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Photo by Fred Carr

Jimmy Earle, MTSU basketball coach, is carried off the gymnasium floor after his Raiders shocked the Governors with a 90-87 victory here Saturday night. The Raiders defeat of Austin Peay sustained local hopes

for an Ohio Valley Conference championship in basketball. Last night MTSU beat Murray State University 74-71. See story on page 12.

Earn \$12,600? You'll be feeling tax bite

by Bill Mason

Scheduled increases in social security taxes this year will not affect workers earning \$12,600 or less, according to Fred St. Clair of the Murfreesboro social security office.

Many middle- and low-income workers have expressed fear that

an increase of 11 per cent in social security benefits would be financed by a hike in withholding taxes from individual paychecks.

Instead, the rate of social security taxes (5.85 per cent) will remain the same, St. Clair said. The difference will be in the amount of earnings taxed, he added.

Social security taxes previously

were paid only on the first \$12,600 of total earned wages, but that amount has been raised to \$13,200 to provide revenue needed to increase benefits to current recipients, St. Clair said.

"Only people who earn over \$12,600 will be required to pay more in social security taxes," he said.

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There will be a meeting of all women interested in participating on the MTSU's women's tennis team this spring. The meeting will be at 4 p.m. tomorrow in room 202 of Bader Gym. New members as well as veterans are welcomed to participate.

There will be a meeting of the College Republicans at 3 p.m. Thursday in room 322A of the U.C. All interested persons are invited to attend.

A meeting of the ASB housing committee will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the ASB office on the third floor of the U.C.

Tennessee Legislative Report...7-7:30 p.m. tomorrow... Chris Clark moderates as newsmen and legislators consider the events happening in the state legislature. Channel 8.

The Turnaround...9-9:30 p.m. tomorrow... The causes, events and results of the historic Homestead Strike, a five-month confrontation in 1892 which resulted in the quashing of unionism for 50 years, are documented. Channel 8.

Jane Goodall and the World of Animal Behavior...7-8 p.m. Friday... "The Baboons of Gombe." A study of the habits and traits of baboons which was filmed on location at the Serengeti in Africa. Channel 2.

A Word on Words...7:30-8p.m. Friday... John B. Walters guests to discuss his book, "Merchant of Terror." Channel 8.

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Talks set for Negro History Week

Negro History Week will be observed at MTSU Feb. 12 when Alonzo Stephens, head of the

department of history and political science at Tennessee State University, will speak on campus.

Stephens will present a question and answer session on Negro progress in the 20th century at 10 a.m. in NCB 103, according to Robert Corlew, history department chairman.

Interested persons may discuss racial problems or other matters with Stephens at 1 p.m. in the NCB conference room 222, Corlew said.

Stephens became the first black American to teach at MTSU in the summer of 1969.

In 1970 Stephens was a delegate to the International Economic History Conference in Leningrad Russia and was an adviser to the United Nations. He received his Ph.D from the University of Pittsburgh.

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Federal court to decide sex discrimination suit

by Larry Harrington

A suit brought by a former MTSU professor charging the state of Tennessee with sex discrimination in employment will be heard May 29 by Federal District Judge L. Clure Morton, according to the office of the federal District Court clerk.

The suit alleges patterns of systematic discrimination against women in rates of pay, advancement opportunities, job security and other areas of employment, according to Cheryl Lynn Travis' attorney, Charles Ray.

Ray said "class" defined in the suit has been expanded to include all qualified women employed by any of the state's boards, agencies or departments. This would include women in the state university system.

If the court finds for the plaintiff, it will probably direct the state to file a plan for eliminating discrimination on the basis of sex and require MTSU to remove from Travis' file any allegations of mediocrity, Ray said.

The attorney for the State Board of Regents, Lynn Hastings, said that a faculty member from MTSU was in Nashville Monday to give a deposition for the plaintiff.

Hastings said most state schools have adopted "reformatory action programs" outlining goals for employment of minorities and women and describing how the goals will be met.

Travis, a former psychology professor, in a Sidelines story said when the case was filed last

semester that she was refused any type of appeal or hearing when she was not recommended for re-employment in the spring of 1972.

