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Two face kidnap-extortion charges

by John Pitts

A pair of MTSU students, one a sophomore football player, may face university disciplinary action in addition to the criminal charges pending against them in connection with an alleged Friday afternoon kidnapping-extortion incident.

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Kyle A. Norris, 19, of Englewood, Tenn., and his I-Dorm roommate Fred L. Hollifield, 18, of Etowah, Tenn., have both been charged with kidnapping, attempted extortion and second-degree burglary.

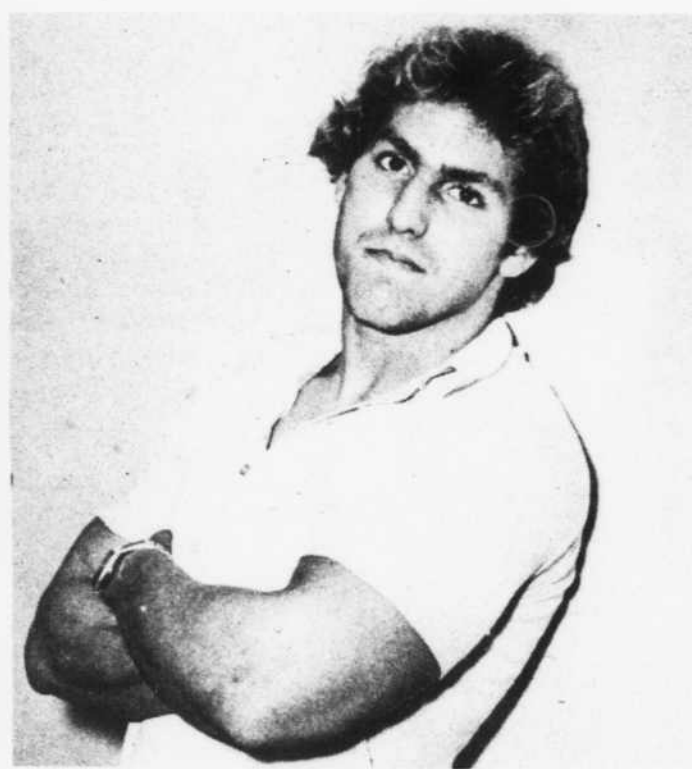
A third person, MTSU graduate Michael Harris, 24, of Tullahoma, is charged with attempted larceny of the downtown branch of the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Co.

All three face preliminary hearings at 1 p.m. Thursday in Rutherford County General Sessions Court. Norris and Hollifield are both free on \$12,500 bond, while Harris is free on \$1,000 bond.

After the hearings, it is likely that students Norris and Hollifield



Fred Hollifield



Kyle Norris

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will face some kind of university disciplinary action for possession of a weapon on campus, according to Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake.

Police said they found a 22-caliber handgun in Hollifield's car

at the time of the pair's arrest Friday afternoon near I Dorm.

Rescue, the university rulebook, prohibits "possession, while on university-owned or controlled property...of any weapons such as, but not limited to rifles, shotguns, handguns, airguns, incendiaries, ammunition, and/or explosives..."

"I intend to charge them with that (firearms possession) as soon as I can after the preliminary hearing," Shewmake said.

Murfreesboro detectives investigating the case said Norris consented to perform "homosexual favors" with Harris early Friday morning. Norris apparently received a check for \$589 to pay for that and future "homosexual favors," police investigators said.

Norris attempted to cash the check at the University Branch of Murfreesboro Bank and Trust located on Greenland Drive, but the check was rejected because of insufficient funds, detectives said.

Norris and Hollifield then allegedly went back to the apartment and forced Harris to go with them to the downtown branch of the bank, where Harris handed to teller Ruth Flanders a blank check.

On the back of the check Harris wrote that he was being threatened, according to police reports.

Harris' note on the check said, "My life is being threatened by the blond behind me. Another man is in

the car with a gun. Please give me \$800."

The teller activated the bank's silent alarm system at 12:01, and Murfreesboro policeman Joe Speck apprehended Harris while he was still standing at the teller's window.

Norris, who had allegedly been standing behind Harris in the bank, left while the policeman was arresting Harris, police said. He joined Hollifield in Hollifield's car and they returned to the apartment Harris was staying in, detectives said.

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ASB loss may exceed \$400 on 'fundraising' plant sale

by Ben Eubanks

Failure to acquire proper licensing resulted in the cancellation of the ASB fund-raising plant sale here last Friday.

The student government body actually incurred a loss of at least \$400, spent on advertisements promoting the sale in the *Daily News Journal* and *Sidelines*.

State nursery and plant dealers licenses and county and city business permits were needed to conduct the sale but were not obtained in time.

Paul Cantrell, dean of students and advisor to the ASB said, "It was mine and the ASB's understanding that they (the wholesale supplier) were going to have the necessary licenses."

The plant and nursery license, issued by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, is required by anyone selling plants retail to the public. The business permits are

required by anyone selling products to the public.

Attempts were made Friday afternoon by the ASB to get the licenses by the plant sale eventually had to be cancelled when a conflict with university purchasing policy was discovered.

State law prohibits private businesses or individuals from selling on state property such as the MTSU campus.

During attempts to obtain the license, Ronald R. Eppinger, the wholesaler who was to have supplied the plants for the ASB, became legally classified as the private dealer of the plants.

Since private businesses are forbidden from selling on campus, the sale was cancelled.

Eppinger became the private dealer of the plants when he applied for the county and city

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Michael Harris

Former contender speaks

by Cindy Houston

Former gubernatorial candidate, Nat Winston, stated that he was out of politics for good in his speech to the Young Republicans last Monday night.

Winston spoke concerning the trials that politicians face in a political campaign.

In 1970, Winston ran in a primary race against Lamar Alexander. Winston, was thought, at the time, to be a landslide winner but Alexander won a surprise victory.

Winston had been told that the Nashville Banner would endorse his campaign. But, after an hour session with all gubernatorial candidates, they announced their campaign for Alexander. Winston stated, "I think this was the hardest blow."

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was discussed by Winston. In one incident, Winston told of how one of his political colleagues was in the news and when Winston was asked if his friend was angry over a major political issue, Winston stated that he didn't know but he would be if he was in that position. The next day the headlines in the paper read, "Major politician angry."

