

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

Weather

Fair and warm today with a high in the mid 50s. The low tonight will be in the mid 40s. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a high in the mid 60s.

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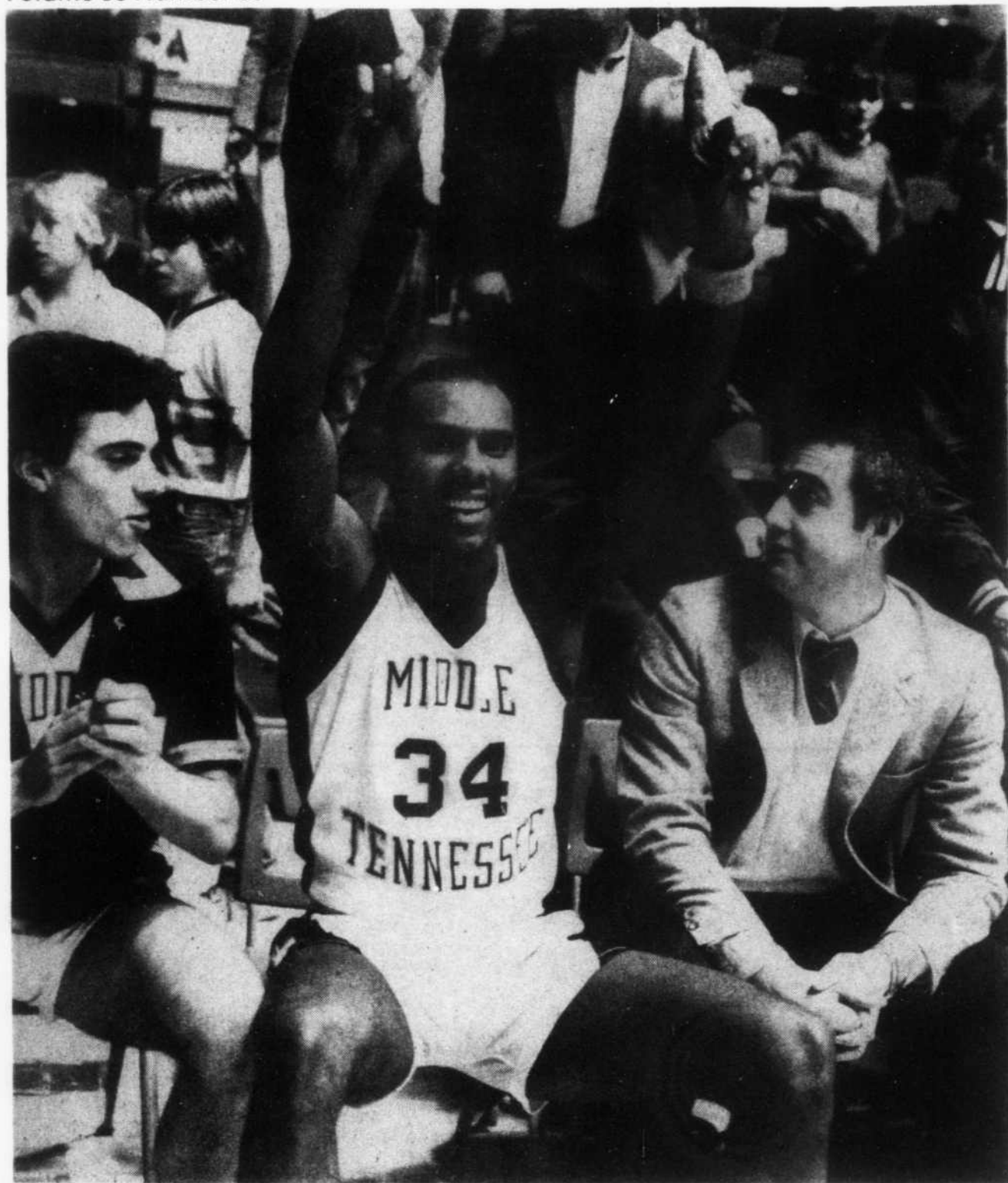


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We win! We win! We win! We win!

Senior forward Lucious "Buck" Hailey raises the "we're number one sign" after Middle edged Western Kentucky in the championship game of the OVC Tournament 54-52. Hailey blocked a potential game-tying shot by WKU's Craig McCormick with one second left to play to send the Blue Raiders to the NCAA Tournament. MTSU won't have any time to rest as they must prepare to meet the Kentucky Wildcats Thursday night at 9:38 p.m. in Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym. For a complete recap in story and pictures see pages seven and eight.

MTSU totally unprepared for earthquakes caused by tomorrow's planetary alignment

By I. NEWTON
Staff Stargazer

MTSU is "totally unprepared" for the series of earthquakes which alarmist astronomers predict will strike the Earth tomorrow as a result of an alignment of the planets in the solar system.

"We have not made any provisions," Otis Floyd, administrative assistant to the president, said yesterday.

"USUALLY, IF we have any type of emergency, we are notified by local, state or federal authorities," Floyd noted. "After all, they've had 179 years

to prepare."

In their 1974 book *The Jupiter Effect*, astronomers John R. Gribbin and Stephen H. Plagemann predicted that tomorrow's alignment of the planets—one that occurs only every 179 years—would have a gravitational effect on the sun,

sending "streams of charged particles" flowing past the planets with "a pronounced effect on the overall circulation and weather patterns."

"Finally...movements of large masses of the atmosphere will agitate regions of geologic instability into life," the book adds. "There will be many earthquakes, large and small, around susceptible regions of the globe."

IN PARTICULAR, the authors predicted that "the Los Angeles region will be subjected to the most massive earthquake experienced by a major center of population during this century."

The theory has received mixed reactions from the scientific community.

Noted science writer Isaac Asimov, in the foreword to *The Jupiter Effect*, called the theory "odd, but rational."

MTSU PROFESSOR of

chemistry and physics Roy Clark reacted with skepticism to the prognostication.

"I don't think there is anything to it," Clark declared yesterday.

"The gravitational force of all the planets—even if they were lined up, which they won't be—is negligible," he continued, "and is mostly due to Jupiter and Saturn, which line up about every four years."

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OVC tourney title brings \$43,000 to ailing athletic department budget

By BILL WARD
Staff Writer

Just one week after Athletic Director Jimmy Earle lauded the fund-raising efforts of MTSU players and coaches, a small group of them gave the athletic department its strongest infusion of funds this year.

By winning the OVC crown at Bowling Green on Saturday and thus qualifying for the NCAA championship tournament, coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson and the Blue Raider basketball team garnered a minimum of about \$43,000 for the program's depleted coffers.

ACCORDING TO Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Jim Delany, MTSU will receive a check for "about \$120,000, give or take a few dollars." The university will be allotted \$25,000 from that, and the conference will receive \$30,000.

The remaining \$65,000 will be divided into 11 shares among the nine OVC members; MTSU will receive three shares, while other conference members will get one each. Thus, the MTSU athletic program should receive about \$18,000 in addition to the up-front money.

To receive additional monies, the Blue Raiders must win their first two tournament games against the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, thus "moving into another tournament tier," Delany said.

THE SOMEWHAT unexpected windfall will more than offset an earlier budget loss of \$30,000, which came about when an expected televised OVC football game did not materialize.

While athletic department officials agree that a second

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ASB president hopefuls criticize office efficiency

By MINDY TATE
Copy Editor

All four candidates for ASB president expressed beliefs the ASB office has not been run as efficiently as possible this year.

"I believe it's time an individual is elected to the office without the intention of self-betterment, or building a base from which to launch a political career," said David Kessler, 22, a speech communications and advertising-public relations major from Nashville.

"I want to bring student government home to the ASB and away from state politics, where it has been this year," he added. "I want to work. Unlike past or present candidates, I do not intend to pursue a political career. I seek the job to be a representative of the students, without putting on a false image for the election."

Laura Schrader, 20, a

broadcast journalism major from Trenton, Tenn., said that the ASB office needs to be run as efficiently as any other administrative office on campus.

"In the past year, the office as a whole has been run efficiently," she said. "I'm interested in committee meetings. Students haven't been going to these meetings and that is a part of efficiency. That's how

student's views are voiced.