Travis said she had received no complaints about her performance until the chairman of the Psychology Department, Willard Kerr, notified her that she would not be rehired. No reasons were given in the notice, she indicated.

Kerr later gave her the impression that she was not being rehired because she is a woman, she said.

Travis said she contacted both MTSU President M. G. Scarlett and Vice President for Academic Affairs Howard Kirksey requesting a formal hearing for review or reconciliation of Kerr's recommendations. Kirksey told her the university was not legally obligated to grant her such a hearing and refused her request.

Travis said she had the impression that she was entitled to a hearing involving presentation of charges against her and the opportunity to respond to them with the aid of counsel.

Kirksey said in the earlier story that he would not comment directly on the case while it is being litigated. He said that any teacher who has not been granted tenure is hired on a yearly basis at the discretion of the department head. Any such teacher who is not rehired has no legal right to a hearing in accordance with due process, Kirksey said.

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Wiseman backers schedule dinner

A "countdown" barbeque dinner for State Treasurer Tom Wiseman, Democratic candidate for governor, will be held Thursday night in Tullahoma.

The dinner, sponsored by Coffee County Democratic party leaders, will begin at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory on Highway 55, John Jackson, a Wiseman supporter said yesterday.

Tickets for the event can be obtained by contacting Jackson in Murfreesboro. State party leaders are expected to attend the affair, which has been advertised as a "countdown" on Wiseman's entry as a primary hopeful.

Skits will 'take-off' Thursday

Although several groups have dropped out of contention in Biology Club Stunt Night, the event still will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, according to Kathy Hall, club president.

Organizations still scheduled to participate in the 38th annual event include the German Club, Gymnastics Club, Forrest Raiderettes and Wado Karate Club in the non-Greek division; and Alpha Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Alpha Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Kappa Delta Pi, Kappa Alpha Psi and Delta Tau Delta in the Greek division.

Participants will present such skits as a take-off on women's

lib, a spoof of Richard Nixon, a performance on "American Graffiti" and a portrayal of life at MTSU, Hall said.

Shelia Hixson will provide the entertainment at intermission.

The program will be emceed by Andy Johnston, WLAC-TV's Tennessee Traveller.

Hall said proceeds from the

program will go to the George Davis Loan Fund (an interest-free loan fund for senior biology majors).

"Our loan fund is suffering," Hall said. "If Stunt Night doesn't go over this year, we won't continue to have it. We will have to resort to some other way to make money."

Admission to the program is \$1.

Honors group to show pop films

Six films significant in the study of popular culture will be sponsored this semester by the MTSU honors program, according to

Charles Wolfe of the English Department.

The films will be presented primarily for the benefit of students enrolled in the honors course Studies in Popular Culture, but they also will be open to any other interested student or faculty member, Wolfe said.

Following is a schedule of the films to be shown:

Feb. 4 -- "Them," starring James Arness; a science fiction film of the 1950s.

Feb. 11 -- "It Came From Outer Space," starring Barbara Rush and written by Ray Bradbury.

March 18 -- "Rebel Without a Cause," starring James Dean; a "cult" film that develops the anti-hero.

April 1 -- "To Hell and Back," starring Audie Murphy; a classic war hero story.

April 4 -- "The Last Roundup," starring Gene Autry; a typical singing cowboy film.

April 11 -- "Destry Rides Again," starring Tom Mix; an early sound action western.

All films will be shown in the University Center Theatre at 7 p.m. except "The Last Roundup," which will be presented at a time and place to be announced later. Admission will be free.

Council to discuss Midlander, Collage

The new Council on Student Publications will meet for the first time at 2 p.m. Wednesday in hopes of reaching a decision on the proposed merger of the Midlander and Collage.

As proposed by Jerry Hilliard, director of student publications, the new publication would combine the traditional features of the yearbook with creative works such as those that now appear in Collage magazine.

"The meeting will be open to all students interested, and we hope to get a wide range of opinions on the subject," said Edward Kimbrell, mass communications department chairman.

The session will be held in room 100 of Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

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NORML campus chapter drafts constitution

by Scott Perry

A campus chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) now has a constitution and provisional recognition from the university, according to Terry Thomas, NORML member.

