

Document reveals nuclear war strategy

By RICHARD C. GROSS

United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A chilling Defense Department blueprint for rearming America directs preparations for winning an extended nuclear war against the Soviet Union and for waging war "effectively" from outer space.

The 136-page secret document, directing a significant U.S. policy shift, is peppered with references for the need to "prevail" in a prolonged nuclear war and clearly plans for expanding any conventional conflict with the Soviets to a global scale as "an essential element of U.S. strategy."

THE DIFFERENCE between previous nuclear and conventional strategic policies and the directive of the Reagan administration

outlined in the document is the difference between conducting a defensive or an offensive military campaign.

Titled "Fiscal 1984-1988 Defense Guidance," the document is accompanied by a covering memorandum dated March 22, 1982, signed by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. It was made available to United Press International by sources familiar with defense issues.

"The document speaks for itself," Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto said when asked for comment about the papers. Catto said that "pretty well everything has been said" by Weinberger in reaction earlier to publication of portions of the document.

"WE REGRET that people leak this kind of thing," Catto added.

Some elements of the study appeared in late May and June in *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

Reacting to a May 30 story in the *Times* that stated Pentagon policy-makers "have accepted the premise that nuclear conflict with the Soviet Union could be protracted," Weinberger said June 20, "We're not studying plans to fight a protracted nuclear war."

THE DOCUMENT, a key component of President Reagan's strategy for countering the Soviets, reflects the thinking of the Pentagon and the National Security Council about the specific directions of military policy over the next five years and its general trend through the decade.

It sets priorities in policy, strategy, force and resource planning, and forms the basis for

Pentagon spending projected at \$1.556 trillion for that five-year period. As a general guideline for America's defense, it ignores the possibility of accommodation or peaceful coexistence with the Soviets.

The defense budget for fiscal 1984, the beginning year of the five-year period outlined in the document, is to be presented to Congress in several weeks.

THE PENTAGON'S civilian leadership, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, heads of military commands throughout the world and National Security Council officials contributed to the document.

Thus, it represents a thorough outline for achieving defense goals within what Weinberger cautioned in his memo will be "the limited

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ACLU considers suit against university

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

An American Civil Liberties Union attorney said here yesterday he will file suit against the university if a discriminatory policy of registering certain handicapped students is not changed.

Patrick D. O'Rourke, chairman of the Middle Tennessee ACLU's legal panel, was on campus to discuss the issue with university officials and identify possible plaintiffs in the case.

THE controversy surrounds the implementation of Section

49-3251 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, which allows elderly or permanently and totally disabled students to take classes for \$9 per semester hour—up to a maximum of \$75.

Description of the policy is on page 19 of the current

university catalogue.

"This privilege," according to the statute, "may be limited or denied by the college or university on an individual-classroom basis according to space availability."

THE COMPLAINT lies in that students who take advantage of the program at MTSU are required by the university to register for classes after noon on the first day of late registration.

This policy may discriminate against handicapped and elderly students by preventing

them from getting courses necessary for graduation, O'Rourke said.

Students who wish to register at the same time as those in the same classification must pay full price under the regulations.

O'ROURKE was contacted when MTSU graduate student Mike Barrett registered for his classes, paying full price, to assure his getting the necessary courses. When he learned those courses were available, Barrett asked permission to withdraw—losing 25 percent of the

amount he paid—and reregister under the special state program. He was refused.

"This is an issue where state government is treating one group of people different because of a difference—that is, being handicapped," O'Rourke said.

"Since state government hasn't seen fit to pass laws protecting the handicapped, we have to look to the state constitution and the 14th Amendment of the Constitution which says that states cannot treat people differently

unless there is some overriding state interest—which I don't think is the case here," he said.

DEAN OF Students Paul Cantrell, who attended the meeting yesterday, said he thought the rule might not be equitable.

"Frankly, I think there is a problem with it. I'm going to do what I can to help with it," Cantrell said.

Dean of Men David Hays also agreed that the rule may be discriminatory.

"I feel like when the Board

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King birthday remembered in program

By KAREN OTTWAY

Staff Writer

Achieving unity, preparation and "somebodyness" outlined the list of goals cited Saturday during a ceremony honoring the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Close to 200 persons attended the Jan. 15 observance of what would have been King's 54th birthday. The commemoration was presented by the MTSU Black Student Association.

