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Ford and Carter blast "Star Wars" program

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Staff Writer

Former President Jimmy Carter, while saying that the United States "is in no position to tell the Philippines what to do," said it should "support" Corason Aquino as the winner in the recent Philippine elections.

Speaking at Vanderbilt University's Impact Symposium Saturday night along with former President Gerald Ford, Carter added that the United States should also continue to send aid to the Philippine "people," but through agencies "other than the government."

"Somebody," though not necessarily Aquino, needed to replace Marcos, Ford said.

These comments came in answer to questions directed to the presidents by ABC news correspondent Britt Hume.

Earlier in the symposium, the two former presidents gave separate speeches outlining their views

on current and future American foreign policy.

They disagreed on Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. "I believe that the combination of an offensive military weapons system in conjunction with a responsible defensive system," could lead "to reduction of all weapons systems strategically by negotiation," said Ford.

"SDI" is a "stumbling" block to U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations, Carter said. It would be a "tragic mistake" to fund SDI because it could cost upwards of a "thousand million dollars" and that "no responsible scientists believe in President Reagan's vision."

"We do not want to put all our eggs in one basket," Ford said concerning SDI. He added, however, that it should be researched and that it would be a "mistake to place written constraints on deployment."

Ford and Carter also agreed that current deficit problems made it clear that transfer payments and

entitlements needed to be added to any attempts to balance the budget and control deficits.

When asked by Hume if they were referring to Social Security both said yes. "I don't think that Graham-Rudmann is the right way," Ford said. There would be "Draconian Impact" and everyone in this society of ours must share in the solution to the problem," Ford said.

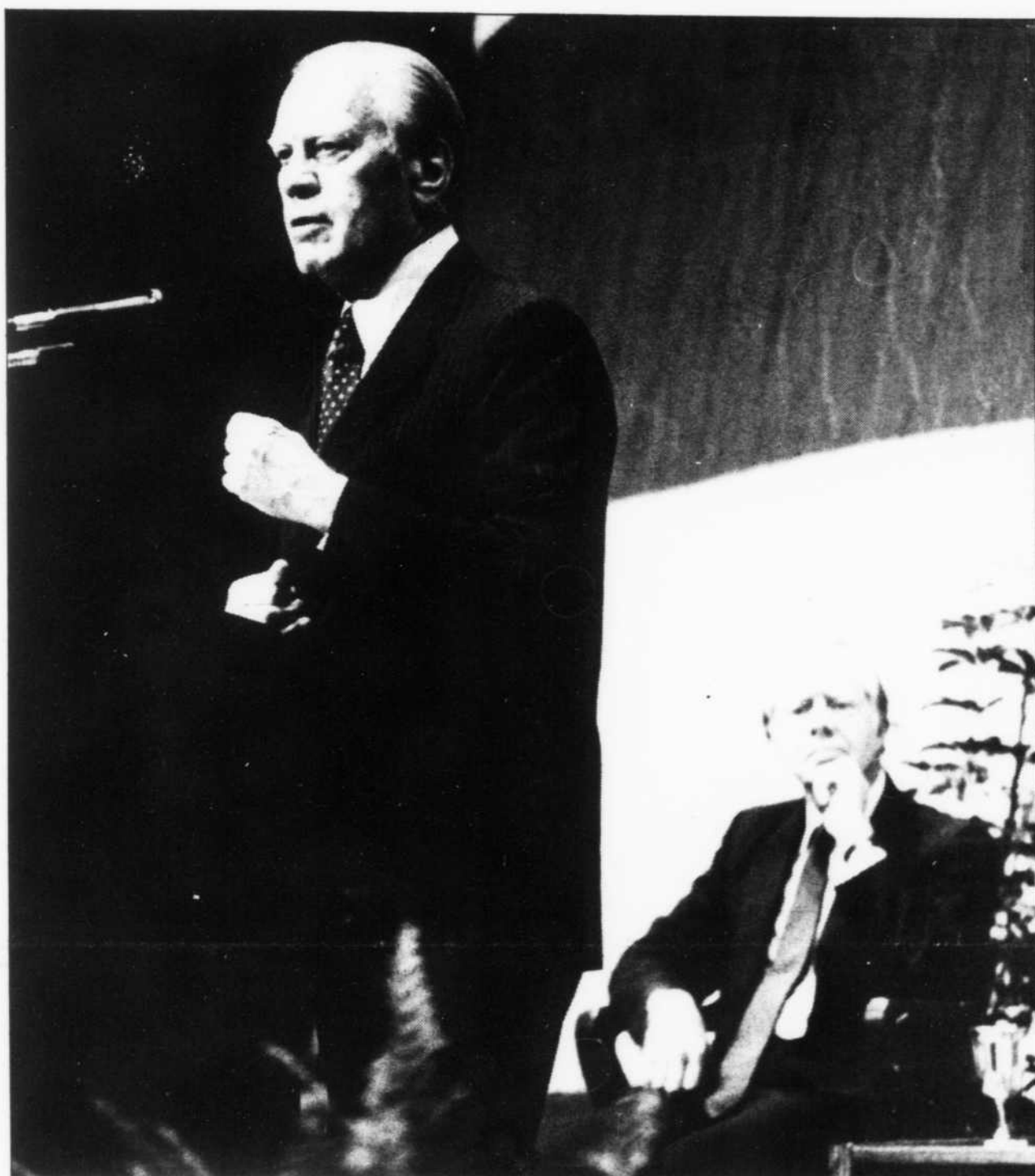
Carter called Graham Rudmann a "crisis solution."

Looking forward to the upcoming summit both former Presidents said that they felt there was real hope for arms agreement. The United States could look for "a definitive contract in one area of nuclear weapons," Ford said. He specifically mentioned intermediate range weapons in Europe. Reagan needs to address human rights issues at the summit, Ford said.

Both Ford and Carter also agreed that the United States needed to return its attention to the Middle East.

The situation there is "disintegrating" and the U.S. efforts there are needed to get "back on track," Ford said.

The former presidents spoke for about two hours before about two thousand people in the Vanderbilt Memorial Gymnasium.



Greg King/Staff

Former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter address a standing room only crowd at Vanderbilt's Impact Symposium keynote speech Saturday night.

Library cautions against book theft

By LORI MILLS
Sidelines Staff Writer

New signs, soon to be posted in the MTSU Todd Library, will state that it is a crime to harm or to steal library materials.

"It is a misdemeanor to mutilate or conceal library materials. Persons found mutilating or concealing library materials can be charged with shoplifting, which is punishable by a fine of \$250 or imprisonment for 90 days, or both," the Tennessee code annotated, section 39-31135, states.

The Todd Library uses the "open stack" system, Don Craig, university librarian, said. This means that students have total access to the entire collection of books in the li-

brary.

Other libraries use the "closed stack" system. Students do not get their books themselves when this system is used. A student asks a librarian and then he or she gets it for him.

