

Preliminary audit released to public

By CONNIE CASS
Sidelines Editor in Chief

MTSU released the preliminary report of an internal audit of the women's track team yesterday, two days after *Sidelines* filed a petition for access to the document in Rutherford County Chancery Court.

MTSU filed the petition for access Tuesday morning after being repeatedly denied access by university officials. The petition named MTSU auditor David Jones, Middle Tennessee State University and the State Board of Regents as defendants and asked that they be summoned to appear before the

court to show cause why they did not have to release the information under Tennessee's Open Records Law.

The final audit report, which details last year's women's track coach Terry Edmondson's misuse of university funds and violations of NCAA rules, was released Wednesday.

MTSU President Sam Ingram said he told MTSU auditor David Jones Tuesday afternoon to "work all night" to complete the final report.

However, Ingram and Jones still refused to release the preliminary report named in the petition until State Board of Regents officials approved its release. State Board of Regents attorney Susan Short approved the release of the preliminary

report Wednesday, Ingram said.

Sidelines first requested access to the preliminary report Nov. 17, a week after MTSU's athletic department self-reported violations of NCAA regulations committed by Edmondson. Jones and Ingram both denied the newspaper access to the report. Ingram said that Board of Regents officials had advised Jones not to release the document.

"My policy was that all information that wasn't confidential by law should be open," Ingram said on Nov. 17. "I advised him [Jones] to call Nashville [the Board of Regents] and find out their opinion on it."

After refusing to release the preliminary document, Ingram said

the final report should be finished by Nov. 21.

Ingram and Jones again refused *Sidelines* reporters access to the preliminary document and the unfinished final report on Nov. 21, 24, 26, and last Monday.

Ingram said Monday that Board of Regents officials told him not to release the preliminary report because it might contain misinformation or information omitted from the final document.

Short told *Sidelines* Monday afternoon that she considered the preliminary report a "rough draft" and did not think it was covered by the state Open Records Law. Short said the law "doesn't address" the issue of preliminary findings, but that such records should be closed

to "protect the interests of individuals who may be named."

Tennessee Code Annotated 10-7-503 states, "All state, county and municipal records shall at all times, during business hours, be open for personal inspection by any citizen of Tennessee, and those in charge of such records shall not refuse such right of inspections to any citizen, unless otherwise provided by law or regulations made pursuant thereto."

Short did not cite any statute which exempts preliminary drafts from the Open Records Law.

After obtaining the preliminary and final audit documents, *Sidelines* withdrew its petition from Chancery Court.

(Editor's Note: For a related story on the contents of MTSU's internal audit, please see page 5.)



Frank Conley/Staff

Rachel Collier, High Rise hall council secretary, and Mindy Hannah, High Rise Hall Council president, salvage popcorn from the tree thrown out of the High Rise lobby. The tree was thrown out because it was deemed a fire hazard. Housing gave the hall a plastic tree to replace the one which was thrown out.

Advertiser investigated After *Sidelines* received complaints

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Assistant News Editor

At least two people who ordered records from Record Go Round (RGR) have not received their products and have complained to

Record Go Round advertised tapes and records for \$3.99 in *Sidelines*. The tapes normally list from \$6.99 to \$8.98.

The advertisements ran in the July 31, Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12 and 19 issues of *Sidelines*.

Cheryl Jones, a dispatcher for the Murfreesboro Police Department who was on campus in the summer to apply for admission during the spring of 1987, and Timothy Brown, an MTSU student, both complained to *Sidelines* that they ordered records from RGR and never received them. Kathy Slager, student publications account clerk, said.

"The only thing I ever got back from them [RGR] was a cancelled check," Jones said.

"They had a good thing going because they advised you to stick the check in with the order form," Jones said. "I mailed the form off and didn't have an address to contact them because of that."

Brown was not available for comment, but *Sidelines* has copies of a letter he sent to Action Advertising (the company which sent the authorization invoices to *Sidelines* for the RGG ads) on Oct. 27, 1986.

The letter states that he "ordered two tapes 12-13 weeks ago totalling \$10.48. This price included postage and handling. I have not received any response on this order to date. Please either send the tapes or money reimbursing me."

Slager said Brown sent the letter by registered mail and that she had a copy of the receipt from the post office saying the letter was picked up. However, Brown still has not heard anything from either Action Advertising or RGR.

"Action Advertising owes

Sidelines \$1,998.37 for the ads," Slager said. The figure also includes costs for two smaller ads for Master Card or Visa applications.

"We tried to get in touch with the company to get the money," Slager said. "The phone company in Davie [the town RGR is located in] did not have a listing for either company."

In addition, neither the Better Business Bureau in Davie nor Nashville (which serves the Murfreesboro area) had any files on either company.

An employee of the Miami, Fla., BBB information office said the fact that the office had no information is "neither a statement of approval or disapproval."

"We have turned Action Advertising over to the collection agency," Slager said.

Sidelines has turned over all information related to the case to postal authorities, who have yet to respond.

Sidelines has changed its advertising policy after the incident, Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator, said.

"We now require any new advertiser to pay the entire amount of the first ad in full before we will run it," Solomon said. If they mail it in, *Sidelines* sends them a letter explaining the policy and requesting pre-payment.

"If the company is not legitimate they will probably not contact us again," Solomon said.

Solomon added that her primary concern in the matter was the students who may have been "ripped off."

"The loss to *Sidelines* is not that serious in terms of revenue," she said. "My primary concern is for the students who may have been ripped off."

If anyone ordered records from Record Go Round and did not receive any merchandise, they should

By MICHAEL PUTZEL
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Old Washington hands who were around for the decline and fall of Richard Nixon have a sense of déjà vu as they witness the storm that has enveloped the Reagan White House since Election Day.

