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Murphy Center collapse is 'unlikely'

by John Pitts
Sports Editor

After the collapse of a similar structure in Hartford, Conn., officials here say it would take a record amount of rain or snow to collapse the roof of Murphy Center.

Even in the case of heavy amounts of precipitation, those officials say, design features of the roof make such an accident unlikely.

The roof of the Hartford Civic Center Coliseum, part of a \$70 million sports and entertainment complex, fell in shortly after 4 p.m. last Wednesday. Less than seven hours earlier, 5,000 persons had been watching a University of Connecticut basketball game in the 10,000-seat facility.

There were 15 security officers inside the coliseum complex, but none were injured when snow-laden 1,400-ton roof fell 85 feet to the arena floor.

Concern about the apparent similarities between the Hartford Gym and MTSU's \$6.5 million athletic complex prompted university President M.G. Scarlett and other university officials to look more

closely at design limits for the MTSU gym last week.

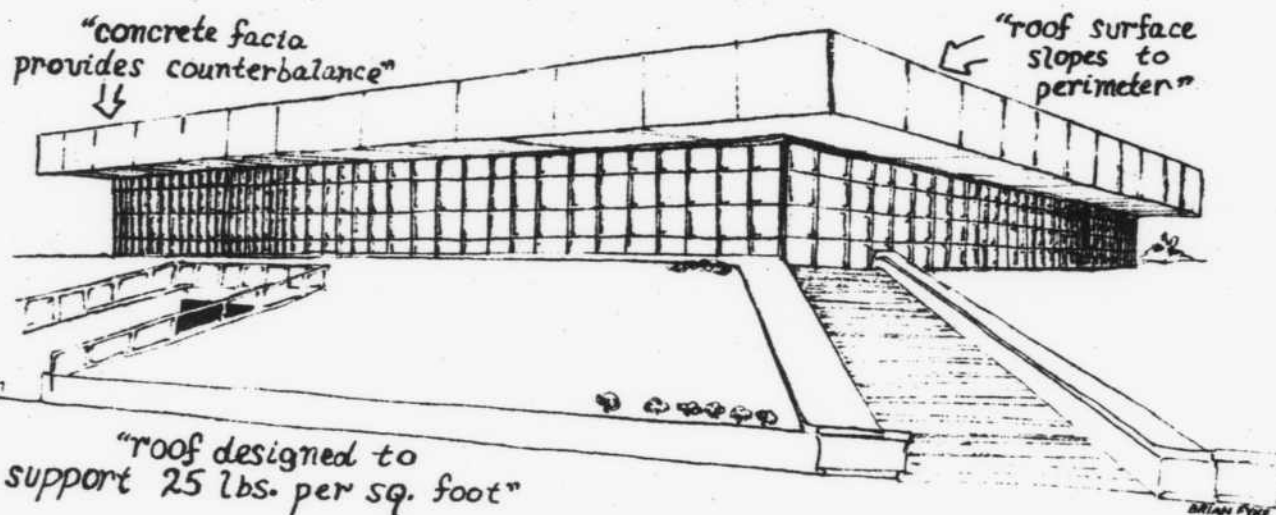
Although there are design similarities between the Hartford arena and Murphy Center, MTSU Campus Planner Charles Pigg notes "the Hartford roof was built on the ground and raised up. Our roof was built in the air, on top of the four supporting columns."

Pigg said the Murphy Center roof "is built with the very same engineering principle you'd find on some of these old bridges around

Rutherford County...it's a cantilever effect."

Unlike the Hartford structure, the supporting columns of Murphy Center are pulled in 45 feet from the corners, providing more strength for the center of the 1,200-ton roof.

In the roof, there's 500 tons of steel and 700 tons of concrete...the concrete is arranged in pre-cast fascia around the edge of the roof to act as a counter-balance," Pigg explained.



The concrete counter-balance "tends to make the whole roof stronger," Pigg said. I understand that the Hartford structure had no counterweights. Without the counterweights, excessive loading in the center of the roof would make it fall in."

When asked about the amount of snow necessary to put an unexpected or dangerous load on the roof, Pigg said "the building codes call for a maximum possible load of [continued on page 15]

Funds asked for handicapped facility changes

by Larry Lipman

MTSU has submitted a proposal for \$80,000 to the state Board of Regents to be used for modifications on some 25 campus buildings, according to campus planning director Charles Pigg.

"The money will be used to install permanent concrete ramps, modify doorways and restrooms, redesign elevators, and construct curb cuts to aid the mobility handicapped," Pigg said. "An additional proposal for \$90,000 has been submitted to the Board for

funds to construct an elevator for Old Main."

If the proposals are accepted and the funds allocated, construction is expected to begin this fall and be completed by next spring.

"Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states that all federally funded facilities must be accessible to the handicapped by June, 1980," Pigg said.

"MTSU also has extensive facilities to serve the blind and visually limited," according to Terry Smith, coordinator of services for the visually impaired.

The Visually Impaired Lab, located in the LRC, provides a number of tape recorders, enlarged biology models, a Braille typewriter, a "talking calculator," two Apollo laser TV units valued at \$1,795 each, and a \$3,000 Opticon reader. The Opticon reader is a device that will translate letters into a tactile outline that is detected by touching plates on a machine. This allows a visually impaired person to "read" any book.

"Besides assistance in registra-

tion and orientation, we have developed and promoted many other services," Smith said. "We sponsor the college prep program for visually impaired high school students, and the job development program for college students."

There is also help on campus for those with speech or hearing problems.

Diagnostic and therapy sessions are available to MTSU students and others," according to David Arnold, head of the speech and hearing program.

"We provide these services primarily as part of a training program for students. It is free to full time students," Arnold said.

Persons with speech or hearing handicaps who desire assistance should call 898-2661. Those with any visual difficulties are encouraged to contact Terry Smith at 898-2772. Any mobility handicapped individual, or anyone with ideas or suggestions concerning the handicapped should contact Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake at 898-2454.



Vice President Robert LaLance, left, steps into the line of fire of Philo Jennings in Saturday's Winter Snow Festival. See story on page 9. [Photo by Pat Casey Daley]

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University-wide use sought

Efforts made to promote new logo

by Cathy Wood

Another attempt is being made to put MTSU's new logo on all university publications and materials, according to Dorothy Harrison, public relations director.

The move, to be performed by the office of publications editor Suma Clark, will save time, money and manpower, Harrison said. In addition, the standardized logo will improve the MTSU image, Clark said.

Clark's office was created to coordinate all non-student publications, such as catalogues, recruiting brochures and stationery.

Controversy erupted in 1975 when Paul Keckley, then public relations director, proposed a standardized logo. One of his reasons was that he felt black students objected to one of the most familiar MTSU symbols—Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest on horseback.