It is almost impossible to "tell how many books are missing, because it takes almost five years to do inventory on all of the books in the library," Craig said.

When one student mutilates library materials, another student is going to suffer because of that, Craig said. When researching, students are especially handicapped when they find that the one magazine article that they needed

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Older students grow in numbers

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Staff Writer

In recent years the number of non-traditional students at Middle Tennessee State University, those who are older than the usual student, has been rising steadily, according to figures from the Institutional Research and Planning Department.

The number of adult students at MTSU, those that are 35 or older, has risen from 433 in 1976 to over 600 in 1985 according to the Fall registration.

"Most of the adult learners did not simply fail to go straight into high school," Rebecca Rice, director of the Women's Information and Referral Center, said. "There are several reasons why they are non-traditional. They want to change careers or update their credentials."

Over 67 per cent of adults in 1985 were women, Frank Yates, MTSU Institutional Research and Planning Department said.

"The reason there are a large number of women that are adult learners is because a lot of them have to drop out of school to have children," Rice said.

"The reason I started college so late is because I felt as if I was wasting my life," Pat Darrell, 41, a freshman sociology major said. "I wanted to get back into the world again."

"I felt as if I was missing something. Now that I have come back, I don't feel 41 anymore," Darrell said. "Coming back to school makes me feel much younger."

"Generally the older students do better because they are willing to work on it and are more motivated [than traditional students]," Tom

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Lady Raiders clinch fourth OVC title

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

History was made last night in Murphy Center as the Middle Tennessee State Lady Raiders ran their conference win streak to 13 games, and sealed their fourth consecutive conference title, a mark never before attained by an OVC school.

The game also marked the end of the playing careers of two Lady Raiders, Cyndi Lindley, a 6-2, 160-lb. center from Haleyville, Ala., and 6-0, 155 lbs. forward from Macon, Ga. Shawnzia Davis. Both will be lost to graduation.

Head coach Larry Inman was very pleased with the win, and with his team's season overall, and said he is looking forward to post-season play.

"This is what all coaches work for," Inman said. "This team understood after a slow start that they had to step-up and win for themselves, and they did it."

Inman, now in his ninth season at MTSU, was not shy about his team's chances at taking a fifth title.

"I am going to be greedy," Inman said. "We have the ability to take title number five, and then title number six. I think we can do it."

Despite the team's poor showing earlier in the season, Inman was not discouraged by the effort the Lady Raiders gave.

"We played some of the top teams in the nation," Inman said. "People asked us, 'what happened to the team'. They didn't realize we were up against the absolute best."

The Lady Raiders dropped five games early on to teams like Ok-

lahoma, Kentucky, Georgia, and Ole Miss.

"We were on the road a lot, and playing those teams at their home court is very difficult," Inman said. "Next year most of them will make the trip to us, and we should do better."

The two players that won't be involved in those games, Lindley and Davis, believe the team will look up in the coming years.

"This team is the team of the

'80s," Davis said. "I wish I had four more years to play."

"I can't believe it's over," Lindley, who was dubbed 'Tree' by her high school teammates said. "My five years here were 'simply mahv-el-ous.'"

Lindley, who missed last season with an injured knee, led the Lady Raiders in rebounds, along with teammate Kay Willbanks, averaging 5.6 per game. She was called

on most often to replace Willbanks when she was in foul trouble, starting only 12 games this season.

"It was difficult for me to accept not starting, since it was my senior year," Lindley said. "I started my other years."

The Lady Raiders will host the OVC tournament March 5 and 6 at home at Murphy Center.

For related story, please see page seven.



Harrison McClary/Staff

Coach Larry Joe Inman observes his championship team during Monday nights OVC victory.

Campus Capsule

TUESDAY

THE SECOND TEACHER RECRUITMENT WEEK will be held at MTSU Feb. 24-28. Forty-nine school districts from 14 states will send representatives to MTSU to interview prospective teachers for 1986. Students who are interested in interviewing should visit the Placement Office immediately to establish their placement files and obtain a schedule of visiting recruiters. The Placement Office is located in room 328 of the Keathley University Center.

WEDNESDAY

HOW TO DEAL WITH LARGE CLASSES a noon seminar for instructional improvement, will be held in room 314 of the Keathley University Center from noon until 1 p.m. Feb. 26. The seminar will be directed by Dr. Carl Freitag. Admission is free and open to all University faculty.

IS THERE AN AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE is the title of an Honors Lecture that will be held Feb. 26, at 3:20 p.m. in room 107 of Peck Hall. The lecture will be given by Dr. David Rowe, assistant professor of history at MTSU. Admission is free and open to the public.

SIDEWALK DANCE THEATRE will be in concert Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY

HIGH FASHION is the title of a fashion show that will be sponsored by the Baptist Student Union/Black Student Fellowship to raise money for a gospel concert in Ohio. The show will be held Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Admission is \$1.50 in advance and \$2 at the door.

AN EXHIBIT OF AFRO-AMERICAN QUILTS created by black women from the southeastern United States will be on view in the Art Barn through Thursday, Feb. 27. The exhibit is free and the public is invited.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. will have its annual "Battle of the Greeks" activity Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Murphy Center.

FRIDAY

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. is sponsoring a party in the James Union Building on Friday from 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

NOTICES

THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION of MTSU will be in concert at Bethel Baptist Church in the Walter Hill Community, Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

ABUSE AND VIOLENCE IN FAMILY is the title of a lecture on current crises in marriage and family. It will be held on March 3 at 2 p.m. in the multi-media room of the Learning Resources Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

LITERARY WOMEN AND THE PATRIARCHAL THEORY OF LITERATURE is the title of the Woman's Magic lecture to be held on March 4 in room 305 of the Keathley University Center. The lecture will be given by Dr. Ayne Durham and Dr. Linda Badley, associate professors of English and Dr. Angela Hague, assistant professor of English. Admission is free and open to the public.

THE PLACEMENT OFFICE will conduct career orientation seminars for seniors and graduate students on Tuesday, March 4 at 11 a.m. and on Wednesday, March 5 at 2 p.m. in room 324 of the Keathley University Center. 1986 graduates should attend these seminars.

LIFE IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY, a Tennessee Homecoming '86 art and photography competition, invites amateurs and professionals to participate. All photos or paintings must depict life in Rutherford County. A first prize of \$200 will be awarded in each category. An entry fee of \$8.50 is required and includes matting/mounting by Emery's Fine Arts Gallery. All entries must be submitted to Emery's, 1601 Memorial Blvd., no later than April 2, 1986.

CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY: all submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 1 p.m. Monday for Tuesday's paper and 1 p.m. Thursday for Friday's paper. All submissions are printed on a space available basis.

Library

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was ripped out by someone else.

The new signs and the sensitive detection system used by the library should diminish book theft and heighten awareness of the consequences of theft, Craig said.