"I want to appoint responsible students," Schrader said, "follow up on their attendance, and if they aren't attending, have them replaced."

Eric Steinberg, 28, is a junior pre-law major and married with an eight-year old daughter. He decided to run because of the feeling that the ASB had been run poorly.

"The main reason I've decided to run is that the ASB not only has done a poor job, but some of the legislation they have passed this year has been harmful for the student body," he said.

"I blame this on poor leadership. Poor leadership is the major problem with the ASB," Steinberg said.

Jeff White, 21, a pre-law major from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., said that the efficiency of the office has improved but has not improved to what it could be.

"It has improved what it has been, but it could improve a lot more," he said. "It has to get more involved in the problems of students."

"The main issues on campus this year are housing, rights of the commuter and budget issues," White said.

"Resident assistants need to be evaluated by people in the dorms. Students should be allowed to cook in dorms which are equipped with smoke alarms," White said. "This is a national Occupational Safety and Health Administration [OSHA] standard we can meet."

"FOR COMMUTERS there should be benches in Peck Hall and the never-used faculty lounges should be opened to everyone," White said.

Feeling that the budget is the major idea, White would like to see the establishment of a task force, consisting of a group of faculty and students who would be "given the green light to go anywhere and observe anything and find ways to save money."

Steinberg said that if elected, he would "immediately submit a comprehensive plan to the administration that will organize and improve the present parking system" and spend every minute it takes to get the plan in use.

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Photo by Lesley Collins

Proud Presidential Performance Participants

The french horn section of MTSU's Symphonic Band is shown during last week's Presidential Concert in the Wright Music Hall. Pictured, from left to right, are Sheryl Dugger, Lorri Brooks, Scott Mann and Brenda Morris.

News Briefs

KNOXVILLE (AP) — President and Mrs. Reagan plan to attend May 1 opening ceremonies of the 1982 World's Fair, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Reagans also will spend that weekend at the Huntsville home of Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., The Knoxville Journal said in a copyright story.

candidates

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"I WILL ALSO set up a desk in the UC basement that will be manned on a regular basis by a person who will be able to help students with their problems," Steinberg said, "and also take their complaints and suggestions."

Schrader will be addressing the issues of financial aid, housing, efficiency and proper use of the Placement Center.

Concerning housing, Schrader feels it is important to work more with residence hall programming. She promises to "work with residence hall programming to make campus living comfortable and enjoyable."

Kessler wants to create a greater awareness of the Placement office, "whose sole purpose is to help graduating seniors get a job," according to Kessler.

"Last, but not least, I want to restructure parking by establishing spaces for compact cars in every existing parking lot," Kessler said, "and reline every existing parking lot to be more consistent with modern automobile design."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union, facing stiffer resistance in Afghanistan than it expected, has increased its military forces there and killed "considerably" more than 3,000 people by chemical warfare, the State Department said yesterday.

\$100 housing deposit housing office decision

The decision to force students to deposit \$100 in pre-paid rent for university housing was not a State Board of Regents decision, acting director of housing clarified Sunday.

Shewmake said the decision was made by the MTSU housing department and approved by the SBR.

"Anything that you do that changes money," Shewmake

earthquakes

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"OBVIOUSLY, nothing is happening."

Clark said "people have a great psychological need to create cause-and-effect relationships that don't exist."

The planetary alignment is not exactly straight, Clark explained.

"THEY'RE JUST in the same quadrant of the solar system," he said. "If you take a birthday cake and put all the candles on one-fourth of it, that is what our solar system will look like."

Clark said the planets would never be in a totally straight line.

"And even if they were," he added, "nothing would happen."

ASB PRESIDENT Mike

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP) — The United States will provide Bangladesh with food and commodities worth \$165 million under a three-year agreement signed here yesterday.

U.S. Ambassador Jane Abell Coon said the grant was the largest of its kind in the world.

explained, "you have to put in a request to see that the proposal falls within their ◀the board of regents▶ policy."

Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, confirmed that the decision was made by the housing and student affairs departments.

"If anyone is to blame, it is us—not the board of regents," LaLance said.

Williams said yesterday "the Kentucky Wildcats will be lucky if the world ends on Wednesday," referring to Thursday's basketball match-up with the Kentucky team.

Coincidentally, tomorrow also marks the beginning of the astrological Age of Aquarius, "When the Moon is in the Seventh House, and Jupiter aligns with Mars."

"Aquarius," the popular song of the Sixties from the musical "Hair," proclaimed that, in the Age of Aquarius, "Peace will guide the planets and love will steer the stars."

"There is no question," The Jupiter Effect insists, "about the implication: in 1982 'when the Moon is in the Seventh House, and Jupiter aligns with Mars' and with the other seven planets of the Solar System, Los Angeles will be destroyed."

In spite of the doomsday predictions, Floyd indicated that MTSU will continue doing business as usual.

WASHINGTON (AP) — While virtually conceding failed judgment, Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. told his colleagues yesterday he was framed by the FBI in its Abscam investigation and pleaded to retain his office despite "this turmoil, this torture and this ordeal."

Williams, opening a last and lengthy appeal, offered "almost an apology that the places I went and the things I did could bring you members of the Senate this problem."

MTSU debaters oppose Japan's team tomorrow

By SUSAN GATLIN
Staff Writer

The Japanese National Debate team will oppose MTSU students in an exhibition debate Wednesday night in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

"Resolved: the United States should increase its trade barriers on Japanese goods," will be the topic at the 7:30 contest.

JUNIOR Greg Simmerly and sophomore Lee Gregory, members of MTSU's nationally fifth-ranked debate team, will take on Kazuo Matsuyama and

athletic budget

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consecutive balanced budget is virtually assured by the NCAA money, efforts to raise additional funds continue.

An administration source confirmed yesterday that an April concert appearance by the Oak Ridge Boys at Murphy Center would serve partially as a benefit for MTSU's athletic program.

"WE'RE WORKING on getting a 20 percent cut of the gate for that concert instead of

the usual 15 percent," the source disclosed. "Negotiations are going on now" for the scheduled April 18 show.

Winning championships and qualifying for tournament play in the revenue-producing sports (football and basketball) will be especially helpful now that a number of schools have moved down to NCAA Division I-AA in football. There have been only a few I-AA football games telecast over the past few years, and some 45 universities are expected to move down from I-A for the 1982 season.

The massive move came about at the January NCAA meetings, which were extremely important to MTSU in another respect: the association members approved the retention of the OVC's automatic bid to the NCAA basketball tournament, which had been in danger of being rescinded.

IRONICALLY, another fundraising measure Earle recently talked about is a future hosting role for an NCAA basketball regional tournament, similar to the one being hosted by Vanderbilt University this weekend.

MTSU last hosted Midwest regional games in 1979 and is currently negotiating for the 1984 tournament, according to Earle.

Campus Capsule

THE BIOLOGY CLUB will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in Room 100 of the Davis Science Building. The guest speaker will be Dr. Craig Little from the Oak Ridge National Laboratories whose topic will be "Pros/Cons Nuclear Energy."

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

MTSU'S CLERICAL CAUCUS is sponsoring a bloodmobile March 16.

The mini bloodmobile will be located in the parking area between the ROTC building and the University Center.

Secretaries and supervisors are encouraged to donate blood from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THE MTSU ACCOUNTING SOCIETY is meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Room 204 of Kirksey Old Main.

All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

THE MTSU CATHOLIC CENTER will sponsor its spring "Search" weekend March 12-14 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church's gymnasium. The weekend is open to any young adults ages 18 to 26.

For reservations and further information, call or write The Catholic Center, MTSU Box 600, phone 893-9612 or contact St. Rose Church at 893-1843.

FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING GARDEN PLOTS must attend a meeting in Room 221 of the LRC March 13 at 9 a.m.

Garden plot guidelines have been adopted by a committee. You must attend this briefing to receive instruction and advice on planting and use of the plots. Plot assignments will be made at this meeting.

For more information contact Everett Sams, 898-2583 or Jesse Smith, 893-6580. A fee of \$5 will be charged for plot preparation.

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NASHVILLE (AP) — The House reconsidered a previously passed bill last night and raised the minimum age that juveniles can be tried as adults from 12 to 14.