But this scandal in search of a name is at once broader and less overwhelming than Watergate was. Dubbed "Iran\$cam" by one New York tabloid and "Contragate" by another, this presidential crisis may yet earn a name all its own.

To the extent that it has exposed a secret foreign policy contrary to the president's publicly stated principles regarding terrorism and the embargo of weapons shipments to

Iran, the controversy may damage U.S. relations with its allies and the moderate Arab states more than did Watergate.

Many friends of the United States abroad never understood the fuss made over what Nixon spokesman Ron Ziegler called "a third-rate burglary." The long march to prove the president and his aides conspired and lied to cover up high-level approval of the break-in at Democratic headquarters mystified people who dismissed the crime as just another political dirty

trick. This time, senior officials in a number of countries have been subjected to public and private U.S. pressure to use their influence to block arms sales to Iran and resist the demands of terrorists. But White House admissions of the Iran arms dealings challenge the credibility of American foreign policy.

At the same time, the inevitable revelation of U.S. secrets is bound to upset Israel and other countries that conduct covert operations in league with the United States and now stand to be embarrassed as their special relationships and clandestine activities are spotlighted in the rush to define the dimensions of Reagan administration operations.

Unlike Watergate, which was

months despite the determined digging of two young *Washington Post* reporters and some others, Reagan's problems have mushroomed in a month into a full-scale, multi-act presidential drama.

Springing from a single article in an obscure Lebanese magazine that revealed former national security adviser Robert C. McFarlane's secret mission to Iran, the case is expanding daily in ever-broadening

committee to conduct separate probes.

Nixon, by contrast, tried to contain the case from the outset, yielding to public disclosure only under the most intense political and congressional pressure and then so selectively that the records he did provide became part of the evidence of the cover-up.

While it is still much too early to draw conclusions about the role of

News Analysis

kept largely under wraps for nine concentric circles.

Reagan and his aides have sought to portray the administration as anxious to get to the bottom of the matter, but they have offered little new information about the case since Attorney General Edwin Meese III disclosed the diversion of profits from the Iranian weapons sales to the U.S.-supported Contra guerrillas battling the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

The President, denying any prior knowledge of impropriety while defending the clandestine arms deal, has moved to expedite independent investigations of his own National Security Council and allegations of wrongdoing by its members. Following a pattern established by Watergate, Reagan has asked for appointment of a independent

counsel and the formation of a select congressional investigating Reagan and his aides in the matters under investigation, it is apparent that the problems the president already has acknowledged grew from the same penchant for secrecy and frustration with established restraints that led the Nixon White House to set up a covert squad to search for news leaks.

That kind of secrecy may be deemed necessary for the protection of national security, but it carries with it the risk that one aide's zeal to please his president won't be tempered by the wisdom and prudent judgment of more detached advisers.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Michael Putzel, who covered the Watergate scandal for The Associated Press, has been reporting from the White House since 1979.

G-14 flowers distributed across campus

From Staff Reports

Across campus pretty little G-14 plants can be seen decorating offices, brightening secretaries' desks and setting in windows soaking up sunlight.

It's Christmas at MTSU.

The G-14 is also known as *Euphorbia plucherrima*, or as most people call it — the poinsettia, the Christmas plant.

For the past 15 years the MTSU greenhouse has been growing an annual poinsettia crop, said Larry Sizemore, the greenhouse manager.

This year over 400 plants were grown.

"They were [originally] grown as classwork and...Christmas office decorations," Sizemore said. He added that they are still grown for holiday office decorations and are also used as a major research project for a floriculture class.

Sizemore said that the greenhouse tries to have them delivered to departmental offices as soon after Thanksgiving as possible. Leftover plants are taken to residence hall offices.

The poinsettia has a rich history. Long before Cortez and his followers came across from Spain the Aztec cultivated the plant in Mexico. They used the plant for making dye, and its latex was used for a "medicinal preparation." They believed the concoction stopped a fever.

In the 1600's some Franciscan monks took notice of the plant. They decided to use it for the Christmas holidays, because the plant blossomed at that time of the year, and was red in color.

The bloom period is now forced on the plants. The process at MTSU takes approximately 3

months, Sizemore said.

"Shade-cloth treatment starts the middle of September," Sizemore said. "Shade-cloth treatment, that's giving them complete darkness for a total of fourteen hours a day, seven days a week, for that total period of time [4 weeks]."

The poinsettia plant is very re-

sponsive to light, according to Sizemore, and the length of its night makes it "come into its colors." The subtraction of light causes it to bloom.

"The poinsettia is a woody shrub," said Sizemore. "It came to the United States in the early 1800's."



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Larry Sizemore, manager of the MTSU greenhouse, surveys this year's crop of poinsettias. Over 250 of the 400 plants grown were sent out over campus this semester.

Editorials

Sidelines wins moral victory

Sidelines has won a moral victory in our efforts to fully report university business to you.

We were forced to file petitions with the Rutherford County Chancery court against MTSU Internal Auditor David Jones, MTSU and the State Board of Regents after being repeatedly denied access to the preliminary audit report conducted of the women's track team. After filing the petitions on Tuesday, we received the final audit report on Wednesday morning and the preliminary audit report on Thursday morning.

The Tennessee Open Records Law, which journalists all over the state have fought for, requires that "All state, county and municipal records

shall at all times, during business hours, be open for personal inspection by any citizen of Tennessee...."

The editorial staff of Sidelines was able to prove that the audit reports were covered under this law. With opposition from the State Board of Regents, Sidelines sought the advice of professional journalists and lawyers. Those professionals assured us that we had the right, as do all citizens of Tennessee, to see the reports.

We at Sidelines believe that a valuable point has been made. We challenged the university, and we won. We not only got the documents, but we also proved something. We proved that challenging those who try to keep information from us works. If we as journalists had not

sought access to the documents, the information would probably have never been made public.