Speaking in a lighter tone, Winston also related some of his more humorous incidents. When giving speeches, he is constantly confronted with old friends that he might have met once in his life. He also described the various handshakes he has received.

During the 1974 election, Winston was asked numerous times by the press: "if Nixon asked to promote you in your election would you let him?" Naturally, this placed Winston in a "damned if I do and damned if I don't" position. He answered with "Um, really, to be truthful...I...uh...really don't need any help."

Winston was also asked if he thought he would have had a better chance if he had run in the 1974 election rather than Alexander. Winston thought he would have stood a better chance but "no Republican could have won that election," he said, referring to the Watergate scandal.

Winston is currently involved



Nat Winston and Phil Moore

with the controversial Roger Humphreys case as he is on one of the committees studying the proposed pardon. He feels this may have an effect on the next election.

Winston is active in state mental health programs. A certified psychiatrist, he has pushed for improvements in the mental health facilities.

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The pair then allegedly ransacked the apartment, taking some of Harris' clothing with them. University patrolman Tom Davis spotted the Hollifield vehicle about 12:45 p.m. near I-Dorm and arrested both Norris and Hollifield with the aid of the Murfreesboro Police.

Police said they found clothing thought to have belonged to Harris, and the handgun inside the car at the time of the arrest.

Agents of the FBI entered the case when it was first believed there had been an attempt to rob the bank, but withdrew when state warrants were sworn out against the three.

While in custody, Harris was informed of his constitutional rights and voluntarily admitted to police that he was a homosexual. He also said he had engaged in a homosexual act at his apartment Friday morning, according to Murfreesboro detective Jim Cook.

The detective also said Harris had acknowledged that he had solicited "homosexual favors" from several MTSU students that day but that Norris had accepted the offer, and came to the apartment where Harris was staying.

After making bail Saturday morning, Norris and Hollifield turned in their room keys and left the university dorm room, according to I-Dorm head resident Al Wilderson. "Their folks came by and moved them out Saturday morning...that's when they checked out of the dorm," he explained.

Norris, a second-string linebacker behind professional football prospect Morris Bell, did not appear in uniform at the Blue Raiders' game on Jones Field Saturday.

"He is off the team now, and will be if and until this thing is cleared up," head coach Ben Hurt said yesterday.

Hollifield had tried out for the football team in August, but apparently quit the team before the beginning of the season.

There was no indication if leaving university housing indicates that the pair are withdrawing from school, but Shewmake noted that "if they withdraw from school, they will be out of our jurisdiction."

He added, however, "in the event they do withdraw, there will be a disciplinary matter outstanding in their cases that will have to be settled before they re-enroll at MTSU."

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licenses instead of the ASB according to Cantrell.

Beverly Paulson, an employee of Top Quality Wholesalers, Eppinger's company, said that the firm had not obtained the licenses prior to the day of the sale because they had "never had to have them in any of the other states we've sold in."

The company has sold to other universities in the country including campuses in Minnesota and Ohio. Paulson said that in these states, they were able to sell plants under licenses obtained from the federal and Florida governments.

Dave Hooper of the state department of agriculture, said any plants retailed in the state to the public must have a Tennessee license even if the firm does have licenses in other states.

Hooper said that he learned of the sale from an ad he had seen in the *Daily News Journal* Wednesday. He came to the campus on Thursday and discovered that the ASB had not even applied for the license and returned again on Friday with an application for the license.

Paulson said that Eppinger became upset after learning of the need for the license, but eventually agreed to get the state license which then made him legal dealer.

After Eppinger had obtained the license, Cantrell then told Eppinger that he was now a private dealer and could not sell on campus.

Eppinger then went to a local realtor and rented a space on Clark Blvd. next to the Grecian Steak House. Paulson says that she expects to stay in Murfreesboro until Wednesday.

Cantrell said that if a private firm is to do business on the campus it must be approved after bids are

received from several firms. After the bids are received then a firm can then be selected.

Cantrell added, "After he (Eppinger) had obtained the license, we could not let them sell on campus since there had not been any bids held. We would have been violating our own policies."

ASB president Bobby Francescon, said there was some objection from local plant merchants. "I don't think we would have had as much trouble if we hadn't advertised in the city. But when we advertised in the paper, they felt that there was competition."



Beverley Paulson

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Officer uses caution in foiling bank robbery

by Chuck Cavalaris

Murfreesboro policeman Bob Speck had just finished a cup of coffee and returned to his foot patrol on the city square when the dispatcher called out his number over the walkie-talkie.

"Seventy-two (Speck's designation)...10-43. Silent alarm is ringing in Murfreesboro Bank and Trust on the square."

Speck knew he had just joined a handful of people aware that a robbery was taking place. He simultaneously unsnapped his revolver and acknowledged the call.

Dodging noon-day traffic, Speck raced to the bank in less than a minute. He was the first officer on the scene and found himself faced with the task of finding a robber no

one knew was there.

"I came to the front of the bank and stopped. I wanted to walk in as calmly as I could," Speck explained yesterday. "I wanted to be cautious because of the silent alarm. It was packed inside the bank. All the lines were full. I knew if anybody panicked, it would be a disaster."

Speck asked a secretary if the alarm had been tripped accidentally. "She didn't know," the 29-year-old Murfreesboro policeman continued. "I went to a phone and was going to call the dispatcher when someone (Evelyn Avaritt) told me, 'Officer, we are being held up.'"

"Are you sure?" Speck questioned.

"Yes, sir," replied Avaritt, who readily convinced Speck because

she was "trembling."

Not knowing whether or not the suspect was armed, Speck said, "I just wanted to make sure everybody continued to go about their normal business until I got my chance. I couldn't see his hands. I moved one man away from the line. Thank goodness he didn't say anything."

Moving directly behind the suspect, who was later identified as Tullahoma native Michael Harris, 24, Speck finally made eye contact with Flanders and confirmed that she had tripped the silent alarm.

"I was standing directly behind him," Speck recalled. "I motioned to him and Mrs. Flanders nodded her head and said, 'Yes.'"

It was then that Speck pulled his .38-caliber revolver from the holster, placed his hand on the suspect's shoulder and said, "Don't make a move—any move. You are under arrest. I am a police officer."

Speck instructed Flanders to move from behind the counter, placed his revolver "firmly in the suspect's back and realized for the first time that he was unarmed."