The chapter can gain official recognition when it finds a faculty sponsor and passes the university screening committee for campus organizations, Thomas said.

The screening committee will meet Feb. 9, he said.

About 30 people attended an organizational meeting for the chapter last Thursday night, which was headed by John Shenck, state director for NORML and Richard Cowan, a writer for the National Review.

"By what I've heard about this community there is great need for a NORML chapter here," Shenck said. "The state organization started last May and since that time there have been plans for many chapters organized around the state."

"The purpose of NORML is to change the laws here in Tennessee regarding the possession of marijuana," Shenck said. "But the laws will never be changed without people getting together."

"It is wrong to put people in jail for the possession of marijuana," Cowan said. "Marijuana is no longer a radical issue. I myself am a conservative, and being opposed to putting someone in jail is not advocating marijuana."

"Don't underestimate what a group like your chapter could do to change the laws," he said. "The penalties for the possession of marijuana in Texas were changed because of a small group of people who got out and worked."

The campus chapter of NORML might be able to work out a bail bonding system and a lawyer availability service to help students busted for the possession of marijuana here in Murfreesboro, according to Thomas.

"Just having the campus chapter isn't going to be enough though," he said. "It is going to take a lot

of work, and funds are going to be needed."

However, no dues will be charged for membership which is open to all students, faculty and staff, according to Tim Watson, ASB president.

ASB has helped to get NORML on the campus, but the chapter will have no official association with student government, Watson said.

A meeting of the chapter is tentatively set for next Tuesday night, Thomas said.





Richard Cowan, standing, talks to a group of MTSU students who are members of the MTSU NORML chapter.

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Obscene Valiants succeed with vulgar, disgusting act

by Crouse Powell

The appearance of Vince Vance and the Valiants Friday night was the most obscene, repulsive, vulgar, disgusting act I have ever witnessed on any stage.

And I loved every damn minute of it.

In spite of a lethargic audience, (the greatest reaction from the crowd came when Vance told them that Austin Peay would lose Saturday night's game) the incredible Valiants proved themselves to be a high-energy band of remarkable physical feats.

Let me clarify that the Valiants are by no stretch of the imagination a musical group. The most notable musician of the band was organist Andy Stone and he was spectacular only when he played with his feet and behind his back, a neat trick, but not a sign of great technical achievement.

Still, the Valiants held a certain fascination, a type of bawdy, dirty - little - boy - who - lives - next - door charm that was hard to resist and even harder to be-

lieve.

"My sister used to bring her boyfriends over with their slick hair and tight pants," reminisced Vance in an after-concert interview. "They used to carve their names in my mother's coffee table...I thought they were really tough and decided to imitate them later in my life."

Organized in New Orleans about two years ago, the Valiants have tried to reconstruct what they call "a rather loose interpretation of what the 'musical fifties' were like."

"We try and put the whole 'decade' on stage, though we do spice it up a lot," Vance admitted. "It's kind of like a pair of baby shoes--you want to preserve them, so you guild them. That's what we do to the fifties, guild them in gold."

The concert opened with the old Danny and the Juniors million-seller, "At the Hop". In a blaze of colored lights and drum rolls, Vince and the boys galloped on stage, dressed in original fifties street attire--white socks, skin-

tight jeans, tee shirts with rolled-up sleeves, and pointed black shoes that gave so many of America's teenagers fallen arches.