Older

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Center, a graduate teaching assistant with the MTSU mathematics department, said.


"I wanted a better job," Christine Kennedy (name changed upon request), 33, listed as her reason for coming back.

"Adult learners tend to do very well," Rice said, "they tend to be very conscientious and manage their time wisely."

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Honors program helps students excel

By Karen Stover
Sidelines Staff Writer

Ronald Messier, director of the Honors program at Middle Tennessee State University said his long-term goal for the program is to "make more school money available to honors students."

This would encourage more students to take part in the honors program, Messier said. Of 2000 MTSU students who qualify academically for the Honors program only 165 participate.

This low number reflects the concern students have about maintaining a good grade point average, Messier said. "I'm convinced the


[student's] GPA is not going to suffer by participating in the Honors program."

The Honors program better prepares a student for the work force since they learn more from these classes, Messier said. A class in the program is more challenging, the teaching is excellent and the class size is smaller than regular classes.

The Honors program also provides a social outlet for its students by sponsoring approximately three activities a month. These activities range from film festivals and camping trips to faculty fireside chats held at the homes of professors, Messier said.

Dramatically increasing the number of students in the program is not a major goal, Messier said.

Such an increase would be defeating the purpose of an honors program.



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Editorial/Forum

ASB candidates campaign promises



THE BACKROOM
By Dale Dworak
Sidelines Columnist

Ahead of the pack, Doodles has announced his candidacy for ASB President.

Billing himself as the only two-dimensional candidate, he has promised to look into parking, housing, and the Grill. Anyone who will look into the Grill deserves serious consideration as a candidate by any columnist. But there are more issues involved in a serious race for the ASB presidency than the fact that the Grill food is left over from Napoleon's march on Moscow. And these must be addressed by the hopeful Doodles.

First of all will he stop the night maintenance crews from the constant changing of the room numbers in Peck Hall. It seems that my classes are never where I thought they were, instead they are all the way on the other side of the building. And how come I always leave from a door different than the one I entered through? I want this looked into.

How does Doodles feel about homosexuality at MTSU? Now that the secret is out and everyone knows it exists will he support a gay member of the ASB house? Will he support a virgin member of the House? Will he consider allowing homosexual males to live in female dorms as a solution to the current housing shortage? Will he even care?

Inside sources say that Doodles campaign will focus on his record. Do we really need an ASB president whose favorite record is Donny Osmond's greatest hits?

These same sources also say that Doodles may be for replacing the modern art sculpture in center of Peck Hall and replacing it with a statue of a student filling out forms entitled "protest at MTSU." I vote for the Kappa Sig posters myself — then you'll have real protesters.

We also need to know Doodles' stand on MRS. Does he favor allowing it to remain as a degree at MTSU? Or does he think it's time

people made it on their own?

And what exactly are his proposals concerning student parking? Stolen campaign plans indicate the use of the horse barn as a parking garage, construction of a large underground lot beneath the U.C., and if all else fails painting everything that doesn't move a sickly shade of parking green. While these are solutions certainly they also border on the ludicrous. Perhaps Doodles only sees his election as ASB president as a stepping stone towards the Governor's Mansion.

What about alcohol on campus? Will he get draft beer into the game room, open bar in the alumni gym, and a package store where Dean Cantrell's office now is? If he does he'll definitely get the fraternity vote.

In closing, I'd like to say that as it is still early in the season, now is not the time for me to endorse any one candidate. An ASB election is a serious event and must be treated as such. If Doodles hopes to win he must address the issues (using correct postage) and let us know where he stands. And what he stands in. Stay tuned next week for the exclusive interview with Doodles campaign manager, Eddie Sisk.



Better living through lying

Is anyone out there still so naive as to believe that everything they hear is the truth?

I suppose that's a pretty stupid question when most of us know that corporations, government and especially the press lie to us all the time.

The Great Equivocator, our president, Mr. Reagan, has based both his campaigns for office on lies.

It seems that at no time in history has lying been so in vogue. Students, supposedly on the leading edge of social trends, should set the precedent in not only being liars, but skillful and effective ones, too.

Everybody lies at one time or another. Some people are really inept liars, though. Too many depend on "stock" lies, such as, "I couldn't turn in my term paper on time because my grandmother ate it," or "my dog died." Possibly the most widely used "stock lie" is, "Of course I love you."

It seems to me to be self-evident that there is an art to effective lying. I don't understand why it's not a required course. (As far as that's concerned, I don't understand why they don't offer sexual intercourse as a HYFER's activity class, but

for us.

I will be honest with Jamie and say that there will always be a place for nice people in a world like ours, and that then again, "Beauty is only skin deep," so look again.

Leslie Dyer Jr.
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Honors

To the Editor:

As a returning student (after many years away from school), it has been my pleasure to be involved in the Honors Program here at MTSU. The group of dedicated teachers that participate in this program under Dr. Messier's direction really care about their students and about the quality of the experiences that their students have on this program.

The intersession English class that has been developed by Dr. John Paul Montgomery and Dr.

CLYDELINES
By Clyde Crawley
Sidelines Columnist



that's another column.)

So, being a communicator as well as a long-time liar, I gleefully accept the responsibility of giving you a brief lesson in effective lying.

There are three basic rules one must follow. The first is the bigger the lie, the easier it is for others to believe. "My car broke down" doesn't hold a candle to "I was caught in a meteor shower." And, if anyone questions you, the obvious rejoinder is "Do you think I'd lie about something like that?" It worked for Hitler, it works for Reagan, so why not for you?

The second rule is provide plenty of detail. This requires some imagination, and you can go overboard, so it takes practice. For example, "I was run over by a truck, sir, or I'd have been on time for class. I can't believe it, I should have seen a bright red Kenworth at that intersection. The cop standing there even blew his whistle at me, but I was in a rush."

Messier scheduled to go to New England is an outstanding example of the kind of unique experience available through the Honors Program. However, I have found out that this class may not make the trip because not enough students have signed up. (They only need nine!) If we don't support classes like this, we won't be taking full advantage of our educational opportunities. The \$50 deposit for this class has to be in by March 1, because of the logistics involved in making travel arrangements, etc. I would really like to see this class develop because I know it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the people who participate. Any students interested need to sign up now at the Honors Office. We need to continue to support these classes and professors so that they can continue to support us.

Sincerely,
Teresa G. Hammer
P.O. Box 6542

That's enough detail. Don't go into things like "the driver's socks didn't match, I think his mother-in-law is Irish, etc". That's carrying it too far. Try not to insult the object of your lie's intelligence, no matter how difficult that might be.

Finally, you must believe your own lie while you're telling it. It's sort of like "method acting". This takes care of all the problems caused by body language in novice liars. Jitters don't happen, eye contact is natural, and there are no sweaty palms to worry about. If the object of your lie still refuses to believe you, you can say, "Look, if I were going to lie, I'd certainly make up a better story than that."