Though Speck is only 5 feet 8 and weighs 164 pounds, he twisted Harris to the floor and shouted, "This is a holdup. Everybody get out of the bank."

Speck said Harris "kept on mumbling, but I couldn't understand what he was saying. I had the handcuffs on one wrist. But he was so big it was hard to get the cuffs on



Bob Speck

the other one.

"I put my knees in his back and the pistol to his head," Speck continued, and said, "I'm not kidding. Give me the other wrist. I put a little bit of pressure on the pistol and he did it."

Seconds later, Murfreesboro policemen Joe Earls and Mike Mills arrived on the scene to begin the investigation which eventually led to the apprehension of two other suspects on the MTSU campus.

What was the worst part of the ordeal?

"Thinking about it afterwards," Speck said. "They could have gotten by with it because nobody knew what was going on. That's what was dangerous, especially if they'd been armed. Gosh, if they'd been pros it would have been rough."

Teller keeps composure

by Chuck Cavalaris

Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Co. teller Ruth Flanders nearly choked when she scanned the hurriedly scribbled note written on the back of a blank check.

"My life is being threatened by the blonde behind me. Another man is in the car with a gun. Please give me \$800."

"The first time I read the note I thought it meant someone was being held hostage in a car outside," Flanders confided yesterday. "Then I read it again and knew what was going on."

Flanders regained her composure, looked at the man who presented the note and triggered a silent alarm which brought Murfreesboro policeman Bob Speck into the bank less than a minute later.

Speck eventually arrested the man, who was identified as Michael Harris, 24, of Tullahoma. He was charged with attempted bank larceny.

"I am still nervous," Flanders admitted of the Friday incident.

Police and bank officials alike praised Flanders for not flinching during the attempted robbery, for her quick thinking and stalling tactics.

"I really don't know how I kept control of myself," Flanders conceded. "I looked at Harris. He

didn't seem to be in much of a hurry and acted patient.

"I really don't know what I was thinking," she continued. "I made some mistakes on purpose and counted the money three times. He just watched the bills and didn't grab for them or anything. All I wanted to do was keep his attention until the police got there."

Patrolman Speck arrived unaware that Fred Hollifield, 18, or Kyle Norris, 19, had anything to do with the robbery. Norris allegedly was "the blond behind me" that Harris referred to in the note.

"I was glad to see the policeman arrive because I thought he (Norris) might have a gun, too," Flanders explained.

How did Norris escape?

"When the policeman came in and realized what was going on, he started moving people away from Harris. He didn't know Norris was involved, too, and that enabled him to just slip away."

Moments later Speck approached Harris and ordered Flanders to move from her chair and then made the arrest. What did she do?

"I was very, very scared. I still don't know how I kept from screaming," Flanders explained. "When the policeman told me to leave, I went back to savings and cried."



Ruth Landers stands behind her teller's window where Harris and Norris allegedly entered Friday and demanded \$800 cash. [Steve Harbison photo]

Coaches react to arrests

by Tom Wood

As news of the arrest of MTSU football player Kyle Norris spread through the athletic department Friday, reactions from the Blue Raider coaching staff ranged from shock to sympathy. Perhaps head football coach Ben Hurt took the news the hardest.

"I had just returned from a recruiting trip on Friday afternoon," Hurt said yesterday, "and I couldn't believe it. I just had to sit down for a minute. They're like my kids out there, but you can't watch over them 24 hours a day," Hurt added.

The 19-year-old Norris, a sophomore from Englewood, but a freshman in athletic eligibility, did not suit up for the game against Western Kentucky Saturday.

"No, Kyle wasn't in pads Saturday," a still-shaken Hurt said yesterday. "He is off the team now, and will be if and until this thing is cleared up."

Hurt's voice trailed off as he said he did not want to talk further. "I have no other comment," Hurt said. "Everything has been in the papers and the FBI interviewed him. What else can be said?"

Raider linebacker coach Benny Monroe, whom Norris played under at MTSU, also expressed shock and said he hoped "something can be worked out so he (Norris) can lead a normal life in later years."

"We're not making too much comment about this," Monroe said yesterday afternoon. "It shocked everyone, and was something no one had any control over. But it is a regrettable situation."

Norris played football at McMinn Central High School in Englewood while Monroe, 35, coached at rival McMinn County High School. "We played against him, but I never coached him until the 1976 TSSAA All-Star football game," Monroe said.

At MTSU, Norris was a walk-on last year and earned a scholarship this year. For the 1977 team, he played in five games and made eight tackles and six assists.

"It makes you sick," Monroe added. "It's another case of losing a good kid who had a lot of potential."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Job interviews: Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. (sign up at Placement Office)

Seminar: Continuing Education; Tennessee funeral home directors, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Speaker: Political science department; Daniel Fine on "Multi-National Corporations, 11 a.m., NCB 205

Movie: "Silent Movie," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

ASB Traffic Court; 4-6 p.m., UC 324A

Meeting: Buchanan Players, 6:30 p.m., DA Arena Theatre

Speaker: ASB and University Interfaith; David Scarlett, 7:30 p.m., UC 316

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Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., UC 314

Speaker: ASB and University Interfaith Council; Margaret Alexander, 8:30 p.m., UC 316

Film: Fine Arts Committee; "The Beauty and the Beast Ballet," 8-10 p.m., UC 322

WEDNESDAY

Job interviews: Tenn. Dept. of Audit, Comptroller's Office (sign up at Placement Office)

Clerical Caucus; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.,

UC 324

Graduate Test; 1-4:30 p.m., UC 314

Meeting: Personnel Office; clerical information, 1:30-2:30 p.m., UC 322

ASB Traffic Court; 3:30-6 p.m., UC 324A

Movie: "The Sting," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Speaker: ASB and University Interfaith Council; Bryant Millsaps on "The Role of the Christian in Government and Politics," 7 p.m., UC 316

Share Group: ASB and University Interfaith Council Jim Jobe on "What is Christianity?" 8 p.m., UC 316

Meeting: Fine Arts Committee, 8 p.m., Programming Conference Room

Dance: Office of Student Information and Minority Affairs, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Tennessee Room

THURSDAY

Job interviews: Federal Aviation Administration (sign up at Placement Office)