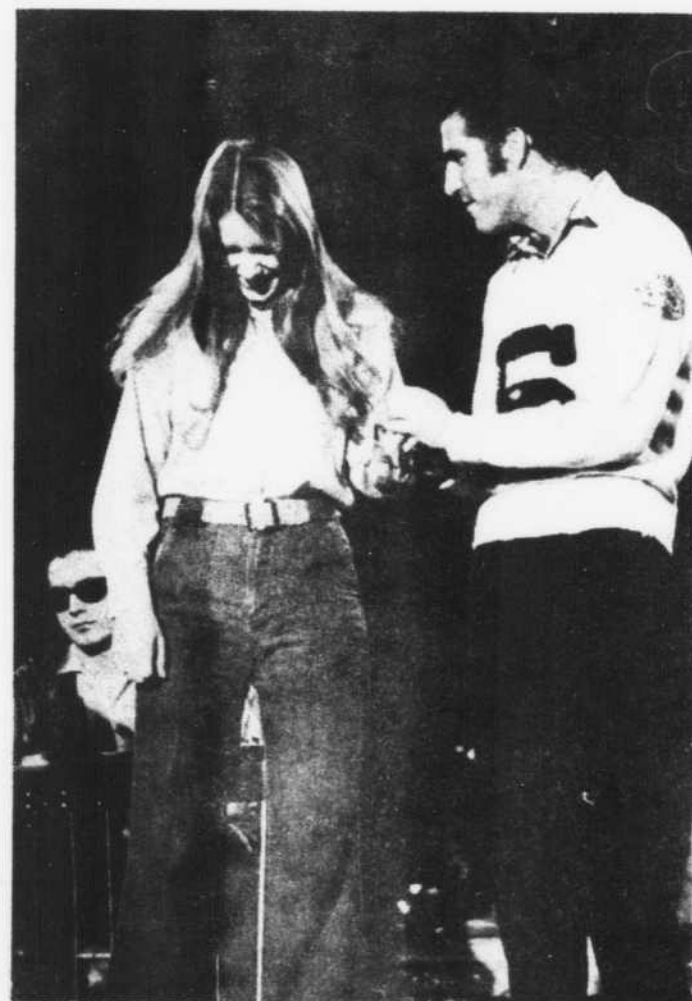
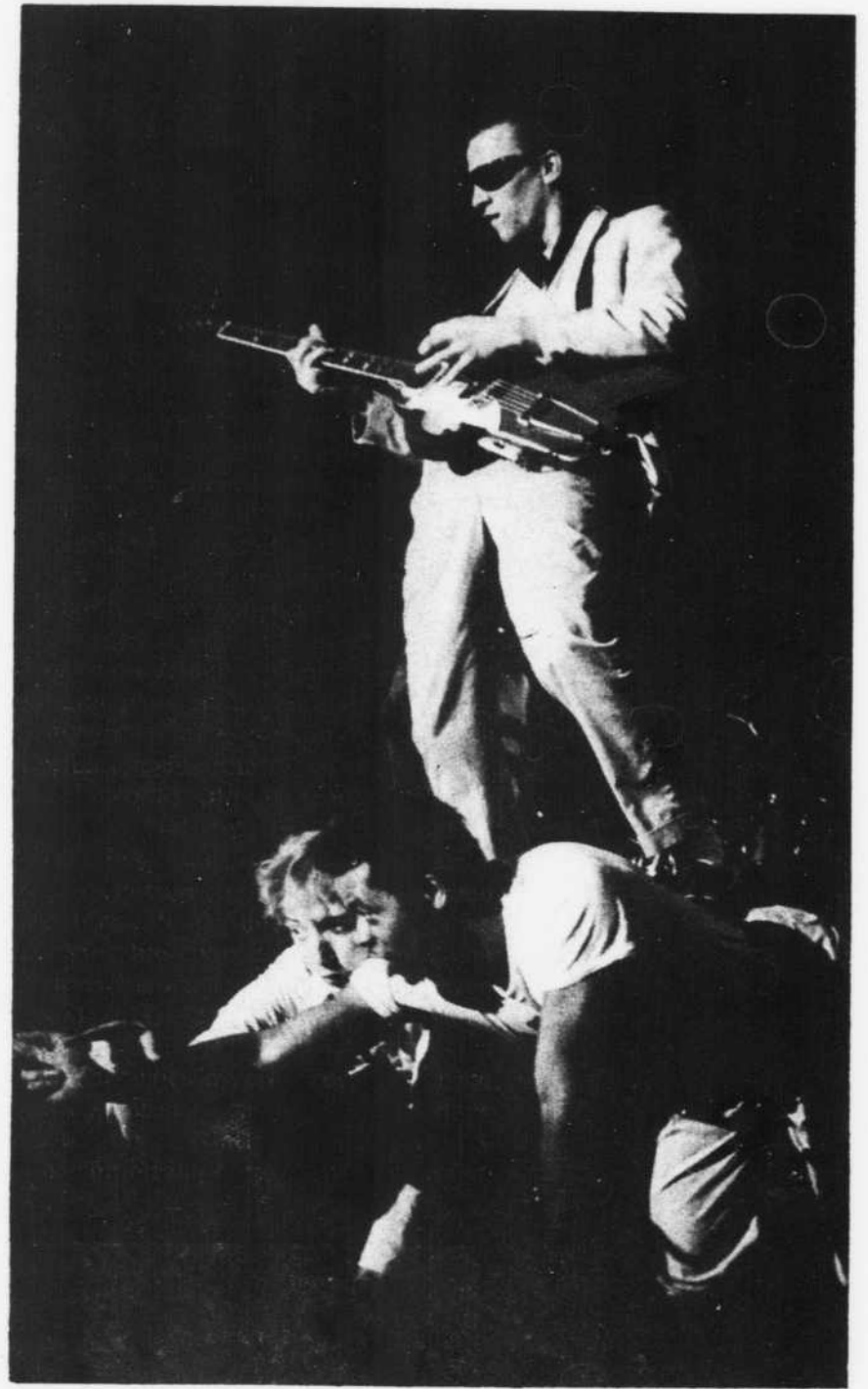
Vance's hair was plastered back with about six gallons of grease. Armed with a five-inch plastic comb, he proceeded to sling the stuff onto the audience. After he had thus amused himself, Vance spit on the stage and leered at the crowd in a most vulgar manner. This gives you an idea of what kind of show Vince Vance and the Valiants presented and I won't waste my time or yours in telling you what happened later on.