Sidelines serves as the eyes and ears for this university in all things. We report on everything from concerts to robberies. We would not be doing our job well if we did not push issues to their limits. We had to be willing to stick our necks out to get the audit reports, and we were. We took a risk, and it paid off. We have been able to inform you — our readers.

The staff of Sidelines is an inquisitive one. We spent many hours and a large amount of money (for students) to get the report. We were uncertain at times, but we did what we thought we had to do.

We at Sidelines took our risk, and now we would like to challenge you to take action. You can find out anything that we can find out about this university, because open government applies to all citizens of Tennessee. You are just as qualified as we are. We cannot do everything, and we do not claim to be perfect. We would like to urge our fellow students to use their minds and lives to dig for facts that pertain to them — you are a part of this university.

What Sidelines did is rare for a student newspaper. We are struggling to do our best. We want the image of a strong and alive student newspaper. We cannot do this alone. If you have information — petty or major — let us know. Help us, tip us off, write letters to us and most important of all support us.



"ALL THESE BLOODTHIRSTY COUNTRIES WANTING ARMS...WHO DO THEY THINK I AM, RONALD REAGAN?"

Who is accountable in government?

As it stands now it seems that the President of the United States, the most powerful man in the world, either does not know what is going on in his administration or is willfully disobeying the legislative edicts of the U.S. Congress.

Maybe both. Either way he is accountable for what has happened — for the mess that U.S. foreign policy has become.

Responsibility and accountability are words that seem similar but are actually quite different. Those who are responsible for something may not be the same ones who are ultimately accountable. But if you are accountable then you are at the end of the line — the buck stops at your desk.

You can delegate responsibility but you cannot delegate accountability — it comes with the job.

Which means that most people with a high degree of accountability have it because they sought it. They wanted to be the one in charge. In the case of the President, Ronald Reagan asked the American people for their vote and a sizable portion of the electorate gave it to him. He asked for and received the position of ultimate accountability in the U.S.

Now he must bear all the fruit of his position — the bitter and the sweet. Accountability means his head is on the block and his neck is in

the noose. Where is the money that supposedly went to the Contra rebels? Was it \$10 million, \$20 million or \$30 million? Who knows? Who told Lt. Col. Oliver North to open a Swiss bank account? How far up the ranks does all this spread? Exactly what is U.S. foreign policy and who is in charge?

By virtue of his position, Reagan is accountable for the answers to all of these questions.

He is accountable to the American people. To you and I.

If he doesn't want to accept this accountability and if he doesn't wish to answer the questions, perhaps he should resign.

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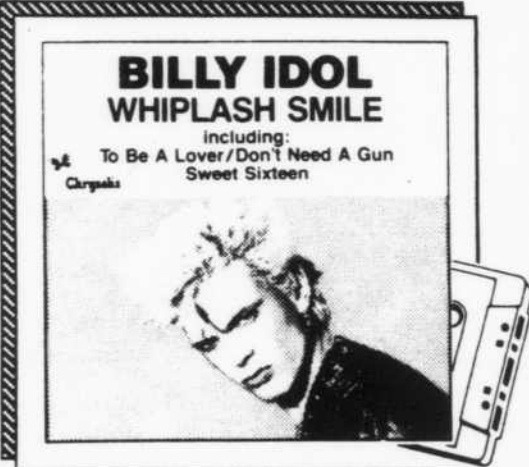
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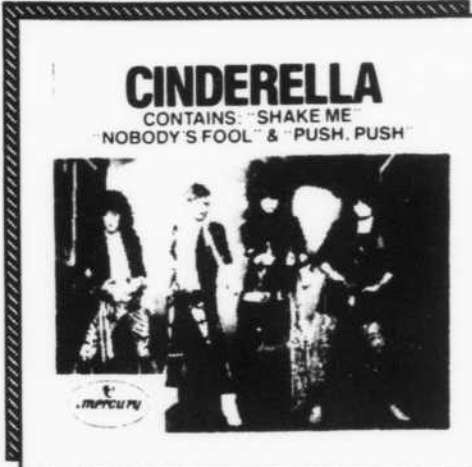
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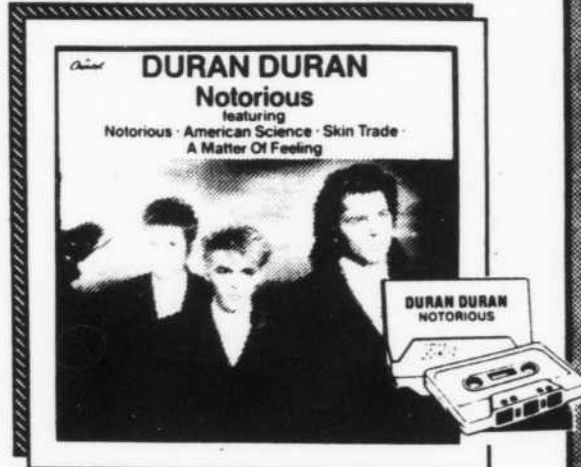
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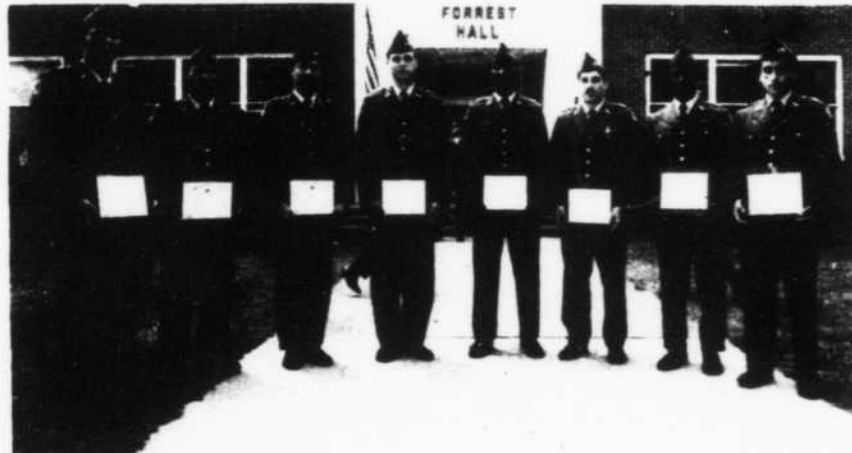


