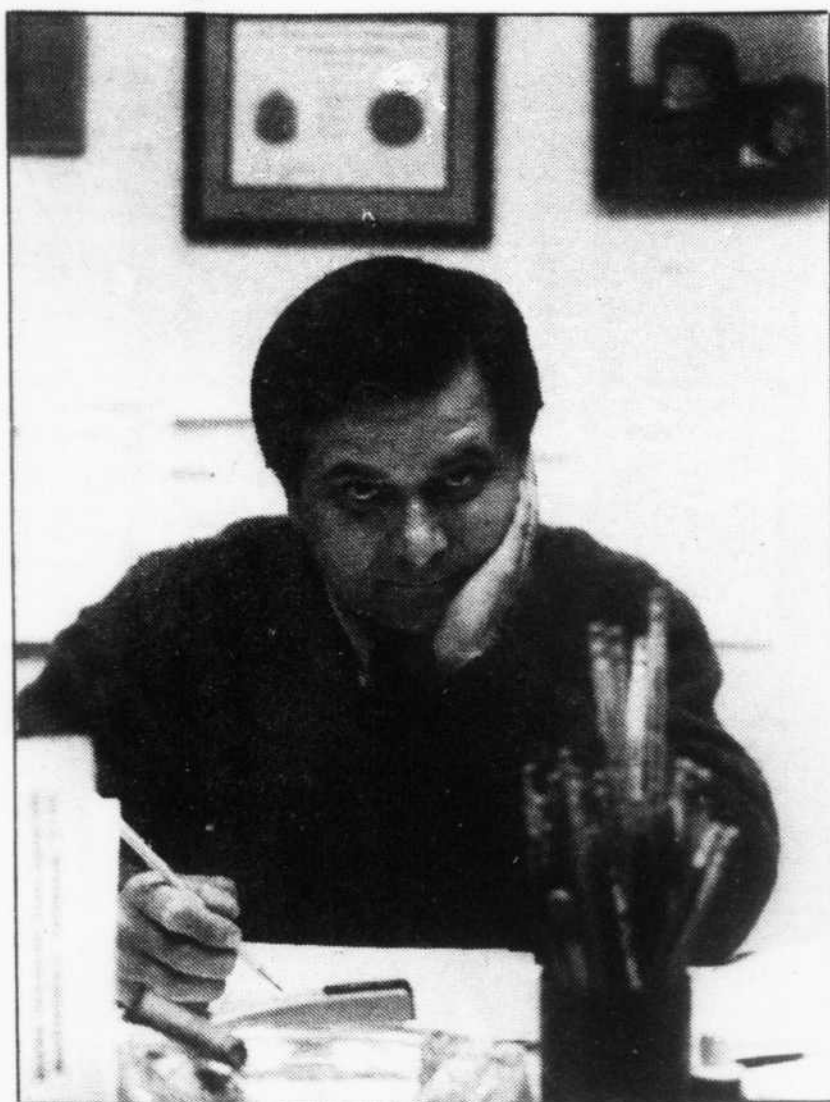


# Prytula dead at 44; honored at service



Robert E. Prytula  
Dec. 12, 1938—Feb. 11, 1983

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

Faculty, colleagues, friends and students paid tribute to Robert E. Prytula, MTSU psychology professor, at a memorial service yesterday afternoon.

Prytula, who died Friday at age 44, was called "teacher," "counselor" and "friend" by those who spoke at the service attended by over 300 people.

"BOB SET standards and goals that will always be with us," said Harry Hodge, dean of the school of education. "It won't be easy to meet those goals without his help."

Prytula's "untiring energy" and "zest for life" distinguished him among his friends, students and colleagues as an "outstanding individual."

"It's his zest for life that makes the loss all the more acute," said Willard Kerr, retired chairman of the psychology department.

PRYTULA had been hospitalized for several weeks in Nashville. He had a history of allergies and asthma and had suffered "respiratory crises" off and on since December. He died at his Murfreesboro home early

Friday morning.

Prytula is survived by his wife, Cunny Snider Prytula; son, Robert E. Prytula II; daughter, Katrina Cunningham Prytula; his mother and two sisters.

In addition to his work in the psychology department, Prytula was active with the

this time is very well spent."

His rewards, he said, were in seeing "the victims of aggressive behavior eventually learn to cope" with the emotional, physical and psychological impacts of the experience.

PRYTULA also conducted rape-awareness seminars in the

experiencing "emotional conflicts." He said that Prytula was always available to the Department no matter the time of day.

"Whenever we called him, his response was 'Gee, I'll be right there,'" Jones said.

Prytula's "untiring energy" was significant in his work with the Boy Scouts, Jeff Henry, district scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of Tennessee District said.

"A HUNDRED years from now, it won't matter how much money I had in my bank account, or the kind of house I lived in," Henry quoted Prytula as saying. "What will matter is that the world may be different because I was important in the life of a boy."

In spite of the sadness over the loss of their colleague, friend and teacher, speakers and those present at the memorial service expressed their joy in having the opportunity to just know Prytula and to have their lives touched by him.

"We all owe him something," said Terry Whiteside, associate professor of psychology.

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"A hundred years from now, it won't matter how much money I had in my bank account, or the kind of house I lived in. What will matter is that the world may be different because I was important in the life of a boy."

Boy Scouts of America, the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy, the Metro Nashville Police Department and the Rutherford County Rape and Sexual Abuse Center.

PRYTULA organized and directed the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center which he founded in 1979. He and other trained personnel worked to provide counsel and other emergency services to victims of sex-related crimes.

"I have a wife and daughter myself," he once said, "and I feel that generally there is very little concern for rape victims in our society. If I can have any influence at all in changing some of these attitudes, I feel

MTSU dorms in past semesters.

A native of East Providence, R.I., Prytula did his undergraduate work at Dean College in Dean, Mass. and at Murray State University in Kentucky. He received his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Houston.

Prytula joined the staff at MTSU in 1969, two years after the creation of the psychology department. He was awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1976.

TRUMAN Jones of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department recalled the work that Prytula did with officers and their wives who were

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### Labor department team to continue probe today

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

A three-member Department of Labor team is expected to return to MTSU today to complete their investigation into possible faculty job discrimination at the university.

The probe began as a result of a university-wide complaint filed in 1978 by Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women at MTSU, according to June Anderson, former president of the CFAW.

DURING recent months, the team has made two visits and written numerous letters in search of university files, according to Affirmative Action Officer Joy Callahan.

In their latest letter to Callahan, the team targeted possible irregularities in each of the university's four schools.

They have five questions about the School of Business, six about the School of Education, seven about the School of Liberal Arts and three about the School of Basic and Applied Sciences, Callahan said yesterday.

HOWEVER, neither she nor MTSU President Sam Ingram would discuss the specifics because of a request from the team.

It is known, however, that the team had earlier said they would be examining salaries, tenure, promotions, hiring and firing of faculty, the hiring of

administrators and public service.

While specifics are not known, Ingram said in an interview earlier in the semester that he believed the investigation stemmed from a number of past complaints against the university.

From previous *Sidelines* articles, the following is known:

- MTSU paid \$50,000 in back pay to 35 faculty women in 1978 after being found guilty of salary discrimination.

- That Department of Labor investigation was begun as a result of a 1976 study by CFAW which found that 57.6 percent of the full-time faculty women were employed in traditionally female-dominated

ed departments—Nursing, Home Economics, Library, Education and HPERs.

- Of the 428 full-time faculty members employed at MTSU in the fall of 1977, only eight were black.

- The Tennessee Higher Education Commission warned the university in 1979 to carefully monitor salary determinations which might be discriminatory.