I would like to commend five lovely and totally insane MTSU females who had the imagination and courage to deck out in saddle oxfords and bobby socks, thus giving the concert an air of authenticity it often lacked. They even **squealed**. Thanks girls, you were great.

Will rock'n'roll ever die? Like the song says, "rock and roll is here to stay." Until somebody thinks of something better, anyway.



Photos by Tim Hamilton and Fred Carr



New meal plans result in cafeteria hassle

by Randy Carter

Three new meal plans offered by the Saga food service this semester have resulted in problems for many members of the student body.

About 165 students have taken advantage of the new 10-meal, 14-meal and 19-meal plans, all of which are operated on an "unlimited seconds" basis, according to Doug Townsend, manager of Woodmore cafeteria.

The new meal plans cost \$56-\$98 more than the regular plan, which costs \$170, Townsend said.

Only those people who are participating in the new food plans are allowed to eat at Woodmore, Townsend said. This results in overcrowding at High Rise cafeteria, he added.

Because most students eat at High Rise, problems with long serving lines and inadequate seating have increased, said Gwynne Croft, MTSU junior.

Double lines at High Rise has done little to ease the problem, Townsend said.

Many male students who chose Clement, Gracy or Judd dormitories because of easy access to Woodmore have expressed dissatisfaction with the new food program.

"Woodmore is right across the street from my dorm, but I have to eat at a cafeteria half-way across campus," said Nashville sophomore Phillip Smith.

Goodlettsville freshman Ronnie Edmunds said that he was partici-



An unidentified lone student takes dinner in a near-empty Woodmore cafeteria, site of three new Saga meal plans.

Photo by Tim Hamilton

pating in the new meal plan only because Woodmore is near his dorm.

"I usually don't go back for seconds," admitted Edmunds, "but the convenience of eating at Woodmore is worth the extra \$88 I have to pay."

Some freshman girls are also displeased with the new Saga services because of the distances to High Rise from their dorms.

"I don't like the long walk in the dark to eat breakfast," said Audrey Dorofee, who also complained about the long lines during rainy weather.

"More cafeterias should be opened," Dorofee said.

Townsend admitted that the meal plans have been an inconvenience to the students, but said that the problems would be reduced after the first semester of operation.

"We predicted a small number of participants in this program," Townsend said, "but there will be more people next year. Everyone in the program likes it because of the continuous service."

Townsend said that it would be impossible to open Woodmore to everyone as long as the new meal plans are continued because there would be no way to check to see who returns for seconds.

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Blue thinclads to face locals

A battle of local track teams, Middle Tennessee, David Lipscomb College and Fisk University, will take place at 6:30 tonight in Murphy Center.

