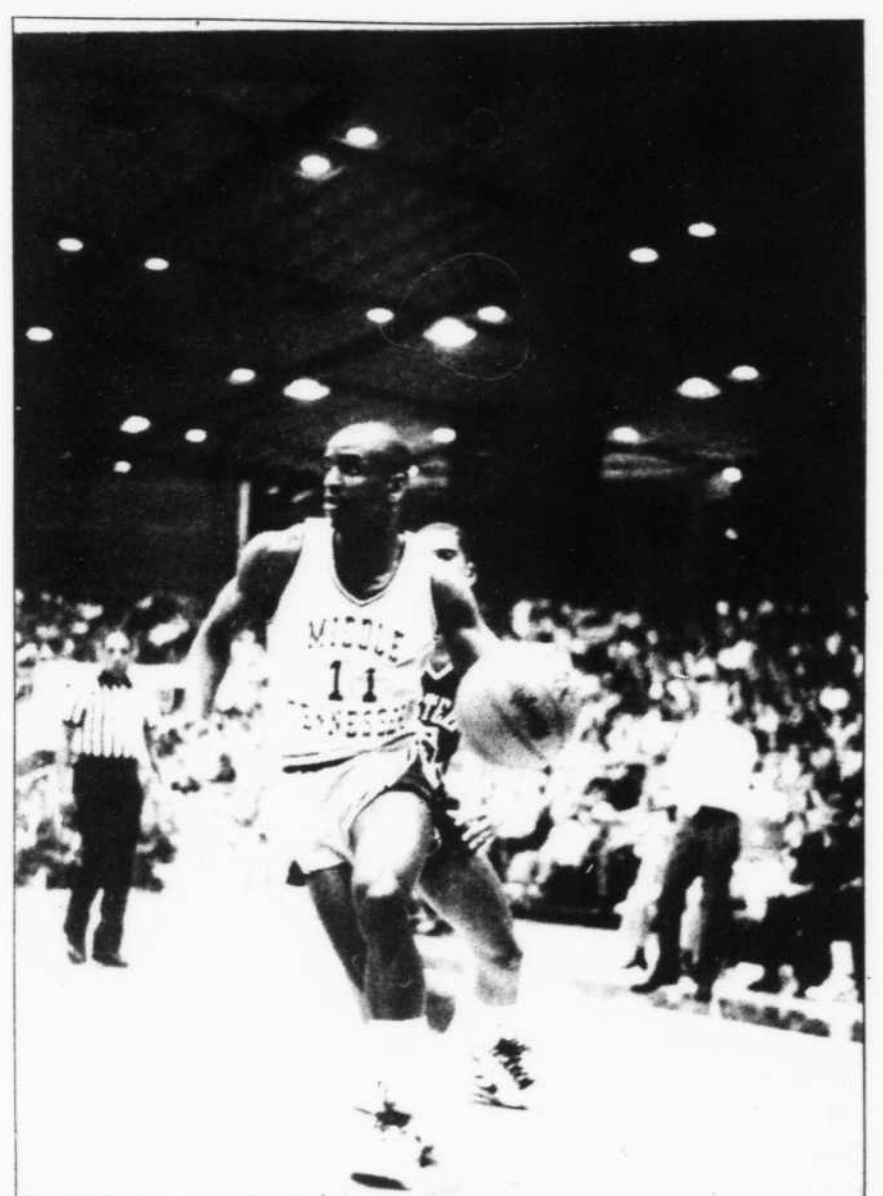
Wise is currently ranked seventh in the OVC scoring race with an average of 17.7 points a game. Avery is 15th in the conference with an average of 13.2 point per game.

Tech will be without the services of freshman Jeff Arms who quit the team last week.

The Golden Eagles are currently last in the OVC with a conference record of 0-7.

MTSU's Duane Washington is third in the nation in steals and fourth in assists.

The MTSU-Tennessee Tech grudge match will kick off the second half of the OVC schedule. Both games are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.



