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## Biology museum is new attraction

by Susan Osburn

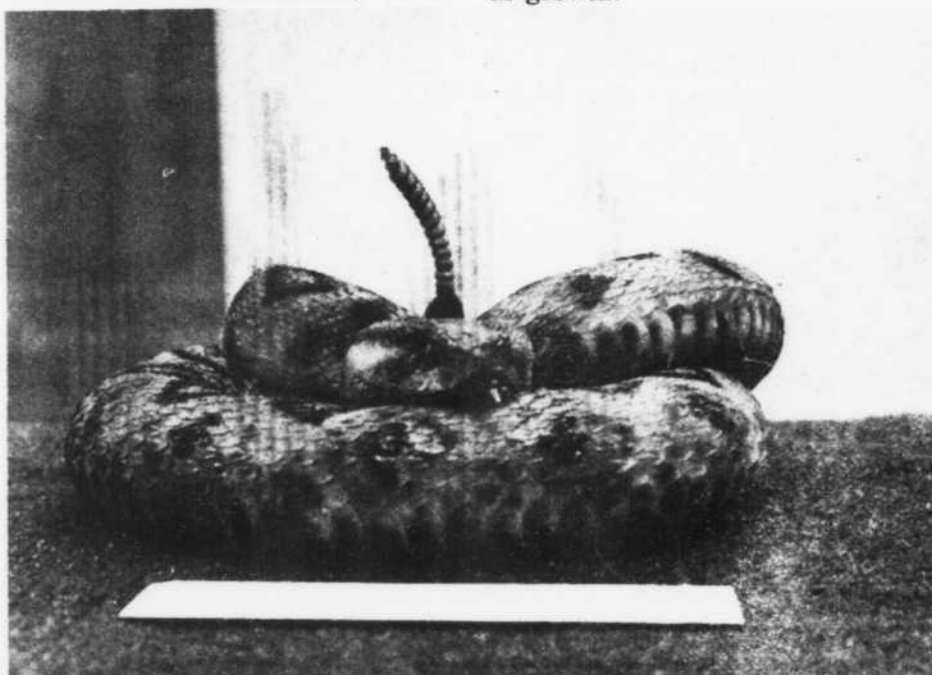
The latest attraction in the biology department is its museum, located on the third floor of Science Hall. Open mainly during the fall and spring, it operates on an irregular schedule during the summer—as it is used as a teaching museum for various science classes, primarily through student observation.

Displays in the museum include several varieties of birds, a fox and deer head. The main attraction in the mammal division is a timber-wolf, donated by Opryland. Also on exhibit are diamondhead, coral

and rattlesnakes, along with a collection of plant fossils. Many of these items have been given to the museum as gifts by individuals on a random basis.

The museum committee hopes that the new budget will allow for expansion of the museum. This committee, including Clay Chandler, Eugene Strobel and Gerald Parchment, is led by George Murphy, all of the biology department.

With the support of both faculty members and students, the museum is destined for success as well as growth.



These photographs show examples of the kinds of exhibits being displayed at the biology museum. [photo by Debra Ross]



**Wes Williams**  
Director of Admissions

## Job is 'learning experience' says director

by Jane Hamlin

Newly-appointed director of admissions, Dr. Wes Williams, said he is "really a student advocate and hopes to do what is best for the students" in an interview yesterday.

Williams, whose duties include student recruitment, will replace Ed Kilgour effective Saturday.

"I look forward to working with students and invite them to come and talk anytime," Williams said. "I feel comfortable working with high school students and hope to use the college students to help in the recruiting."

Williams said he would like students from MTSU to actually go with him to the various high schools

to talk with those people about attending MTSU.

"I would like to use the average college student," Williams said, "those who want to get involved in the university."

Williams also said he hopes to attend national seminars and workshops.

"This is a learning experience for me," he said. "My background includes counseling and secondary education, but I have had no experience in admissions."

When asked if he would make any changes in the present system, Williams said, "There is always room for improvement, but I believe in using the past as a

guidepost for the future. Any changes would be a group decision."

"We are here for the students. We will do our best to recruit quality students and match their needs with what MTSU has to offer," he added.