All three squads are led by talented individual competitors, according to MTSU Track Coach Dean Hayes.

The Raiders are coming off a fifth place finish in the Illinois Invitational Saturday at Champaign, Ill.

MTSU tallied 50 points in the meet, won by the University of Illinois with 186 points.

The Raiders were paced by Dwaine "The Roadrunner" Copeland, who won the 60-yard dash and placed second in the 300-yard dash with times of 6.2 and 32.2 seconds, respectively.

Copeland is undefeated in the 60-yard dash this season, having been victorious in MTSU's opening meet with Furman.

Tommy Haynes, an All-American candidate, placed second in the long and triple jumps for the Raiders with leaps of 24 feet 7 3/4 inches and 51 feet 4 1/4 inches, respectively.

Half-miler John Johnson and shot-putter Greg Lintner marked up third-place finishes for MTSU, and hurdlers Nate Porter and Keith Cromartie placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 70-yard high hurdlers.

"I'd have to say that we've got a little more depth than Fisk or Lipscomb," Hayes said, "but those teams have some very talented individuals who could sneak up on us."

Two form collegiate All-Americans, Al Lanier and ex-Raider Barry McClure will be competing in the meet.

Lanier, formerly of the University of Cincinnati, will be representing Ft. Campbell of the U.S. Army. He was the fourth-ranked long jumper in the world by Track and Field News last year and placed second in the NCAA finals four times during his career.

McClure, the second ranked triple jumper in the United States is the holder of the collegiate indoor record with a leap of 54 feet, 1 3/4 inches. He has scored more points in the triple jump than anyone in NCAA history.

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Does scoring points make 'Fly' great?

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

James Williams, Austin Peay's highly publicized basketball player, must be a thoroughly confused individual due to MTSU's surprising defeat of the Governors Saturday night.

You see, James thought he was a fly, but he turned out to be a goat.

Everyone knows by now that it was Williams' foul with 2 seconds remaining in the game that enabled the Big Blue to pull off one of the most stunning come-from-behind victories in the history of MTSU roundball.

It was a senseless foul but it wasn't the last senseless thing the Fly did Saturday night.

Shouting at the officials, the crowd and his coach was to follow. Then came the grand finale; he proceeded to kick over two or three chairs on the Murphy Center floor.

I called Williams a crybaby in my last column, and a few folks suggested that I might have been a little hard on him.

I won't use this newspaper's space to go into a defense of my terminology concerning Williams. Instead, I'll let those of you who saw the game form your own opinions.

To access Williams' athletic ability in anything less than terms of excellence would be ignorant. He is definitely the finest basketball player I've seen play on the MTSU hardwood.

However, it is sad that this gifted individual would display such fits of temper before 12,000 people. In doing this, he neither credits himself nor his school.

I also said in my last column that I didn't believe Jimmy Earle would trade one of his players for a thousand flies. I have not altered my position.

There's more to being a great athlete than ripping the nets for 32 points. It's things like holding ones head up in the face of defeat and congratulating the victor that



Photo by Tim Hamilton

James "Fly" Williams shows his disapproval of the charging violation called on him in the last seconds of regulation time during the Raiders game with APSU Saturday. Williams' foul enabled MTSU's Jimmy Martin to sink the free throw that put the game into overtime.

makes a player like Jerry West or Oscar Robertson what they are today.

I believe an athlete has got a certain responsibility to those who support him to act the part of a sportsman.

Remember, 12,000 people were at the game Saturday. How many

of those were chewing bubble gum and dreaming of the days when he would be bombing in 30-footers?

Yes, an idol has a big responsibility, and the falling of a star is a sad thing.

Intramural cage games tonight

Eight squads will be pursuing hardcourt excellence when the second week of intramural basketball starts tonight in Alumni Memorial Gym.

The first games will begin at 4 p.m. with Tim and Earl's Pearls first team taking on the Commodores and the Furburgers meeting the Bellwood Twives.

In the 5 p.m. confrontations, the Red Dogs will clash with the Birds and Volpe's Freaks second team takes on the Orange Crushers.

The Hashers will meet the Devil's Eight and Tim and Earl's Pearls second team fights Volpe's Freaks first team the next hour.