The representatives voted 88-4 to allow juvenile offenders 14 years and older who are charged with such serious crimes as murder, rape and kidnapping to be tried in Criminal Court.

PKA Wants You

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March 29-April 1

Monday, March 29-Fraternity-Sorority Miniature Golf Tourney
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All Greeks and Independents wanting to fight in the PKA Fight Night must meet at at the Pike House Wed. March 10 at 6 or contact Chuck McDowell (895-0041) before then.

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Rolling Rebels make tracks across NWBA

By RANDALL WITT
Staff Writer

Everyone has heard of the NBA and the NCAA, but how many have heard of the NWBA?

Those initials stand for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, which currently has more than 150 teams nationwide.

One of those teams, the Nashville Rolling Rebels, has three MTSU students—Barton Dodson, Bubba McIntosh and Hicks Watson—"running" and gunning their way to baskets.

THE ROLLING rebels rolled up a 9-3 record in the Western Division of the Southern Conference this year and have recently played in the conference playoffs.

"It's a tough league," said Watson, a sophomore accounting major from Hen-

dersonville. "The Music City Wheelers are, by far, the best team and are ranked fourth in the nation. The other teams are pretty even."

Prospects are good. Watson said, and if a few more disabled students join the current Sigma Delta Sigma-sponsored Rolling Raiders here on campus, MTSU and Murfreesboro could have its own team in the Southern Conference.

"IF THERE ARE amputees or otherwise physically handicapped students, including women, whose disability prevents them from playing regular basketball, they should, if they are interested, contact one of us or the Office for Disabled Students Services," Watson said.

Sigma Delta Sigma's team has six disabled students at this time

and are playing against different fraternities each week.

The NWBA season lasts from October to April, and trip expenses are paid by the Tennessee Wheelchair Athletic Association.

The Rolling Rebels squad has taken road trips to Atlanta, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Memphis, and Little Rock this season.

There are some rule differences for wheelchair basketball which include:

- five seconds in the lane rather than three;
- no backing in;
- one dribble for each two pushes;
- no more than 12 "points" on the court at once.

Degree of injury determines point classification for players, with a single amputee given 3, a low-level spinal injury given 2, and a high-level spinal injury getting 1.

A maximum of 15 players can be on a league team, but, although the Rolling Rebels have only 11, it can be a problem.

"TEAMS SHOULD have about nine players so everyone should get to play more," said Dodson, a senior pre-engineering major from Murfreesboro.

"Everybody should get to play, but the most important thing is winning," said McIntosh, a freshman recreation major from Charleston, S.C.

"There are a lot of good athletes in the league," he added. "You really have to bust your tail to have a chance to get any playing time."

Operas to be sung Friday

As the Fine Arts Festival continues, two one-act contemporary American operas will be sung at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Wright Music Hall. Admission is free.

"The Old Maid and the Thief," Carlo Menotti's comedy about an old maid in a small New England village who falls in love with a beggar and sets out to woo him, will be sung

WMOT Highlights

Tuesday: "The Adventures of Jack Flanders," 6:30 p.m. "A Fine Day for Fromborks" Jack finally meets the Pirate Queen. Cannonballs whiz through the air as a great final sky battle takes place.

Wednesday: "Take 5," noon. Tune in for the best in Jazz each week day.

Thursday: "Lord Peter Whimsey," 6:30 p.m. A letter from Miss Climpson reveals the existence of a previously unknown cousin, the Rev. Hallelujah Dawson in "Un-natural Death."

Friday: "Ease on Down," 9:30 a.m. Join talk show host Chris Taylor for conversations about community issues and helpful advice on nutrition, health care, gardening, pet care, consumer issues and much more.

"Nightfall," 6:30 p.m. "All Nighter" a 24-hour laundromat is the setting for a series of bizarre murders.

Saturday: "A Prairie Home Companion," 5 p.m. This week's show features the Butch Thompson Trio, Dale Warland Singers Octet and others.

Top Ten

The following are Billboard's hot record hits for the week ending March 13 as they appear in next week's issue of *Billboard* magazine.

1. "Centerfold" J. Geils Band
2. "Open Arms" Journey
3. "I Love Rock'n'Roll" Joan Jett & The Blackhearts
4. "Shake It Up" The Cars
5. "That Girl" Stevie Wonder
6. "Sweet Dreams" Air Supply
7. "We Got the Beat" Go Go's
8. "Mirror, Mirror" Diana Ross
9. "Leader of the Band" Dan Fogelberg
10. "Take It Easy on Me" Little River Band

Luncheon tomorrow salutes Simpson

MTSU basketball followers will get a chance to meet, greet, and salute coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson at an extravaganza at the Holiday Inn tomorrow at noon.

The hour-long event, entitled "Tourney Talk with Stan," is for students, faculty, and all others.

An optional buffet lunch costing \$4.75 will be available.

A highlight of the confab will be a wide-open question-and-answer period, in which Simpson will field any and all queries.

Also on tap tomorrow is a 1:30 p.m. pep rally on the lawn in front of the University Center.

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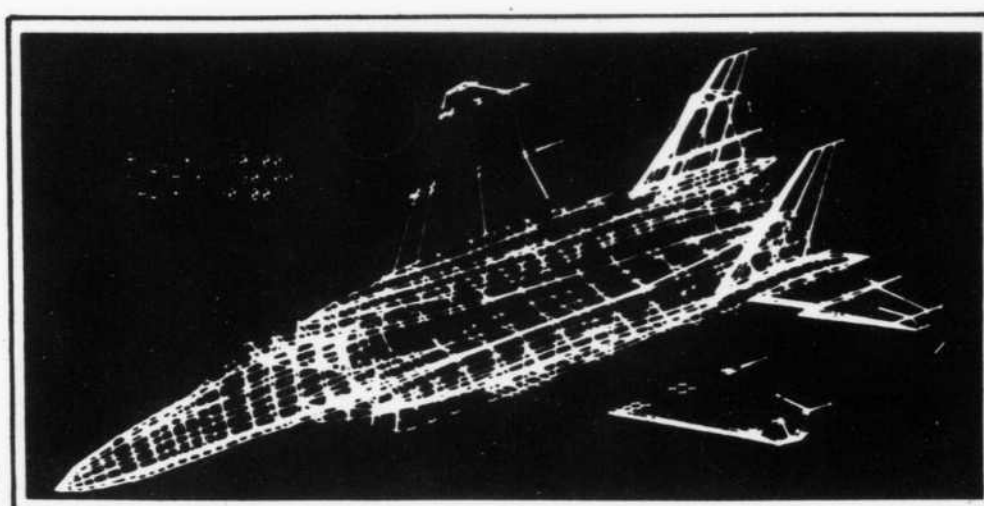
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On this date in 1933, Congress passed an emergency banking law with "sweeping provisions," according to The New York Times, "validating the dictatorial powers which have been exercised by the President." "It was a grim Congress which met today," The Times in its front page news account, "the most momentous gathering of the country's legislators since war was declared in 1917. Congress hardly knew what was in the bill it passed today. In both Chambers, the members gave the impression of men who, like power players, throw in some of their last chips in the belief they will win."

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Student-aid cuts will backfire, undermine America's future

President Ronald Reagan says his reasoning behind the massive cuts in student financial aid is to eliminate those who are not truly needy and to eliminate program abuses.

But the vital issue is not whether some students are getting a free ride, but whether America is willing to invest in the future.

THE SPIRIT BEHIND the present movement to eliminate waste in the federal government is powered by a "Take Care of Number One" sentiment. Many Americans are more interested in reducing their individual tax burdens than in seeing that their taxes are spent so as to insure the future development of this nation.

This disregard for the future will come back to haunt us in the form of stagnation in technology and social upheaval.

Students represent the future. They are the future leaders, intellectuals, scientists, professionals and technicians.

It is in the nation's best interest that as many Americans as possible receive the training and education necessary not only to survive in the future but to advance our civilization.

THE CUTS IN financial aid proposed by the president will make post-secondary education impossible for many who have the ambition and ability, but not the money, to continue their education.