So, take these simple rules and practice, practice, practice. Then, whenever you're in a spot, or just want to lie for the hell of it, you can be sure you will be effective and believable.

Naturally, though, I might be lying.

Clyde

To the Editor:

In response to the Clydelines of Feb. 18, I would just like to say: "Way to tell 'em Clyde!"

It's about time somebody broke the retainer bands off the bullshit barrel and clarified the vague, perplexing, and long-awaited fact that, with so many thousands of different personalities and interest groups on campus, we would all be better off of we just said "what the hell," relaxed, and enjoyed a brew or three — or whatever makes your gall bladder gallop — and started laughing things off rather than worrying about them. Know-whutI mean, chili-bean?

Dan C. Clark
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P.S. I think this was what Doc "Skippy" Kendrick was saying too. (You're welcome world..)

Letters to the Editor

Morality 1

To the Editor:

I am a friend of the foreknown "Steven and John" in a previous article, "Homosexuality Exists at MTSU." I am writing this letter to clarify a few facts. (First of all, Steven is not 19. He is 21.) Although the title of the mentioned article states the existence of homosexuality on our campus, I thought you might like to be made aware of actual statistics made by Gay Rights Council. It is estimated that as high as 30 percent of the male population at MTSU are gay — an unusually high percentage. Where have you people been, in the closet? Take off your rose-colored glasses! Yes. Homosexuality does exist.

However, about that article, there were some misrepresented statements. Steven's roommate did not know Steven was gay, but John's three roommates knew about John's homosexuality. Incidentally, John's roommates were all heterosexual males, and the fact of John's homosexuality did not interfere with their friendship. Most of Steven and John's friends are straight. It is true that Steven's family knows he is gay, however John's mother knows about John's homosexuality. His father does not know. Steven and John did meet "through a mutual heterosexual friend at the university," but John was not dating her at the time. Steven has dated girls before. He dated in high school, due to peer pressure. "As for meeting other gays for dating purposes," Steven and John did not say there was a "coded language." Steven did not say "plans are being made to force campus recognition." Although it has been considered by others,

most feel Murfreesboro is not ready for an organization of this kind.

There is too much paranoia concerning homosexuality. I have to admit that I, too, was unfamiliar with homosexuality until I came to college. But, we are all here to develop our individuality to its fullest potential. We should accept homosexuals first as human beings. There is NO difference between homosexuals and heterosexuals except their sexual preference. Homosexuals are under constant persecution and discrimination, as are other minority groups. Our Constitution tells us that everyone is created equal. We should think about this before we pass judgments on select groups. Can you really be sure that you aren't condemning a friend, neighbor or relative?

Krista McInturff
625 East Burton Street
Murfreesboro, TN.

Morality 2

To the Editor:

To clear up any misconceptions which some people at MTSU might have, we would like to reaffirm the beliefs of the "minority" who feel that obeying God in abstaining from sex until marriage is a privilege. This is not to say that people devoted to God are inhuman and do not have the opportunities or the desire. But to us it is much more desirable to experience sex in the context in which God intends — marriage. The fact that this is 1986 has no bearing on our beliefs, for God is the same today as He always has been and always will be. We are not trying to force our beliefs on anyone, for it is each per-

son's choice, just as it is ours.

Beth Jones
Rebecca Ingram
Trudy Ingram
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Morality 3

To the Editor:

After reading the Feb. 20 letter to the Editor in the *Sidelines* publication, I can rest assured that the whole world is not off in the deep end. The phrase "little confusion among certain members of the MTSU student body," is right. Today most people know who they are and where they want to go. A nice goal for nice people. Exactly right!

I'm sure we all are aware that this is 1986. So everybody wake up! Maybe Ward and June are dead, but what they stood for hasn't died. I don't think that anyone has the authority to stand and define the difference between morality and honesty for the whole world. If a relationship is based on sex maybe it's not a relationship after all. Think about that one. But then again all relationships are different, and not all things work for everyone. If an individual wishes to abstain from sex till marriage, that's great. They stand for what they believe in, something few people can do today.

Why isn't there a place for nice people in a world like ours? Maybe that's one reason the world is in the shape it is in now, no nice people. We only live in constant fear of a mushroom cloud, because of people trying to influence our decisions and determine what is best

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Editorial/Forum

Letters to the Editor

RA organization

To the Editor:
I would like to comment on your recent articles about University Housing.

As a current employee of University Housing, I would like to give an inside view of University Housing to the readers of *Sidelines*. The recent articles that have appeared in your paper have been very misleading to the public because they are unfactual.

First of all, working for University Housing cannot be compared with being a slave, as Miss Dawn Huscher implied in her letter to the editor. Sure, the hours that a

Housing staff member sometimes has to work are long and hard, and the pay may not be the best in the world, but nobody ever twisted my arm and forced me to work for University Housing. When I interviewed for my job, Miss Vickie Justice explained to me the bad parts of being a RA before she ever mentioned any good aspects of the job.

One should realize that a RA is here to serve the residents. In order to make sure that the residents are taken care of properly, each RA is evaluated by his/her Hall Director or Senior Resident Assistant and Area Coordinator. This evaluation is based on how well the RA performs the duties outlined in the

contract each person must sign before beginning work.

This brings up a point about Daniel Horton. Mr. Horton is a second-semester senior who will graduate in May. He was not fired from his job as the recent article stated.

One other thing I would like to point out before closing is that nobody was fired or run off because of being involved in the forming of a RA's organization. The organization was a good idea, and it would serve a great purpose if it was properly run. However, the organization failed to get off the ground because of poor leadership, poor com-

munication, and most of all poor organization. John Watson spoke to my Psychology 409 class on two different occasions. The first time he wanted people to join the group in an effort to fight the Housing Administration. When nobody expressed interest, he presented the class with a letter stating the purpose of the organization. Most everybody in the class, including myself, signed a piece of paper to show that we were interested in such a group.

If the group had stayed with the purpose that was outlined in the letter, it might be functioning today. However, instead of being something positive, the group turned out to be nothing more than a union-type organization. The organization failed to survive because

most of the RAs and Hall Directors did not want to be a part of this type of a group.

In closing, I would like to say that everything is Housing is not perfect. However, the current Housing Staff is doing its best to see that the needs of the residents are getting taken care of. They are doing this by focusing upon the positive aspects of the residence halls. It is unfortunate that people have been so badly misinformed by the recent articles. John Watson and Daniel Horton are set on focusing upon negative aspects of Housing that they caused themselves.