Some students, believing that Forrest would be removed from all university insignias, called for a campus referendum to decide the issue.

Sidelines received letters calling Forrest everything from "a southern gentleman" to the "founder of a paramilitary gang of terrorists—the Ku Klux Klan."

Keckley attempted to clarify the situation by explaining that Forrest was a symbol, not a logo. A logo is a piece of artwork or graphics that identifies the school or business where the material came from.

MTSU would save \$20,000 to \$25,000 in printing costs by stand-



ardizing a logo, Keckley said. At that time, there were 31 different letterheads used by university departments and offices.

Harrison, who replaced Keckley (now a part-time faculty member) in September, 1976, has used a modified form of Keckley's proposal. It is the logo Harrison and Clark will use on all university publications printed in the future.

"We won't go to people and tell them that this is how they must design their material," Clark said. "We're here to help them when they ask for advice."

An MTSU alumnus from Nashville originally created the present logo with a light blue circle behind it.

"I dropped the circle," Harrison

said, "because it looks so much is more cleaner and versatile without it."

She agrees with Keckley, who had said that a standardized logo would improve university recognition 100 percent.

"Everytime you see something from MTSU, you should see this logo," she said.

Besides publicity, the charge will affect budgeting. By printing only one kind of stationery for all university offices, costs can be effectively cut, Harrison said.

"Then each office or department can personalize the stationery however they want and it will just need one more run through the printing press," she said.

But this year, the cost decrease will not be extreme. Expenses for paper and manpower are rising, and the new publications office needs "organizational time," Harrison said.

Correction

A story in Sidelines on Jan. 20 erroneously reported that the last day for dropping a class without receiving a grade was Jan. 23.

Jan. 23 was the last day to add a class, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records. A course may be dropped without a grade through Feb. 6 from Feb. 7 through Feb. 25, a course may be dropped with a W/P or W/F.

A course dropped after Feb. 25 will receive an automatic W/F, Gillespie said. The dean of the school concerned may make an exception due to illness, accidental injury or other acceptable reasons.

Drop-add forms can be obtained from the student's advisor, Gillespie said.

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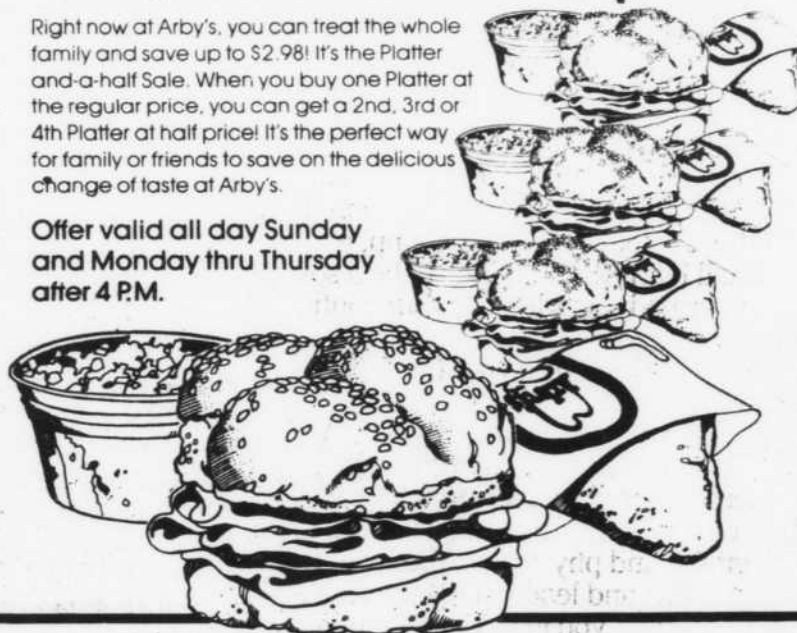
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Applications now refused—dorms no longer crowded

Housing officials have solved last fall's overcrowding problem in the dorms, according to Jim Craig, director of housing.

"We stopped taking applications for male housing in early December, and the problem has solved itself," Craig said.

The overcrowding problem began last fall when housing officials booked 110 percent occupancy in the dorms. The "no-shows still did not take up the excess students and many were forced to live three-to-a-room.

"The only students in three per room housing situations are the ones that have requested to remain so or the ones that haven't contacted us at present," Craig added.

When asked about the withdrawal policy Craig said that "for

the first time we were able to give full refunds on unused rent to withdrawal students and students that moved off campus."

Craig also explained that the only alternative that his office could see in the future is to "pre-pay rent." For some students this will be effective, and it will drive other students away."

New male dorms are now scheduled to be constructed. This program is based on the nationwide projections that college enrollment is declining.



Kevin Coombes, Chris Polman, and Billy Walker in a three-man bedroom at Clement Hall. [Photo by Robin Rudd]

Fire extinguishers expensive to replace

"MTSU spends over \$728 every semester to replace or recharge fire extinguishers that have been damaged or misused by students," according to Safety Director Archie Sullivan.

"This money could be used to purchase badly needed fire alarm and emergency lighting systems," Sullivan continued.

Setting off false fire alarms was another safety problem cited by Associate Dean of students Ivan Shewmake. "Not only is this inconsiderate and immature, but a real danger exists when students begin to ignore the alarms. Violators can be subject to disciplinary action," Shewmake said.

"Fire extinguishers and alarms are provided at the expense of the taxpayer for the protection of students. When you render these systems inoperative or ineffective, you risk life and property," Sullivan said.

Only the commuters have good excuses

If you are hoping to have classes canceled due to the snow and ice we've been having, you're probably out of luck—that's the word from President M.G. Scarlett.

All students living on campus are expected to attend classes. "It would have to be extremely hazardous for students on campus to walk to class before school would be closed," Scarlett said.

But for those who can't make it to class because of icy roads, Scarlett says this; "If a student does miss a class due to hazardous road conditions, the instructor must allow him to make up any work he missed."

"If we were a commuter school, we would have probably canceled classes several times already," he said.

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Editorial

Non-smokers have rights

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Joe Califano has initiated a program that would portray non-smokers in positive images and criticize those that do smoke.

Califano's idea is to further extend the rights of non-smokers to include a ban on smoking on airlines and a restriction on smoking in over 10,000 federal buildings.

The anti-smoking crusade has not gone as far as to outlaw cigarettes. It does not even concern itself with removing the subsidy given to tobacco growers which is almost \$80 million a year. Califano's goal is merely to make smokers feel guilty for smoking and to boost the morales of non-smokers and those trying to quit.