Williams received a Ph.D. from Peabody College in May of this year. He and his wife reside on Ragland Avenue. Their hobbies include bicycling and traveling.

Because July 4 falls on Tuesday of next week, *Sidelines* will be distributed on Thursday, July 6.



Surrounded by children, Mark Anthony, IFC vice president, and Mitch Chamber, intramural instructor, work together to install a new swing set. [photo by Debra Ross]

## IFC donates swing set

by Valorie Vaughn

Working together, the Inter-Fraternity-Council and the intramural department installed a swing set for married students' children last Friday.

"The IFC donated the playground equipment after the intramural department contacted us and suggested the need for more equipment for married students' children," said Mark Anthony, IFC vice president. "We entered the program as a social service project to aid the children."

Mitch Chambers, instructor of intramurals, said about six members of the IFC and the intramural

department worked the majority of Friday afternoon installing the equipment which arrived in May.

"Because of the weather and other interferences, this was the first chance we have had to install the equipment," Chambers said.

Anthony said the IFC originally voted to donate the equipment, but did not offer the manpower to install it. He said, however, that the IFC later realized their help was needed.

"We did this for married students' children because the IFC enjoys being involved in social services for campus as well as the community," Anthony said.

## Largest country music and craft show set for weekend

The South's largest combined country music and crafts shows are

scheduled as all-day events at the seventh annual Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival at Smithville, Friday and Saturday.

This event, modeled after traditional, old-timey Independence Day celebrations, features 18 categories of amateur competition for \$1,785 in cash prizes for old-time folk and bluegrass music, singing, buckdancing, clogging and square dancing. There will also be nine categories of bands and novelty events such as crow calling, owl hooting, frog croaking, spoon clacking, saw bending, jug blowing, washboard rubbing, "Hoover bass" fiddle, Jew's harp and Ozark mouth bow. Contestant registration will be Friday, June 30, 3 p.m. until event called, and Saturday, July 1, 8 a.m. until event called.

This year's emphasis is being placed on the exhibition and sale of pioneer crafts. Many of America's outstanding craftsmen, from 17 states, have made advance registration to demonstrate and sell their wares.

Last year the event drew over 35,000 people, including tourists from 40 states and seven foreign countries. Jamboree officials are preparing for an even larger crowd this year by adding more food booths and tents, spectators' seats and free parking areas for cars, campers and trailers.

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### CORRECTION

In the last issue of *Sidelines*, an article on the five finalists for the dean of graduate studies listed only four names. The fifth candidate is Dr. J. Robert Russo of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. *Sidelines* regrets the error.



*A little bit for everybody***WMOT format termed 'great'**

by Eddith Dashiell

Jazz, classical music and light and heavy rock will be included in the newly-approved July-August WMOT format.

"There will be light rock during the day and heavy rock in the evening," said Pat Jones, assistant to station manager Harold Baker. "There will be 90 minutes of classical music in the morning along with one hour of classical music and two hours of jazz in the evening."

According to a former intern at WMOT, "the format is great. It includes a little bit for everybody—jazz, classical and rock. WMOT realizes the growing popularity of jazz and includes it in the new format. They have the potential to become a great station, and they are competition to the other stations even if these stations fail to admit this."

There have been complaints from broadcasting interns concerning their deprivation of air time experience. This format is designed to relieve that, to some extent.

In the Sunday, June 25, edition of the *Daily News Journal*, there was

the second of a two-part article concerning the controversy which has arisen due to the change in the WMOT format.

The article mentioned a recent campus survey published in *Sidelines*, which showed the dissatisfaction of the students with the programming decisions of the station.

A committee composed of faculty, students and the WMOT staff

comprised a new daytime format of "soft rock" to replace some of the classical music, which was part of the old format.

When asked if the new format would hurt or help WMOT, Baker told *The Daily News Journal*, "We won't be asking for any more memberships because I don't feel we'll be meeting their needs. The format change will make us just another station."

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## Editorials

## Give students a break

Isn't it a shame classes have to meet Monday?

It would be so nice to have both Monday and Tuesday off to celebrate the Fourth of July. Students, faculty and administrators alike would probably agree that this is a good idea.