Meeting: Personnel Office; Clerical information, 10-11 a.m., UC 322

Children's Concert: Music department, 10 a.m., DA

Luncheon: Faculty/Press, noon, Tennessee Room

Movie: "The Sting," 3:30, 6 and 8

p.m., UC Theatre
Speaker: ASB and University Interfaith Council; Neb Hayden, 7 p.m., UC 316

Meeting: American Association of University Women, 7-9:30 p.m., Dining Room B

Concert: Crosby, Stills and Nash, 8 p.m., Murphy Center

FRIDAY

Meeting: Tennessee Association of

Teacher Educators; 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., UC Theatre

Seminar: Continuing Education; "Today's Child-Tomorrow's World," 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 322

Meeting: Speech and Hearing; Quarterly Mid-Tenn., 1-3 p.m., Tennessee Room

Dinner: Math department, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Dining Room B

Dance: Delta Sigma Theta; 9-11 p.m., Tennessee Room

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Researcher to speak

Daniel Fine, a researcher for international affairs at Howard University, Washington, D.C., will speak today at 11 in NCB 205.

Sponsored by the political science department, Fine will lecture on "Multi-National Corporations."

Fine received a Ford Foundation Grant for research in political and economic integration in South Africa.

Stunt Night planned

Eleven campus groups will perform in the 42nd annual Stunt Night, Nov. 30 in the DA.

Sponsored by the Biology Club, the event is used to raise money for the club's scholarship funds.

Groups will compete for first, second and third places in the musical and comedy skit contest.

Organizations scheduled to perform are Dance Club, Sigma Chi, Gymnastics Club, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Zeta, Beta Beta Beta, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Little Sisters, Kappa Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta and Chi Omega.

Rules committee meets

University Rules Committee secretary Rick Smith said that committee must have a final report completed by Christmas break to be submitted to Vice-President for student affairs Robert LaLane.

The purpose of the committee is to consider changes in the publications of **Campus Living and Rescue**. Any changes recommended by the committee, if approved by LaLane, they are then forwarded to MTSU President M.G. Scarlett. Scarlett passes the changes on to the campus living committee of the Board of Regents and then finally

on to the Board of Regents for its approval.

The Rules Committee is divided into three sub-committees. One will work on disciplinary procedures and students organizations. Another will deal with off-campus rights and general rules and regulations while the final subcommittee will work on campus housing.

Smith said the subcommittees must meet and make a report to the entire Rules Committee at the next meeting, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.

At the last meeting, Kay Hamilton was appointed chairman and Smith secretary.

ASB bills passed at TISL

Legislation passed by the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislative (TISL) in Nashville this past weekend, included two bills sponsored by the MTSU delegation.

ASB Speaker of the senate Mike McDonald was chairman of the MTSU delegation to TISL, which included about 15 ASB members.

The two MTSU bills passed called for the listing of a students major on his diploma and an extension of driver's license terms.

Doug Dabbs, ASB sophomore senator who introduced the driver's license bill, said the bill would

extend the length of time a license is valid from two years to four. The legislation also made mandatory a driving test every four years.

Other legislation passed by TISL included the abolishment of the death penalty and the repeal of mandatory retirement.

Dabbs unsuccessfully ran for Attorney General of TISL and was defeated by Gregg Sullivan of UT Knoxville.

Doug Littlejohn of Memphis State University was elected TISL governor.

Travel board set up to help students share, find rides

Students who do not own an automobile and live great distances from MTSU may be able to find a ride with the aid of the ASB Travel Board.

Designed to put students who need a ride in contact with students willing to provide transportation for sharing of gasoline expenses, the ASB Travel Board is an excellent opportunity for catching a ride. The Travel Board is located at the entrance to the first floor of the UC at the stairs near the Post Office.

The board consists of two maps, one of the United States and the other of Tennessee, with main cities and states designated by

numbers. Request cards are provided for riders or drivers to print their name, address, telephone number and dates of departure and return, along with their destination.


Request cards are then left in the numbered mail boxes beneath the maps.

Norma Wyndham, director of the ASB Travel Board, checks the board in the UC and with riders and drivers during the middle of the week in preparation for the weekend's travels. If further information is needed, Wyndham may be contacted at 898-2464, or by stopping in the ASB office anytime.

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Use of media in child's education to be subject of weekend meeting

Use of the media in children's education and ways to teach in a changing world will be topics discussed in education conference designed for elementary teachers and education students on Friday and Saturday.

"Today's Child-Tomorrow's World" is the theme of the conference which is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days in Room 322 of the University Center.

Carolyn Brown, principal of the Murphy School for unwed mothers in Nashville, will be the instructor and consultant for the seminar which can be taken for one hour college credit in education or non-credit continuing education.

Brown says an emphasis will be placed on "acquainting teachers with family situations" and "preparing for a world which adults as well as growing children don't know about."

"Children are accustomed to being entertained by television, magazines and films and believe this carries over into the classroom. We want to explore ways of using

the media to teach but also direct children into more reading and writing, which de-emphasizes use of the media," Brown said.

"This is an activity-oriented conference, and will not be a stand up and lecture course," Brown said. "Discussions, small groups, and slide presentations are going to be presented."

Students can register for credit by enrolling from 8-9 a.m. Friday, for an \$8 conference fee. Adults can register for non-credit course for \$14 for the weekend, or \$8 for Friday.

Gospel show Nov. 12

A gospel show will be sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha at 7 p.m. Nov. 12, at Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church, Nashville.

Special guests will be the Atlanta Gospel Movement from Atlanta. Other choirs include Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Choir from Murfreesboro, Chattanooga District Youth Choir and Washington Hills United Methodist Youth Choir from Chattanooga.

Expansion to cut parking

Parking is one of the problems to be experienced by the MTSU community as a result of construction which is about to begin on the Heating Plant.

Expansion of the Heating Plant will result in the loss of approximately 20-24 parking spaces in the faculty parking area located between Old Main and Jones Hall, according to Charles Pigg of the Campus Grounds Committee.


"The loss of 20-24 spaces will be temporary, but 16-18 spaces will be lost permanently," Pigg noted.

In a pre-construction conference with the contractor held Nov. 3, Pigg was told that "construction would begin the end of this week or the first of next week," he said.

In addition to parking problems, there will be some traffic flow problems as well. MTSU's Traffic Committee is studying the problem and currently have a recommendation to "shut off traffic between Old Main and Jones Hall," according to Richard Lindsay, a member.