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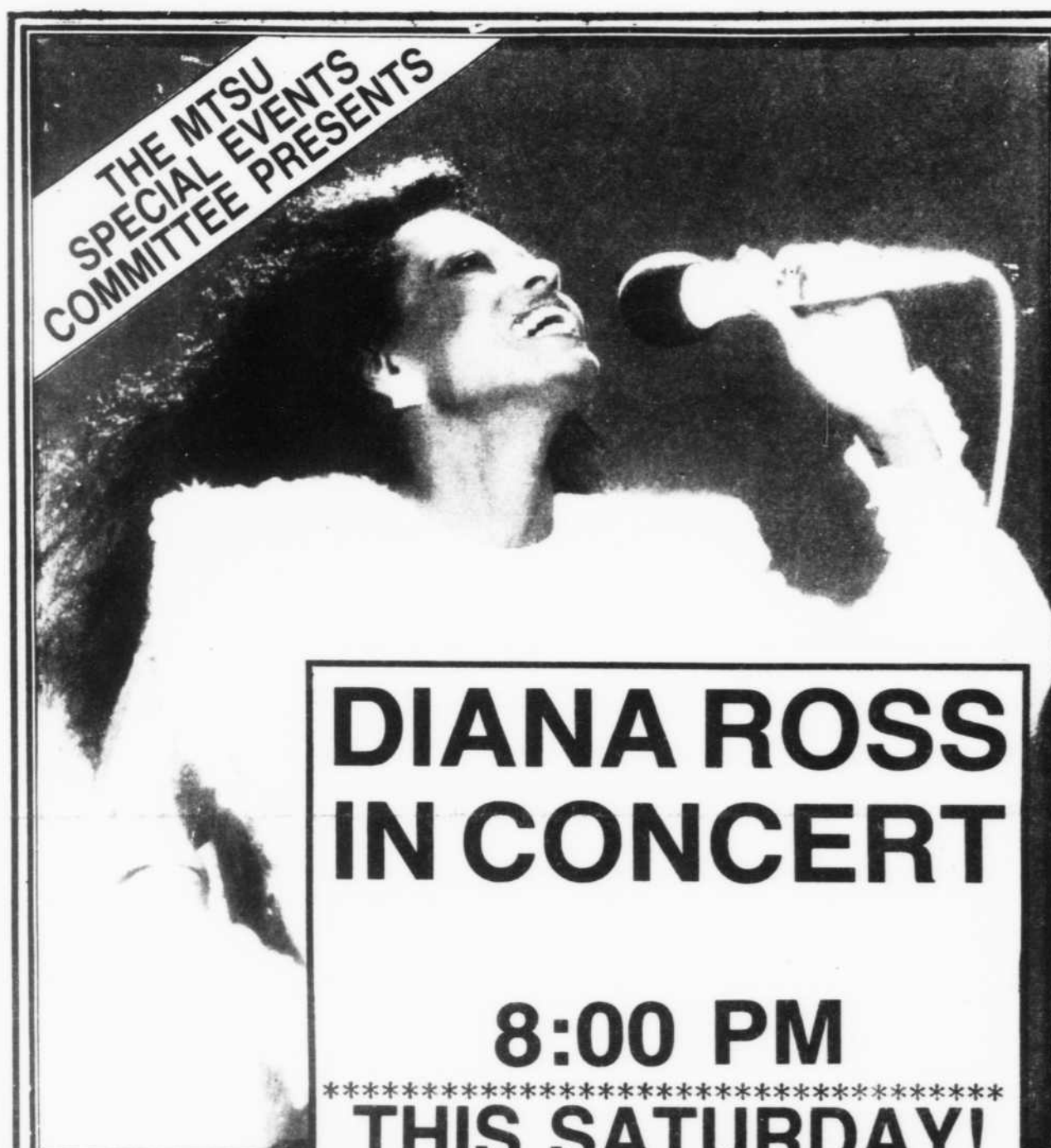
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Features/Entertainment

Cancer support group helps patients cope

By KELLY ANDERSON
Sidelines Features/Ent. Editor

One out of every four Americans will be diagnosed as having cancer within their lifetime. Until recently, Rutherford County did not have a program designed especially to help support cancer patients and

their families, but that has changed. Because of the work of Diane Pulliam, working in patient information in the Middle Tennessee Medical Center and Roberta Holloman, a registered nurse in the oncology department, a newly formed cancer support group is a reality.

"The need was so strong to have an educational program for all cancer patients, not just the ones that are from our clinic," said Holloman.

An average group of 45 interested people, including doctors, nurses, dieticians, physical therapists, social workers, cancer patients, cancer patients' families and friends, endured two hour sessions every day for four weeks. After this series of meetings, because of the large support, it was decided to form a support group for cancer patients, Holloman said.

"Within two months after the sessions we said let's go ahead and get the show on the road. I went ahead and put the advisory group together and we did a lot of vast advertising in the community," Holloman said.

Although the first meeting, held Jan. 28, was mostly just a talk session, advisors were introduced and

the structure of meetings was discussed, Holloman said.

The patients involved in the support group are in all different stages of cancer. Some may have just been diagnosed as having cancer. Some are going through the treatment phase, either by chemotherapy or radiation, or they are post cancer patients who have won the battle over the disease, Holloman said.

The cancer support group "is basically a session where you can ventilate how you feel about cancer. (While) listening to others (you can talk about) how you cope with cancer, how are you coping with the symptoms of taking treatment, whether it be radiation or chemotherapy, or just dealing with it (cancer) on a day to day basis," Holloman explained.

Although Holloman is the coordinator of the cancer support group, she stressed that she doesn't run the whole session.

"I think the main purpose of any support group is to be a self-supporting group where cancer patients can hold the room together," Holloman said.

"I may sit in there as a kind of coordinator of the group, but I'm not the group. The group is the group, themselves, and the support they give emotionally is what we're here for," Holloman said.

Patients and family members not only have talk sessions, but they also have lectures about subjects dealing with cancer.

Holloman thinks from a young person's point-of-view that education about cancer and how to detect it is important.

"You'll be the first one to notice a change anywhere in your body," Holloman explained.

Such a change could include any of these seven warning signs of cancer: a sore that won't heal, a change in bowel or bladder habits,

unusual bleeding or discharge, thickening or lump in a breast or elsewhere, indigestion or difficulty in swallowing, an obvious change in a wart or mole, and a nagging cough or hoarseness.

Holloman explained that one of the ways to safeguard against cancer is to clear yourself from anything known to cause cancer such as cigarette smoking or working around substances known to cause cancer.

"The greatest hope comes from knowledge. It's the step that helps you to be responsible for your own life. While science is working for you, you have to be prepared to use the knowledge that already has been discovered," according to an American Cancer Society pamphlet.

Dr. Abdula will be speaking about the effects of radiation at the next meeting which will be held Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.



Harrison McClary/Staff

The cancer support group will meet at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center in the Oncology conference room this Thursday.

'Lost in the stars' an album worth the money

By CHRIS BELL
Sidelines News Editor

Why should anyone pay \$10 for an album of jazz and rock artists performing the music of some dead German guy who wrote a lot of really depressing songs and the one standard that people like Willie Nelson cover ("September Song")?

Good question, K-Mart shoppers. Three reasons spring to mind. Or slinky to mind as the case may be.