THE REV. Frederick Yebuah of the Key Chapel United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro was the featured speaker. He urged the audience to join in King's endeavors to establish peace and unity among different races.

"King was not out there fighting white folks," Yebuah said, "he was fighting injustices."

Yebuah said fear is "the enemy" and that it should be fought.

"FEAR OF not becoming 'somebody' should be eliminated by preparation and evaluation of one's priorities," Yebuah said.

"My 'somebodyness' is not silver and gold," he continued. "My 'somebodyness' is an inside job. I am; therefore, I can."

BSA President Harold Yokley ended the ceremony with the admonishment, "let us not let King's dream die. Let us not forget."

OTHER speakers at the program were the Rev. Edward Thompson, NAACP representative; Nanny G. Rucker, League of Women Voters member; and David Kessler, ASB president.

Hymns sung by the Royal Truth of the Baptist Student Union Choir were interspersed throughout the ceremony.



In Memory

Rev. Frederick Yebuah delivers a speech Saturday night at a commemoration honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Approximately 200 were in attendance, celebrating what would have been King's 54th birthday.

Center's funding unlike others

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

Despite some concern that the state should continue funding the Japan Center, organizations across the country are doing the same work that the center does.

In fact, Tennessee is the only state with such a Japanese cultural operation that receives state funding, according to Virginia Petree, executive director of the New York-based Associated Japan-America Societies of the United States.

STATE REP. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, has expressed the opinion that the state should always maintain a financial "presence" with the Japan Center in order to control its policies.

One other state, North Carolina, has a state-sponsored Japan center, but it has a much broader purpose than the local program, according to Petree.

The North Carolina Japan Center operates as a part of the

educational program at North Carolina State University, Petree said in a November interview.

PETREE said the North Carolina program selects about 15 of the university's faculty each year, teaches them the Japanese language and sends

3rd in a series

them to Japan for a semester to work with someone in their respective fields. The teachers are then expected to inject some segment that deals with Japan into their curriculums.

"The purpose is to interest the students little by little in Japan so that perhaps eventually they will develop an East Asian department in the college," Petree said.

Unlike Tennessee's program, the North Carolina Japan Center attempts to help the American business community to make contacts in Japan and

to encourage Japanese investment in North Carolina, she said.

IN TENNESSEE, the responsibility for making business contacts with other countries lies primarily with the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

The purpose of the Japan Center of Tennessee is "to enhance Tennessee citizens' knowledge of the culture and society of contemporary Japan," according to its official statement of purpose.

While there are no other state-supported programs with this goal, several states have similar organizations that are private funded.

PETREE heads an association of 16 Japan-America societies which present programs about Japanese culture and are funded by individual and corporate memberships.

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Study day approved by Faculty Senate; up to administration

By NANCY SLOAN

Staff Writer

A resolution requiring the day before final exams be established as a study day was passed last night by Faculty Senate and submitted to the administration for approval.

If approved, there will be no classes or university-approved social functions on the weekday immediately preceding final exams.

"THE ASB has discussed this issue over several semesters," said Charles Babb, president of the Faculty Senate. "This is not a trivial issue."

Several faculty members were concerned that the resolution would take away valuable classtime; therefore, the resolution was changed to specify that a day is to be added to the semester rather than taken from scheduled class days.

"I am in favor of adding a day, but not taking a day of classes," Sen. George Beers said.

"IF WE don't take it out of the teaching days, it has to come from somewhere," Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions, told the group.

A lengthy discussion on the problems of rearranging the

spring and fall semesters to accommodate the extra day brought moving registration back a day or changing the day of graduation.

"I suggest that we stick to the spirit of the resolution," said Reza Ordoubadian, member of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

THE RESOLUTION was also changed to omit the classes meeting only one day a week and the classes scheduled during the four summer sessions.

If approved, "the decision of when it goes into effect is up to

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Job placements, campus visits decline in '82

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

Campus recruiting and job placement decreased by 18 percent during the fall semester of 1982, according to Martha Turner, director of Placement and Student Employment.

"The economic recession is presently having a large impact on employment of new college graduates, and campus recruiting this year could drop back to the level for 1977-78," Turner said.

THERE WERE 19 fewer employers recruiting on campus last semester, according to Turner, and many of those that came had fewer jobs available.