Howard Ross/Staff

Chris Rainey looks to lead the Raiders past TSU. He led in scoring past two games.

Lady Raiders seek revenge

By MAURICE PETWAY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders are riding a 5 game winning streak going into this weeks games against Tennessee State and arch-rival Tennessee Tech.

Against the Lady Penguins and Lady Zips, All American candidate Kim Webb led the Lady Raiders in scoring, netting 37 and 18. Tawanya Mucker averaged 11 rebounds per contest against the Ohio teams.

"We're playing much better as a team," said Coach Jim Davis. "Our team defense is much better, we're helping each other more."

"Their counting on each other for help," Davis said. "As a result they are gaining confidence in their defensive play and their staying in more games. Our offense is creating our defense."

"The departure of center Kay

Wilbanks has been a positive influence," Davis said. "It rallied our girls; every girl has a much more positive attitude."

The size advantage that Tech enjoys will create problems for the Lady Raiders. The Lady Golden Eagles edged out the Lady Raiders 78-74 in their last meeting in Cookeville.

"We played them real hard," Davis said. "They were in control of the basketball game most of the way."

The players just have to reach down and give it all they've got if they're going to be able to win, Davis said.

He also expressed deep concern in stopping Michelle Taylor who "zipped" the Lady Raiders for 26 points in Cookeville.

Kim Webb leads the Lady Raid-

ers in scoring with 23.6 points per game while adding 7.1 rebounds

per contest. She matched her season high of 37 points against Youngstown State. Sophomore Alice Lawrence is currently averaging 17.2 points per game and 6.5 rebounds.

Sophomore Tawanya Mucker leads the Lady Raiders in rebounding with 7.3 per game and 12 blocks, averaging 11.2 points per game.

Senior Janet Ross is currently averaging 10 points a game. She is the teams leader in assist with 87 and total steals with 30.

Sophomore Leanne Beck is the Lady Raiders all-posiiton player plays every position on the court. She is averaging 8.1 points per game and 4.6 assist.

Ross leads the team in three

pointers followed by Kim Webb and Alice Lawrence.

Blue Magic

By Michelle Galloway
Sports Writer

The Blue Magic intramural basketball team went undefeated in a double-elimination, 3-on-3 basketball tournament held by Campus Recreation on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Members of the victorious team include Carlos Drake, Ray Johnson, James Hunt and Joel Smith. Cecil Drake played a major factor in coaching the assembly.

The group is made up of fraternity brothers mainly from Phi Beta Sigma. Carlos Drake is president of the fraternity and Johnson is vice-president.

The team is looking for a sponsor in order to pay for expenses at the regional 3-on-3 tournament at the

(please see Magic, page six)

Golf signs two

From Staff Reports

Two high school golfers have committed to sign with the MTSU Golf team this spring.

Bradford Kuester, a Greenville native, has committed to joining the team next year. Kuester is one of the outstanding golfers in the state.

Kuester was a four year letterman on the Greenville Green Devils golf team. The Greenville team won the state High School championship in 1983, placed third in 1984, fell to eighth in 1985 and rose to third in 1986.

Kuester won the Cherokee Junior Invitational in 1984, the Tennessee State Insuror's Classic in 1985 and the Johnson City Junior Invitational in 1986. He also placed fourth in the 1985 State Insuror's, sixth in the 1986 State Insuror's and third in the 1984 Myrtle Beach

junior tournaments.

"We are very fortunate to get a player of Brad's caliber," Coach Walt Rogers said. "He knows how to win both as an individual and as a part of a team."

Kuester is the second player who has committed to the golf program at MTSU. The first was Steve Graham of Father Ryan High School in Nashville.

"These are two of the outstanding golfers in Tennessee who are coming to MTSU," Rogers stated. "These are the kinds of players that MTSU needs to recruit to win the OVC and to compete with the top golfing schools both regionally and nationally."

Coach Rogers hopes to recruit three or four more golfers who are equally as good as the two he has already signed.

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