(1) Kurt Weill, the composer paid tribute to in "Lost In The Stars" was one of the most important composers of the 20th century. The music he composed for various

works blended classical, folk, popular and show music into a seamless whole.

His work managed to appeal to the masses, satisfy the critics and tick off the Nazis. What more could you ask for?

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OK, I know this sounds like it's good for you or something, but before you start hollering for Mikey to listen to the damn thing hold tight.

(2) Most of the music on the album is pretty darn good. While most of the songs on the album are

done fairly straight, a few performers show the flexibility and durability of Weill's music. Lou Reed turns the classic "September Song" into a rock ballad, Johnny Adams, Mark Bingham and Arron Neville (of the famous Neville Brothers)

make "Oh Heavenly Salvation" sound like gospel music for the eternally condemned, and Todd Rundgren converts (get ready for this title) "Call From The Grave/Ballad In Which MacHeath Begs All Men For Forgiveness" into a fine piece of high-tech, grayboy



hip-hop. I can already see this one as the centerpiece of a Miami Vice episode where an old friend of Tubbs is caught dealing and get blown away trying to set up a deal for the cops to bust.

The less radical treatments are just as enjoyable if not as festive. Sting does a fine job with "Mac The Knife" (same as the old Bobby Darin version but different translation of the original German lyrics); Tom Waits, Stanard Ridgway and Marianne Faithfull croak their way through various Weill ballads; and Ralph Schuckett (writer the "Kate and Allie" theme), Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) and Ellen Ship-

ley update "Alabama Song." (Remember the Doors' version?)

The true highlights, however, are the instrumental tunes. Legendary pop weirdo Van Dyke Parks puts together a nice medley from "Johnny Johnson," jazz composer Carla Bley leads a group through the tranquil beauty of "Lost In The Stars" and bassist Charlie Haden wins best cut honors with a gorgeous "Speak Low." Pretty easy to broaden your musical horizons with music like this.

(3) Even though the album is \$10 it's audiophile (chrome tape) quality and has almost an hour of music on it. A bargain at any price.



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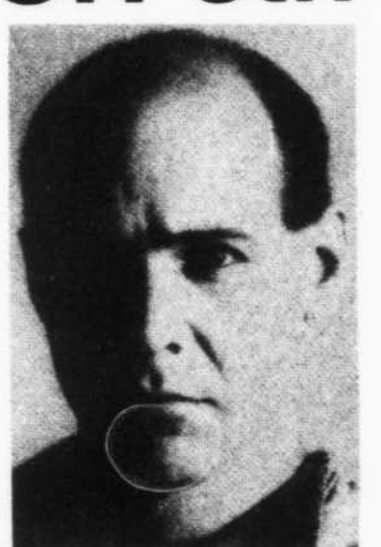
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Arlo Guthrie performs at Vandy

By BILL STEBER
Special to Sidelines

It was on the evening of July 17, 1967 at the Newport Folk Festival that the young Arlo Guthrie introduced his epic "Alice's Restaurant Massacre," that propelled him into folk stardom.

On the evening of Feb. 24, 1986, a more-aged Guthrie returned to the spotlight at Vanderbilt's Langford Auditorium, receiving an equally rousing ovation, mostly from grey-bearded, smiling faces that remembered his message so vividly.

Tie-dyed T-shirts boasting "Arlo Guthrie's Silver Tour" described not only his lengthy career, but also the color of his still-bushy hairdo. The boyish grin was more matured,

but the voice and message were still the same as they were in 1967.

Guthrie strolled on stage and opened the show with a song written by his father, famed folk-balladeer Woody Guthrie. Guthrie mixed whimsical humor with songs of old and new in the high-pitched voice that has remained unchanged these 25 years.

"Mom's just a throwback to the 60s generation/All that junk about love and stuff is just an aggravation," Guthrie sang, expressing the realization that yesterday's youth are today's parents — a fact he has realized three times over. One of his sons accompanied Guthrie in the band on back-up keyboards, adding another musical generation to the Guthrie family.

"It's great to be playing at a school," Guthrie said. "I went to college in Montana for a while until they changed the physical education course from bowling to basic training."

Such spontaneous humor kept the capacity crowd on their toes. In the middle of one ragtime piano song, which Guthrie hadn't played in a long time, he paused to scratch his head. "Since this is only the fourth show on the tour," Guthrie said, "the folks in Texas will hear it right."

Guthrie performed his version of the Steve Goodman classic, "City of New Orleans." Then before closing the second set, he played his father's most famous song, "This Land Is Your Land." The double-encore consisted of inspiring rendi-

tions of "Amazing Grace" and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," but surprisingly enough — no "Alice's Restaurant."

Arlo Guthrie more than lived up to his reputation as a folk balladeer and entertainer. Even his vocal delivery sounded more like Bob Dylan than he did in his younger days. He explained that the reason he no longer sings peace songs is because peace is unobtainable. By striving for love, one has peace to fall back on.

There was nothing promised, but no one could have been disappointed. Judging from the faces of several aging flower children — complete with goatees, ponytails and Lennon specs — the show was a success. For them at least it was 1967 again.

The Dead Kennedys' 'Frankenchrist' released

By BRIAN CONLEY
Sidelines Album Critic

The Dead Kennedys have proven, once again, that they are a genuine, dyed-in-the-wool awesome hard-core punk band. Their third album *Frankenchrist* is one of the best punk albums to come out since the Sex Pistols released *Never Mind The Bollocks*.

The Dead Kennedys start the album off with "Soup Is Good Food" which sounds amazingly like 1960s beach music. In the song, the socio-political impact of the album becomes apparent. "The unions agree/Sacrifices must be made/Computers never go on strike/To save the working man you've got to put him out to pasture." The entire song lambasts the effect technology has had in replacing people.

The next song, "Hellnation," keeps up the lyrical impact of the album to a thrash beat that is easy to dance to. This song attacks society's misuse of humanity and the stupidity the leaders of the major countries show. "Hellnation — got

no choice/What's the point of trying to vote/When this country makes war/We all die in the same boat." At the end, the song starts telling of things that can be done to help ease the situation. "Hellnation — asking please/For a nuclear freeze/So the unborn children/Can live and breathe."

"A Growing Boy Needs His Lunch" is another good fast tune that is danceable. "Chicken Farm" sounds like Big Country has gone punk. The song is filled with riffs that somehow seem like they belong to a band that is playing at a wake for a dead Scottish clan chief. However, the song should actually be played at a protest for any war because it tells of the aftereffects of war. "Napalm rains no more/But the war goes on/Little brother died playing at the dump today/He found a new toy and held it up proud/Then it blew him to bits/How many more children/Will be killed or die at birth/Deformed by Agent Orange/In our food chain

forever more." If you love realism set to a fast beat you will love this.