After a survey of 21 public colleges and universities, the study warned:

"The multiple regression analysis by discipline excluding rank identified two disciplines, business and humanities and fine arts, wherein unexplained differences by sex is statistically significant. These differences do not appear when rank is considered a factor."

- In June 1982, a federal judge ruled that MTSU had sexually discriminated in 1972 against Lana Ford, a female

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Photo by Marty Lawrence

While accompanying his mother in Murphy Center yesterday, this tot seems to enjoy his visit and explores all the facilities.

Tuesday, February 15, 1983

### Wednesday deadline for ASB petitions

Noon Wednesday is the deadline for returning petitions for those seeking ASB office, election commissioner Cindy Pease said yesterday.

ASB officials had earlier announced that applications would be accepted up until Feb. 21.

"I MISREAD the electoral act," Pease said. "It requires petitions to be in 14 days before elections. I misread it to be 10 days."

Elections are scheduled for March 2-3.

"If they are turned in on time and don't have enough signatures, the candidates will be contacted by me and be given 24 hours to turn them in," Pease said.

### news at a glance

By United Press International  
WASHINGTON

Presidential assailant John Hinckley Jr. took an overdose of drugs and was in serious condition yesterday but doctors said they expected him to survive. It was Hinckley's third presumed suicide attempt since shooting President Reagan and officials speculated he may have stored up his prescribed medicine.

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TURIN, Italy — Officials tried yesterday to identify charred bodies among 64 victims of a movie theater inferno, including many trampled to death as they ran for exits in a "complete panic."

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WASHINGTON — Family planning groups hope a federal judge will rule against the administration's proposal to require federally funded clinics to tell parents if their teenage daughters are given birth control prescriptions. Two family planning agencies were in court yesterday hoping to halt the so-called "squeal rule" scheduled to take effect Feb. 25.

### Reactions mixed on Reagan education plan

From College Press Service

Students' and educators' initial reactions to President Reagan's proposed federal college budget for 1984 is decidedly mixed, which, in comparison to last year's howls of protest, is an improvement.

"This budget is somewhat of a good budget and a bad budget," says American Council on Education spokesman Bob Aaron in a response typical of educators around the country.

THE GOOD news, he says, is that the president asked for increased funding in some college areas. The bad news is that President Reagan would abolish three student-aid programs which, Aaron says, are poor peoples' "education safety net."

The U.S. Student Association, for one, is "reviewing [the budget] now and coming up with a point-by-point analysis," says USSA Communications Director Gwen McKinney.

But USSA, COPUS and the National Organization of Black University and College Students have already planned to organize a rally against the budget on March 7, which is the annual National Student Lobby Day, McKinney said.

THE PURPOSE of the rally is to show "Congress there is an active coalition out there."

Changing tack from last year, when he proposed abolishing three aid programs and cutting the remaining ones in half, President Reagan this year wants to:

- Abolish the National Direct Student Loan, State Student Incentive Grant and Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant programs.

### weather



Sunny today with a high in the mid-50s. Cloudy tonight with a low in the mid-30s. Mostly cloudy Wednesday with a high in the mid-50s.



# Campus Capsule

## TODAY

"PROM NIGHT" CONCLUDES in the University Center Theatre. Showtimes are at 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rated R.

## WEDNESDAY

THE LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM takes on Vanderbilt at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

"ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK" BEGINS at the University Center Theatre. Showtimes are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated R.

THE MTSU TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Industrial Studies Room 113. The upcoming trip to Arnold Engineering and Development Center will be discussed.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA is sponsoring a bowling tournament for three-men teams at the Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes. A \$30 entrance fee is required for each team. Winners will receive a trophy and cash.

## THURSDAY

"OF MICE AND MEN" OPENS in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. For ticket information and reservations call 898-2640 or 898-2716.

"ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK" CONTINUES in the University Center Theatre.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA bowling tournament continues.

THE MTSU ADVERTISING CLUB will meet at 8:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's. The CLIO Awards will be shown.

PHI DELTA KAPPA is sponsoring three sessions conducted by Ricardo Garcia, coordinator of multicultural education at the University of Utah. Meetings will be held at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 322. Garcia will also speak at 7:15 p.m. following the dinner meeting of Phi Delta Kappa in the James Union Building.

## FRIDAY

THE LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM will play Murray State at 7:30 in Murphy Center.

THE BLUE RAIDER BASKETBALL TEAM will host Murray State at 10:30 p.m. in Murphy Center. The game will be televised on Channel 17 in Nashville.

ORGANIST WILMA JENSEN will perform a guest recital in the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

## SATURDAY

THE MTSU GARDEN-PLOT COMMITTEE will have a sign-up meeting at 11 a.m. in Stark Agriculture Center, Room 125. All students, staff, faculty and retirees are welcome to participate. The cost will be \$5 per plot to defray the cost of soil preparation.

THE KOOL CLUB will perform a Half-Timers Show in Murphy Center at 7 p.m.

## SUNDAY

THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA AND CONCERT CHOIR will perform at 3 p.m. in Wright Music Hall.

## MONDAY

THE BLUE RAIDER BASKETBALL TEAM will host New Orleans at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

THE LADY RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM will play UT-Martin at 5 p.m. in Murphy Center.

"RAGTIME" opens at the University Center Theatre. Showtimes are at 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rated PG.

## NOTICE

THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TEST for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building.

SOA APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 1983 new student orientation are available at Keathley University Center, Room 130. The deadline for application is Monday.

PETITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE in Keathley University Center, Room 304, for ASB seats. Petitions for president, senator, speaker of the house and speaker of the senate must be turned in by Monday.

# State budget primary concern of 1983 General Assembly

by DAN BATEY  
United Press International

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Ask people what the biggest thing the Tennessee General Assembly will do this year and you're likely to hear about school prayer or cable-televized pornography.

Putting God in the classroom and kicking the Happy Hooker off the tube is the kind of thing that attracts a lot of attention—and votes—for state legislators.

TYPICALLY these bills are brief. They run about two or three typewritten pages and are pretty easy to digest and debate. Legislators get worked up and say colorful things that get them quoted in the media.

Less easily understood and infinitely less exciting is the yearly bout over the state budget, which most legislators admit is really the main event.

"People get all excited about gambling and pornography laws, but the budget is what counts," said Sen. Douglas Henry, D-Nashville. Henry is chairman of the Finance Ways and Means Committee, which has most of the budgeting responsibility in the Senate.

UNLIKE the short, to-the-point laws that cause hot flashes in the Capitol, the budget is more like a long case of indigestion. The budget document prepared by the governor and set before the legislature is thick as Volume S of the encyclopedia.

It looks complicated and it is. The 1982-83 budget document was 342 pages of words, numbers, charts and graphs.

But even though the document is intricate and there are literally hundreds of government personnel involved in the process, it all boils down to this:

1. Deciding what the state needs to do. This is done primarily by the governor and his department heads, with input from other branches of state government and interested parties.
2. Figuring out how much money is going to be available. This is handled for the most part by the administration's Revenue Department. They collect taxes and project how much money is likely to be available.
3. Recommending what to do with the projected income. This is when the governor presents 342 pages of numbers for the legislature to pore over.
4. Studying the recommendations and taking legislative action. The legislators take the governor's

proposal, adjust it to suit them and pass a bill to pay for it.

5. Executing the budget. The governor and his departments collect taxes and spend the money appropriated

"pretty good." He said the idea of a strong executive overseeing and coordinating preparation of the budget is "the only way to go."

HENRY said the nation's bond markets think Tennessee is on sound fiscal ground, as evidenced by the state's high "AAA" bond rating.