With this latest attempt to have the rights of non-smokers places above the rights of smokers, the growing fire of the rights of smokers has been fanned. Many smokers have now become almost militant in their attempts to assert their rights. They have been told for over 10 years that "cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health" on every pack of cigarettes bought. They have quietly accepted restrictions on where they can sit on airlines. Now they are ready to regain the rights they think they have lost.

Smokers have no rights to lose. When their smoking is a nuisance and irritating to others, they lose their privilege. When smokers light up without asking if others object, they have not exercised their right but their own selfish will.

Non-smokers also need to continue exercising their rights. Asking a person not to smoke could be expressing the wishes of all non-smokers there as well as the one person.

On campus, non-smokers have legal backing in freeing themselves

Open Forum

Women's progress continuing, but more can be done

by June Anderson

Professor, chemistry and physics

In the fall of 1977, nationwide change took place in college enrollments. For the first time in history, women approached 50 percent of the student population and sometimes exceeded it. Here at MTSU the figures were: 51 percent women to 49 percent men. The latest issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (Jan. 9, 1978) reports that women account for 93 percent of the enrollment gain for 1977-78.

Many studies show that in most institutions of higher learning strong female role and career models are seriously lacking. A study of a number of institutions, done by Elizabeth Tidball of George Washington University and reported in *Educational Record*, May, 1973, confirms the importance of female faculty to women students. She found that the number of career-successful women students was directly proportional to the

number of women faculty present in the institution. The correlation was a practically perfect 0.953. MTSU is no exception to other institutions of higher learning. Of the 406 full time faculty members, 96, or 24 percent, are women and 310, or 76 percent, are men. A breakdown by rank is revealing also:

	female	male
professors	11.5%	32.9%
associate professors	16.7%	38.1%
assistant professors	39.6%	24.5%
instructors	32.3%	4.5%

In the years I have been at MTSU I have heard many express concern about differences in percentages between faculty and students regarding religious preferences. All of us are aware of the university's concern about the percentage of faculty by race because of the percentage of students by race, but I have never heard anyone express concern about the percentage of faculty by sex.



from smoke.

Smoking in classrooms is prohibited by both National Fire Protection codes and the university safety manual, according to Archie Sullivan, safety director.

Non-smokers should expect that their rights be honored, even in the classroom. Smokers, students and faculty, must accept no smoking requests, if not out of courtesy in classrooms, because it's law.

In the last several years the administration has made some progress in improving the role of women on the campus. Some women have been appointed to the more minor administrative posts—most administrative women still have "assistant" attached to their title. A woman has been named chairperson of a department. In the last three years four women have made full professors but two of them only after appeals and one as an exception. In the same period we lost two women professors to retirement. Only two women have made associated professor in the last two year and one of those by appeal.

The office of academic affairs sponsored a conference for women earlier this year. The administration has provided a room for the Women's Information Service for Education and Other Needs (WISE). The faculty women through Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW) have furnished it and they give their time over and beyond their regular jobs to keep it open 12-15 hours per week.

While I recognize that some progress has been made, I also recognize that it is critical that much more be done:

•We need to increase the number of women faculty with qualified

women on a tenure tract. In the last two years, we have hired 23 women, but only two are on the tenure tract. Two Ph.D. women are being lost this year because we denied them tenure.

We need to move women into the senior ranks as quickly as possible. We have lost two full professors and two associate professors in two years to retirement, we have lost two women to higher paying jobs in two years and are losing a third one this year.

•We need to move women into all phases of administration. We have an excellent opportunity to move a woman into a major role of administration with the upcoming dean-ship.

•We need a full time woman counselor in the guidance and counseling center.

•We need a director of women's affairs to oversee a full time women's head up re-entry programs, and organize seminars on concerns of campus and community women.

I would so like to see MTSU become an institution that stands ready to help any woman reach her full potential. Our national government is very concerned with human rights. This university must see to it that human rights are extended to every woman on this campus.

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Jimmy Wright

Epilepsy control drug considered for public use

Do you remember sodium valproate? I briefly mentioned something about this wonder drug last week. Of course, I am not a scholar when it comes to the medical area. However, that has never stopped me from voicing my opinion before so I shall continue.

Sodium valproate is an anti-epileptic drug which is effective in treating a vast spectrum of seizures. It has been widely used with positive results for a decade in Europe and today is available in fifteen European countries, including Switzerland, West Germany and Finland. Great Britain, with its stringent drug marketing requirements, and Japan are also approvers of sodium valproate ("affectionately" called VPA). In 1976 more than 120,000 prescriptions

were filled in these countries with little evidence of side effects and no deaths.

Despite the benefits and the apparent safety, VPA is not available (legally) to the more than 2 million Americans who suffer from this neurological disorder—epilepsy. It is estimated that the use of this drug would effectively control one million seizures of people who are untreatable using the present methods and drugs. Instead of legalizing the general use of VPA (it is available to a very few on a limited basis for study purposes only) drugs are used that are not effective in controlling many people's seizures and often these drugs cause serious, disabling side effects.

The Food and Drug Administra-

tion has been studying this drug for the last three years as though it were a new drug with no history. Delays and putoffs continue to set back the date when sodium valproate might be implemented generally for the treatment of epileptics. The latest delay came in December, 1977, despite commitments for speedy approval by FDA officials. Also, it seems that this delay is in direct opposition to their own advisory committee, the Presidential Advisory Committee on Epilepsy, the Epilepsy Foundation of America, the Commission on the Control of Epilepsy and the National Institute of Health. Now it seems that unless something is done, such as public demand, it is possible that VPA will not be approved for two or three more

years.

When one thinks of the thousands of Tennesseans and millions of Americans whose lives are unfortunately and needlessly disrupted by epileptic seizures, it is tragic to think that something can not be done. Some young people who have 20 to 40 seizures every day could lead relatively normal lives with this drug.

Many people are to be praised for their efforts. In this state, Speaker Ned McWherter is to be praised for his interest in this area. However, there is a long way to go. Your input is important to help those who need VPA. If you are concerned (and we should be) please write your state and federal representatives and let them know.

Letters

U.S. policy toward South Africa is inconsistent

To the editor;

The situation in South Africa is rapidly approaching the boiling point. Black South Africans are becoming increasingly disillusioned with the United States and the administration's dormant human rights policy. They are having great difficulty, and justifiably so, understanding the excuse being offered by the president of "nonintervention into the internal affairs of other countries."

The inconsistency is clear. The United States has never shown any great reluctance to intervene into the internal affairs of left-wing governments. However, when it comes to countries being run by racist governments, the policy of nonintervention always seems to crop up.

At present, the United States seems to be more interested in combating the rise of social democracy in Western Europe than in addressing apartheid in South Africa.