The violence and stupidity of football is adequately shown on the first song of side two, "Jock-O-



Rama." It starts off with a fast-driving beat and hard-hitting lyrics. "Now boys, this game ain't played for fun/You're going out there to win/How d'ya win?/Get out there/And snap the other guy's knee!" The song then turns to a ballad and tells of a high school quarterback who gets injured in a game. "His mom and dad clutch themselves and cry/Their favorite son will never walk again/Coach says, 'That boy gave a hundred percent/What

spirit/What a man.'" The song ends in high gear with a fast beat.

In "Goonies of Hazard" the Dead Kennedys take a look at the stupidity of some of TV's prime time shows while playing at a tempo that will get you moving.

tune are also expertly written. "You've [M.T.V.] turned rock and roll rebellion/Into Pat Boone sedation/making sure nothing's left of the imagination."

The next thing to receive the focus of their attack is boring mun-

"...sounds like Big Country has gone punk."

They then switch their point of attack to videos and the recording industry in general with "M.T.V. Get Off The Air." Their musical talent comes to surface as they expertly switch tempos from fast to mid-tempo to slow and then start the process over. The words to this

dane work for companies who do not care about employees. "At My Job" does this to music that is as mechanical as the jobs the Dead Kennedys talk about. The song sounds surprisingly Egyptian.

"The Stars And Stripes Of Corruption" ends the album on a thrash

note while taking a look at the corruption and insensitivity of American society. The music is hard-hitting while the lyrics knock you out with their frankness. "The symbols of our heritage/Lit up proudly in the night/Somewhat fits to see homeless people/Passed out on the lawn...People we know who should know better/How! America rules. Let's go to war!/Business scams are what's dying for."

The Dead Kennedys have rekindled the original punk movement. If you are a true punk rocker this album is a must for your record collection. If you like realism set to a fast beat the Dead Kennedys newest, *Frankenchrist*, is for you.

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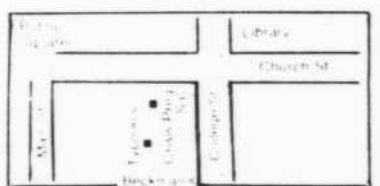
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Sports

Tied for first place

Blue Raiders rip Morehead

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Senior Sports Editor

Earlier in the season, when Middle Tennessee State's men's basketball team was undefeated in the Ohio Valley Conference, many Blue Raider fans looked forward to sporting another OVC championship.

They also looked forward to hosting the OVC tournament.

But now, after losing four conference games, MTSU is tied for first place in the OVC and shares the championship title with Akron University.

MTSU finished its' conference competition Monday night as they defeated Morehead State 80-63 at Murphy Center.

Both Akron and MTSU are 10-4 in the conference after Monday's games [Akron defeated Austin Peay 76-67].

The Blue Raiders positively added to their OVC record Saturday night when they beat Eastern Kentucky 84-74.

On the night against Morehead scoring wise was Kim Cooksey with 17 points and four rebounds including a one-handed slam.

"Kim has been rebounding the ball well for a guard here lately," MTSU head coach Bruce Stewart said after the victory, which was his 101st in his career.

MTSU never trailed in the game and in fact, pulled away with a 11-point lead with 11:06 remaining in the first half.

At guard, MTSU's Duane Washington provided precise passing to freshman forward Lee Campbell throughout the game. Washington finished the night with 16 assists and 4 points, while Campbell tossed in 14 points, many coming off Washington's assist.

Also at guard, James Johnson, who was out with an ankle injury earlier in the season which he received during the Austin Peay-MTSU game in Clarksville, saw playing time during the night, but was soon replaced by Washington after complaining about his ankle.

"Well, he said it was sore in the second half so we just let Washington play a bit more," Stewart said.

The Blue Raiders took to the locker room a 27-44 lead.

In the second half, MTSU added more to the scoreboard shooting 45 percent, down from the first half at 50 percent.

Also coming in the second half were three slam dunks. The first slam in the half was by Jimmy McGill on a alley-oop from Washington. Tyrus Baynham then had his turn in the air with a one-handed slam as Morehead's Darrin Hale watched closely. But the slamming master wasn't finished for the night as he "slammed" in the last point of the game with a cradle reverse slam dunk with 12 seconds remaining.

Baynham finished the night with 10 points and five rebounds. Teammate Andrew Tunstall scored 14 points for



Blue Raider Andrew Tunstall looks to pass the ball to an open man during MTSU's victory over Eastern Kentucky, Saturday.

the win, Dwayne "Bam Bam Rainey" hit 10 and Kerry Hammonds contributed 7.

With the win putting them back in first place in the

OVC, the question that most coaches and players are asking is where will the conference tournament be played?

The tournament is scheduled to begin March 3.

MTSU clinches OVC title

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders clinched first place in the OVC and finished 13-1 in the conference as they handed Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State handy losses before enthusiastic crowds this weekend.

Defense was the key to the Lady Raiders' 71-57 victory against Morehead Monday night. The Lady Eagles turned the ball over 30 times to the Lady Raiders' 12.

The Raiders were credited with 17 steals, and had six blocked shots.

"The defense is our strong suit," Raider coach Larry Joe Inman said. "It has been our salvation most of the season."

Cyndi Lindley and Kim Webb led the Raiders in rebounds with eight each. Webb also led the team in scoring.

"Kim Webb is a super athlete," Inman said. "She comes out for us every game and scores her points and plays her game."

Webb, a 5-9, 130-lb. junior from LaVergne, Tenn., averages just over 18 points a game, shooting 56.5 percent.

The Lady Raiders, who finished the year 17-9, struggled early in the year to pull together and capture the conference title.

"It took us awhile for the mix to gel," Inman said. "We are fortunate to work as well together as we do."

The defense pulled together to hold Morehead center Melissa Iretton to only three points.

Lindley and Willbanks did well for us," Inman said. "They are a valuable part of our team."

Every player played for the Blue Raiders as the team stretched their lead to 20 points in the waning game.

Following Webb in scoring was Tawanya Mucker with 19 points.

Mucker a 6-0 160 lb. freshman from Macon, Ga., has stepped in for the Lady Raiders and added a valuable dimension to the team.

"Mucker has improved so much over the year," Inman said. "She was so inexperienced at the start of the season; she has really improved."

MTSU captures conference track title

By JERRY MALONE
Sidelines Sports Writer

Coach Dean Hayes and the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raider track team won its second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference indoor track title Saturday, and closed out their indoor program with spectacular fashion.

The conference champions racked up 94 points while Eastern Kentucky trailed with 64 points, followed by Murray State with 43. Akron and Austin Peay rounded out the scoring.

The heavily favored Raiders went into Friday's preliminary competition hoping to score well in the field events and possibly take an early lead.

MTSU's Sean Smith, a sophomore from Daytona Beach, Fla., did just that by winning the high jump with a bound of 6-9 and earned All-OVC honors.