"Our structure has been seen by the bond market as very good, especially for a small state with low incomes and a narrow tax base," he said.

Henry's counterpart on the House Finance Ways and Means Committee, Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, said if you think Tennessee's system is foggy, check some other states.

"In some states the legislature writes the entire budget," Bragg said. "I have no objection to the present system as long as the legislature can have full authority for final passage."

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by the legislature. If money is not coming in as fast as projected, the administration must cut back on spending.

6. Auditing and reviewing. The state comptroller monitors the books on department spending and the legislature's Fiscal Review Committee is charged with seeing the state's money is spent according to plan.

By the time it gets to executing stage, the next budget is already in the works.

Henry said he thinks the Tennessee budget process is

## Aid

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The major criticism is that it depends on students finding jobs in a tight job market.

"Can College Work-Study create enough jobs?" Aaron asks. "Can schools find jobs for students? Those students are going to be competing against full-time people."

MANY schools in the past have employed work-study recipients themselves. Under the program, the federal government pays 80 percent of the salary, the employer 20 percent.

COPUS's Rosenberg doesn't think colleges, battered by devastating cuts in federal and state funding over the last few years, are going to be able to hire work-study students now.

"Can schools afford to pay their required 20 percent?" she wonders.

Moreover, "a student can only work so many hours and still be a student," she adds.

## Prytula

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SEVERAL colleagues recalled Prytula's sense of humor and his love for a good joke or prank.

"You had to be on your toes," recalled Marlyne Kilbey, chairman of the psychology department. "He'd get the best of you and rub it in" for a long time.

Those who knew Prytula recalled his "wicked grin" and ever-present cigar. Whiteside referred to him as a "Don Quixote with a cigar," and a "sincere crusader."

ONE OF Prytula's mottos

## Labor

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youth education instructor, and had violated the free-speech right of William C. Ford, her husband, after he was fired from the business education department for protesting her dismissal.

Judge John T. Nixon ordered the state Board of Regents to "reinstate each of the plaintiffs as a member of the MTSU faculty, with full salary and the appropriate benefits, seniority and tenure status."

Despite these past cases, it is not known how they might figure into the latest investigation.

ADDITIONALLY cutting the NDSL "is going to put a hardship on us," says Graham Ireland, financial-aid director of Westminster College in Pennsylvania.

"I am not happy about [Reagan] cutting the NDSL, SSIG and SEOG because students need the money," concurs Roland Carillo, aid director at San Antonio Community College.

The new budget's requirement to analyze students' financial needs "would have a serious impact on us," predicts Frank Mondragon of Berkeley's aid office. "We're talking about 5,000-to-6,000 students, and to do a needs analysis on all these students would put a great burden on us."

Mondragon also frets that the elimination of NDSLs would leave graduate students without aid at all. "I'm not sure if the federal government will allow graduates to receive Pell Self-Help Grants."

was "it's hard to soar with the eagles when you're surrounded by turkeys." Prytula soared in spite of his surroundings, Whiteside said.

Students recalled how Prytula motivated them to make the most of their God-given gifts and to "give everything they could."

"He gave everything he

## News Briefs

CHAMPOLUC, Italy — Investigators say human error may have caused the plunge of three cable cars on an Alpine ski lift that killed 10 people and injured two others.

MEDINA, N.D. — Police searched yesterday for two members of a paramilitary tax protest group who killed two U.S. marshals with machine gun fire, wounded three other law officers and then fled in a police car. Two other suspects were captured but a manhunt was on for Gordon Kahl, 65, of Midland, Texas, who the officers had wanted to arrest for parole violations.

DUBLIN, Ireland — Although police suspect the animal may be dead, horse breeders offered \$67,500 reward for the return of champion racehorse Shergar, abducted six days ago and held for \$3.1 million ransom. A newspaper said a caller reported the horse was on a farm in France.

could," one student commented.

In discussing the legacy that Prytula left behind, Del Pockat, director of student programming said "We are left

with a challenge. A challenge to pick up where he left off, and to carry forward with the example he left us."

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## Features

### Kennedy talks about police use of psychics

By ANTHONY PILLOW  
Staff Writer

More prison riots are expected in Nashville and nationwide. The Princess of Wales will give birth to a baby girl in the year 1985.

These are the predictions Carol Kennedy, noted psychic, made when she came to speak on psychic involvement in law and order Thursday night in the Learning Resources Center.

KENNEDY, who has worked with police investigations for 15 years, defined the procedures policemen use in solving a crime.

She said officers define the crime, gather information and determine a basis of investigation such as motive, time, victim and nature of crime.

"A psychic is not that logical. We work in circles," she said. "We receive impressions. And we do not have to have our logic activated in



Psychic Carol Kennedy talks to a group at the Learning Resources Center Thursday night.

order to perceive."

KENNEDY said a client may explain his situation to her and then ask: Tell me what you see?

"At this point, the psychic would stop, perceive and feed out information," she said.

The psychic said policemen are hesitant to use this type of crime detection.

"IT GOES against all they've been taught," Kennedy said. "It goes against all logical application. They don't understand how we work, and we don't try to tell them how we work."

Kennedy said the first real public activity involving a psychic was the case of the Boston strangler. The psychic was instrumental in getting both the murderer and physical evidence that was used in previous murders.

In a more recent case, the Atlanta slayings, Kennedy said the police force would not assist the psychics.

"THEY were not opposed to psychics, but they didn't want to work with us either," she said. They would meet us, greet us and then try to get rid of us."

#### Auditions set for one-act plays

Students from the directing class will hold auditions for one-act plays Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Green Room of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts

She went on to say that the Atlanta murders were not over, and due to public pressure they arrested an innocent man, Wayne Williams.

Kennedy warned the audience of the emotions involved in police psychic work.

"BE CAREFUL of the emotions," she said. "The family wants the best results. They want everything to turn out fine. They want you to work miracles."

Kennedy went on to say that everybody has psychic activity. It may be called intuition or gut level. But we all use it. We just don't equate the term "psychic" with our behavior.

The psychic said if you have psychic powers don't be embarrassed.

"You use it. You respond to it. You act on it. You believe in it. But once you start," she said, "you can't stop."

Building.

Interested students may chose from either Neil Simon's "California Suite" (to be directed by Nathan Evans) or John Guare's "A Day For Surprises" (to be directed by Sharon Jones). Scripts are on reserve in the library.

"No major preparation" is necessary to audition, Evans said, as auditions will read directly from the script.

Students other than theatre majors are encouraged to audition.

The one-acts will be staged on Mar. 15.

#### Once again— Word Search

We waited. We hoped. But alas, 20 entries weren't submitted for *Sidelines* word search.

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UNTIL Feb. 21, *Sidelines* will again accept slang words and phrases that are most common to the MTSU campus.

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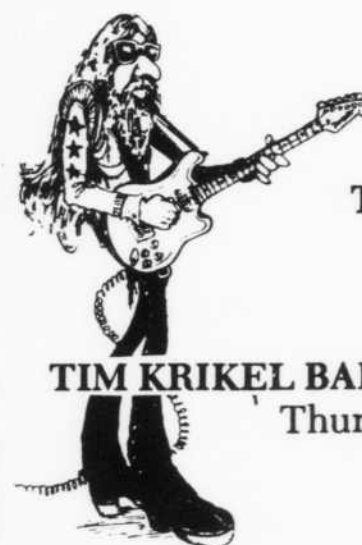
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# Fashion

## Color key enticement in Spring fashion



Sporting the conservative punkish look, Alex and Glenn's attires may be seen as easily on campus as in one of the local night spots.

By SARIE DOTY-HAMLIN  
Fashion Editor  
It's time to make plans for that spring and summer wardrobe.