No one is arguing that the United States should intervene militarily in South Africa. There are many other ways in which the cause of liberation in that nation could be aided. To begin with, the U.S. should place an immediate moratorium on all aid to and trade with the Republic of South Africa.

It may be true that this would be detrimental to blacks as well as to whites. But the essence of U.S. economic relations with South Africa is that they serve to perpetuate a racist government and to maintain one of the highest standards of living in the world for a small minority of whites. The natives of that ancient land are ready and

willing to make sacrifices. The inhuman and torturous repression of institutionalized racism has become a way of life for these people. But they know that there is hope for something better.

The United States should follow-up the cutting off of trade relations by applying various external pressures. The United States should also work into a position of diplomatic arbitration and then use this position to expedite the free-

dom movement and aid in a peaceful transition to majority rule.

White South African leaders say the rebellion of the black majority is a communist rebellion. This argument sounds all too familiar when we think back to the anti-war movement and McCarthyism. We easily recognize it as an attempt to blame a problem on the most convenient source while ignoring the true source.

It is not my intention to employ

the mentality of the military-industrial complex to support my argument. But even those Americans who could care less about denial of human rights in South Africa must realize that continued apathy from the United States could very well result in the manifestation into reality of the claims currently being made by the white rulers of South Africa.

L. Craig Turner
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by DBFischnetz



CAMPUS CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Graduate Test: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., UC 314

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

WEDNESDAY

Graduate Test: 8 a.m.-noon, UC 314

Recruiting: marines, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement

Continuing Education: student activity fund accounting, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 324

Movie: "Robin & Marian," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Meeting: special events committee selection board, 7 p.m., Student Programming Conference Room

THURSDAY

Recruiting: Marines, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement

Continuing Education: Student Activity Fund Accounting, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 324

Luncheon: Faculty/Press, 12 noon, Tennessee Room, SUB

Seminar: Recording Industry Ma-

nagement, 3-4:30 p.m., Dining Room "B", SUB

Movie: "Robin & Marian," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Wrestling: MTSU v. SIU-Edwardsville, 7:30 p.m., Murphy Center

Faculty Recital: Laurence Harvin—violin, Jerry Perkins - piano, 8 p.m., D.A. Auditorium

Dance: Alpha Phi Alpha, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Dance Studio "A"

FRIDAY

Continuing Education: Care and Rehabilitation of Laryngectomy, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 322

Continuing Education: "Critiquing those Reading Materials," 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 324

Meeting: Clerical Employees, 10 a.m., UC Theatre

Meeting: Tennessee College Public Relations Association, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Dining Room "C", SUB, Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Dining Room "B", SUB

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Dwindling MTSU farm survives campus boom

by D'Nice Lawson

Remember when the lot Hi-Rise West is now located on was a field of grain? Robert Alexander, chairman of the agriculture department, is one person who does.

At one time MTSU was in the center of farmland, including pasture, wheat and alfalfa fields. "But they put buildings on our land," says Alexander.

Although the campus farm has dwindled, the university owns 787 acres of farmland that is divided into three sections.

THE CAMPUS FARM takes care of the 33 horses owned by the university. "Students are always begging to bring their own horses and board them," says Ethel Mullins, secretary to Alexander. "But they're not allowed to. There are just not enough stalls for ours and theirs too."

Cows and swine are raised on the 200 acres of MTSU's farmland located on hwy 231 beside the Veteran's Administration hospital. The livestock is used in lab study Alexander said. "We teach the students how to show livestock, to vaccinate, and to dehorn."

"They learn how in the classroom and then go out in the barn and do it," says Mullins.

THE UNIVERSITY'S dairy farm is located on Manson Pike. "It takes about an hour and half to milk the 66 cows," according to Polly Barrett. "It's a family project," she added, explaining that she and the five children help her husband Frank with the work.

But when's there's calves being born—"well, Frank usually takes care of that," she said.

There aren't any horses on the dairy farm, but the Barrett children don't seem to miss them. There's one large milk cow that they ride around, sometimes two or three at one time.

WORKING THE DAIRY farm is a seven-day job, Mrs. Barrett said. "We don't get a vacation unless they can find a couple of students who are willing to work in our place."

"But this isn't always easy to do since we start milking at 3:30 a.m."

This farm is also where most of the grain is raised. About 15 students are involved with taking care of the crops on the college work study program. But last summer there weren't enough students who wanted to work and the university had to hire some youngsters that were not attending college.

"We need more student workers," Alexander said.

The milk produced at the dairy farm is pasteurized and homogenized on campus. "The milk you drink in the cafeteria comes from here," Mullins said.

THE SURPLUS MILK is sold in Nashville. "We can't possibly use it all," she continued.

"Last year sales were near \$110,000," according to Alexander. "This is big business. We are set up to make a profit, or at least break even. And it's getting more and more difficult to do that."

The agriculture department is growing and MTSU's farm is expanding Alexander concluded. Many changes have been made in the farming program since Hi-Rise West was only a grain field.

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Music instructors Laurence Harvin and Jerry Perkins will present a program of violin and piano sonatas on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. in the DA Auditorium.

Featured on the program will be works by J.S. Bach, Jeno Tackacs and Camille Saint-Saens.

Harvin has given numerous recitals and has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the Oklahoma City Symphony and the University of Alabama Colligium Musicum. He has appeared on radio and on National Educational Television as a recitalist and as a member of the Sanders Trio.

Harvin, now head of the string division at MTSU, received his doctorate in performance from Florida State University. He has also studied with Ivan Galamian, Emil Raab, Norman Paulu, Paul Makanowitzky and Tadeuz Wronski.

Perkins has been hailed by the New York Times as "...a very capable pianist. His playing was precise, thoughtful, and vital." First prize winner in the American Music Scholarship Association Competition, he has appeared with orchestras, chamber ensembles and solo recitals, including his debut in New York's Town Hall in 1971.



A car traveling down B Street in front of the ROTC Building hits one of the several chuck holes on campus caused by the bad weather. [Photo by Robin Rudd]

Called 'bad for the public'

by Steve Miller

Governor Ray Blanton's press policy is "bad for the general public," David Grubbs, chairman of the Political science department said yesterday.

"The press is asking the government questions the general public would ask if they had the opportunity," Grubbs said. "When you attack the press, you are attacking the public."

Blanton initiated the policy late last year, stating that he will answer no more negative questions from reporters unless they have first reported the positive side of an issue.

After Watergate, people become more aware of corruption in government, Grubbs said. "Watergate made an indelible impression on people of how little you can count on an official to be more honest than the average person," he said.

"It's certainly a unique approach," Grubbs said of the policy. "It has to have chilling effect on the media."