Lindsay also noted that "The long range aim of the Traffic Committee is to work toward the goal of restricting central campus traffic for safety and aesthetic reasons."


Construction at the Heating Plant is scheduled to last "approximately 18-20 months," but they will "fence off the area completely in the interest of safety and security," Pigg added.



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More than 1,000 sixth graders due here for children's concert

The Music Department will be sponsoring its fourth annual children's concert, Thursday at 10 a.m. in the D.A. Auditorium.

More than 1,000 sixth graders from surrounding city and county schools will be entertained by musical ensembles composed of student and faculty musicians.

The concert will familiarize the children with various instruments and forms of music. A brass quintet, a woodwind ensemble, and

a percussion ensemble and two pieces using multimedia presentations are designed to help the children to understand and appreciate music. One piece will use audience participation to keep the children's interest.

"In the past, these concerts have been very entertaining and educationally rewarding," said Tom Naylor, head of the music department. "The children seem to enjoy as well as learn from them."

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Rain fails to dampen spirit of local hikers

by Cathy Wood

Although rain cancelled the official opening of the new Rutherford County hiking trail Saturday, Bertha Chrietberg knew that wouldn't stop some enthusiastic hikers.

Chrietberg, HPERS instructor, is a member of the county trails development committee.

Including private citizens, the Army Corps of Engineers and members of the county special events committee the group cleared an eight-mile trail from Nice's Mill to East Fork.

Canoeists, horse riders and hikers were invited for the Saturday opening of the trail.

Chrietberg, who had planned to lead the canoeists, went to the mill Friday afternoon to check on the river level.

Due to the heavy rain that day, the level was too high for canoeing. Chrietberg, however, found out that rain also makes pavement dangerous.

"The parking lot was as slick as glass," she said. "My back wheels slid off the pavement into the mud, and I was afraid I would slide off that 10 foot embankment."

Hiking out of the mud, Chrietberg found a man who pulled her out with a tractor.

Ron Mosier, chairman of the

special events committee, notified local people of the change in plans. Chrietberg, however, said she knew the bad weather wouldn't stop other people from attempting the hike.

And she was right. About 20 people showed up, mostly from the Nashville chapters of the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association and the Tennessee Trails Association.

Lunch, planned by the Rutherford County Civil Defense unit, was cancelled, but the hikers "had food to nibble on." Missing a shortcut that takes two miles off, the hikers spent about five hours on the trail she said.

For students hiking the trail, energy food and water is all Chrietberg recommends besides, of course, a first aid kit.

"Students should stay in groups of five," she said, "and each group should have a leader. The trail is moderately easy to hike, as long as they wear a heavy shoe. At the beginning, some rock climbing is involved."

Another official opening is planned for this weekend, according to Chrietberg. Anyone interested in joining canoeing group should contact the HPERS office, 898-2811. Hikers and horseback riders do not need to pre-register.

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Hiking continues to grow

A group of students in a new course here is becoming intimately acquainted with the area in a course that takes them far from the classroom.

The recently hiked to Virgin Falls, a pocket wilderness near Sparta.

"So far we have taken two day trips and one overnight trip," Jim Chrietzberg said. He explained that the students are required to take one overnight trip and one additional trip, either a day trip, a rock climbing trip, or a caving trip to earn one hour credit in the backpacking/hiking course offered in health and physical education.

Chrietzberg, a graduate assistant, teaches three backpacking/hiking classes in addition to two bicycling classes. The backpacking/hiking classes have 30 people in each class.

Chrietzberg has a student overflow problem which results in

limiting the day trips to 20 and the overnight trips to seven from each class, "for safety's sake," he explained.

The course was offered for the first time last spring. "There was a tremendous demand for the class, at least after the class was offered," he explained.

Backpacking and hiking have become popular in the past 10 years, Chrietzberg said. The MTSU health and physical education department is moving in the direction of offering classes that are popular with the students, such as backpacking, canoeing and bicycling. Before, traditional physical education classes were primarily tennis, archery/badminton and team game sports.

"It's a get back to nature class. It's a good way to exercise," one of the students commented with enthusiasm.

1978 Midlander

Attention: Faculty and Staff

Order forms for the 1978 Midlander have been mailed to all administrators, faculty and staff. In the event that you did not get an order form in the mail, you may use the form below. Cost of the yearbook is \$5, and if you wish to order one, please send the completed order blank and your \$5 to Midlander, Box 94, before Nov. 11.

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The Cotton Patch

MTSU students view ancient King Tut treasures

by Cathy Wood

More than 3,000 years ago, Egypt's boy king was buried with his jewelry and his household goods, statues—everything he needed to make his afterlife more comfortable.

In 1923, Howard Carter, an English archaeologist who persistently claimed that Tut's tomb lay hidden in the Valley of the Kings, finally uncovered the treasures in what has become one of the most amazing archaeology finds of the century.

This past weekend, a group of MTSU students and two faculty members saw the golden regalia of

Tut's 10-year reign, temporarily housed in the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Usually displayed in the Cairo Museum, King Tut's riches have been taken to American cities this year. The project is funded through various national and private endowments.

Since September, the exhibit has been in New Orleans.

In September, Ronald Messier's honors level western civilization class started thinking about visiting the display.

"My students suggested the trip," Messier said. "They wanted to try to go down there and see it."

Planning was limited to a low-budget scale, he said. The group (including 17 students from that class and six from other classes) reserved a campsite inside New Orleans' city limits.

Leaving Murfreesboro in the rain Friday morning, they arrived in New Orleans early in the afternoon. To avoid the trouble of making a campfire, the students went downtown for supper.

(Apparently trying to incorporate ancient history with current events, Messier said some students attended a pro football game Friday night.)

Saturday morning after sleeping

in rain, the group arrived at the museum parking lot at 7. Within a half hour they were in line for their tickets, selling for \$1 each.

After buying their tickets (6,000 are sold each day) they went to a grocery store for lunch and ate their sandwiches on park benches.

At 1:15 p.m., MTSU's group had their turn to view the "spectacular" collection.

"It was most impressive," Messier said. "The high aesthetic value was incredible."

Messier said the special exhibits of the collection were the 55 art objects displayed. "The sculpture was in very intricate detail," he added.