For the warm weather ahead the Parisians are showing collections that are short and sexy and body-clinging. The spring and summer wear arriving at local merchants' shops follows our European leader and displays those same characteristics.

**SUBTLE** tints of every hue are in abundance, with pastels giving an innocent and very feminine appearance for women. Men's apparel has moved away from neutral shades and branched into a vividness beyond belief. Separates

in the most pure form of a hue will be seen on every street corner.

Mini-skirts have made a strong reappearance, gearing this season's fashion accent toward the legs. Bearing this in mind, hosiery will feature the sheerest of pastels, in every color imaginable.

Woven shirts for men will be one of the hottest items this spring. Combinations of all types will be evident showing wovens teaming up with terrys, mesh, fleece and knits.

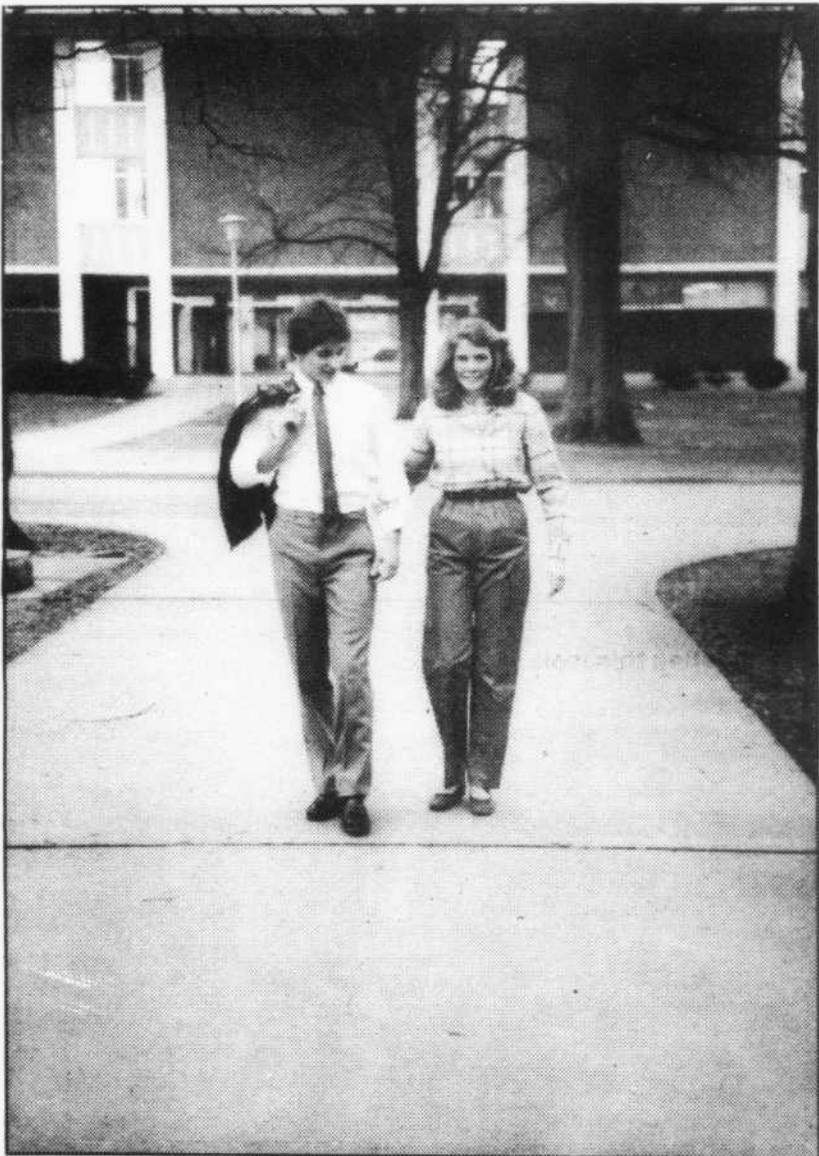
**DENIMS** for both men and women will take on a new look featuring pinstripes, herringbones and over-dyed processes. Stripes on all fabrics will

stand out more than ever.

The active influence in this spring's fashions is evident in the focus on shorts in all styles and colors—from short nylon running shorts to pleated knee-length, cuffed bermudas.

Women's accessories will be bigger than ever in the fashion scene. Belts are showing narrower widths and interesting buckles and have taken on a crisper appearance. Hats are again on the agenda and will be available in so many styles that no one will have an excuse not to wear one.

The overall projection for spring fashions is one to be excited about. From vibrant hues to pastels, color is the key enticement in this spring's fashions.



A very conservative look is captured by Eric and Julie as they stroll leisurely across campus.



Shorts for all occasions will be seen on those running around this spring. Sporty or dressy, they will be the "thing" for the coming season.



Mini-skirts (left) are here to stay, at least for awhile, proving that they have become more than just a fad. Laura and Julie are modeling two of the newest styles which will be seen this spring. Eric is wearing a popular style of pants which feature side-seam cording and are available in a wide variety of colors. For the "about campus" look (above), fashions such as these worn by Julie, Alex and Glenn are just what every college student needs.





These fashions worn by Laura and Alex are in excellent taste for a "dressier" night out. Laura's dress is just a part of the latest shipment to arrive at *Hit or Miss*, while Alex's spring blazer is a newcomer to *Casual Male*.

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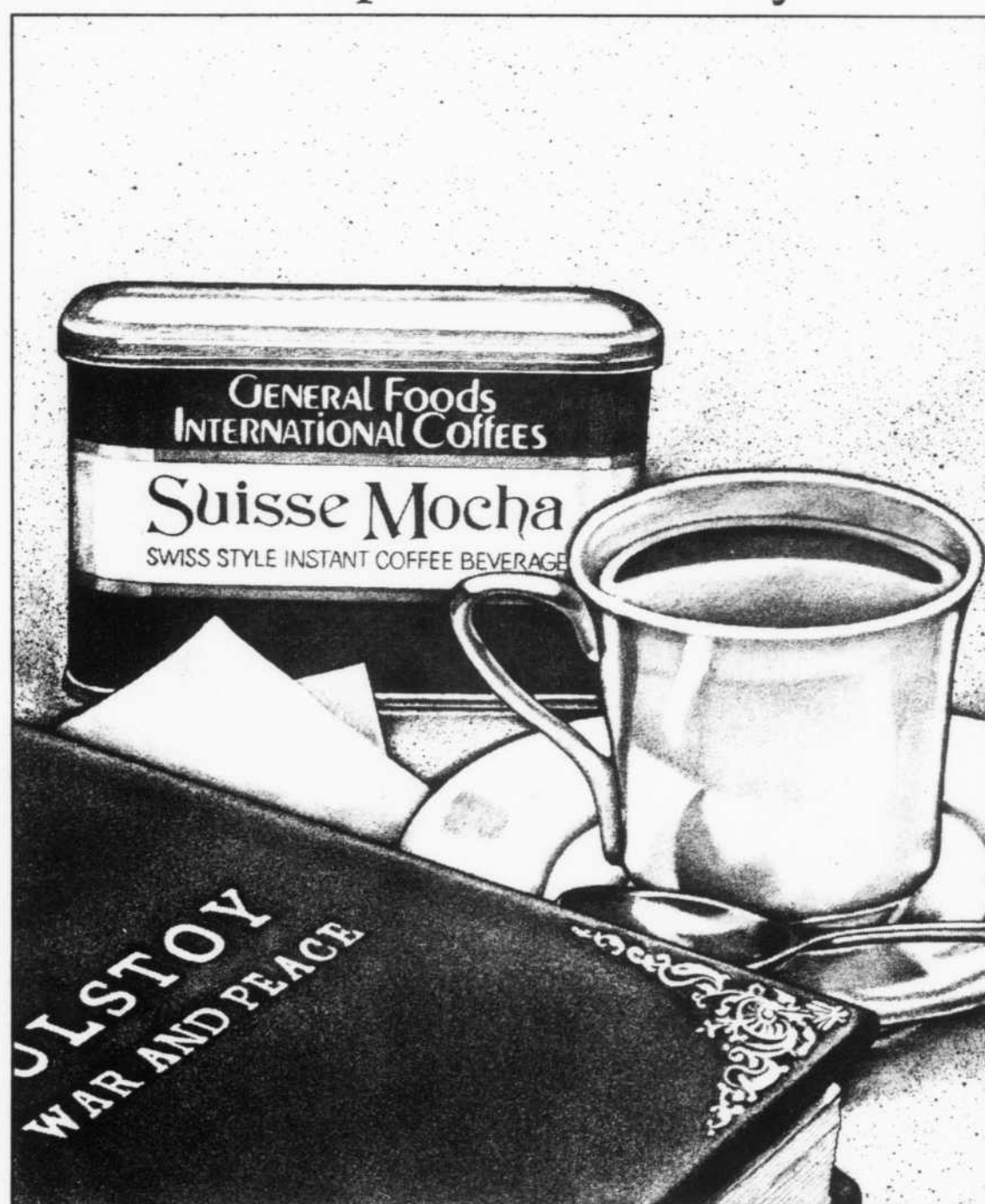
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Laura and Eric don apparel which would be perfect for dinner, dancing or a movie. An increasingly popular collar style is seen on Eric's shirt and *Casual Male* has a large selection of various shirt styles hosting this look.