Grubbs said he thinks guidelines came as a result of many years of dealing with the press. "It probably resulted from the frustration of being quoted out of context and erroneous reporting," he said.

It is hard to tell if the press has been fair with Blanton unless you're on the 'inside' of state government and know all the facts, Grubbs said. "It is very difficult to get a valid view of what is really happening at any given time because government is so complex and the press doesn't really cover it," he said.

Walks repaired in better weather

Campus roads and sidewalks in need of repair will be fixed "as soon as weather permits," according to Harold Jewell, director of maintenance at MTSU.

Chuck holes in the roads and the deterioration of sidewalks are due to constant wear, Jewell said.

The chuck holes were temporarily repaired a month ago by filling them with gravel. With the recent severe weather no other form of repair has taken place, Jewell said.

The area that is in need of chuck hole repair is between the maintenance department and the Dramatic Arts building. Sidewalks in need of repair are located in front of the SUB.

Blanton's press policy criticized

said.

The press misses a lot of things in state government, such as studies on energy and the reorganization of state government, Grubbs said. "The study of reorganization of state government may lead to big changes but the press hasn't covered it adequately," he said.

According to Grubbs, the press has tended to report only the negative side of some issues. "Blanton's trips to recruit industry for the state have been reported negatively although it has resulted in one of the best economic programs of any Tennessee governor and one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country," he said.

"Probably in many cases, the press has not been fair with Blanton," Grubbs said, "but they have been fair in giving him the opportunity to clear up any misunderstandings."

The press should play the role of an antagonist, Grubbs said. "You cannot be 'buddy-buddy.' The press has to stay aloof from the government official if it is going to do a good job," he said.

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Despite snow and ice, break plans underway

by D'Nice Lawson

Snowy scenes and cold winter winds may be presently controlling everyone's activity, but now is the time to think of spring and summer vacation plans.

Instead of just going home or taking the traditional trip to Florida, the adventurous, travel-minded student could eat tacos in Mexico, dig through ruins in Israel or bike around Europe.

John McRay, instructor in religious studies will be taking eight to 10 students on an archeological dig in Caesarea, Israel May 28-July 3. McRay heads this excursion every other year.

MTSU is one of 20 universities that have permanent licenses from the Israel antiquity department to dig in this area. "Anyone digging without a license would be thrown in jail," according to McRay.

Students will search for structures such as vaults, theatres, aqueducts and racetracks. In the process they may dig up artifacts such as coins, pots and statues. Everything uncovered stays in Israel's museums, McRay said.

Those who will dig can expect to get up at 4:30 a.m. and finish digging at 1:30 p.m. Living quarters are located on the beach and afternoons and weekends are considered "free time."

Room, board and digging fees total \$700. However, this doesn't include round trip airfare and personal expenses. Total cost, in-

'Syl-la-ba-loo' to end next month

"Syl-la-ba-loo," an LRC-produced game show which airs on WZTV (Channel 17) will complete its series on Feb. 11, according to university public relations director, Dorothy Harrison.

Since WZTV has sold the "Syl-la-ba-loo" time slot, the show will appear at the new time of 11:30 a.m. until the series is completed.

Produced by 21 students in a mass communications problems course and supervised by instructor Van Fox, the show was carried by channel 17 in 15-week units last year.

cluding all expenses would be closer to \$1,700, McRay says.

Three to six hours of college credit can be earned on the trip. For more information contact McRay at 898-2460.

Religious studies is not the only department with travel intentions. The geography and foreign language departments are planning a trip to Mexico during spring break.

The first few days will be spent sightseeing in Mexico City with plenty of free time to explore. The end of the trip will include touring the ruins of the Mayan Indian culture in Yucatan.

The total cost is \$459 and includes everything except meals. Three hours credit is available for the trip. For more information call either the geography or foreign language department.

For those individuals interested in the out doors and traveling around Europe and the far east at low prices, the American Youth Hostels, Inc. may have the answer.

The word "hostel" comes from a word meaning inn. Overnight accommodations could be made in a camp, church, community center, old castle, or villa. Bunks and kitchen facilities are available and prices usually run between 90 cents and \$3.50.

For free information on how to get involved in this program write to Anne Coyner, Travel Department Manager, American Youth Hostels, Inc., National Headquarters, Delaplane, Virginia 22025.

There are no plans to continue work on the game show. However, it could continue if a time slot should become available, Fox said.

Picture deadline set

All organizations that have not been contacted by Midlander, the campus yearbook, about having their picture made and those that have not identified people in their pictures are asked to come to the Midlander office Tuesday and Wednesday, 6-8:30 p.m.



Senior Tim McEwan gives a ride to Shelbie Brown with the help of a push by Pam Harrison at Saturday's Winter Snow Festival. Vice-President of Student Affairs Robert Lalance looks on. [Photo by Pat Casey Daley]

Snowballs fly at Winter Festival

An estimated 500 students gathered for "fun and frolic" at the Winter Snow Festival Saturday in the field between the NCB and the administration building.

The festival provided not only childhood reminiscences, but the opportunity to pelt MTSU President M.G. Scarlett with snowballs.

WTVF-news filmed the snowball battles while students sledded on the loop, which had been closed off

for the safety of the participants.

Other highlights included the serving of hot chocolate and doughnuts and the appearance of Bradford, Dean of Women Judy Smith's Saint Bernard.

Student reaction to the new event was good, according to Dorothy Harrison, director of public relations. "The students responded favorably, and we will do it again some time."

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Farmers' tractorcades may backfire on them

by Steve Miller

Striking farmers involved in recent "tractorcades" may find their efforts to inform consumers of their financial plight backfiring on them, Robert Alexander, chairman of the agriculture department, said.

The "tractorcades" are good in that they draw attention to the farmer but it's hard to make someone believe you're losing money every day when you're driving

a \$30,000-\$40,000 tractor, Alexander said. Despite this, Alexander said the "tractorcades" are "as good an approach as has been taken."

Another problem with the strike, according to Alexander, is that there is no unified effort among the farmers. "A few farmers are behind it and they are pushing it quite a bit," he said.

The cause of the strike is due to

simple economics—the law of supply and demand. The oversupply of many crops has caused a decline in the prices paid for them, Alexander said.

The big problem is the prices paid for the products and the level of parity from the federal government, he said. Alexander explained parity as money paid to farmers to help make up for the loss they incur at the market place.

"Most of the farmers want the level of parity increased up to 100 percent," Alexander said. This means the government will guarantee the farmer the full value for his product no matter how little he actually receives for it by making up the difference.

The parity level is now 60 percent and some congressmen have mentioned raising it to 85 percent, Alexander said.