Junior Steve McQuiston from Nashville, Tenn., won the shot put title with a throw of 51-10 1/2.

The momentum continued for the Blue Raiders in the long jump finals.

MTSU's Malcolm Branham, having been consistent all year, used his final jump to win the competition with a leap of 25-2 1/2. Dwight Johnson helped out in scoring by placing fourth with a leap of 23-11 1/2.

The conference competition continued Saturday with the finals of each event.

William Beasley started the ball rolling for MTSU by winning the triple jump with a leap of 50-2. Beasley narrowly edged out defending OVC triple jump champion Patterson Johnson of Murray State.

"I was pleased with the way Sean [Smith], Malcolm [Branham] and William [Beasley] were able to come back in the jump competition and win for us," Hayes said.

The running events followed

with the Raiders still clinging to a lead over Murray State and Eastern Kentucky.

MTSU's Deric Hayes finished second in the 60 yard hurdles with a time of 7.50. Sean Smith placed third with a time of 7.72.

The Blue Raiders then followed that up with a one-two-three sweep in the 60-yard dash.

MTSU's Johnson finished first with a time of 6.41. Branham ran a close second in 6.42, while teammate Bobby Ellis rounded out the sweep with 6.45 seconds for a third place finish. MTSU's Dale Rhodes finished second in the 400-yard dash with a time of 48.77. Hayes placed fourth in the 400 with a time of 50.04.

In the 500-yard run, Perald Ellis came in first for the Raiders with

a time of 1:03.21. James Duhart added to the scoring by placing third with a time of 1:03.81.

MTSU's Johnson became a double winner at the OVC meet after placing first in the 300 with a time of 30.88. On his heels was teammate Bobby Ellis with a time of 30.89.

Sophomore Jerry Malone was also an individual champion placing first in the 1,000-yard run with a time of 2:16.15.

The final event of the day was the mile relay, and as expected, MTSU excited the crowd with a first place finish.

Haynes, Duhart and the Ellis brothers teamed up to hold off arch-rival Eastern Kentucky and winning with a time of 3:13.98.

"The mile relay was a great way to end the meet Saturday," Hayes said.

Hayes also praised his team for sticking together amid the controversy concerning the track program.

"I was happy with the way we ran and as long as we stay healthy, we'll always compete tough," he said.

The Lady Raider track team finished third overall in the women's championship behind Eastern Kentucky and Murray State.

MTSU's Sherrie Bingham claimed the long jump title with a leap of 18-8. Bingham also placed second in the triple jump with a jump of 36-8 1/2.

Teammates Ursula Langford and Angie Allison placed first and second in the high jump and 400-meter dash, respectively.

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Tennis team drops two

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
Sidelines Sports Editor

Following two opening-day losses at Austin Peay Saturday and a last-minute cancellation Sunday, the MTSU tennis team found itself buried in a winless hole, one not too familiar to MTSU athletics lately.

In their opening match, the Blue Raiders faced a tough North Illinois University team, a team that has so far played eight indoor matches and were more accustomed to the indoor setting than was MTSU.

"They blitzed us," MTSU coach Dick LaLance said. "We don't have the facilities to compete with a team like that, and we were really out of the picture."

The Blue Raiders fell to NIU 8-1 with their only win coming to LaLance's number six player, Anson

Chillcut, who downed Randy Panagopolos 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

David Wehrle lost in straight sets to Jim Shackelford 6-3, 6-4, while MTSU's Ken Ventimiglia fell to Budd Booth 6-4, 6-3.

Blue Raider netter Chris King also dropped straight sets to NIU stand-out Bill Hanbach 6-1, 6-1, while Ilmar Mutli lost to John Bowers, 6-2, 6-1. Freshman John Carroll-Wilcocks stretched his match with Mike Hill to four sets before losing, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 7-5.

In doubles, NIU took all three matches in straight sets.

Against Arkansas State the Blue Raiders fared a bit better. They hung with the Indians until the final match, when Carroll-Wilcocks and Chilcutt lost to Barry Tyndall,

and Clete Knight 6-4, 6-1 to give ASU a 5-4 edge overall.

The Raiders were scheduled to face Austin Peay Sunday afternoon, but the match was postponed due to a scheduling conflict in Clarksville.

"We were supposed to play at 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. we were still waiting. If we had started at 8 p.m. when the others finished, we would still have been playing after midnight. I was not willing to have the players out there that long," LaLance explained.

The Blue Raiders' match with Vanderbilt scheduled for this week has also been cancelled, but they should return to action March 4 with David Lipscomb College in Nashville.

Lady Raiders
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The Lady Raiders came close to another 100-point effort against the Colonels Saturday night, putting the lack-luster Eastern Kentucky team on the bus with a 99-85 loss in their pockets.

Six Raiders scored in double figures: Cyndi Lindley with 18, Tawanya Mucker with 17, Kay Willbanks with 15, Kim Webb with 14 and Janet Ross and Lori Gross with 10 each.

The Lady Raiders shot 54.2 percent on the night, 85.1 percent overall.

Lady Raiders Kim Webb and Kay Willbanks were honored during halftime of the men's game Monday night for passing the 1,000-career point mark.

Willbanks is a 6-4 junior from Ringgold, Ga and Webb is a 5-9 junior from LaVergne, Tenn.

This year's inductees into the 1,000-point Club join former Lady Raider Jennifer McFall (1981-85), Sharon McClannahan (1975-79) and Holly Hoover (1981-84).



Lady Raider Lori Gross keeps the ball from a Morehead defender during MTSU's victory for the OVC title.

Stewart grabs 100th career win

By MICHAEL FREEMAN
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Blue Raider basketball coach Bruce Stewart captured his 100th career victory as a head coach Saturday night as the Raiders handed conference foe Eastern Kentucky an 84-74 defeat at Murphy Center.

Stewart, now in his second year as head man for the Raiders, led Middle Tennessee State University to an Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championship last season.

"We come in and play our game," Stewart said. "This win was important because of our conference

standings. My personal 100th win is no different than my 101st."

The Blue Raiders had a 20-point cushion at half-time, with Lee Campbell leading the way with 11 points. They had led by as much as 24 points before the Colonels could mount a comeback.

In the second half, the Blue Raiders couldn't hold their cushion and EKV battled back to within striking distance, but a road-weary MTSU squad wouldn't allow Colonel coach Max Good's team to come within 10.

"It's simple; in the first half, we were hungry," 6-3 junior Andrew

Tunstill said. "By the second half, we were full."

Kim Cooksey led the field in scoring with 21 points and nine rebounds, followed by Tunstill, who turned in a 16-point effort to go with five rebounds.

Lee Campbell and Dwayne Rainey each had an 11-point outing, while Kerry Hammonds and Duane Washington each scored eight. Tyrus Baynam scored seven points and Jimmy McGill had two.

For the Colonels, John DeCamillis led the way with 17 points, and Randolph Taylor turned in eight rebounds.



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