It will be such a hassle to many students to go home for the weekend, come back Monday for class, turn around and go back home for July 4, and then return for Wednesday classes. How much easier it would be to go home Friday and not have to return just for that one day.

It is also probable that faculty members and administrators would much rather have Monday off, too.

According to rumors, many students say they will not attend classes Monday, anyway, so more than likely teachers will face few, if any, students when they meet class.

Instructors face the possibility of being fired if they don't show up, so it is understandable that they hesitate to cancel classes.

ASB President Mike McDonald talked with several administrators this week to see what could be done about getting classes formally cancelled. He was told that as far as the summer schedule was concerned, the holiday falling on Tuesday was an oversight and so plans were not made to alleviate the problem.

Another administrator suggested that classes meet on Friday and take off Monday, in order not to miss a day. However, it seems that he was thinking only of the classes which meet four days a week. Many of



them meet everyday, anyway.

This is not a suggestion that everyone should decide to be absent Monday, but an appeal that something be done to be fair to all. The present situation is not fair to those very few students who will show up as opposed to the more than half who probably will not.

## Student wants monthly payments

To the Editor:

With college costs escalating and the purchasing power of middle-class families' incomes diminishing, resulting in decreased college enrollments, it would seem only logical for educators to put forth a concerted effort to help parents and students make ends meet. There are, of course, a myriad of scholarships and student loans available, but, whereas the rich can easily afford these costs and the poor can qualify for financial aid, the middle-income families are especially eligible for a lot of aid.

The Tennessee Board of Regents could help relieve this burden by changing their policy of insisting that students pay all school expenses on the day of registration for each semester.

What would be wrong with an installment plan? Southern Metho-

dist University, Dallas, for instance, now allows fees to be paid in monthly installments over an eight-year period.

Eight years may be too long, but monthly installments would ease the money crunch greatly, especially for those who, like myself, are on the Post-Korean Era GI Bill; our checks arrive monthly. The GI Bill provides adequate financing for college expenses, but the timing of the payments results in deficits at the beginning of various semesters.

At the same time, I realize that colleges themselves have expenses to meet, but, in the interests of higher education and of reversing the downward enrollment trend, couldn't the Tennessee Board of Regents do something about the aforementioned policy to lessen this financial hardship?

Thomas H. DeRamus  
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## Have a safe Fourth

Fourth of July celebrations normally include traveling, fireworks, swimming, eating and drinking and general merry-making.

Because so many people across the nation are indulging all on the same day, there is all the more reason to take safety precautions.

Drive carefully. This warning is heard over and over again, especially on holidays, but a good warning it is. There is almost always a sharp increase in traffic accidents and fatalities on and around special days such as July 4. Watch out for others, and watch out for yourselves.

Independence Day wouldn't be the same without fireworks, they are so pretty to see. But they are also dangerous. Some may have short fuses and explode without warning. Children, especially, tend to disregard the dangers of fireworks and may need adult supervision.

Many people take to the water for a day of splashing and swimming to celebrate the Fourth which falls in the hottest part of summer. But how many people will drown this holiday simply because they were neglectful of safety precautions. Hopefully none. The only way this can be achieved, however, is if everyone remembers what could happen and abides by safety measures.

Overeating and too much drinking may cause many a student and teacher to return to school sick. Indulge, but don't overindulge.

By keeping these things in mind, everyone can have a fun, but safe Fourth of July.

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by Michael Jinks



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## Open Forum

## Of Cabbages and Kings

by Ivan Shewmake  
Associate Dean of Students--  
Men's Affairs

In times past, through the good offices of the editor and staff of the *Sidelines*, I've taken this space to outline information and perspectives for your consideration.

Lately, I've been thinking about viewpoint. Our viewpoint, quite often, determines the colors and configurations of the world that we see. It is not unusual that we would interpret the same data in different ways, but student, faculty, or administrator, one of the marks of a thoughtful person is the ability to consider the viewpoints of others and weigh them with an attempt at objectivity.

You see things in your way; I see mine, and we do not have to agree, but if we make even a pretense at intellect, we should at least consider:

**Case 1.** A gentleman in the University Bookstore was attempting to cash a check. The cashier asked him for his ID card. He didn't have it. She couldn't cash the check. He told her what she could do with the bookstore. Probably, he knew the check was good, and he couldn't understand why he could not get his money.