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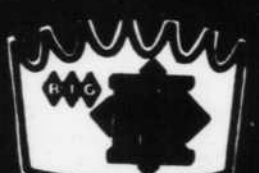
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Joyner explodes for 34 points

Raiders squeak past Racers 78-77

by Chuck Cavalaris

MURRAY, KY—Of such games are championships made.

Ferocious on defense early in the game, Middle Tennessee had to ward off a stern Murray State rally

sidelines sports

here Monday night in order to escape with a 78-77 OVC win.

The win pulls Middle's conference record to 4-2, a game behind league-leading Western Kentucky. Western invades Murfreesboro Saturday night.

The game ended with Murray State desperately trying to get the ball up the floor after a missed Julius Brown foul shot with just four seconds left in the game. Sophomore forward Leroy Coleman got a hand on the last-second desperation shot to ice the road victory at the buzzer for the Raiders.

Junior Greg Joyner turned in a sterling offensive performance, pacing MTSU with a career-high 34 points. "Joyner did everything on offense but get on top of the basket and slam the ball in," an elated Jimmy Earle said after the win.

Murray's Mike Muff led all scorers with 35 points.

Earle's team dropped a tough 71-70 decision in Murray's gym last season. Trailing 70-64 with just 39 seconds left, the Racers reeled off seven unanswered points to seal a shocking win.

For a few moments, it looked as if Fred Overton's Murray team might do it again this season.

After holding a pair of 15-point leads in the first half, Middle Tennessee watched as Murray tied the score at 62-all on Jimmy Warren's 25-footer. Moments later, starting Raider center Bob Martin fouled out.

The two teams traded buckets until, with 4:34 left, Overton protested a call against his team and was tagged with a technical foul,

Murray's second of the game.

Senior Sleepy Taylor converted both free throws to give Middle a 69-68 lead. MTSU never trailed again.

The Raiders had fired out to a 12-0 lead and it took Murray five minutes to get its first points on the board. Raider point guard Greg Armstrong was tagged with his third foul with 13 minutes still left in the first half and Earle countered with a surprise substitute, senior Sam Burrell.

With Joyner working deftly on the baseline (he hit eight of 10 from the floor in the first half) and Muff claiming offensive rebounds and ramming them back in, the teams swapped points until, with less than six minutes left in the half, a Murray surge cut the Raider lead to 38-29 at halftime.

With Martin and Armstrong on the bench with four fouls early in the second half, Murray gradually cut into the MTSU advantage and eventually tied the score.

Middle Tennessee shot a healthy 55.8 percent from the floor and 66.7 percent from the foul line. Murray State hit 47 percent from the field and 65 percent from the foul line.



Fred Overton

Murray out rebounded Middle Tennessee 43-33.

"It was team victory...I keep thinking back to last year—at the end we got together and played good ball," Earle said after the game.

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Sleepy Taylor [left] keeps his hands high in an attempt to deflect pass. Despite his efforts, MTSU fell to Austin Peay. [Robin Rudd photo]

Women rally past Murray

Murray, Ky.—When you're down seven at halftime and 160 miles from home, it's easy to find motivation, according to MTSU women's coach Pat Sarver.

"Do you want to walk home?" Sarver threatened her MTSU team, trailing 36-29 against Murray State Monday night.

After remaining in the visitor's dressing room until just before the second half tipoff, an inspired Middle Tennessee team returned to the floor and blitzed the Racer women to take a 89-65 conference win.

The win raised the MTSU women's conference mark to 3-2 and 8-7 overall.

"I was redfaced and thin-lipped," Sarver jokingly said of her terse halftime talk. "Sometimes you just have to tell it like it is," the first-year coach added.

Middle Tennessee unleashed the "Liz and Hoss" show on the

unprepared Racers in the second half. Liz Hannah opened up the Murray defense by bombing for 22 points, and that enabled Patrice "Hoss" Amos to ram in a career-high 24 points to lead both teams.

Karen Carter and Sherry McKinney added 14 points apiece and playmaker guard Jan Zitney chipped in eight to aid the winning effort.

Mary Jane Gates led Murray with 17 points.

Middle Tennessee jumped to a 21-12 edge, but Murray State reeled off 12 straight to take a 24-21 lead. The Racers then played that to a seven-point halftime edge.

After Sarver's halftime talk, Middle Tennessee outscored Murray 16-3 to break the game open and were never threatened again.

Middle shot 46.3 percent from the field and 59.4 percent at the free throw line. Murray State hit a chilly 39.5 percent from the floor and 55.6 from the charity stripe.

Driver hurt; teams stranded?

MURRAY, KY.—The driver of the Middle Tennessee team bus fell and broke his wrist after the MTSU men's and women's teams had enjoyed a post-game meal.

George Bullock, Continental Trailways driver, left the bus after it got stuck in the parking lot of a local fast-food restaurant as the teams were leaving. He fell while inspecting the front of the bus.

As of Sidelines final deadline, the two teams, coaches and managers were temporarily stranded in Murray, awaiting another bus driver to arrive from Nashville.

Stan "Ramrod" Simpson, Blue Raider assistant coach and noted banquet speaker, summed up the situation this way: "Wouldn't it have been a shame if Murray would have hit a 50-footer at the buzzer, to beat us and then have this happen?"



Track team wins

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Last second shot fails...so does MTSU comeback

by Scott Adams

Opportunity knocked—but Jimmy Earle's Blue Raiders missed a last-second desperation attempt to tie the game and Austin Peay escaped Murphy Center with a hard-earned 64-62 victory Saturday night.



MTSU's Julius Brown

The game was tied five times in the first 10 minutes of play before Governor guard Dennis Pagan fired up a surge that saw his team take a 22-14 lead.

In the last five minutes of the half, Middle outscored Austin Peay

12-4 to deadlock the game at 32-all at half time.

In the second half, Peay quickly jumped to a four-point lead, then see-sawed with MTSU for the next five minutes, refusing to buckle under to the defensive pressure the Raiders were applying.

Sophomore forward Leroy Coleman tipped in a basket with 14:54 left to tie the game at 42-all, then Martin sank a tough reverse shot and Coleman powered in a layup after a steal to give the Raiders a 46-42 lead.

MTSU then held two-and four-point leads for the next five minutes before senior guard Sleepy Taylor hit six unanswered points to give the Blue Raiders a seemingly safe eight-point lead (50-48) with less

than nine minutes left to play.

Peay rallied to tie the game at 60 on a jump shot by Gov forward Otis Howard. Peay center Phil Maye put the Govs in the lead only a few seconds later and MTSU's Taylor retaliated with two free throws to tie the game 62-all with less than three minutes to play.

Howard fired up a shot, missed and Mayo tipped the rebound in to give Austin Peay a two-point lead. The Raiders came down court ready to tie the game again, but turned the ball over to the Govs, who held on until the closing seconds with a four-corner offense.