He was most impressed with a 3 inch high statue of King Tut, so detailed that "you could see his fingernails."

A solid gold death mask made the professor "goose-bumpy." His eight-year-old daughter marvelled at a gold collar, inset with 5,000 jewels.

Other items included cosmetic jars, chairs, statues and frescoes of the king himself and statues of goddesses, guarding his coffin.

At 3:30, the group left the museum and returned to modern civilization. The students were "on their own" that evening. Messier said most of them visited the French Quarter, New Orleans' famous downtown section.

They broke camp Sunday morning and returned to Murfreesboro that night.

"It was an amazingly smooth trip," Messier said. "I was a little apprehensive about splitting everybody into five cars, but it worked out well."

Economically, the trip was a bargain; each student paid only \$8 for gas and lodging.

But the biggest attraction was the exhibit itself.

"The students were really excited about it," Messier said. "They appreciated seeing the collection after going through all they did just to get there."

"Driving 10 hours in the rain and sleeping out in the rain maximized their enjoyment."

Messier, however, is no stranger to "roughing it" with MTSU students: Every summer, he takes a group on an extended European tour.

Leaving New Orleans on Jan. 15, the King Tut exhibit will be shown next in Los Angeles.

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Ex-inmate David Allan Coe sings prison blues

by Gary Pryor

So maybe you've never heard of David Allan Coe, or if you have you're still fuzzy on who he is. The facts are mingled with the bizarre; his publicity is sensational, his stage act is obscene and artistic, his records masterpieces.

Coe supposedly spent 20 years in prison, including 90 days on death row at the Ohio State Penitentiary. He was pardoned and paroled in 1967, and in 1968 came to Nashville in a hearse—he lived in it while struggling as a songwriter. His first album, *Penitentiary Blues* comprised songs he had written while on death row. Then came *Requiem for a Harlequin*; both albums, on the SSS International label, are rare and collector's items.

The *Mysterious Rhinestone Cowboy* was the third album, with Coe literally assuming the role of the title. Thus, he dresses in lavish rhinestone suits, looking for all the world like an outlaw straight from hell. Other albums followed, as well as a string of successful songs; "A Sad Country Song," "Would You Lay With Me (In a Field of Stone)" which was a number one hit for Tanya Tucker, "You Never Even Called Me By My Name," "Long-haired Redneck," and Willie, Waylon and Me."

Tattoo is Coe's seventh album, and though it is not as vibrant and lyrically strong as the previous "David Allan Coe Rides Again" album, side two of the disc is exceptional both in instrumentation and song interpretation.

Coe is labeled as a Country/Western singer, but the label is unjust because he is DAVID ALLAN COE using all musical forms to blend his own style. His up-tempo songs are exceptional, but Coe's voice is more adapted to ballads, which is what side two of *Tattoo* is comprised of. "Canteen of Water," "Maria is a Mystery," and "Just in Time (To Watch Love Die)" are potential hits; Coe does a unique version of Mickey Newberry's "San Francisco Mable Joy," and "Hey Gypsy" ends the album on a strong note.

Side one of *Tattoo* is pretty

straight country; in fact, the songs seem to have been written to be as country as possible, and the result is that side one is weak. The lyrics are lacking, the wording short and simple, and Coe sings the songs too slowly to suit his style. "Just To Prove My Love For You" is quick enough, but the others will lull you to sleep. Only in "Play Me a Sad Song," an excellent example of pure country, is Coe justified in his slow singing.

The album features some fine musicianship, especially on the flip side, and there is some fine guitar and steel guitar picking and some excellent drum work although there are no musician credits given on the cover. After spinning the disc on my turntable for the umpteenth time, I am inclined to think that "Just in Time (To Watch Love Die)," written by Coe and J. Townsend, is the album's strongest song and should be released as a single. This song is interpreted by Coe in a manner that is very

Nov. 16 deadline for Spring editor

Applications for *Sidelines* editor for Spring, 1978 are available in the Student Publications office, SUB 307.

Deadline for returning the applications is Nov. 16. Forms should be sent to James Hutchinson, chairman of the Student Publications Committee, Box 196.

Candidates will appear before the committee on Nov. 30, at 2:30. Final selection will be made on that day.

emotional and believable yet not so delicate as to be trite.

Produced by Ron Bledsoe and Coe, the album was recorded in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Not only is the name *Tattoo* unique, but so is the cover; a front view of a painting of a bare-chested Coe covered with tattoos, and a rear shot of Coe with his bare back full of tattoos. Coe really does have tattoos, but not as plentiful or elaborate as the ones depicted on the album cover.

But this album, like his others,

may not sell too well because the Country Music Association does not like or approve of David Allan Coe—the CMA virtually ignores Coe and by their non-endorsement he doesn't receive adequate radio air play or proper publicity.

Performers such as Ernest Tubb have refused to play the same show with Coe—all because of the bizarre stage acts previously mentioned earlier; Coe turns his back to the audience at the end of his show and pulls his pants down.



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Announcement makes the difference

Raiders outlast Hilltoppers, 21-19

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

At the north end of rain-soaked Horace Jones Field, the scoreboard clock showed about two minutes remaining in the third quarter when an announcement came over the public address system:

"A final score from the Ohio Valley Conference...Eastern Kentucky 28, Tennessee Tech 21.

Hysteria broke loose on the MTSU sideline. Defensive line coach Ray Hughes erupted in an ecstatic display of emotion, and the entire Raider team staged a jubilant celebration to announce its rebirth.

Middle Tennessee was back in



Mike Moore

the OVC championship race.

It was the turning point of the afternoon. Moments later wide receiver Jeff Shockley hauled in a 20-yard scoring pass from quarterback Mike Robinson. An enthusiastic Raider defense then held Western Kentucky at bay for the final 15 minutes to give MTSU a 21-19 win over the Hilltoppers and thrust the Blue Raiders into the thick of the title picture.

"It (the announcement) definitely fired the team up," Raider head coach Ben Hurt said Monday. "They kept announcing the score

through the whole game, and then when they announced the final... everybody was running around and hollerin'...it picked everybody up."

Saturday's win, coupled with Eastern's upset of Tech, put the Raiders only one game behind co-leaders TTU and Austin Peay with two games remaining.

Hurt had praise for his entire squad following Middle's second consecutive win, and singled out the defensive unit in particular.