From the bookstore's viewpoint, check cashing is a service. If too many bad checks get through the cashiers, then the bookstore will have to quit cashing checks. They have to check ID's or run the risk of dropping the service, with the subsequent anger of a large number of people who would be unable to get pocket money on campus.

Also, consider how many more books people would have stolen if ID's were not checked by the bookstore at the end of the semester.

**Case 2.** A lady in line at High Rise Cafeteria wanted to know why she had to show her ID in order to eat. After all, she had her meal ticket. She had a good point. She was being inconvenienced. From another point of view, when the cafeterias began checking ID's, it was found that about 300 meals were being served each day to people with fraudulent meal tickets.

As a result of the decrease in fraud, the anticipated price increases for a la carte items provided by food services were postponed, and nearly everyone who stops in the Grill or one of the cafeterias saved some money. Still, it is irritating to have to carry an ID card around.

**Case 3.** A gentleman in line at High Rise Cafeteria wanted more food on his plate. The server told him he could come back for more, but he wanted the food then. He didn't want the inconvenience of having to walk back for seconds or thirds, ad infinitum. He was irri-

tated.

I don't have exact figures on the cost of foods lost last year to the garbage dump, but it did run into the thousands of dollars. Wasted! Because a person's perspective is sometimes larger than his stomach. And you can believe that we all pay for that food, in a number of ways. Still, it is irritating to have to walk back for seconds.

**Case 4.** Almost all of us, at some time, get irritable with the maintenance department. When we have a broken window in a dorm room or a leaking faucet in the bath, we want it fixed now. I know I do. From the point of view of Harold Jewell and the people in his department, however, it must seem that everyone on campus goes out of their way to break everything breakable. I've seen windows smashed because someone misplaced his key and sinks ripped from the wall because someone was suddenly seized with the impression that he was King Kong. I think if I were a maintenance man, I might get tired of working to repair the ravages of another's thoughtlessness. Still, most of us do not create work for the maintenance personnel out of barbarianism or whim, and when we have something that needs fixing, we want it fixed.

In all of these situations, the position taken depends upon the viewpoint of the people involved. There is no absolute right or wrong

that I can see. It is interesting to note that one minor adjustment would remove the irritation from most of these cases. I would guess that no more than two or three percent of the total number of people on this campus try to cash "hot" checks, misuse food services, or tear up the world around them. These two or three percent, however, make necessary the irritations that affect everyone. That's unfortunate, but it's true.

We all get disgusted with parking on campus, but think of some of the irrational ways that you have seen a few people drive and park and imagine how it would be if the police did not keep a modicum of control.



"I HAVE IT, THEREFORE I AM!" mbjmk3p

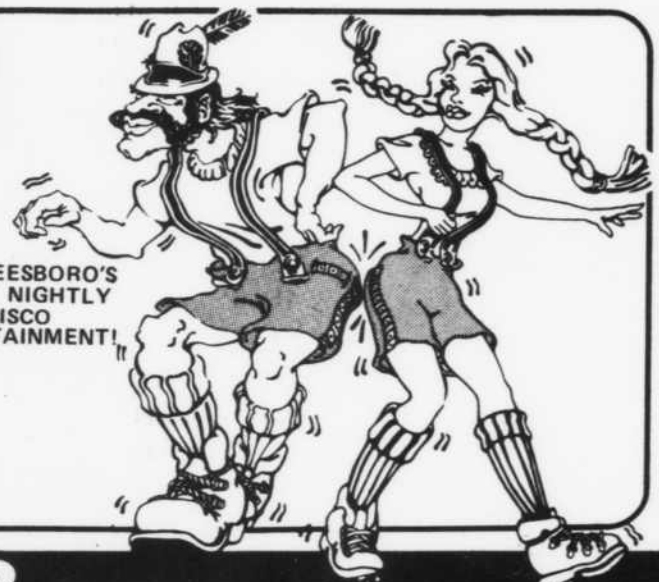
One bright spot this summer has been the efforts of Mike McDonald the new ASB President, to reduce petty irritants around campus. He seems to think that small things that go wrong all the time can cause more anger and ill will than many people imagine. For what it's worth, I agree with him. He has some good ideas. If he can persuade others to his viewpoint, we may all have a brighter objective reality this next year.