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Christmas Special



Susan Pacheco and Bill Gay, visitors from Oklahoma, sit on the lap of the Hickory Hollow Mall Santa. The Outlets Limited Mall and the Hickory Hollow Mall Santas get visited by even the older "children."

Young, old visit Santa for X-mas

By MONA VINSON
Sidelines Entertainment Editor
and KELLY ANDERSON
Sidelines Forum/Wire Editor

With twinkling blue eyes and rosy cheeks, the Santa Claus at the Outlets Limited Mall in Murfreesboro takes present requests for both the old and the young Christmas enthusiasts.

"I've had a couple in their 40s who came to get their picture taken with me," Santa explained.

Santa poses for pictures in addition to his regular duties of listening to the present requests.

"The most popular present this year is the Pound Puppy," Santa said. "They are also asking for three wheelers and four wheelers."

While the children are sitting on Santa's lap telling him what they want, they ask him several questions.

"They always ask 'where are your

reindeer,'" Santa said. "I tell them that they are feeding right now."

"They also ask 'where do you live,'" he said. "I tell them that I live in the North Pole."

Of course Santa has a big question for the children also.

"I ask the children if they are going to leave milk and cookies for me on the morning that I deliver presents," Santa said with a grin on his face.

While this questioning goes on between Santa and the children, the children usually try to see if Santa is the real Santa, Santa said.

"They always pull on my whiskers to see if they are real," Santa explained. "I just say 'ouch.'"

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Tuesday, Dec. 9:

7 p.m. — *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*, Ch. 5.

Wednesday, Dec. 10:

7 p.m. — *The Nutcracker*, Ch. 8.

Friday, Dec. 12:

7 p.m. — *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, Ch. 5.

7:30 — *Frosty The Snowman*, Ch. 5.

Saturday, Dec. 13:

3 p.m. — *Miracle on 34th Street*, Ch. 17 (1947, colorized).

Sunday, Dec. 14:

6 p.m. — *Christmas Eve on Sesame Street*, Ch. 8.

8 p.m. — *A Smokey Mountain Christmas*, Ch. 2.

Monday, Dec. 15:

7 p.m. — *Mickey's Christmas Carol*, Ch. 4.

7 p.m. — *Rudolph's Shiny New Year*, Ch. 17.

8 p.m. — *The Year Without a Santa Claus*, Ch. 17.

Thursday, Dec. 18:

7 p.m. — *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*, Ch. 17.

8 p.m. — *Mr. Magoo's Christmas*, Ch. 17.

Friday, Dec. 19:

7 p.m. — *Babes in Toyland*, Ch. 4.

Sunday, Dec. 21:

8 p.m. — *Bob Hope Christmas Show*, Ch. 4.

9 p.m. — *Amy Grant: Heading Home for the Holidays*, Ch. 4.

Wednesday, Dec. 24:

8 p.m. — *The Night They Saved Christmas*, Ch. 2.

11 p.m. — *Midnight Mass*, Ch. 4.

Thursday, Dec. 25:

9 a.m. — *Walt Disney World's Very Merry Christmas Parade*, Ch. 2.

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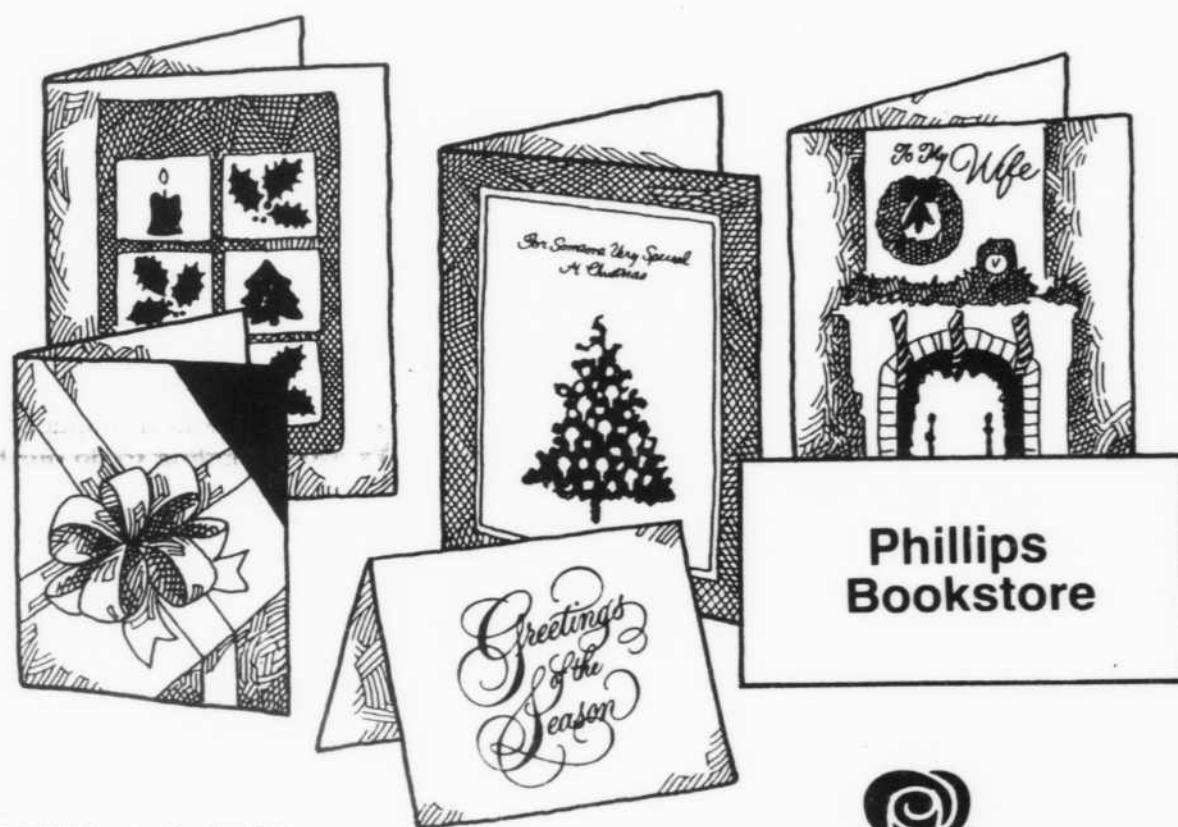
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Twelve to 15 to die over holiday