Approximately 25 percent of the college students in Tennessee will be affected by the cuts, according to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

At MTSU, where 5,279 students receive some form of financial aid, the possible effects of the president's proposals have been described by Financial Aid Director Winston Wrenn as "devastating."

While grant programs are being reduced by nearly 50 percent, loan

programs are also being restricted. Many students who could have made up for lost grants with loans are no longer eligible for GSLs, including graduate students.

THE STUDENTS who will suffer most, according to THEC Executive Director Wayne Brown, will be from the lower and the middle class.

For many of the poor, going to college or technical school is their escape from the cycle of poverty their families are caught in. Without a post-secondary education they will probably not rise above the economic level of their parents.

A college education does the same thing for middle class students—it gives them the chance to attain a higher level of economic security than their parents have.

When the upper mobility of these two classes is blocked, what will be the result?

MANY SOCIAL scientists are offering scenarios of swelled welfare rolls, riots and revolution.

But what would be the effects of going to the expense now to educate and train these people?

A more educated populace. This will mean less welfare dependence, more taxpayers and continued progress.

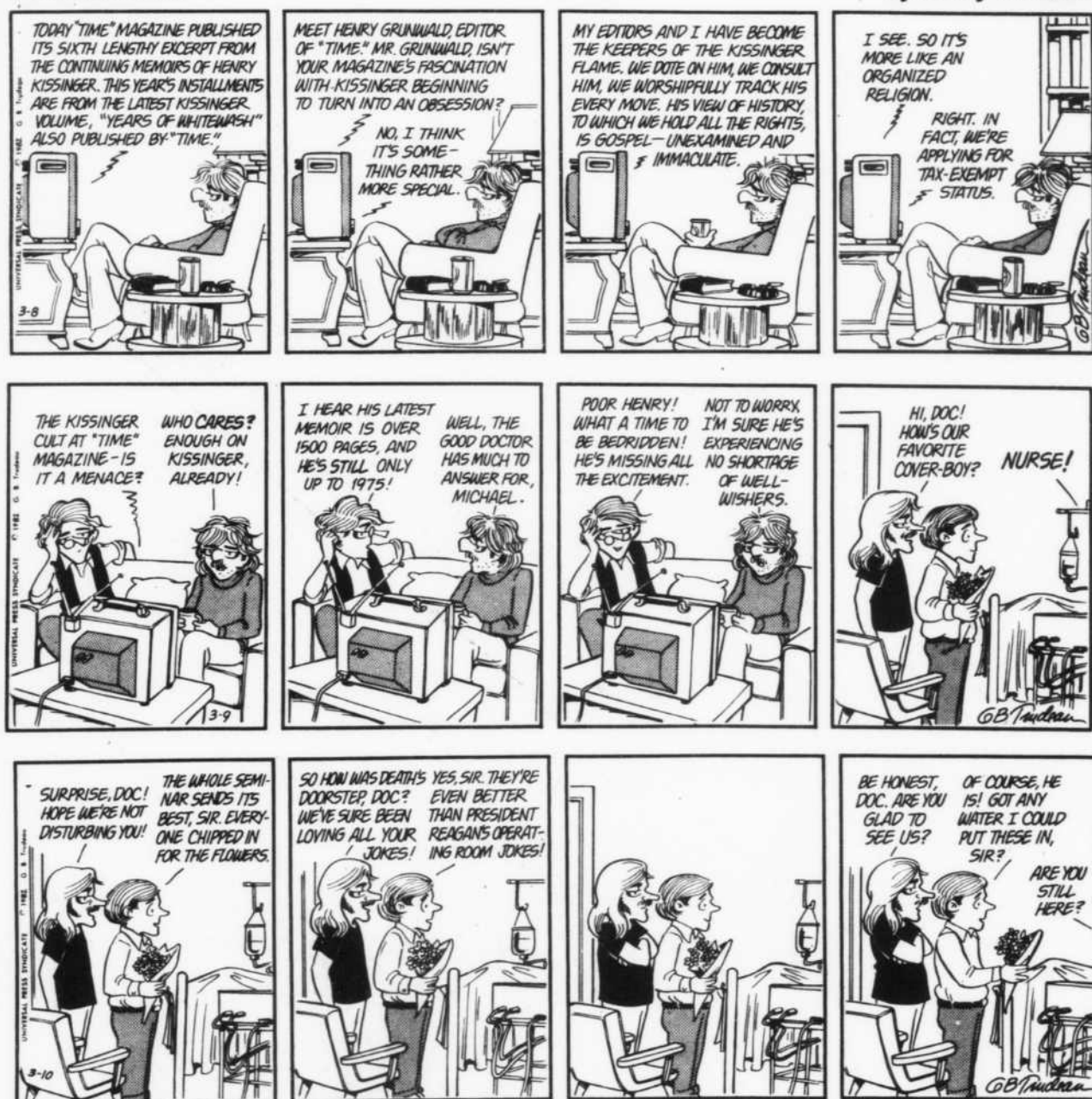
MAINTAINING financial student aid at its present level is imperative for the continuation of the way of life we have all become accustomed to. Without it, access to higher education will be limited to the rich and extremely intelligent.

This in turn will further polarize our culture along economic lines and reduce the future pool of capable professionals and technicians.

These are the ingredients of social revolution.

—CLAUDIA ROBINSON

by Garry Trudeau



Black History Month over but meaning should remain constant

Stepping From The Shadow

By KHADIJA ABDULLAH and CHERYL KINLEY-DAVIS

The beginning of March signals the end of Black History Month. Congratulations are due to the various black fraternities, sororities and other organizations that participated in its celebration. The quality of performance and the enlightening information was outstanding.

Black History Month was a time of renewed pride in our accomplishments as a people. The black fraternities and sororities had various speakers, films and displays portraying the source of our pride.

IT MUST BE emphasized that this pride should be portrayed daily and not just during "Black History Month". We make history everyday. Without our

participation both involuntarily and voluntarily, the history of the United States would be drastically different.

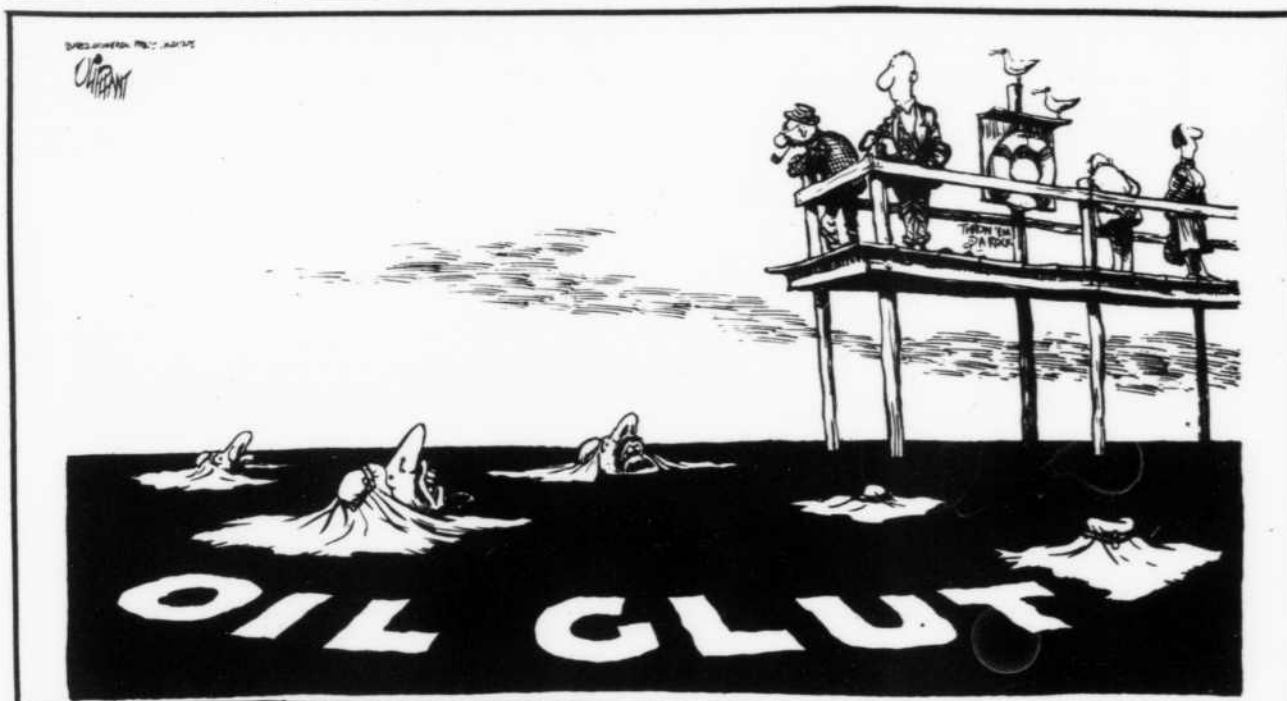
It is questionable that only the black organizations responded with contributions for the History Month. The Todd Library did contribute a book display on blacks and our achievements to society. We feel that if we are expected to participate in Anglo-Saxon "American" history courses throughout every school year a greater portion of the Anglo-Saxon academic community could participate in our cultural events.