### Exhibit slated

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## Monsanto wins bid to lay new carpet

by Scott Adams

The Monsanto Company won rights to place a new surface on Horace Jones Field by being low bidder among three companies vying for the job.

According to Hixson Pugh who is head of the purchasing office, Monsanto's low bid was \$337,000, \$3,000 under what had been estimated by a planning committee.

William Smotherman, Facilities Manager of Murphy Center, said removal of the old turf and pad was finished today. The company started the job last Thursday.

"Things are going pretty well right now, but they (Monsanto) are anticipating a time delay in the

shipping of the new turf and pad. We have been promised a completion date of August 15," Smotherman said.

The old turf, which had been down for seven years was in terrible shape, splitting in the seams and literally tearing away from the padding in other areas. But according to university officials, a \$20,000 tarpaulin will be purchased this time which will give a longer lifespan to the new surface.

"A tarpaulin will really be a big help in keeping the turf looking new, and with the new design of the turf and new chemical mixtures in

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The old turf on Horace Jones Field has been taken up and will be replaced with new and better turf. [photo by Debra Ross]



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## Trotter third pitcher to ink

Cleveland State Community College pitching star, Mitch Trotter, has become the third pitcher to sign with Blue Raider baseball coach John Stanford.

Stanford, who has lost several valuable pitchers from the Raider roster, said Trotter should help the throwing staff greatly, and that he was really lucky to sign him after Trotter was so highly recruited by

Alabama and several Florida schools.

Trotter is a native of Chattanooga, where he lettered three years in both football and baseball at East Ridge High School. He was selected as the Most Valuable Player on the baseball team his senior season and was also named to Who's Who at East Ridge High School.

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## Monsanto

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the padding, the surface should hold up a lot longer this time," Smotherman added.

Although Monsanto was not the company that put the first turf down, Smotherman says the new surface will "virtually look the same and feel the same as the first turf."

Men working on the field couldn't believe the turf had only been down for seven years and some made the comment that it looked like someone had been "drag racing" on the field. Even though there will be a substantial time delay in the shipping of the new turf, Monsanto has promised to fulfill its August 15 deadline which would ensure the fields readiness for the fall season for both MTSU and the county's high schools which use the field.

## OVC changes format for '79-'80 season

The Ohio Valley Conference has voted to change the format for the 1979-80 basketball season and will play all Tuesday conference games on Thursday.

According to Blue Raider head coach Jimmy Earle, who is also the president of the Conference Coaches Association, the move was made to try and bring about better media coverage of conference match-ups.

Earle said the idea was proposed last year by Western Kentucky coach Jim Richards and then re-proposed by Monty Hale, the voice of the Blue Raiders, this year.

At one time rumor had it that a contract was being sought for television coverage by a Bowling Green, Ky. station which would show at least an OVC game a week. Negotiations apparently have fallen through.

"It would be great to get some kind of game of the week going for the OVC with a station around here, but I haven't heard anything about it lately," Earle said.