By KELLY ANDERSON
Sidelines Wire/Forum Editor

Twelve to 15 people are expected to die this month in alcohol-related automobile accidents in Davidson County, Cliff Holcomb, senior DUI officer for the Metro Police Department, said.

"We have had 112 people die in drunk driving accidents so far this year," Holcomb said. "The number of people who die on the roads due to alcohol increases during the holidays because everyone is going to parties."

"If you are giving a party make sure that the focus of your party is something other than alcohol," Jackie Bruce, DUI coordinator for the Department of Mental Health and Retardation, said. "Remember that the spirit of Christmas is not to get

blasted out of your head.

"There are several ways to have alcohol on a party and still not be drunk on the road," Bruce said.

Bruce suggests the following for hosts or hostesses of parties:

- closing the bar an hour before the party ends
- one person acting as bartender so that a sober person will serve the right amount of liquor in drinks
- not using a whole jigger in drinks when people are getting tipsy
- serving high protein, low-salt foods because high protein slows down the affect of alcohol, and salt encourages people to drink more.

"If the person who is supposed to drive you home is drunk take the keys or ask to stay," Bruce said.

"It is very probable during the holidays that you could be in a car with a drunk and get hit by a drunk," Bruce said. "Getting hit by a drunk can happen to you, so buckle up."

Wearing seat belts is the very best defense against drunk drivers, Bruce said.

"If you think there is a possibility that the person who is driving you will be drunk before the night is over, make an agreement that you can call someone to take you both home," Bruce said.

In Nashville, Sober Rides will offer safe rides home, Peggy Schell, president of the Williamson/Davidson County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said.

"Last year Sober Rides offered

sober rides home for 10 days during the holidays," Schell said. "This year rides will be offered only on New Years Eve, because we are attacking drunk driving before it happens this year with community awareness."

Sober Rides is sponsored by MADD, the Sheriff's Department, Cumberland Heights Hospital, Koala Center, WTBS, the National Restaurant Association, the Nashville Mayor's Office, the Nashville Beer Wholesalers and AAA Mid-South Auto Club, Schell said.

"The number for a sober ride is 742-RIDE," Schell said.

In Murfreesboro a program to help people who are over 18-years-old get home safely has not been established, a Murfreesboro Police Department spokesman, said.



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2 teaspoons of vanilla flavoring
1 teaspoon of butter flavor

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and soda. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs one at a time. Combine the buttermilk, vanilla and butter flavoring. Add with dry ingredients (flour, salt, etc.) to make a creamed mixture. Pour into tube or bundt pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 60-65 minutes.

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Final audit details misuse of track funds

By CARLTON WINFREY
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After approximately six months of investigating complaints from several members and former members of MTSU's women's track team, a final audit report of former women's track coach Terry Edmondson and the women's track program was released by MTSU internal auditor Wilson David Jones Wednesday.

The 15-page audit, which was released after *Sidelines* filed a petition for access to audit documents in Rutherford County Chancery court Tuesday, contained a review of allegations involving Edmondson. The former track coach, who served in that capacity during the 1984-85 and 1985-86 academic years, while holding a graduate assistantship in the department of health, physical education, recreation and safety, allegedly misused funds from the track program.

The audit contained interviews of members of the track team and individuals associated with the women's track program. It also gave

a review and analysis of documents relating to falsified travel claims, "questionable" long-distance telephone calls, purchases and scholarships.

According to the document, on several road trips taken by the track team, members received less money for meals than was reported on meal roster forms by Edmondson.

During the Fisk Invitational cross country meet in October 1985, three team members whose names appeared on the meal roster stated that they did not go on the trip. Some team members told the auditor that the meal roster forms were blank when they were asked to sign them, and some indicated that the signatures on the forms were not their own.

Wendy Jackson, a former MTSU runner who was recruited by Edmondson, said that he did not give the runners their allotted amount of money to spend for their meals while on road trips.

"He used to shortchange us," Jackson said. "He would give us about \$15 to eat with when we were suppose to get more."

The audit stated "that for one of the trips, persons not listed on the roster had accompanied the team, and he [Edmondson] had paid for food and drinks for these persons. For another trip, he stated that he gave team members money for food and drinks at one stop, and that Edmondson believed the members had not recalled (the incident), and that some of them had bought fireworks."

Edmondson said that he was not given instructions by the athletic department on how to complete the meal roster forms.

Jackson said that Edmondson expected them to practice long and late hours.