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# Opinion

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## Reaganomics hits home; draft law discriminatory

When the fever of Reaganomics first spread across this country, few were hit as hard as the college student. Now, with many financial-aid possibilities already eliminated, Congress has decided to throw another obstacle in the paths of students seeking financial assistance.

A new law will go into effect July 1 which will require that any student who is eligible for the draft and has not registered with Selective Service be refused any form of financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

STUDENTS seeking National Direct Student Loans, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, College Work-Study funds, Guaranteed Student Loans, Parent Loans and The Pell Grant will all be affected by this new law.

It is quite understandable that those who want all the young men of the United States to register for the draft are seeking methods which will entice more people to ink their names on a Selective Service form. However, in their zeal to accomplish this goal, draft-registration supporters have failed to recognize the injustices and inconveniences this new law will create.

- It is not fair to penalize only those who are seeking financial assistance in order to obtain a higher education. There are thousands of young men who do not need financial aid to attend college or who do not go to a college who have also refused to register for the draft.

- The new law will cause a great deal of inconvenience and confusion at the

financial-aid offices of higher education institutions. Many of these offices, including the one at MTSU, are already swamped with heavy work loads, which will be multiplied if this new law goes into effect. New personnel will have to be hired, and the already long process of obtaining financial assistance will be lengthened.

- The law may prove to be unconstitutional. Several individual rights and public-interest organizations are already challenging the law in court because it denies a student's right against self-incrimination, does not provide equal protection under the law and is itself a Bill of Attainder.

The question being raised with the new law is not whether someone should be required to register for the draft, but whether the government has the right to discriminate against those who need financial assistance in order to further their education.

THIS COUNTRY does not need to resort to the same kind of discrimination which pervaded the draft during the Vietnam era. Hundreds of distinctions were made during that period which turned the draft into a procurer of the less fortunate.

If the people of this nation feel that draft registration is a necessity, then the government ought to make sure that all who are eligible for the draft be treated in the same manner. If all potential draftees cannot be treated fairly, the draft registration should by all means be eliminated.



## Senate member seeks changes

By STEVE GERSTEL  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Sen. David Pryor of Arkansas husbands his words with great care, which, just by itself, makes them worthy of consideration.

As last year's "lame duck" session finally staggered toward a close, he chose to unburden himself, putting into words a feeling that must have been shared by most—if not all—of his colleagues.

IN EFFECT, the first-term Arkansas Democrat said the way the Senate operates is an ungodly mess and the "lame duck" session made the situation even worse.

"In an age of high technology and instant change, the Senate continues to employ obsolete and clumsy procedures," Pryor charged. "Instead of lifting off like the space shuttle Columbia, it pokes along at the pace of a one-horse shay."

Pryor did not limit himself to complaint but made specific recommendations that would enable the Senate to operate and escape what seems to be a perpetual stalemate.

FOR A starter, Pryor recommended stricter enforcement of "germaness," permitting only amendments relevant to the bill under consideration. As matters stand

now, there is a no-holds-barred rule, which allows any and all proposals to come before the Senate.

Pryor also called for an absolute end to the "gen-

two party leaders appointed a panel on Jan. 3 to study ways to change the rules. The bipartisan group has not yet met.

A serious "germaness" rule

## political beat

tleman's agreement" under which one senator can put a "hold" on a bill or a nomination and prevent it from coming up for consideration.

A third recommendation calls for a "total reform of the filibuster rules."

ANY ONE of these changes recommended by Pryor—excluding several others he made—could bring some order to the Senate.

But change—any change—is painful for the Senate and far from easy to put into effect.

To show just how slowly change comes to the Senate, take the example of efforts to televise proceedings—an idea pushed by both party leaders and backed by a majority of the members.

BUT SEN. Russell Long of Louisiana does not like the idea. Long made it abundantly clear that efforts to bypass his opposition would mean trouble for the Senate—in the form of dreaded delay.

Take another example. The

would run into heavy opposition from senators who fear their pet projects may never get a vote—except as a rider to a bill destined for the White House.

ELIMINATION of the "hold" provision—especially on nominations—would run counter to the gentlemen's club atmosphere, a state of mind considered very conducive to getting anything done in the Senate. It did, however, get badly frayed during the "lame duck" session.

And any tinkering with the filibuster rule—as the last 20 years has shown—comes only at the expense of a bloodbath on the Senate floor.

But Pryor senses that the time for reform may now be at hand, noting, "I have seldom seen our members as sickened by the process that held us as its prisoners."

"The system has crumbled and fallen on top of us," Pryor said. "As we crawl out of the rubble, we must begin the painful progress of rebuilding."

## Letters From Our Readers

### Reader queries bookstore loss

To the editor:

I have one question regarding the report of the bookstore's \$30,000 shoplifting loss.

Tell me, which five textbooks were stolen?

Bert Barnett  
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### Real 'women' don't abort

To the editor:

Myra said it in her letter to Sidelines: "Every woman has a right to choose what happens to her body."

This means that she has the right to decide whether she will sleep with someone or not. If she does, she knows what the result may be. When she becomes pregnant it is because she took the chance. If she is truly a woman and not a girl, she will take responsibility for her actions. She will not take the life of an innocent child who did not choose to be conceived.

IT CAN be understood why a woman would not want to carry a rapist's child, but less

than 1 percent of all abortions are the result of rape or for the safety of the mother. If a woman is raped, conception can be prevented by a visit to a doctor within 3 hours.

If less than 1 percent of abortions are for rape or medical safety of the mother, over 99 percent are done because a "girl and boy" have made a mistake and cannot face the results.

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### Reader lauds bicycle racing

To the editor:

It comes as no surprise to me that the Sidelines sports staff has taken a position against the sport of cycling. I can only assume that Mr. Marley and Mr. Williams feel that I have taken a position against basketball. Nothing could be further from the truth.