## MARKET PLACE

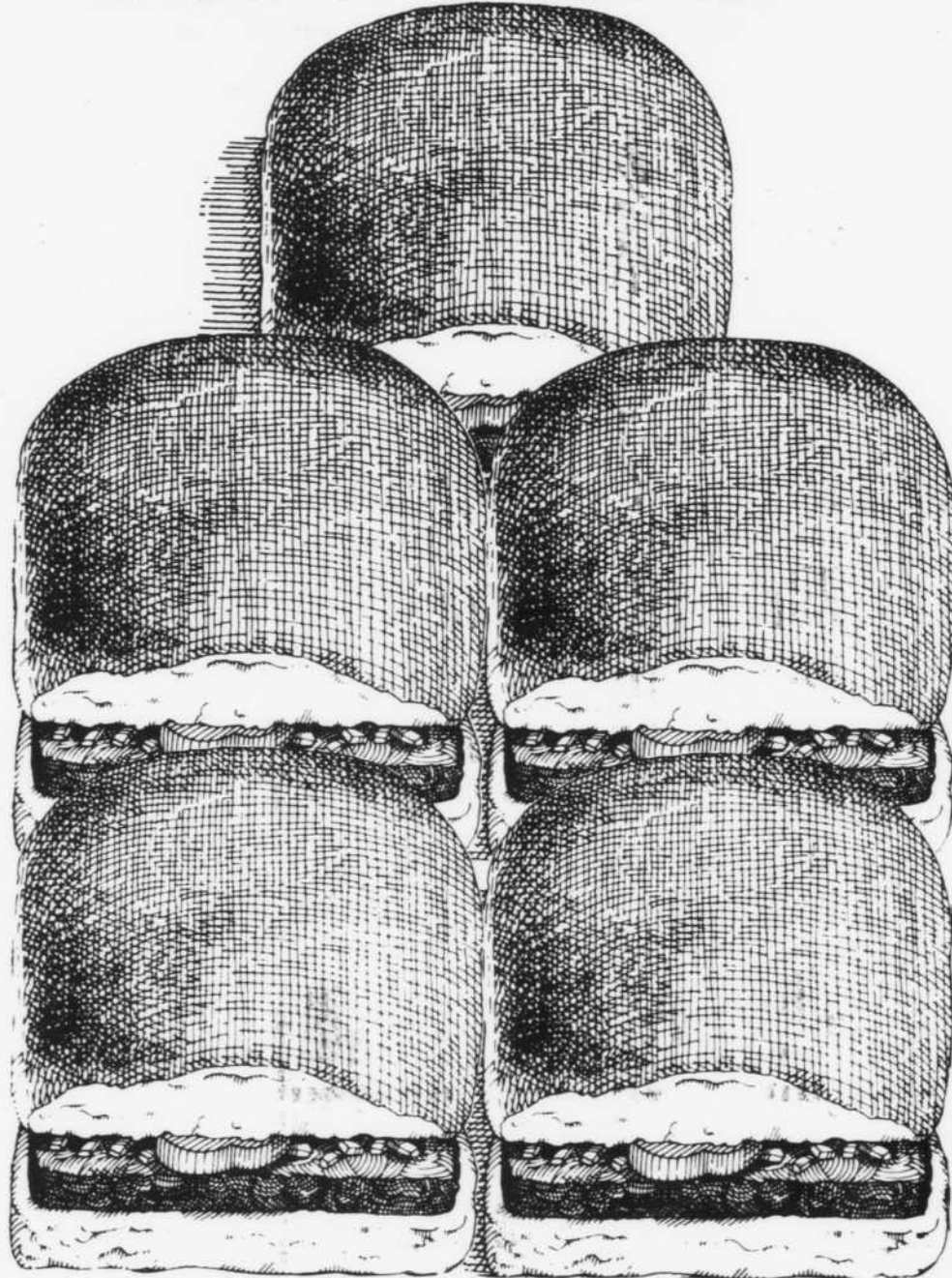
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## Artis secures position on Junior AAU team

MTSU's 19-year-old track star Greg Artis has won a spot on the National Junior AAU team, which will compete against foreign powers Russia, West Germany and Great Britain next month.

Artis qualified for the team by placing second in the triple jump, with a leap of 52 feet 3 3/4 inches, (his best ever) in Saturday's qualifying meet in Bloomington, Indiana at the University of Indiana.

The Junior AAU team is composed of individuals who are 19-years-old or under. This is the second straight year Artis has qualified for the team.

Artis missed qualifying for the long jump also, by inches, as he lost in a tiebreaking jump-off after tying for second place at the end of

regular competition.

Sanya Owalby of Terrytown, N.Y. took first in the triple jump and at the present time is ranked number one in the U.S. in the event.

As a freshman, Artis had a sensational season, finishing second in the long jump and third in the triple jump, as the Blue Raiders amassed an amazing 119 total points enroute to their second straight outdoor OVC track championship.

The junior AAU team will have two meets in Russia and two meets in West Germany. The East German team will compete in the latter meets, also. The team is scheduled to leave on June 30 and will return on July 16.

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