"He wanted us to practice crazy hours. He used to come and stay for about 30 minutes and then he would leave. We used to practice all the time," Jackson said.

"It was a nice school, but it was the coach [Edmondson] that I didn't particularly like," Jackson said.

Jackson said she is currently running track at Memphis State University.

Sidelines learned that a member

of the track team, who was a first-semester freshman during the fall of 1985, did not receive a certified diploma from high school but made a passing score on the General Educational Development test. The runner was first awarded a certificate of attendance rather than a diploma because she failed to pass the state proficiency test.

Under an NCAA Council interpretation, an athlete may become qualified to compete only if one year has elapsed between the date the student's high school class graduates and the date the student takes the test. But there one year did not elapse in this case, according to the audit, and therefore under NCAA regulations the student was not eligible for financial aid, regular-season competition or practice.

The report states that the student received a \$472 athletic scholarship in the fall and a \$465 scholarship in the spring, and was allowed to attend some practices.

Edmondson recruited two runners in 1984 and six in 1985. Of the eight members, three were placed on academic suspension after fail-

ing to pass 24 credit hours in one year. The three students are not enrolled for the this semester.

In another incident the report said that a team member, who was unnamed, said the trainer bragged about gambling at a meet in Illinois. But the audit also reported that a student trainer (Willie Curry) stated that he and Edmondson went to a racetrack in Illinois, but that it was closed.

When questioned by *Sidelines*, Curry said he had "no comment" on the matter. However, he added that Jones told him not to talk "until the thing was completed."

The report also said that during the summer of 1986, Edmondson paid \$105 of his own money for summer school tuition for one of his track runners — a violation of NCAA rules.

According to the audit, MTSU athletic director Jimmy Earle said he did not know before the fact that Edmondson was going to pay the summer school cost. Earle stated that he did tell Edmondson afterwards that he would try to get him reimbursed. However, Edmondson was not reimbursed for

the registration fees.

According to the audit, Edmondson said that in January 1986, for a trip to the Illinois Relays, he reported team meal expenses of \$30 per person attending the meet when only \$20 per person had been given to the runners.

Edmondson said that the purpose of reporting a larger amount on the meal roster was to recover the \$105 he spent on Bingham's tuition.

Edmondson filled out forms requesting payments of \$40 and \$20 for students hosting recruits. However, the recruits said they received no money from Edmondson. The coach said he used the money to pay expenses he incurred during recruiting, the report states.

The internal auditor's office also found that "questionable long-distance telephone calls totaling \$356.33 were made either from the women's track telephone or by charging the calls to the telephone credit card assigned to women's track coach.