Middle recovered the ball with only seconds left after a missed Peay free throw, and Sleepy Taylor jacked up a 25-foot corner shot with

less than five seconds on the clock. The shot was off the rim, and Peay seized the hotly-contested win.

After the game, Raider coach Earle noted that "the hustle and effort was good, but we didn't get any breaks...it was a typical MTSU-Austin Peay game."

Sleepy Taylor led Middle Tennessee with 22 points, while Joyner added 16. Bob Martin tallied 10 points and nine rebounds to lead in that category.

The Raiders hit 45.4 percent from the field and a blistering 92.3 percent from the foul line.

Mayo led Austin Peay with 22 points and a whopping 17 rebounds, while Howard poured in 18 for the winners. Peay hit 47.6 percent from the field and out-rebounded the Raiders 40-26.

Women blast Austin Peay 90-52

Austin Peay's Lady Governors invaded Murphy Center Saturday night with the hopes of making the trip from Clarksville in the bad weather worthwhile, but MTSU's Raider women grabbed relatively easy 90-52 win.

Led by Elaine Swafford and former Murfreesboro Oakland ace Golena Rucker, APSU kept pace with Middle's fast-break offense, trailing by just eight points (34-26)

at haltime.

In the first half, Middle was paced by Patrice Amos and Sharon McClanahan with nine each.

The close contest of the first half suddenly became all-MTSU in the second. That fast break began to run the Lady Governors a little ragged, and Middle Tennessee outscored Peay 56-26 to grab the win.

The win evened MTSU's record at 7-7 and evened their OVC record at 2-2.

McClanahan, a 6-0 junior forward, led the winning Raiders with 19 points, while Amos aided with 17. Other double figure scorers for the Raiders were Liz Hannah (16) and Karen Carter (13).

Swafford paced the Lady Govs with 15 while Rucker and Carol Wood added 10 each.



Sharon McClanahan

Middle hit 53.8 percent from the field and a cool 40 percent at the foul line. Peay shot just 31.8 percent from the floor and 42.9 from the charity stripe.

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"Our team goal is just not to be outhustled anymore...I'm glad to get out of here with the win," the Raider coach added.

Joyner's outburst was aided by Taylor with 20, Martin with eight, Coleman and Burrell with six and Brown with four. Donnell Wilson added 16 for Murray while Warren chipped in 13.

RAIDER NOTES:

•Burrell, a walk-on guard who's appeared in just eight games this season, helped rescue the Raiders last season in a game against Murray. After senior guard Lewis Mack fouled out, Burrell came on to keep the offense moving and pull out a 74-70 win in Murphy Center.

•The Murray student body gave their team a mock standing ovation when it finally scored...the Racers' first points came on an easy layup by Wilson.

•John Randall, Murray State's second leading scorer behind Muff, is out for the season with a broken thumb. He did not play against MTSU.

•MTSU's Martin, obviously hampered by a injured knee in his team's loss to Austin Peay Saturday night, noted after the Murray clash that "I had to get on the boards, because I felt it was my fault we lost the Austin Peay game..." Martin finished with 10 rebounds to lead MTSU.

•Largest crowd response of the

night, oddly came when the half-time score of the Alabama-Kentucky game was announced...The Tide led 41-32 at halftime and went on to pull a stunning upset in Tuscaloosa.

•Because of the icy roads and a foot of snow still on the ground, only 3,100 people showed up for the game.

•With about eight minutes gone in the second half, Earle called a time out to discuss strategy...he told Burrell and the others to use a "patient" offense...back on the court, Burrell promptly canned a 20-footer...Earle winced, but the shot gave his team a 50-45 lead.

•Earvin Johnson, the 6-8 point guard who's led Michigan State to national ranking this season, will be featured in the coming issue of *Sports Illustrated*...Johnson canned 12 points in the Spartan's 72-51 blitz of Middle on Dec. 19.

•After the game, Earle reminded everyone who would listen that "I said it before...the team that wins the conference crown may have a 10-4 record."

•Earle needed a little minor medical assistance after the game...he had a small gash on his arm from nervously scratching himself with his fingernails during the game.

Wrestlers struggling without heavyweights

by Scott Adams

Imagine, if you will, the MTSU basketball team forced to play the remainder of the season without Bob Martin and Sleepy Taylor.

Scary, huh?

Yet that's the kind of situation Gordon Connell finds his wrestling team in—unable to deliver the knockout punch.

With a group of battered and bruised wrestlers, Connell made a trip to South Bend, Ind., Saturday for a quadrangular meet against Southern Illinois, Illinois State and, of course, Notre Dame.

After suffering two lopsided losses at the hands of the first two teams; the Blue Raiders found the right combination of wrestlers to give them a surprising lead over the Fighting Irish heading into the final pair of matches.

But a shortage of heavyweight grapplers forced Connell's crew to forfeit the last two matches, and the Raiders lost a disappointing third contest.

After those three defeats, MTSU headed north for Milwaukee and dropped another close decision to Marquette.

The loss to the Warriors was similar to the Notre Dame loss, with Middle leading prior to the final pair of matches, but again forced to forfeit.

The 22-17 defeat marked the fourth loss in two days for the slumping Raiders, perhaps the worst road trip in Connell's four years as MTSU coach.

Outstanding performers on the trip were Tommy Smith, Kyle Smith, Pat Simpson and Mike Kuziola, all of whom won two of the four matches they wrestled in.

Connell's wrestlers missed the Anderson Invitational this weekend due to hazardous road conditions between here and Indiana. The team, carrying a 5-10 record, heads to the Mid-South Championships in Chattanooga this weekend.

OVC basketball schedule

January	7	MTSU 92 - Morehead 59	AWAY
	9	MTSU 93 - E. Ky. 86	AWAY
	14	Tenn. Tech 65 - MTSU 60	HOME
	16	MTSU 68 - ETSU 61	HOME
	21	APSU 64 - MTSU 62	HOME
	23	MTSU 78 - Murray 77	AWAY
	28	Western Kentucky	HOME
February	4	Eastern Kentucky	HOME
	6	Morehead	HOME
	11	Tennessee Tech	AWAY
	13	East Tennessee	AWAY
	18	Murray State	HOME
	20	Austin Peay	AWAY
	25	Western Kentucky	AWAY
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20 pounds per square foot, but the buildings roof can withstand at least 25 pounds per square foot.

"If you could get four inches of water on the roof, that would equal about 19 pounds per square foot... five inches would be just about the design limit. But the roof is raised in the center and drains to the outside. Five inches of rain would roll off the roof and into the drainage system," Pigg said.