When an American athlete or team wins in international competition, nobody could be happier than I. It doesn't matter what sport it is:

basketball, cycling or whatever. I hope that the U.S. Olympic basketball team wins the gold medal in Los Angeles. I also hope that the sport of bicycle road racing gets some media attention.

I VIEW Mr. Marley's statement in the Feb. 4 Sidelines as an indictment against the mentality of the American motorist rather than a reflection on the sport of cycling.

In regard to Mr. Williams' remark, I feel that he is sorely unaware of the absurdity of his statement. Mr. Williams chose to deal in rhetoric. Here are the facts:

- The largest sporting event in the world is a bicycle race. Ten million people see the Tour de France in person. Millions of Europeans also see it on television.

- Cycling is the number 2 spectator sport in the world. Cycling has been popular in Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan and South America for decades.

- World championships are contested annually in the amateur and professional ranks of cycling. This fact alone should qualify cycling as a "major international sport." To the best of my knowledge,

the sport of basketball has no annual world championship event.

- Finally, I find it interesting that Mr. Williams mentioned cycling and beer in the same breath. The largest American bicycle race is sponsored by the Coors Brewing Company.

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# Sports

## Blue Raiders slip past TTU 71-68

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

When Tennessee Tech's Jimmy Elliott threw up a three-point shot attempts Saturday night against MTSU—with less than 10 seconds to play—Stan Simpson was sure it was going to go in.

But it didn't.

WITH the Blue Raiders leading by only three points, Elliott's shot rimmed out, and the Blue Raiders held on to down arch rival Tennessee Tech 71-68 in front of the largest, most frenzied gathering of the year for MTSU.

"When I sit there on the bench," the relieved coach said, "I follow the path of every shot—and that one was true. I was sure that it was going to go in."

It was the end of an incredibly wild game that saw the Raiders fight back from a 10-point second half deficit to take the lead on a LaRae Davis breakaway lay-in after a steal with 7:07 left to play. MTSU would not give up the lead again.

THE RAIDERS proceeded to jump up by seven points in the next minutes but Tech chipped away at that margin, and Elliott leaned past Pancakes Perry to nail an astounding three-point shot from the top of the key to cut the Raider lead to one with just 20 seconds left to play.

On the ensuing inbounds play, Tech's pressure forced MTSU to call a time out and try again. Bruce Buck got the ball into Maury Mapes who took it the length of the floor before dishing it off to LaRae Davis, who was fouled. He went to the free-throw line and connected on both tosses, putting MTSU up 71-68, which proved to be the winning margin.

It was then that Elliott fired up what appeared to be a sure three-point bucket that would have tied the game, but the shot bounced back out—right into the hands of Elliott, who was then fouled by Mapes.

ELLIOTT missed the free throw, the buzzer sounded, and the MTSU players were swarmed by a group of jubilant youngsters and cheerleaders. The fans could finally get up from the edge of their seats.

"I was very appreciative of the effort from our bench when it looked like things were over," Simpson said. "Maury Mapes and Bruce Buck really helped us in the closing minute of the ball game."

"Mapes ignited this club, and Bruce Buck was real aggressive on the defensive glass. I think he [Buck] grew a half-inch this past week during the lay-off," the Raider leader jested.

MAPES and Buck came off the bench to provide the one-two punch that helped give the Raiders the win. Mapes got the job done on the offensive end of the floor, while Buck made several key defensive steals and rebounds in the waning minutes.

Mapes was two of three from the 19-foot-nine-inch three-point circle, and one of those connected on was from the Keithley University Center. He had 12 points for the game, all in the second half.

Buck grabbed a couple of errant Tech passes and yanked down three rebounds in the last few minutes to hamper the Tech offensive effort.

FRESHMAN LaRae Davis played with reckless abandon, unafraid to challenge the tall timber inside and able to sky for rebounds on the defensive end. He led all scorers with 21 points.



Bruce Buck defends against Tennessee Tech's Steven Kite in Saturday night's 71-68 victory for the Blue Raiders. Buck's defensive play in the closing minutes of the game was one of the keys to victory. The Raiders next contest will be Friday

night at 10:30 p.m. as they host the Murray State Racers on "OVC Friday Night Live," which will be telecast live from Murphy Center on Nashville's WZTV.

"LaRae Davis, for a freshman, was just sensational," Simpson said of the Bainbridge Ga., product.

Raleigh Choice perhaps drew the toughest defensive assignment of the evening in Tech's Steve Taylor, the graceful 6-6 left-hander.

"TAYLOR is tough to defense man-to-man," Simpson said. "I'm very pleased with Raleigh's play, he gave a good effort." Choice responded on the offensive end with 13 points.

Perhaps the most explosive moments in the game came on the three-point buckets, which continually put the fans into various stages of intensity throughout the closing minutes of the game. Combined, the two teams nailed seven of the bonus buckets.

"It is amazing what the three-point shot will do to a crowd," Simpson said. "When you get the two pointer—even in crucial situations—it doesn't seem to excite the fans as much. The three-

point bucket really sparked our team."

THE RAIDERS also improved on their biggest Achilles heel of the year, shooting percentage. MTSU shot 47.3 percent from the field for the game, while Tech shot 41.8 percent.

"We're gonna win some ball games if we shoot around 50 percent," Simpson noted.

The head coach also lauded the efforts of the student body, which turned out in a firepower-laden battalion.

SIMPSON showed his thanks to the students, but perhaps wasn't seen by everyone, as he turned and blew a kiss to the standing student body after the victory.

MTSU's record now goes to 2-8 in the conference and 5-15 overall. The Golden Eagles fall to 5-4 in the league and 12-9 overall.

## Lady Raiders smash Eaglettes

By MIKE JONES  
Sports Editor

Everybody got in on the act Saturday night as MTSU's Lady Raiders plowed over challenging Tennessee Tech 95-77.

"It was one of the better team efforts we've had all year," an elated Head Coach Larry Inman said after the triumph. "The transition game was excellent . . . like I say, it was a total team effort."

"CYNDI Lindley had her best offensive game of the year, and Sherry Smith and Eva Lemehon the break are the best 1-2 tandem anywhere," Inman added.

All five of Middle Tennessee's starters got into double figures before the evening was over, and all but two players on the entire team got in on the scoring fest for the conference leading Lady Raiders.

Eva Lemeh was game-high for MTSU with 19 points. Holly Hoover had 17, Cyndi

Lindley 16, Jennifer McFall 12 and Sherry Smith 11.

THE DEFEAT was the second straight for the Golden Eaglettes, and Saturday night's loss again denied Head Coach Marynell Meadors her 300th career victory.

The game was a series of short, physical battles, with the Lady Raiders finally gaining the strength they needed to overcome the Golden Eaglettes.

TENNESSEE Tech was up by as much as six in the early going, but the Lady Raiders quickly cut that margin and gained the lead for the first time in the game with 14:14 left to play; they would lose that lead only once more in the ball game.

MTSU then proceeded to jump up by 13 several times before the half ended and took a 48-37 lead to the locker room at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Raiders did not have to look

over their shoulders and spurred on to the 16-point victory. The road to victory was not a straight one however, it was a true battle to the end.

The physical aspect of the game was marked by the high number of fouls that were called, plus the number of fouls that perhaps went uncalled. There were a total of 49 personal fouls called in the contest, and Tech had three players to foul out—Val Streelman, Mindy Campbell and Teresa Officer. Holly Hoover fouled out for the Lady Raiders.

Tech found themselves in a shooting slump most of the ball game, and shot only 43.2 percent from the field, after shooting only 42 percent in the first half. MTSU shot 52.4

THE GOLDEN Eaglettes were powered by high-scoring Lydia Sawney with 20 points.