Fraternities, sororities and other organizations have the potential to be both constructive and destructive. The individual projects that these various organizations participate in are admirable and needed; i.e., the sponsoring of a day-care center in the Murfreesboro community, blood drives, and the sponsoring of events for the American Heart Association.

PROBLEMS SEEM to occur, however, when an atmosphere of competition is created. The American economic and political ideology is based upon competition. We must question how much this system of competition has served to elevate the status of blacks in the United States.

Our history teaches us that we have succeeded in our endeavors only when unity was present. It is therefore dangerous to be "Greek" first, and "Black" second. It was apparent during this past month that being black, not "Greek," was the main source of identity. This should be true for us 12 months out of the year.

It was indeed inspiring to witness the coming together of the black student population at MTSU. We are aware of the fact that everyone will not always agree. The very diversity of ideas brings forth change. The ability to work together determines the effectiveness of any movement. Let's not let our unity end with the close of Black History Month.



America and El Salvador: two interpretations

Choice between two evils

By JIM SEIGNEUR

I shall not in this brief space attempt to write the definitive article on El Salvador. I do, however, have a few things I'd like to set straight.

El Salvador is not and will never be another Vietnam. This point seems so clear that, until recently, I did not think it even needed to be said. Sure, I heard and read about a few kooks making that comparison in order to make headlines in the liberal press; but I never believed that anyone would be gullible and uninformed enough to believe it.

THE VIETNAM WAR was fought against the well-equipped, well-trained, invading North Vietnamese army. In El Salvador, the fight is against poorly equipped guerrillas. There is no counterpart to the Ho Chi Minh Trail (the main supply route for the North Vietnamese invaders), or to the Laotian and Cambodian sanctuaries. Rather the opposite is true: the Caribbean provides an excellent environment for U.S. naval activities.

The situation in El Salvador is similar to the problems being experienced in poor countries all over the world, such as in North Yemen, Chad, Morocco, Kampuchea, Guatemala and etc.

The Soviets have become adept at exploiting the underlying social and economic discontents (which are plentiful) and then feeding the unrest with trained men and arms. Civil disorder begets more economic woes begets more unrest. It's almost a no-lose situation for the Soviets.



IT IS SO OBVIOUS that the leftist guerillas have to be getting outside help to sustain their insurgency for so long that I find it incredible that anyone is buying the line that the rebels represent the people and want nothing more than justice, democracy, land reform, and freedom for the peasants!

If that is true, then why are these "servants of the people" boycotting the Salvadorian elections and even threatening to kill their own countrymen if they participate? Some democracy and justice!

Just about the only valid analogy between Vietnam and El Salvador lies in the support being given to the Marxist side by highly vocal liberals here and abroad. While it is true that we can't help them defend themselves from Soviet domination until we have public support, there is growing evidence that Latin American opinion is leaning our way.

RECENTLY, WHEN Mexico and France spoke out in favor of the insurgents in El Salvador, 12 countries in the region dissented.

Last month at the Organization of American States meeting the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of free elections in El Salvador. A few weeks ago the governments of Costa Rica,

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Honduras, and El Salvador asked for help from Venezuela, Columbia and the U.S. to protect them from Nicaragua (which has become an international base for Communists from Cuba, East Europe and Asia). There is also growing evidence that Nicaraguans resent having their country taken over by Cubans.

I do not wish to lead the reader to believe that President Duarte of El Salvador is a saintly leader. Ching Kai-shek was not

perfect, but he was certainly better than Mao-Tse-Tung. Batista of Cuba, Nguyen Van Thieu of South Viet Nam, the Shah of Iran and King Idris of Libya were, by our standards, real swine; but even they were better than Castro, Ho Chi Minh, the Ayatollah Khomeini and madman Quaddafi.

IT IS, unfortunately, a fact of life that choices must sometimes be made between the lesser of two evils rather than between good and evil. In the final analysis, the choice in El Salvador is between a Marxist-Leninist dictatorship or a government that is at least capable of reform.

The United States must take a firm stand against the insurgency in El Salvador as well as in the rest of Central America. The Soviets already have a firm grip on Cuba and Nicaragua. If we allow them to foment unrest in our own backyard we may soon find ourselves defending Texas. Remember the Alamo!

Negotiation answer, not U.S. military aid

By TONY SUITT

Columnist

The civil war in El Salvador was an inevitable outcome of years of government repression of the people.

The domination of the majority by the "selected elite" has been the downfall of past and present Salvadorian governments. Instead of playing a positive role in alleviating the problems of the people, the United States has been blinded by dogmatic political and economic ideology.

WITH THE preceding rationale, the United States has supported anti-Communist regime who kill and torture their own people.

Throughout the history of El Salvador as an independent nation, it has failed to improve the economic and social condition of its people. Since the 1870s, the "landed elite" has allied themselves with the military in order to further their own interests. Already economically dominant, they then consolidated their political power.

Since the turn of the century there has been increasing political stability, but the same trend of elitism has consistently occurred. In the 1930s and 1960s, minor reforms were initiated, but were ineffectual because the leaders were not sincere.

THE MAJOR REFORM that has gone unheeded is land reform. Fifty families dominate all facets of Salvadoran society. Individual farmers and others

are not allowed to improve their mainly subsistence existence.

Therefore, the people are eager to change their situation, and will listen to any slogan.

If they believed that the United States would help, they would have come to us first.

The people are nationalistic not communistic. But Castro and others are the only ones who listen and sympathize with their suffering. The guerrillas presently fighting the Duarte regime generally want a better life for themselves, and the United States must aid them in accomplishing this goal.

BUT THE UNITED STATES has failed to address the issues which concern the common man in El Salvador. We have encouraged or condoned repressive governments in El Salvador for several decades. Instead of promoting equality and freedom, we promote exploitation.

The Salvadoran people despise democracy because of the American example of interventionism and dogmatic economic policy. We have failed to live up to the ideals of the Founding Fathers of our country and have instead promoted the elitist despots of El Salvador.

In conclusion, the policies of the Reagan administration toward El Salvador are doomed to failure. Military assistance is not the answer, but negotiation is. The offer of President Portillo of Mexico to act as mediator was one we should have listened to, but Reagan refused. The wishes of the people have gone unheeded for too long.

From Our Readers

Dorm tenants want doors in restrooms

To the editor:

After visiting several female dorms on campus during my years at MTSU, I have noticed that all their restroom facilities have doors on them.

Now, I will be the first to admit the obvious differences that would require the need for privacy by females, but I also believe that male dorms deserve the same privacy.

This letter is not written to be funny, but just to point out a few facts. First, no one enjoys using the restroom and having a steady stream of visitors from the next quad pass by and give their hellos.

Second, it poses a problem on visitation nights for female guests when the necessity arises.

I don't know if this is a problem that anyone in the administration is willing to reply to, but we the undersigned would appreciate any constructive replies.

Since this is the age of equal rights we feel that using the restroom with some privacy is a right everyone deserves.

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Winston Wrenn: 'best man for job'

To the editor:

In response to the column "MTSU students have a friend: Financial Aid's Winston Wrenn," I'd like to say it's about time.

Khadija and Cheryl should be congratulated for seeing the light. Sometimes as we walk through the dark tunnel we forget there is a light at the end of it.