One inch of rain is the equivalent of the water in 10 inches of average snow, Pigg said, "so there would have to be at least 40 to 50 inches of snow on the roof before it would begin to exceed design limits...and that's about practically impossible in this climate."

Jayvees take second win

There are times in a basketball game when one person will become a dominant force and can control practically every phase of the game.

Blue Raider freshman Mark Lynn was such a force in a 95-87 win by the MTSU junior varsity over Fort Campbell Saturday afternoon in Murphy Center.

The 6-7 Manchester native led both teams with 42 points while walk-on teammate Doug Hicks

Bill Smotherman, manager of Murphy Center, agreed with Pigg's assessment that "even with the last snow, we didn't even begin to approach the critical limits of the roof."

Smotherman said he was on the building roof Friday afternoon and "there was just about two inches of snow up there, although there were more than six inches on the ground." He explained that "few people realize how strong the wind is up there...a lot of the snow will blow off the roof by itself."

Prior to concerts which required suspending heavy sound systems from the framework of Murphy Center's ceiling, the building manager said he "talked to the design

engineers about how much weight the ceiling could really take...I



Bill Smotherman

don't think there's really any reason to question the stability of the roof at this time."

Smotherman said that university President M.G. Scarlett asked him to "follow through on the design criteria" after news of the Hartford collapse reaches Murfreesboro. "We want to study the matter now, while it can be done in a cool calm manner, rather than make snap judgments in a future emergency."

Scarlett acknowledged his request to Smotherman, "I had a vague idea about how much stress

the roof could take—I wanted exact figures, if available."

After conferring with the staff of one of the architectural firms which designed the building, Scarlett said "I feel a lot better...when it snows enough to put the building in trouble, the whole community will be in trouble."

OVC standings

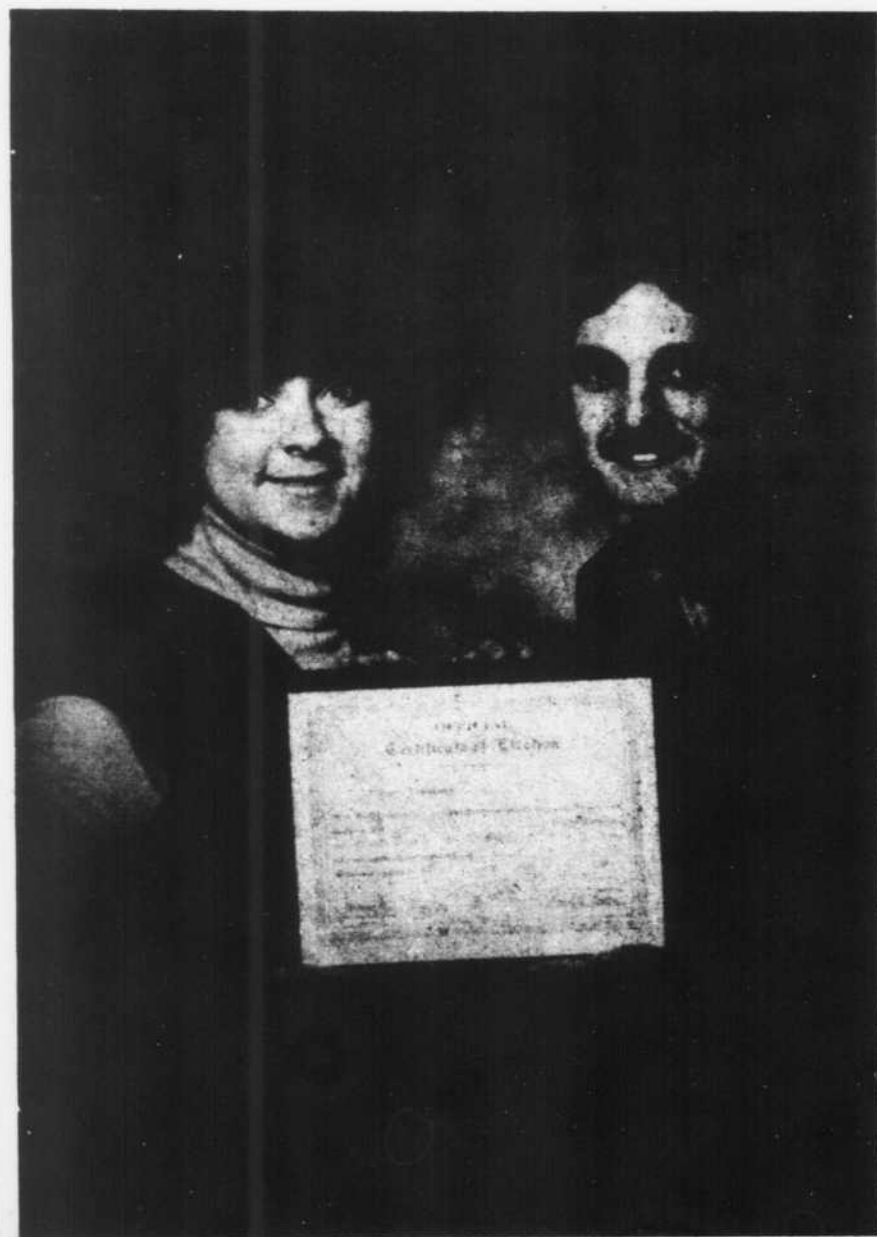
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Western Kentucky	5-1 9-8
Middle Tennessee	4-2 12-5
Tennessee Tech	4-2 7-8
East Tennessee	3-2 10-5
Austin Peay	3-3 9-7
Eastern Kentucky	3-3 9-6
Murray State	1-5 5-12
Morehead State	0-5 3-10

Monday's scores:

MTSU 78, Murray 77
Tech 66, MO 57
WKU 83, APSU 81
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McAdoo's would like to welcome you to a new semester at MTSU. We hope you were able to get the courses you wanted and that the next 3½ months will be rewarding for you.

While you are here in Murfreesboro, McAdoo's would like to have you as a customer and help fill your clothing needs. Your wardrobe might not yet require one of our stylish, quality suits, however, we offer quality in our casual wear as well. McAdoo's has a full line of Izod items, jeans, corduroy and khaki by Snapfinger, sweaters by Pringle, Docksidors, loafers and many other staples of the college wardrobe.

To assist you in purchasing these items, McAdoo's is one of the few stores in this area that offers a CHARGE ACCOUNT TO COLLEGE STUDENTS. Here is an opportunity for you to establish credit references which will be so important to you in the coming years while acquiring those clothing and accessory items that you both want and need.

Come in today and let us open your account and make McAdoo's your Murfreesboro clothing store.

Sincerely,

Russell McAdoo

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