Tonight's finales at 7 p.m. includes the Bros meeting the Street Walkers and Ball's Hogs battling the Haints.



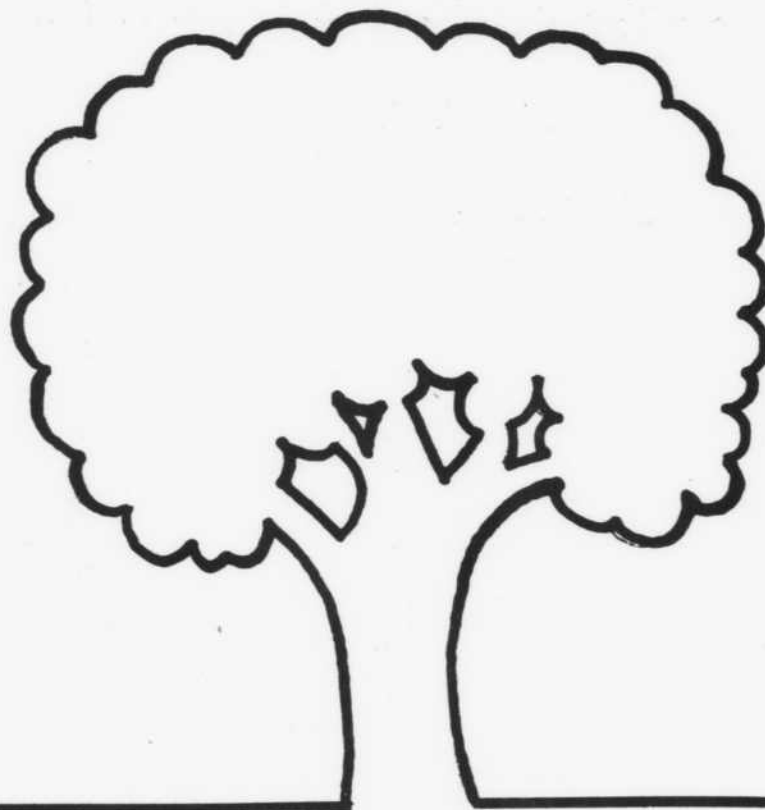
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Raiderettes to host Vol State

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

A "more confident" Raiderette basketball team will take on Volunteer State Community College at 6:30 tonight in Murphy Center.

The Raiderettes are coming off a 55-39 pounding of Austin Peay here Saturday, bringing their season record to 2-4.

Volunteer State carries a 10-1 slate and has been beaten only by Tennessee Tech, a team that has beaten the Raiderettes twice this year.

MTSU was led by Jackie Carter against APSU.

Carter, a junior center from Nashville, poured in 19 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to pace MTSU.

She led the Raiderettes to a 25-13 halftime lead with a 14-point outburst before the intermission.

Teammate Debbie "Boogle" Boykin added 12 markers and eight rebounds, and guard Beannie Seccrest netted seven points.

"We just got it all together out there," Raiderette coach Karen Ledford said. "We worked the ball around beautifully and got it inside."

Ledford said the lady Governors employed a man to man defense against her squad in the first half, enabling Carter to score heavily inside.

"They went to a zone defense in the second half," Ledford said, "and that left our forwards open outside. Boogle started hitting and it was all over."



Raiderette coach Karen Ledford gives instructions to her team during a game at Murphy Center this season. The Raiderettes posted a 55-39 win over Austin Peay in their last outing and will meet Vol State tonight.

Photo by Steve Cross

The Raiderettes had only four turnovers, opposing the 24 they suffered in their previous outing.

"We hit 12 of 14 from the foul line," Ledford said, "and that really made the difference."

Ledford praised guards Lynn Burklow and Lou Ann Wells highly.

"Lou Ann and Lynn did a great job of spotting the open man on offense," she said. "I've been trying to coach that all season, and it looks like we're making some progress."

Ledford indicated her team's weakest point is rebounding. "We're going to have to start giving Carter some help on the boards. She's doing too much of the rebounding by herself."

A native of Chattanooga, Ledford said her squad would use a man to man or trapping zone defense against Volunteer State.

"Vol State isn't a very tall team," she said, "but they have some high scoring shooters who can hurt you from outside."