Winston Wrenn is one of MTSU's finest administrators. He shows great respect for all students no matter what their race is, or how poor they are.

Some might expect a man in such a position to be like the legendary leprechaun, hiding from those who might wish to catch him, so as not to have to relinquish his "pot of gold."

Winston is truly a kind and generous man, and the best man for the job. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Eric Steinberg
Box 8131

Vol fan takes 'dig' at Kentucky 'Cats'

The following (written before the recent SEC basketball tournament) was addressed to Bob Gary, Sports Editor:

To the editor:

In the Friday, Feb. 26 *Sidelines* you referred to Tennessee losing a close one to the Georgia Bulldogs.

Well, those 'Dogs you referred to are probably playing the best ball as a team in the SEC and the Vols still lost by one point. I'd look out for those 'Dogs in the SEC tournament.

Your weekly digs at the Tennessee Vols, all year long, have come back to haunt you. I realize U.T. blew their chances of winning the SEC regular season, but they can't win them all.

Those 'Cats of yours played at L.S.U. this weekend and there was a massacre in Bayou Country. The 'Cats were embarrassed on regional T.V.; what do you have to say about that?

If you hadn't noticed, I am a Volunteer fan and proud of them. You can dig at the Big Orange all you want to, but the Big Orange, a team with not near the talent of Kentucky, just tied the 'Cats for the league championship.

We were predicted to finish sixth in the SEC, so that makes it more remarkable. Thanks to the Player of the Year, Dale Ellis, and the Coach of the Year, Don DeVoe, we have survived an 18-game schedule with the best to finish number one.

I send my regards for the massacre that occurred Saturday at L.S.U. I won't tell anyone if you won't.

Gregg Hall
Box 1826

Campus police are helpful to students

To the editor:

As a female coed of MTSU, I would like to express my opinion of the article in *Sidelines*, dated Feb. 26, concerning the alleged harassment of the two students, Mr. Widick and his roommate, by a campus patrolman [titled "Student airs grievance about police incident"].

When I read the article I did not feel any sympathy for Mr. Widick and his roommate. As the policy is stated in the student handbook, no one should come on campus who has been drinking or is in possession of any alcoholic beverage.

Since the grievers admitted to having been drinking just prior to their presence on campus, they were subject to a fine or being taken to the police station. The grievers should feel fortunate that patrolman Webb only advised them to go to their dorm, instead of taking sterner measures.

Also, the grievers said they didn't want to make a major issue out of the so-called harassment, so I fail to understand why they did. I consider talking to Paul Cantrell, dean of students, and purposely initiating cause for an in-

vestigation, not to mention bringing the incident to the attention of *Sidelines*, as making a "big deal" of it.

I for one, along with many other female coeds, feel grateful that the campus police do make a point of taking notice of student actions. If Mr. Widick and his roommate had been as considerate of their fellow students as they should have been, the officer wouldn't of noticed them because of their loud voices.

I and many other students would like to thank the campus police for their courtesy and promptness in complying with student requests such as night escorts, jumping batteries, and other student protection needs. The campus police are a responsible force in providing security and safety for our campus.

Trudy Mace
Box 2787

Conservative mold, Reagan don't fit

To the editor:

This brief note is in response to Jim Seigneur's column of Feb. 23 (brief because the column deserves only minimal attention).

Mr. Seigneur: Thank you for straightening me out on the tenets of conservatism. You state, "Conservatism depends on careful change made practical by the changing circumstances of different times." And, "Conservatism has no use for radical visionaries who seek to turn the world upside down."

The only problem left for me is to figure out how to politically categorize President Reagan, as he and his policies of "Reaganomics" and "New Federalism" are in opposition to the concepts quoted above.

Frank L. Wells
Box 4602



'MR. BONZO HAS NO COMMENT ON THE CRISIS OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT WITH MR. REAGAN, MR. ASNER AND MR. HESTON INVOLVED, OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS IN THE BEST OF HANDS.'

Actresses talk about their 'Vanities' experiences

By DOUG MARKHAM
Staff Writer

"Vanities," recently staged in MTSU's Dramatic Arts Arena, was deemed a success by those who viewed it, the girls who starred in it and its director. But aside from being a good play it was a learning experience for the actresses.

Diane Bearden, Sharon Jones and Valerie Galloway starred as best friends who had everything in common in high school but whose interests diversified making them unable to get along as they grew into womanhood.

UNLIKE THEIR portrayed characters, none of the actresses were high school cheerleaders or are college sorority members, but each said they have characteristics similar to the girls, which they add helped them in their roles.

Jones, who played the liberated Mary, said she could not wait to get away from home and like Mary she was looking for some freedom. However, playing the part made her think twice.

"In a way it brought me down. I know a certain part of me is like Mary and it makes me wonder if I'll be that way when I'm older. It's really kind of scary," Jones said.

GALLOWAY, who portrayed



Diane Bearden (left), Valerie Galloway (center), and Sharon Jones (right), all admit that they somewhat resemble the characters they portrayed in the MTSU production of "Vanities."

Kathy, the prolific organizer turned cynical with age, said she is a lot like her character.

"I'm cynical as everthing and there is an APO [the Dramatic Honor Fraternity] banquet coming up and everyone in the department knows I want to organize everything," Galloway said.

Bearden, who starred as the credulous Joanne, differs from her character's mental attributes but said there is probably some similar physical mannerisms.

"I WASN'T anything like

Joanne in high school. I was in the band and they [the girls in the play] talked about how gross band members are. I don't think like she does," Bearden said.

The girls are happy with the shows outcome and admit they are suffering from "post-play depression"; however, they said the best part of "Vanities" was the learning experience.

"For a while the play seemed a part of our life," Galloway said. "I wish somehow people could have transplanted themselves in our position. They would have come away with a lot more."

THE THREE said they

learned more from this play than any show they have previously performed in and credit director Pat Farmer as being a good teacher and the best director they have worked with.

"He [Farmer] is hard to work with, and if you didn't know him he would be real hard. He's demanding but we got the most out of rehearsals," Galloway explained.

Jones added she has never done as much for one play and cites this as an example:

"WE HAD to write a biography about our character. We had to make up our family and friends or anything else that

shedded light on our character," she said.

Galloway said she is happy with "Vanities" success and agreed that an incredible amount of work went into its production.

"I'm depressed because it's over, but the play was successful and we did a good job," she said. "There was such a good feeling among everyone who worked on the play. All of us have the utmost respect for Pat Farmer and the Dramatic Arts Department."

SEVERAL students have approached the actresses and congratulated them on good performances. The actresses feel "Vanities" was seen by more students than any other play recently staged at MTSU.

Bearden says she thinks the production might have set a trend.

"I think this was the first play in a while to interest students and they may want to come to more plays in the future," Bearden said.

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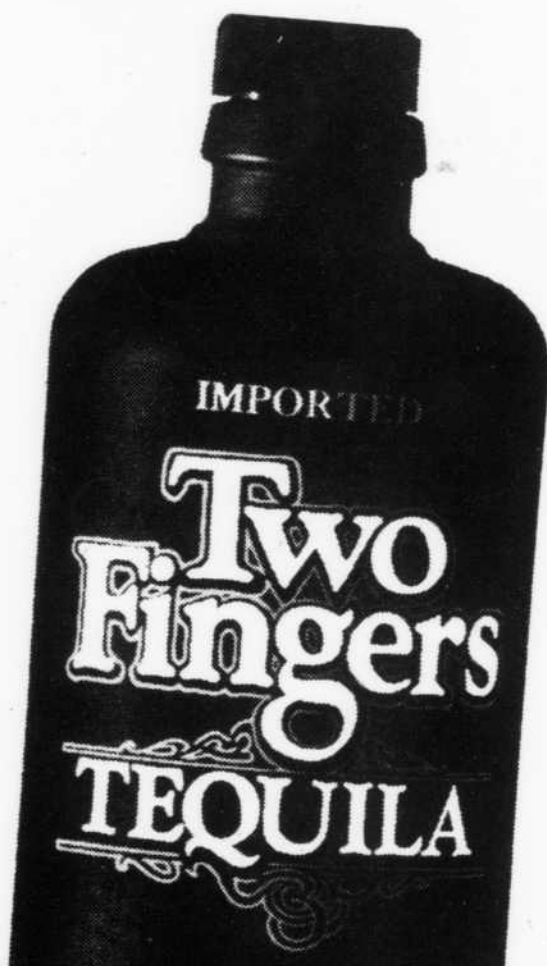
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Middle captures OVC; NCAA next

Raiders stop 'Toppers for OVC Tourney crown

By DON HARRIS
Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The "Buck" doesn't stop here!