"It was really a team effort," Hurt said. "The team was really together."

"I thought the defense did an excellent job," he continued. "We turned the ball over several times and the defense kept them out of the end zone."

Hurt singled out the play of seniors Mo Bell and Ronnie Cecil as keys to the win. The two standouts shared defensive player of the week honors for their efforts.

Bell had a field day at his linebacker spot, recording 15 solo tackles, three assists, one interception, one fumble recovery and four tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Cecil added 13 tackles and one assist to the cause in what Hurt termed "one of the best games he has ever played." And Cecil made one play that overshadowed all the others.

With 1:43 on the clock, Western scored on a 10-yard pass from Doug Bartholomew to Jimmy Woods to pull the Hilltoppers within two points.

In a two-point conversion attempt which would have tied the game, quarterback John Hall sprinted to the right. With all his receivers covered, the Hilltoppers freshman was forced to turn upfield where Cecil made his most important tackle, stopping Hall a foot short of the goal-line to preserve the victory.

"It was the play of the game," Hurt observed.

Offensively, the Raider coach cited the play of Shockley and



SCOOOORE! Raider head coach Ben Hurt [left] and assistant Ray Hughes show their excitement after an MTSU touchdown Saturday. Despite the dark clouds which hung over Jones Field all afternoon, it was a bright day for the Raiders as they posted a 21-19 win over Western Kentucky.

running back Robbie Rogers. Rogers picked up 55 yards in 10 carries and also caught a 24-yard touchdown strike from Robinson for the first score of the game to capture offensive player of the week honors.

Shockley snared two passes for 78 yards and one touchdown.

Mike Moore paced the Raiders' ground game, rushing 29 times for 83 yards and one touchdown. The senior fullback has now picked up 842 yards on the season.

Hurt expressed enthusiasm over his team's late resurgence but warned that in order to have any hope for the conference crown, Middle must first get past East Tennessee at Johnson City Saturday.

"We have to win this one if we are going to do anything," Hurt said. "We have to take things one at a time."

"Their record doesn't indicate

how good they are," he continued. "We are definitely concerned about them."

Hurt noted, however, that his team will be ready to play. "The players are really high right now. The attitude is great."

Noting the play of the seniors in particular, Hurt said that a conference title would "certainly be great for them."

"They've got so much invested," he added, "I would like to win it just for them."

After having nothing but bad luck through the first half of the season, maybe Hurt is finally getting some help. Although Saturday's game was dampened by intermittent rain and dark clouds, as the final minutes ticked away, a rainbow appeared over the east stands of Jones Field.

Maybe somewhere over the rainbow there is a conference title for the Raiders.

Basketball team sets debut in Blue-White scrimmage

by Eddie Gossage
Assistant Sports Editor

The 1977-78 version of the Blue Raider basketball team will unveil its act tonight in Shelbyville in a benefit game for the Shelbyville High School basketball program, which is coached by Jim Drew, a former Raider basketball player.

Earle has been pleased by his team's performance so far this season and has attributed the success to the competition for starting berths.

"We have had a good effort from everyone, perhaps because the competition for jobs is greater than it ever has been," Earle asserted.

Earle has one problem, other than deciding who to start: starting point guard for the first two games of the season.

Greg Armstrong, a transfer from

the University of Florida, has been looking very good thus far and is likely to start at that position during most of the season. However, the junior guard will be ineligible for the first two games of the season, one of which is the season-opener which will be played at powerful Oral Roberts University.

Armstrong started at point guard for the Florida Gators in the SEC while a freshman.

"Right now, it looks like either Curtis Fitts, a freshman, or senior Sam Burrell," Earle said. "Fitts is a great athlete, but Sam, of course has the edge in experience," he added.

Senior center Bob Martin, last year's most valuable player in the OVC tournament, is, as always, hustling as hard as anyone.

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A mob of Hilltopper defenders hit MTSU fullback Mike Moore, causing one of seven Raider fumbles on a damp afternoon at Jones Field.

Basketball

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"He will embarrass someone that is just standing around, not by saying anything, but by how hard he plays," Earle said.

Sleepy Taylor, who, along with Martin and Greg Joyner are the tri-captains of the Raider squad, is looking better than he has in years. "Sleepy is moving much better than last year," Earle pointed out.

Joyner is much more advanced at this stage than he was at this time last year, the Raider coach said.

"Greg has matured and assumed some leadership. He is calling on others in practice now, making them give that little extra effort," Earle said.

Three players are locked in a vicious fight for a starting berth at forward. Julius Brown is currently playing the best basketball he has ever played, but is being pushed hard by sophomore Leroy Coleman and transfer Jimmy Riley, Earle said.

Coleman has been slowed by a nagging ankle injury in practice, but continues to work hard so he will not lose ground to the other two players.

One of the most pleasing aspects

of the current Raider squad is the constant improvement of John Sauer, a 6-9 center who transferred to MTSU from Joliet College in Illinois.

Sauer seems to enjoy playing away from the goal better than underneath, but Earle is doing his best to break him of the habit.

"Playing a 6'9", 225 pounder away from the basket is a luxury we can't afford. We need him under that goal," Earle explained. He is

Mat season opens with three-way meet

Wrestling coach Gordon Connell leads his matmen into action Monday night when the Raider grapplers host Tennessee Tech and Georgia Tech in a triangular meet at Murphy Center.

Challenge matches are being held this week to determine team positions in each weight class, Connell said.

The wrestling team will be operating with partial scholarship aid for the first time in the history of the program.

responding to our style of play very well."

Freshman Mike Frost, one of Earle's prized recruits, is still hobbled by knee surgery although he is running and dunking the ball in practice. However, with Martin returning at center and Sauer coming on strong, Frost will likely

be red-shirted this season.

Three other freshman continue to make progress. Mark Lynn, Raymond Martin and Robert Culley have looked good in practice.

In addition to tonight's Blue-White game in Shelbyville, a similar scrimmage will be held in Murphy Center November 21.

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OVC Wrapup

EKU stuns Tech, ends unbeaten season hopes

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

Tennessee Tech had its unbeaten string of eight games broken Saturday, as Eastern Kentucky upset the Eagles 28-21 in Richmond.