"We're just taking our games one at a time," Ledford added. "If we can play all the time like we did Saturday--we can beat anybody."

Gymnasts down Martin

Two individual wins by Guy Freeman paced the MTSU men's gymnastics team to its first triumph of the season, a 70.4-59.3 shellacking of the University of Tennessee at Martin Saturday at Nashville.

Freeman, a newcomer to the squad, posted victories in the parallel bars and the floor exercise events with scores of 5.05 and 6.40, respectively.

Freeman also tied teammate Jay Patterson for third place in the sidehorse competition.

MTSU's John Lucas edged out teammate Pat Lightner for a victory in the sidehorse competition with a score of 5.25 and added a third place finish in the floor exercise to his totals.

"Our weakest event this year has been the horizontal bars," MTSU gymnastics coach Pat Hannon said. "We're depending on Gene Foster and Jay Patterson to take up the slack there."

MTSU will square off with Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Kentucky Friday at 6 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Gym.

"Eastern has a very good team" Hannon said. "They've been scoring around 110 points in team scoring all year."

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Western next foe

Raiders win 74-71

by Scott Elliott

A second half rally sparked by George Sorrell and Fred Allen enabled the MTSU basketball team to edge Murray State University for the first time in 13 years 74-71 last night at Murray, Ky.

Murray mounted a 41-37 half-time lead behind a 17 point outburst by Mike Coleman and upped the margin to 68-63 with 6:24 remaining in the game.

However, a bucket by forward Jimmy Powell and two field goals by Steve Peeler vaulted the Raiders into the lead 69-68.

A defensive battle took place for the remainder of the contest, but the best Murray could do was to knot the score at 71 all.

With 40 seconds to be played, a Murray player fouled Allen, spelling doom for the Kentuckians as he hit a free throw to give MTSU the lead for good.

Allen upped the Raiders' winning margin to three by tossing in two more charity shots as the gun sounded.

Raider head coach Jimmy Earle said the key to the game was the ability of MTSU to fight Murray on the boards.

"I can't say enough about George Sorrell," Earle said. "He hit 14 clutch points in the second half and dominated the rebounding game."

Earle indicated the play of center Tim Sisneros was also a big factor in MTSU's win.

"Tim stopped Marcelous Starks from getting inside," Earle said, "and shutting him down did a lot in shutting down Murray."

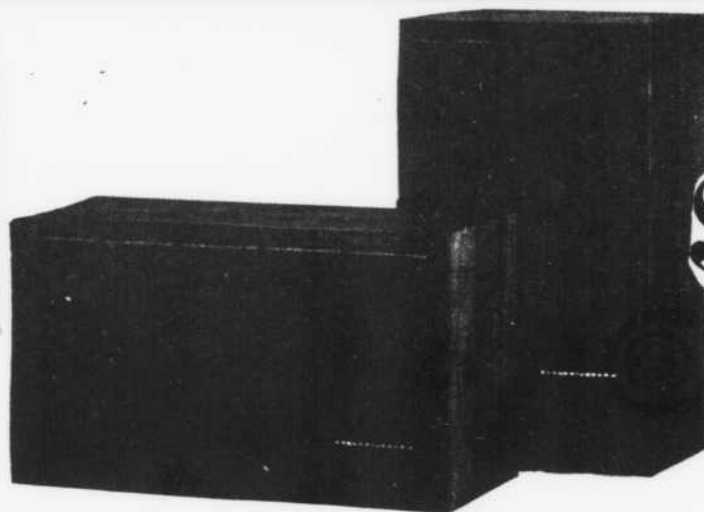
The MTSU mentor said he felt for the first time in years that Murray State respected the Raiders' outside game.

"Murray couldn't use their zone defense as much as they wanted to because they felt the threat of our outside shooting," he said. "Keeping them in a man to man defense was a plus for us."

The victory enabled MTSU to remain tied for the Ohio Valley Conference lead with a 4-2 mark. The Raiders are 13-4 over-all.

Murray's conference record dropped to 3-3 with the defeat; knocking them out of a share of the OVC lead.

The Raiders' next opponent will be Western Kentucky University Saturday night at Murphy Center.



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