The "Buck" (Lucious "Buck" Hailey, that is) pulled out all the stops here Saturday night as he blocked a potential game-tying shot by Western Kentucky to preserve Middle Tennessee's 54-52 victory over the Hilltoppers and send the Blue Raiders to only their third NCAA appearance as OVC Tournament champions.

Middle Tennessee had taken the 2-point lead with five seconds to play when Rick Campbell hit one of two foul shots. The 'Toppers took the rebound and raced to halfcourt before calling time out with :03 showing on the clock.

ON THE INBOUNDS pass, WKU got the ball to senior Kenny Ellis, the player they wanted to take the last shot. But, instead of shooting, Ellis passed the ball off to center Craig McCormick about 8 feet from the goal.

The 6-foot 10-inch McCormick took the pass and made a turnaround jump shot, but Hailey, who stands only 6-5, timed the shot perfectly and spiked the ball out of bounds as time ran off the clock.

"That's what they recruited me for, to swat everything," an exhausted and ecstatic Hailey

said after the game. "There was no way he [McCormick] was going to shoot. I know I'm going to get at least one every game."

The senior forward had but one blocked shot in the game, but that one was enough to crown MTSU as the tournament champs of the OVC and send them into the Midwest regional tournament of the NCAA Thursday night against Kentucky. The game will be played at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium at 9:38 p.m.

"THIS WAS ONE of the most meaningful victories I've ever been a part of," Raider mentor Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said. "It was an accumulation of three years."

The Blue Raiders had trailed the entire first half, and at one time WKU held a 12-point lead before MTSU cut the deficit to 31-27 at intermission.



Photo by Stuart Marshall

The entire Blue Raider team hoists the OVC Tournament trophy high into the air after sinking Western Kentucky for the tournament crown. Middle will make only their third appearance into the NCAA Tournament meeting Kentucky in the first round of the midwest region Thursday night at Vanderbilt.

Middle outscored the hosts 14-6 during the first eight minutes of the second stanza and took their biggest lead of 4 points at 41-37 when Rick Campbell zipped home an 18-foot base-line shot.

The lead changed hands six times during the last 6½ minutes of play, with the 'Toppers taking their final lead on McCormick's 8-foot base-line shot, giving Western a 52-51

lead with 3:12 to play.

WESTERN stole the ball on MTSU's next possession and called a timeout with 2:18 left to set up their offense.

Middle's pressure defense, however, trapped Percy White at the half-court line, and White was called for a five-second violation, giving MTSU possession on the alternating jump-ball rule with just over

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Raiders to face Wildcats in NCAA first round

By DON HARRIS
Sports Writer

The championship trophy from the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament sat idly on Stan Simpson's desk with a net from E.A. Diddle Arena draped around it.

It symbolized Middle Tennessee's hard-fought OVC crown and much-deserved rest before moving into the NCAA Tournament with the automatic bid.

CBS TELEVISION was broadcasting the pairings for the national tournament Sunday, and most every MTSU sports fan waited with anticipation for a good draw.

All was quiet around the phosphorescent tube as the camera panned the Midwest regional bracket. And suddenly the reactions were the same: KENTUCKY!

No, it's not a misprint—Middle Tennessee's Blue Raiders make their third appearance in the NCAA, this time taking on the Wildcats from Lexington, Ky.

THE BLUE Raiders will streak into Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium Thursday night riding a six-game winning streak. Tip-off will be at 9:38 p.m. CST.

"It's an opportunity for us to play a school that is deeply enriched in basketball," head coach Stan Simpson said. "I'm confident we can play with Kentucky if we go in relaxed and cool. Our edge is going to have to be our game."

"This game will be a great challenge for us. But, the way we're playing now, we feel we are ready for the challenge."

"KENTUCKY'S size concerns us, but so did Western Kentucky's. We will counter their size with our team speed."

This will be the first-ever meeting between the two schools, but Simpson feels Kentucky's strong tradition makes them no stranger to his squad.

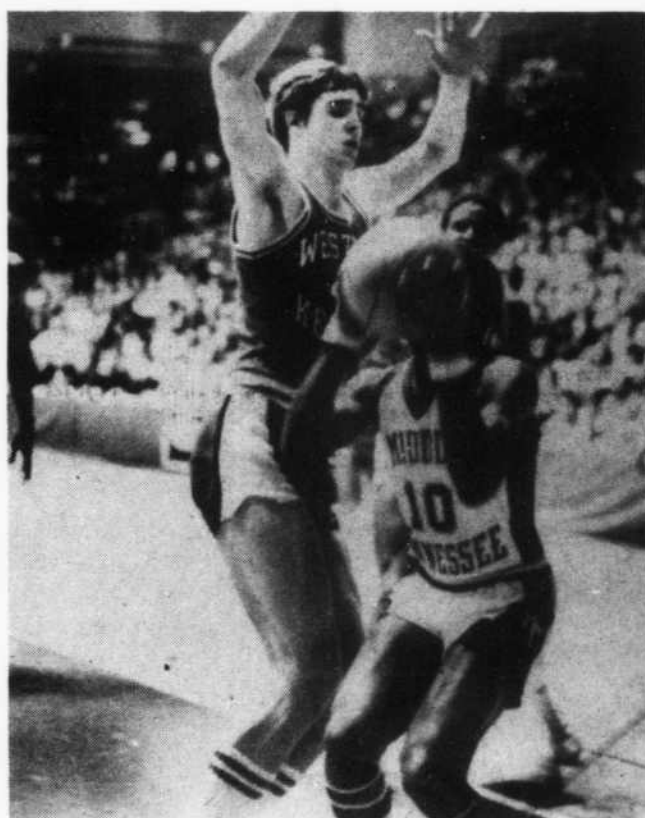
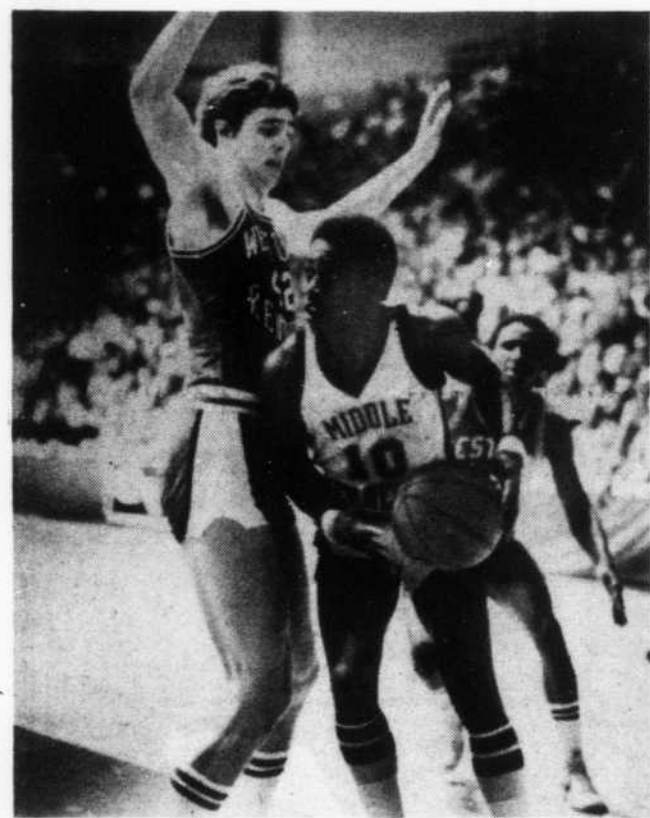
"Kentucky is a national team; everyone knows their team quite well," Simpson observed. "Their experience will diminish their 'newness' to our players."

Kentucky comes into this year's NCAA field, its record-setting 27th appearance, as the Southeastern Conference's Tournament runner-up. The 'Cats dropped a narrow 48-46 decision to Alabama in the tournament finals in Lexington.