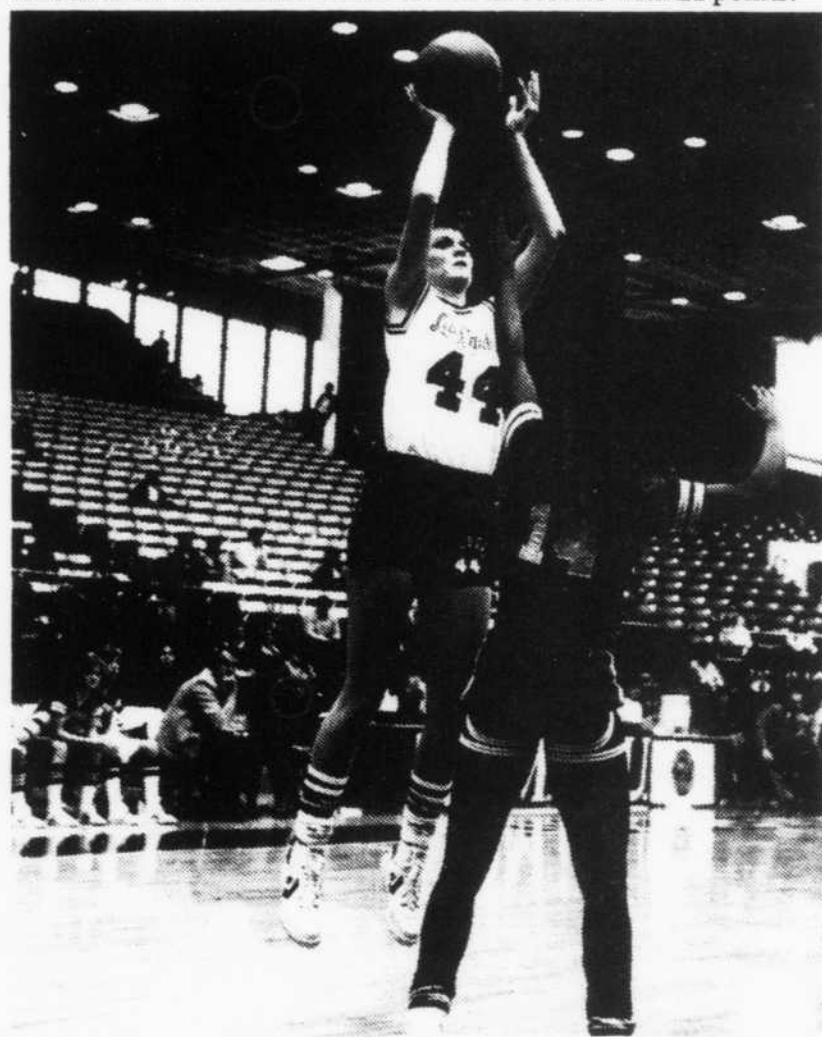
Anita Myers, who had 27 points in the first meeting between the two schools this year, was held to just 10 points. Dee Davis had 17 points on the night.

The win kept the Lady Raiders in first place in the Ohio Valley Conference, with an undefeated 6-0 record. Tech's Eaglettes drop to 3-4 in the league.

The Lady Raiders will welcome Vanderbilt University Wednesday night at Monte Hale Arena in Murphy Center. Tipoff is set for 7:30.

THE LADY Commodores are led by super-scoring sophomore Harriet Brumfield, who has completely dominated basketball for the Lady Dorees in her first year and a half of action. She recently went over the 1,000 point mark for her collegiate career.

MTSU downed Vanderbilt earlier in the year in women's action, 86-81.



Holly Hoover fires a jump shot against Tennessee Tech in the 95-77 blow out for MTSU. The Lady Raiders host Vanderbilt Wednesday night at Murphy Center with tipoff set for 7:30 p.m.

## Trackmen take second at home; prepare for OVC Championship

By KEVIN WEST

Coach Dean Hayes and the Raider track team took another step forward in their quest for a third straight Ohio Valley Conference Championship last weekend.

MTSU scored 108 points and placed second to Auburn, who finished with 127 points. "I was not disappointed with second place at all. We had a lot of personal best's out of people, while Eddie Loyd did not jump at all due to an injured knee, and he is usually worth an easy 14 points. I feel that we are coming along just fine," Coach Hayes said.

ORESTES Meeks sprang from the take-off board and sailed 25-1 to take first place in the long jump, while Andre Kirnes, also from MTSU placed second with a jump of 24 feet, 10.75 inches. Meeks' jump was good enough to qualify him for the NCAA meet.

Meeks also won the triple jump with a 50 feet 10.75 inches, as the injured Loyd watched from the sidelines. Loyd's knee is not expected to keep him from participating in the OVC meet.

Jim Fitch grunted out a third-place finish in the shot put event with a toss of 49-6, while teammate West Johnson managed his lifetime best 48-6 finishing in fifth.

Kirnes was a busy man all day long. He raced to the tape in the 60-yard dash in 6.26 seconds, beating out Jackson of Auburn, who got second. Mike Ferris (6.35), Meeks (6.48) and Kenny Shannon (6.57) took the remaining three places for the Big Blue.

Calvin Brooks, a speedster from Auburn, blazed the 440 trail in 47.5 seconds, as Perald Ellis of MTSU finished fifth a full second behind. Although Brooks was bumpy with his win, Nesbitt quietly returned the favor as he hurried up the track in 30.68 seconds, winning the 300-yard run for MTSU. Ferris and Kirnes finished third and fifth respectively.

TIM JOHNSON missed qualifying for the NCAA by one-tenth of a second in the 600-yard event, running a 1:10.1 and finishing second. Verlyn Rhodes of South Carolina won the race in 1:09.6, while Johnson's teammates, Gary Mitchell and Herb Newton placed third and fifth.

Billy Porter made his first appearance for MTSU since October 18 when he was injured. Porter finished fifth in the 1,000-yard run with a 2:15.09. "He did surprisingly well considering the injury delay," Coach Hayes said. Also placing fifth was Jeff Skinner in the two-mile race, pacing himself to the finish in 9:12.6.

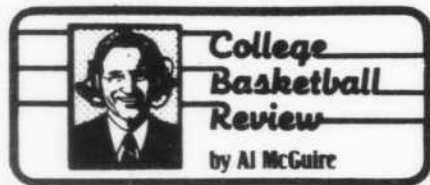
Coach Hayes' mile-relay team once again performed tremendously. This time Ellis, Mitchell, Nesbitt, and T. Johnson cruised around the track in 3:12.13 placing second behind Auburn. Although they did not win the race, their time was good enough to qualify them for the NCAA meet.

"THE SAME thing happened in this meet as it did our last home meet. We just ran against a school with an extremely good distance program. We also did not get as much help from other schools in those events as we had expected," Coach Hayes said after the loss to Auburn.

The Raiders will have the week off before the OVC meet at the "Big O" in Murphy Center on February 25 and 26.



# Parity common in college hoops



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If Mr. Webster were a half-court hoops fan, he wouldn't just define parity as "equality in power." He'd also say it describes what's happening in college basketball today.

Look at the polls, the norm today seems to be a new No. 1 team every week. Being No. 1 in the polls is like a hot potato. Nobody seems to want it. Knocking at the door have been Indiana, Kentucky, St. John's, Mississippi, UCLA, Virginia, plus a host of others.

## THE REASONS for this are many.

The most obvious one is the freshman rule, which does not allow the dynasty colleges to stockpile the blue-chippers like they did years ago. What you used to do was bring in a great freshman team, break 'em in as sophomores and play 'em as juniors and seniors.