Going into the game, Tech was the only undefeated college team in Tennessee and was ranked third nationally in last week's Division II

poll. A TTU victory would have virtually assured the Eagles of a bid to the NCAA playoffs.

With the loss, however, Tech dropped into a tie with Austin Peay for the Ohio Valley Conference lead and kept Middle Tennessee's championship hopes alive with the put the game out of reach.

Eastern dominated the game

Raiders 21-19 win over Western Kentucky.

Cecil Fore got the Eagles on the board first, with a 12-yard touchdown scamper in the opening quarter. The Colonels answered with 21 second-quarter points to take a 21-7 halftime lead.

Craig Rolle hauled in an eight-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jimmy Maynard early in the third period to pull the Eagles within a touchdown, but EKV came right back with a five-yard scoring run by quarterback Ernie House to statiscly, piling up 430 yards in total offense while leading Tech's league-leading squad to 336. Ernie House connected on nine of 14 passes for 178 yards and no interceptions to lead the Colonels.

Austin Peay 13

Murray 0

Austin Peay won its sixth upset victory of the season at Murray, Ky. Saturday, defeating the Racers 13-0.

In addition to pulling the Governors into a tie with Tennessee Tech for the OVC lead, the win also assured APSU of its first winning season in ten years. The Govs are now 6-3 on the season and 4-1 in the OVC.

Coveak Moody opened the scor-

ing for Austin Peay with a 79-yard sprint in the first quarter to put the Governors on top 7-0. It was the only touchdown of the day.

Placekicker Mike Meador booted two field goals in the second quarter to provide the final score. One of the field goals, a 50-yarder, was a personal record for Meador.

APSU rolled up 253 yards rushing and dominated the game in almost every statistical department. The stubborn Gov defense held Murray to 177 yards total offense.

The loss killed the Racers' title hope dropping them to 3-3 in conference play and 4-5 overall.

East Tennessee 37

Morehead 34

Reserve quarterback Mark Hutshell hit receiver Charles Clark with a 20-yard touchdown pass with 30 seconds left in the game Saturday to lead East Tennessee to a 37-34 upset win over Morehead.

Morehead quarterback Phil Simms ran five yards for a first-quarter touchdown to give the Eagles an early lead, but the Buccaneers returned quickly with 17 points to gain a 17-7 halftime margin.

The lead changed hands several times in the second half before Hutshell connected with Clark for the game-winning score.

ATTENTION PARKERS!

This fall, just prior to registration, it was decided to allow more Freshmen to register their vehicles and receive a Dorm decal (green). This plus the enrollment of more Freshmen than previously anticipated has resulted in a shortage of green spaces to park.

It has been decided to allow green decaled vehicles to park in certain blue areas along with blue decaled cars.

The blue areas where green decaled vehicles can also legally be parked are listed below:

1. "C"-Street lot, between Hi-Rise Dorms.
2. "C"-Street, West Curb, Between L.R.C. and Wood & Felder lot.
3. "C"-Street, large lot between Hi-Rise and H-Hall dorms.
4. 1st Street, South side, between Baird and Womack Lanes.
5. S.U.B. lot, North end, West curb opposite Rutledge Hall.

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Harriers finish next to last, Bucs dominate OVC meet

by Tom Wood

An injury-riddled MTSU cross-country team placed seventh in the 1977 Ohio Valley Conference Championships Saturday in Bowling Green, Ky.

The Raiders totaled 157 points, finishing the 10,000 meter Hobson Grove course only above Tennessee Tech. East Tennessee, which has a No. 3 NCAA national ranking this fall, took first place with 22 team points, while Murray State was second with 42 points.

ETSU's Mark Finucane was first across the finish line with a winning time of 31:31. The Buccaneers took six of the top 10 spots while Murray

took three more. Austin Peay was the only other team to crack in to the top 10.

For the Raiders, Gary Perry was the top finisher—11th place with a time of 33:02. Other MTSU finishers were Dennis Votava (36), Jack Langford (37), Randy Oliver (41), Linton Whaley (47) and Roger Kelsey (49).

"We went out and tried our best," MTSU coach Dean Hayes said yesterday. "Considering the injury situation, I was pleased with the performance."

Hayes said he will take Perry to the NCAA Regionals this weekend in Greenville, S.C.

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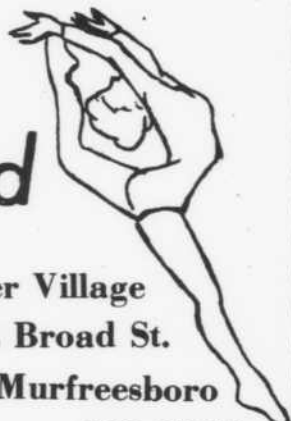
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Durchman captures singles title

Lady netters place fourth in conference meet

by Eddie Gossage
Assistant Sports Editor
Elina Durchman, currently in her
first year of American tennis

competition took on the best the
Ohio Valley Conference had to offer
and won the OVC women's tennis
championship, Saturday in Rich-

mond, Ky.

Durchman, who had claimed the Finland championship before coming to MTSU in September, knocked off Western Kentucky's Kathy Strodzas in straight sets to win the No. 1 seed singles championship.

But it was Western Kentucky who took the overall prize in the event which was dominated by Kentucky teams.

The Lady Raiders finished in fourth place, better than any other Tennessee conference member.

Head coach Sandy Neal expressed disappointment but said she was "satisfied" with her team's showing.

Two other members of the Lady

Raider squad reached the finals in their divisions, only to lose in the championship matches.

Nancy Broadhurst fell in her division's championship match to Western Kentucky's Shelly Fredlake while Karen Miller, playing the number six position, fell in her championship match to Western's Suzanne Johnson.

Neal was very pleased with the play of these two players but felt that if other members of the team had finished higher, the squad's final standing might have been in second or third place.

"We could have done better," Neal said, "but we had some close matches which we really should have won."

Volleyball team wins tournament

Recording wins over all eight other participants in the event, the MTSU women's volleyball team captured first place in the Austin Peay Women's Invitational Tournament in Clarksville last weekend.

Coach Sandy Neal's team lost only two games on their way to a sweep of the tournament.

"Everybody played well," Neal exulted after the tournament. "We

had a good week of practice and everybody was up for the tournament. We are looking forward to the state tournament this weekend."

The Women's State Volleyball Tournament will be held this weekend on the campus of East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

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