MATCHUPS of each starting five will go as follows: 5-10 guard Pancakes Perry (6.0 points per game, 82 assists) will be against 6-3 Dirk Minnifield (11.5 ppg, 178 assists); 6-4 guard Rick Campbell (17.3 ppg, 71 assists) takes on Jim Master (13.7 ppg, 74 assists); 6-6 center Chris Harris (7.9 ppg, 6.4 rebounds per game) will front 6-11 Melvin Turpin (13.4 ppg, 7.2 rpg); 6-7 forward Jerry Beck (17.5 ppg, 9.4 rpg) posts up against Chuck Verderber (5.1 ppg); 6-5 "Buck" Hailey (5.6 ppg) will tackle 6-6 Derrick Hord (17.0 ppg).

"I sort of feel like the shy kid who, a week before the senior prom, gets invited by the prettiest girl in school," Simpson quipped. "I only hope now that I can dance with her."

The other first-round game at Vanderbilt pits Robert Morris against Indiana. Louisville picks up the winner of the MTSU-Kentucky game.



Photos by Brian Wright

Junior point guard Pancakes Perry drives past Western Kentucky's Craig McCormick for two of his 18 points against the Hilltoppers. Perry had the best game of his collegiate career hitting eight of 10 field goals and two of two free throws leading MTSU past WKU 54-52.

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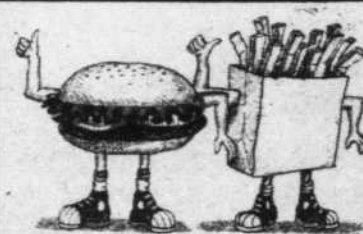
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Raiders capture crown

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two minutes to play.

The Raiders worked their offense patiently before Campbell hit an 18-foot jumper, putting Middle up 53-52. The second-team All-OVC pick then picked up an errant Western pass over McCormick's head and held it until he was intentionally fouled at the :05 mark.

One of the major factors in the defensive show was the outstanding play of Raider guards Campbell and Pancakes Perry. The duo combined for 39 points, compared to 24 points for Western's starting guards.

Middle's quickness also forced WKU into 16 floor mistakes to MTSU's 11.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, Pancakes had his best game ever as a Blue Raider, connecting on 8 of 10 field-goal attempts and two of two free throws for 18 points.

"It was definitely the best game I've had," Perry said. "I think they [Western] were looking for me to shoot the ball from outside. They were spreading the defense out, looking for me to get the ball to Rick or Jerry. I just took the ball to them most of the time."

The junior took only two shots from 20-foot range, and he made one of those. The rest of his shots were on drives into the lane as the Hilltoppers spread out their defense.

"All through high school, I wanted to play on a championship team—and now I'm on one," Perry said. "I just thank God for giving us the strength to go through the tournament."

"**PANCAKES** wore us out in the second half," Western head coach Clem Haskins said. "We wanted to hold Beck below 15 points. We did a good job on Beck, but we forgot about Perry. We got out-coached and out-played. He [Simpson] proved he's a great coach and has got great players."

Campbell captured game-high honors with 21 points on 10 of 16 shots, missing only one in the second half, and hit one of four free throws. He also had two very important steals, both of which came late in the game and resulted in Raider scores.

Western's defense held Beck to just 7 points on three of seven field goals. It marked the third time this season the two-time OVC Player of the Year has been held to single-digit scoring.

THE BLUE RAIDERS seemed to have an intangible advantage going into the championship game.

Late last week, Western Kentucky announced it had plans for moving into the Sun Belt Conference, which is mainly a basketball conference.

Talk in Bowling Green all weekend was that nobody in the OVC wanted a lame-duck representative in the NCAA.

"Buck" Hailey summed it up best after the victory when he said, "We're going to the NCAA tourney, and Western is going to the Sun Belt. We really wanted to give Western a going-away present to the Sun Belt."

"**IT WAS** MTSU's fourth win in two years over a Sun Belt school," Simpson quipped.

The Hilltoppers had held MTSU's shooting percentage to a 40 percent accuracy or less in the last two meetings, but Simpson's troops knocked in 13 of 20 shots in the second half for 65 percent and hit 53.2 percent (25 of 47) for the game.

Western warmed the nets for 62.5 percent in the first half on 15 of 24 attempts but cooled off after intermission, hitting just nine of 21, giving the hosts a 53.3 percentage (24 of 45).

Only 21 fouls were called between the two teams, with Middle getting 11 and Western picking up 10. The Blue Raiders missed six of 10 free throws and the "Toppers hit all four of theirs."

MTSU WAS outrebounded for only the second time all season as WKU hit the boards and grabbed 25 rebounds to Middle's 21.

Middle Tennessee captured its fifth overtime victory of the season Friday night with a 56-54 victory over Murray State in the

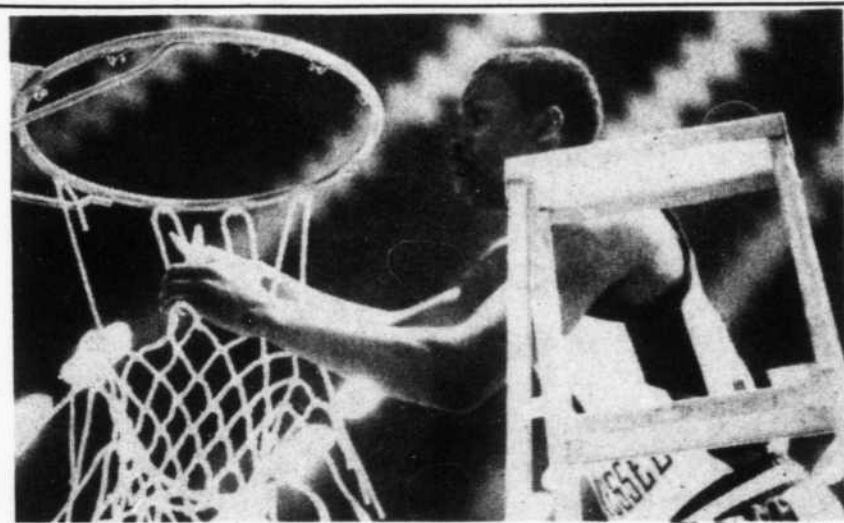


Photo by Brain Wright

Blue Raider Rick Campbell does the honors of cutting down the net after Middle Tennessee topped Western Kentucky for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament crown and gained the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Campbell was named to the All-Tournament team pouring in 31 points against WKU and Murray.

first-round game of the tournament.

It marked the third consecutive year that the opening game of the tournament had gone into overtime. Last year Murray defeated MTSU 62-60 and in 1980, Murray defeated Morehead 77-74.

The Blue Raiders held an 11-point lead at halftime, 28-17. Murray slowly cut into the lead and finally tied the score 50-50 when Glen Green hit a 12-foot jump shot with two seconds left in regulation.

BECK and Campbell had fouled out in regulation, but reserve guard Danny Mayfield took over the reins and hit a 7-foot driving shot in the lane, putting MTSU up 56-54 and sending them into the finals.

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Jerry Beck, the 1980-81 and 1981-82 OVC Player of the Year, makes an easy two points against Western. The senior forward was named to the All-Tournament team along with senior Rick Campbell as he scored 26 points in the two games.



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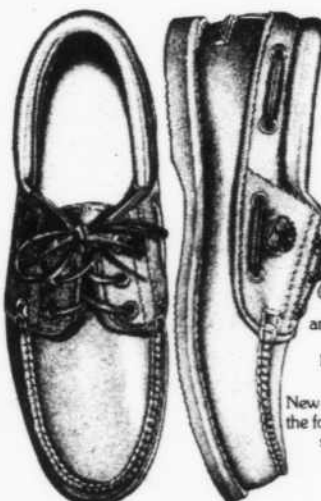
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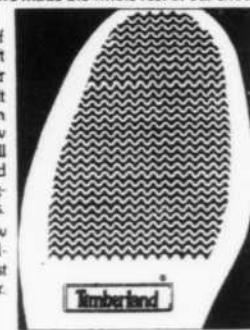
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