Today, a blue-chip freshman wants to play right away or he'll go somewhere else, because most keepers have their eyes on the pros down the road. And, unlike in football, turning a program around taking a trip uptown costs only a couple of blue-chippers and the right complementary players.

WHAT ALL this has done is spread the high school blue-chippers throughout 50 to 60 schools in Division I, which is a first big step toward equality.

Another thing, the NCAA has lowered the amount of scholarships available. At no time can you have more than 15 basketball players on scholarship. They can bring in 15 in one year, or spread it over four years, but they cannot bring in more than 15 players with scholarships at a time.

That's step No. 2.

THIRD, with the exception of states like Indiana-Branch McCracken and Booby Knight country and Kentucky, where the late Adolph Rupp and now Joe Hall are making it routine to go uptown and has been common to make the Final Four, basketball for years has almost a city game. An overwhelming majority of thoroughbreds came out of Chi, the Big Apple, L.A. and D.C. But today, there's great ballplayers in states like Montana, Louisiana and Maine.

This has come about because basketball has come center ring, made the spotlight, gone standing room only. It happened because the game was made for TV, and the boob tube has tremendous exposure. Major sponsors prefer college basketball because the ratings are strong and it hits the right audience. Fans like it because the ball is big, not like a hockey puck you can't see. The lighting is excellent, the court is small enough for good camera angles and the players are always visible because of their limited amount of clothing.

Also, with a few exceptions over the last 20 years, specialized basketball camps have sprung up by the thousands throughout the land. There used to be just a handful of guys who had them, but not anymore. Now the coach at East Cupcake has one; the Little Sisters of the Poor have one; everyone has one.

IN ADDITION, basketball coaches have finally left the shadows of the goal posts. It used to be, at many schools, they were also assistant coaches in football, but now basketball coaches are extremely well paid, have competent staffs, and the schools have provided them the monies to promote, recruit and scout.

Most coaches, too, try to help themselves by trying to keep their schedule relatively soft. That's because most teams go the NCAA on their record. Some bids are based on conferences, but the rest on record. So today, outside of a regional hook-up, non-conference bookings are usually weak sisters. That's why so many schools today start their conferences with 10-0 records.

Finally, televised regional or national games provide a big payoff and have spawned larger recruiting budgets and bigger facilities—some of them mammoth in size. Syracuse is touching close to 30,000 at tip-off time, and the University of Tennessee is building a new arena to seat 25,000.

SO, college basketball, welcome to the major leagues, the heavyweight division, the eighth race, the super bowl of college sports. But forget about any consistency in individual schools anymore, the fabric has been irrevocably changed. And parity will be the word for whatever college basketball is for the next century.

Parity has already sent the word "upset" the way of the buffalo. Today you can never count a game an "upset" unless it's on the road. Even Chaminade beating Virginia is not that much of an upset, because it was at Chaminade. There is no upset on the road. Only if you beat 'em on *their* turf.



The Dixie Daredevils acrobatic team will perform at halftime of the MTSU vs. Murray State men's game this Friday night. It is just one of the events lined up in connection with the game, which will be telecast live from Murphy Center on WZTV in Nashville beginning at 10:30 p.m. The Daredevils act combines the feats of gymnastics and basketball for an exciting show. Shown above is Ty Cobb, the leader of the Daredevils, performing the "flip dunk."

## OVC Standings

OHIO VALLEY	Conference	All Games
	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Murray	8 2 .800	18 4 .818
Morehead	6 3 .667	11 9 .550
E. Kentucky	6 3 .667	8 13 .381
Akron	6 4 .600	12 9 .572
Tenn. Tech	5 4 .556	12 9 .572
Youngstown	4 6 .400	12 9 .572
Middle Tenn.	2 8 .200	5 15 .250
Austin Peay	2 9 .182	9 15 .375



## Lady Raider assistant Diane Cummings loves the challenge of coaching

By TERRY MORROW

Sports Writer

A sign in Coach Diane Cummings' office reads "Dear friends are never forgotten; they live within your heart."

That sign, along with plants, photos of loved ones and Blue Raider memorabilia might seem out of place in any other assistant coach's office, but there, it seems appropriate. Diane Cummings loves people, and she says that love is what makes a successful coach.

"I'M JUST real happy here," Cummings, who's been here since Sept. 1, says. "It's easy for me to come into work every morning, because I enjoy my job."

She's bubbling over the fact her basketball team's biggest achievement so far is the 6-0 conference record, but instead of resting easy, this has her uncharacteristically nervous.

"ANY TIME you're at the top, everybody wants to knock you down, and anytime you're on the top, people want to knock you down," she says. "I'd much rather be the underdog."

Much to her chagrin, she and her basketball team are on top and are trying to deal with being winners—which is almost as difficult as being

losers.

"A lot of people get caught up in the win-loss average," she points out. "That's important, and I want to go on to win the OVC and the Nationals, but if something happened and we didn't, I want the girls to know it's not the end of the world."

"I JUST want us to stay close," reaffirming that relationships were the focal point of a united team.

Cummings says she has worked to keep the team close and now she feels she has not just the typical coach-player relationship, but a friend-to-friend bond that is their secret of success.

"THAT'S the way [Coach Inman] has taught them to be."

Coach Inman and Cummings are long-time friends, stemming back to her high school days at Mount Juliet where she was a starring forward for his team. Even then she says they were "close friends," and he improved their team with "hard work and constant practice." Cummings says that's the secret of the team spirit among Inman, the girls and herself.

"I can relate to the girls since they are close to my age," the 24-year-old coach-teacher

says. "I thought that might be a problem, but it seems to be easy here to deal with them."

PUSHING the girls in practice is also easier if it is coming from someone their own age, she observes. Ball players are not necessarily good just because they've made it to college, and hard work is needed.

"I feel like we've played teams this year that deserve us



Diane Cummings

national recognition. We've worked really hard to get it," she says. "But, unfortunately, I feel like the nationals will be the only opportunity we have of getting it."

Defeats like the one by Arkansas (where they lost by one point) is probably one of the hardest to accept, but the

worst type of defeat comes from within.

"WE KNEW we could have beaten UTC, but we just didn't play ball that night," she says. "I'd much rather be beat by a better ball club than by ourselves."

But, Cummings takes it all in stride—even when that's not the way the ball bounces.

"We weren't pleased with the officiating at the Kentucky game, and I never like to blame the game on officials, but it seemed like everytime we did something to get ahead, we were set back by something else."

"I GUESS that's part of being a coach. If you can't take

the ups and downs then you'll be a nervous wreck."

She's mastered the fine art of dealing with defeat and an apathetic student body ("they come in at the end of the girls' game so they can get a good seat for the boys' game"), and she wants her friends—the

girls on the team—to get the recognition she feels they deserve.

"We have conflicts just like any other team, but we also have a willingness to do well and to play team ball," Cummings said. "I wouldn't want it any other way."

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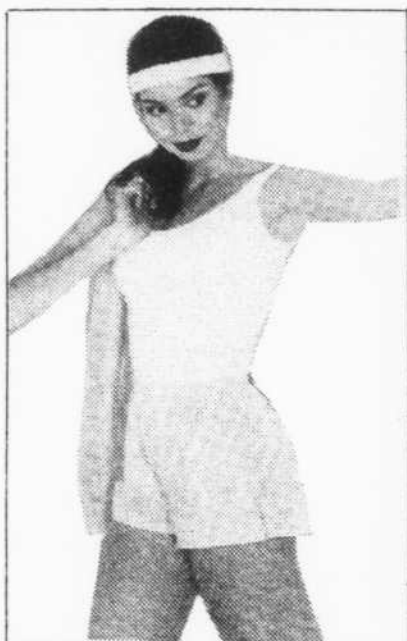
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