The audit stated that 44 calls totaling \$55.11 were made to the re-

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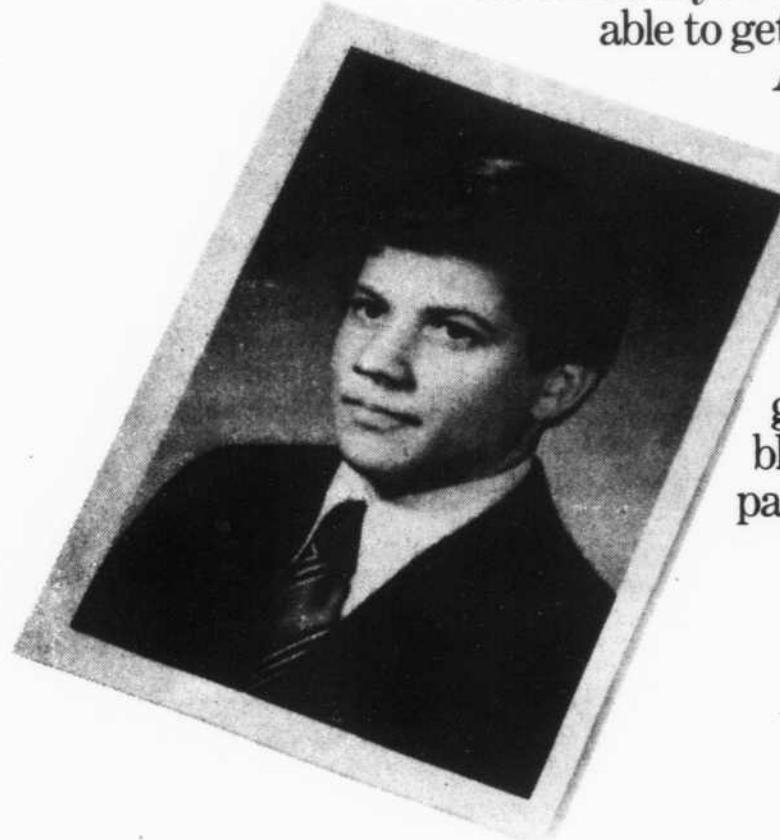
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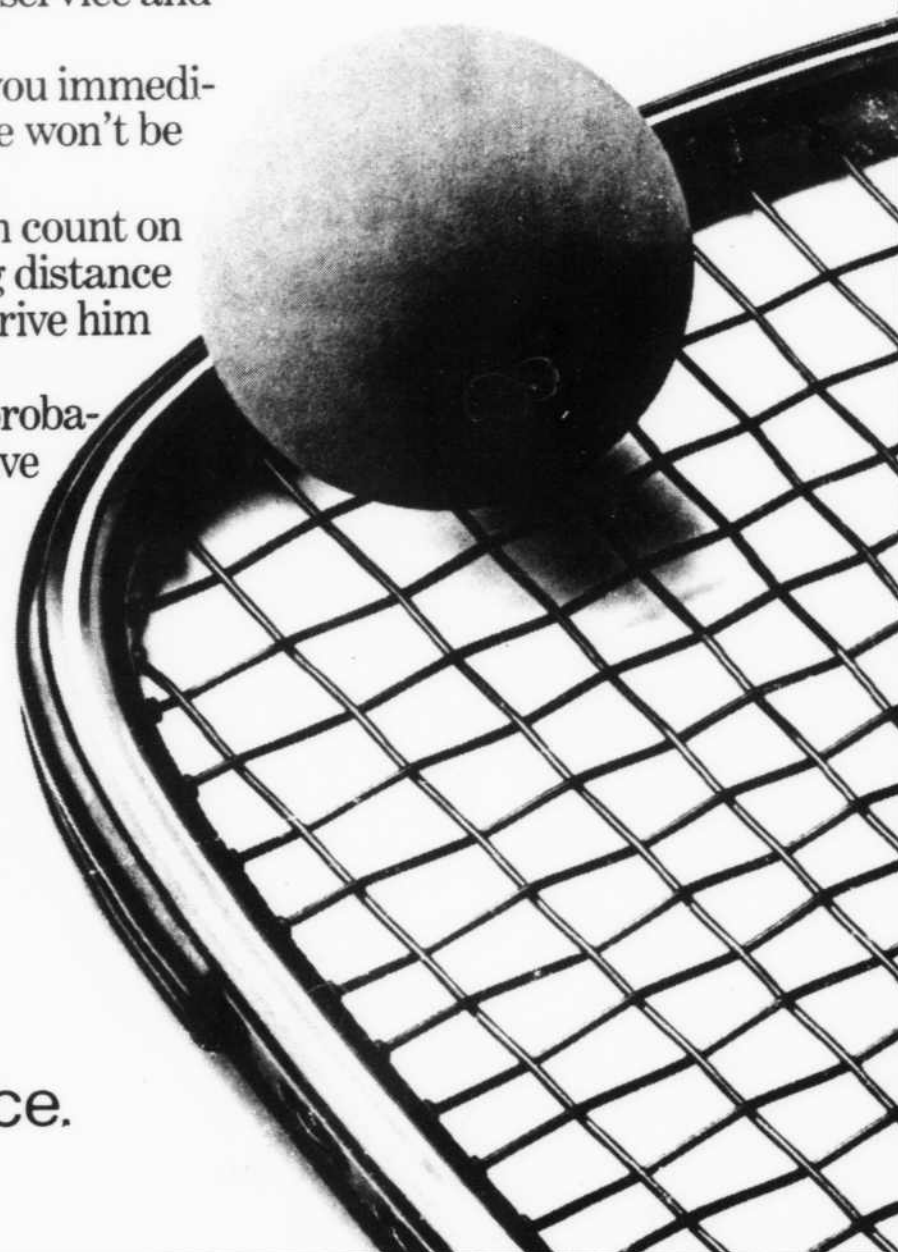
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sidence of Edmondson's parents in Nashville. Thirty-nine of the calls were made from the MTSU women's track phone number and four were from credit cards. Sixteen calls totaling \$55.69 were made to Atlanta and Smyrna, Ga. One of the calls made lasted for one hour. Twelve calls totaling \$106.05 were made to Raleigh-Durham, N.C. Several of these calls were said to have lasted for "significant durations of time including one for 92 minutes and another for 94 minutes."

Edmondson said that the calls were made to friends who had a "knowledge of track" and who helped him look for recruits.

Three credit card calls were also made to two MTSU students to a campus dormitory number. The students had "no apparent connection to women's track."

One MTSU student, who asked to remain anonymous, said that she received social, long distance calls from Edmondson. The student said that when she questioned Edmondson about the calls, he replied that the school was paying for them. The calls did not concern track, she said.

As a result of the audit, the following recommendations were made to the athletic department:

- The athletic department should assure that all coaches are properly instructed and that the completion of team meal rosters and other forms
- coaches should be properly instructed in the completion of expense forms
- all long-distance telephone calls made by the athletic department personnel should be recorded on telephone logs
- all financial assistance should comply with applicable NCAA regulations. Athletic scholarships should not be awarded to ineligible student-athletes.

A settlement was reached between the State Board of Regents, MTSU, and Edmondson. The settlement stated that Edmondson was to repay the university \$600 in six monthly installments beginning Oct. 15 of this year.

The NCAA has not announced a decision on disciplinary action against MTSU's athletic department because of Edmondson's violations of NCAA rules. John Verner, OVC sports information director, said the NCAA could declare the university ineligible for post-season play in all OVC sports.



Sidelines apologizes to Jon WILSON, whose name was misspelled on page 2 of the Tuesday, Dec. 2 issue. Jon is a new member of the Ruckart & Associates, Inc. staff.

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MTSU Blue Raiders down Old Dominion

By MAURICE PETWAY
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Blue Raider men's basketball team edged a hot-shooting Old Dominion team 75-66 Tuesday night in Norfolk, Virginia.

Old Dominion managed a seven-point lead at the 11:37 mark in the first half. After this point, both teams stayed neck and neck with each other until the remainder of

the half. Andrew Tunstall nailed a jump shot with four seconds left to give the Blue Raiders a 33-32 lead at the half.

MTSU's Dwayne Rainey started the second half with two tip ins. Before five minutes had expired, the Blue Raiders had widened their lead to 44-34 at the 15:42 mark. After their second timeout of the

half, Old Dominion gradually nibbled away at the lead and eventually tied the game on a jumper by Anthony Carver with 11:40 remaining.

Moments later, the Monarchs took a 57-52 advantage on a Gerald Lofton layup. The final eight minutes saw Rainey, Tyrus Baynum, Kerry Hammonds, Dwayne Washington and Tunstall outscore

the Monarchs 23 to 9 to up their record to 2-0 on the season.

"Our defense was the initial key we forced 24 turnovers, that was a phenomenal defensive effort," MTSU head coach Bruce Stewart said. "We had several individuals respond in clutch situations. Dwayne Rainey had his best day as Blue Raider ever. Washington,

Baynum, and Randy Henry all had solid performances.

"Our players character and class was impressive by winning on the road in a tough situation," Stewart said.

Tunstall describes the years team with one word, "togetherness".

"We're playing together more, we've got a team where any player can score 20 points," Tunstall said.

Lady Raiders fall victim to WKU Lady Hilltoppers 78-71

By MAURICE PETWAY
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Western Kentucky Lady Hilltoppers topped the Lady Raider basketball team 78-71 Tuesday night before an estimated 450 spectators at Murphy Center. It was a game that was filled with rapid lead changes.

Jump shots by Clemette Haskins, Melinda Carlson and Tracy Patton helped Western seize early control in the first half with a 12-2 point spurt that gave them their biggest lead of the half, 22-10.

The Lady Raiders came back with a run of their own late in the first half. Alice Lawrence, Janet Ross, and Tawana Mucker all contributed to 17-1 point surge that gave them a 41-32 halftime cushion.

Igniting the sparks in the second half for the Lady Hilltoppers was sophomore guard Susie Starks. She contributed 8 points in a 14-2 explosion that gave her team a three point lead with 14:10 left in the contest. They increased their lead to as much as 15 with 7:24 remaining on a Haskins follow up of a missed shot.

The Lady Raiders rallied late in the game behind the scoring of Kay Wilbanks, Kim Webb, and a behind the back pass assist from Ross to Lianne Beck for a layup. However, they could never get closer than five points.

"We shocked them in the first half, they didn't expect that from us. It was a tough one to lose, we have a lot of improving to do," Ross said. "Maybe we were tired because only six players played tonight. Then again maybe it was a mental letdown," the point guard from Adamsville, Tenn. said, referring to the dismal start in the second half.

"We came out to late in the second half and we were kind of tight," sophomore forward Tawana Mucker said. "We knew we had the lead but we didn't go after them like we should have."

WKU coach Paul Sanderfor said that he thought at halftime of the game that the team played very well.

"I thought at halftime we would regrouped. We played as a team. The first six minutes (of the second half) we played exceptionally well."

MTSU coach Jim Davis said that the Lady Raiders experienced trouble with their defense.

"It's our goal to play full speed for 40 minutes. There were some defensive lapses, defense is the name of the game as far championship ball is concerned," Davis said.

Alice Lawrence led the Lady Raiders with 16 points, while Kim Webb and Janet Ross added 15 and

14, respectively. WKU's Haskins led all scorers with 22 points.



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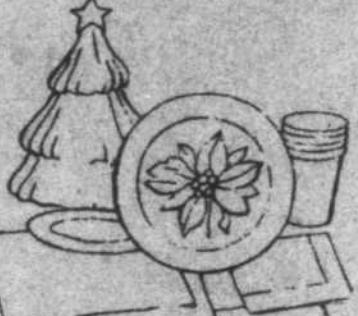
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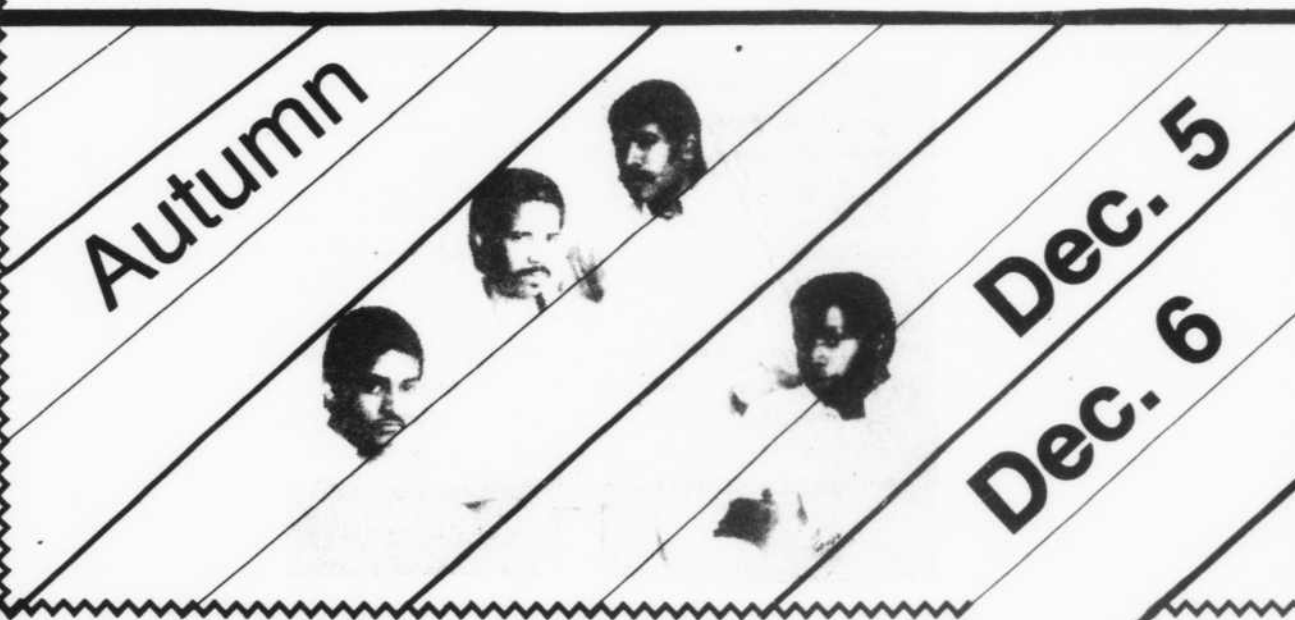
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