The 1981-82 Annual Report of the Placement Services, which covers the year from July, 1981 through June, 1982 and includes the graduation

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Republican group charged by rival; alleged funding by 'Moonies' denied

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — The College Republicans allegedly financed a 1981 campus protest against the Soviet Union's involvement in Poland with funds provided by Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, according to a rival Republican group.

In turn, The College Republicans, one of the Republican National Committee's campus organizing arms, vigorously deny they've ever received money from Moon or the Unification Church.

REP. JIM Leach, R-Iowa, made the charges at a

Washington press conference, citing the College Republican tie as part of "an alliance of expediency" between the controversial Moon and several New Right groups.

Leach press aide Fulton Armstrong says the research backing up the charges came from the Ripon Society, a moderate Republican group.

Ripon Society spokesman Bill McKenzie says the group has "a very reliable source" who revealed details of an episode in which the student Republican group supposedly asked the Unification Church for money to protest the events

unfolding in Poland.

BUT McKENZIE refused to divulge any details of the alleged transaction, except to say the source used to be a member of the College Republicans. Otherwise, he wanted to keep the source—believed to be a woman—"free of any harassment."

The source, speculated Grover Norquist, a former College Republicans director, was "someone who was upset with the College Republicans, and she was running around calling us all Moonies." Norquist also refused to divulge the woman's name.

Defense document

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resources likely to be available" to the Pentagon during the five-year period.

The document makes these other major points:

- A Soviet invasion of the vital Persian Gulf oil fields would ignite a "major conflict" between the United States and the Soviet Union. It projects China as a possible U.S. ally in such a conflict.

- Far-reaching plans should be mapped to provide U.S. forces with manpower and equipment necessary to fight the Soviets on several fronts for an "indefinite period."

- Preparations should be made to "project force" and "wage war effectively" from outer space, and treaties will not be signed that prevent the United States from developing space-based weapons which "add a new dimension to our military capabilities."

- An anti-satellite weapon "should achieve" operational status by fiscal 1987.

- The United States will redress the balance of power with the Soviets and protect its security interests, "if need be without arms control."

- Modifying the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with Moscow, which bans more than one ABM site, should not be ruled out in seeking basing options for the MX missile.

- A nuclear war begun at sea "will not necessarily remain limited to the sea."

- "Major economic difficulties" will confront the Soviets in the mid-1980s, and America should exploit them by opening "new areas of major military competition" aimed at making Soviet arsenals obsolete.

- The Army should develop a medium-range missile to replace the nuclear-tipped Lance rocket deployed in Western Europe. The Marines should create a nuclear capability for the AV-8B Harrier, an advanced U.S. version of the "jump jet"

Britain used against Argentina in the Falklands war in April.

- The Air Force "should plan" to fly random patrols with AWACS—Airborne Warning and Control System—aircraft around the U.S. periphery beginning in fiscal 1984 as part of its air-defense system.

The thrust of the document promises Soviet military capability to threaten U.S. destruction, a theme administration officials have used publicly as the rationale for Reagan's unprecedented peacetime rearmament. Congress increasingly has begun questioning the wisdom of that buildup.

IN A BRIEF but intriguing paragraph in a section dealing with a possible U.S.-Soviet global conflict, the Pentagon planners urged:

"Encouragement and, if possible, logistic support will be provided to China's military initiatives that would fix Soviet ground, air and naval forces in the U.S.S.R.'s far eastern territories."

The Pentagon also envisions a "major conflict" should the Soviets attempt to seize oil reserves of the Persian Gulf with conventional forces.

THE REGION is so vital, the document says, preparations must be made for introducing U.S. forces "should it appear that the security of access to Persian Gulf oil is threatened," even though not invaded outright. There is no need to wait for an invitation from oil-producing allies, it said.

"Our principal objectives are to assure the continued access to Persian Gulf oil and to prevent the Soviets from acquiring political-military control of the oil directly or through proxies," it said. "It is essential that the Soviet Union be confronted with the prospect of a major conflict should it seek to reach oil resources of the Gulf."

The Pentagon also said the


nation must prepare to "wage war effectively" from outer space, and it barred any treaty which bans space-based weapons, saying such weapons "add a new dimension to our military capabilities."

PREVIOUS administrations have not emphasized military use of space in this way, but the framers of the study say they are "are determined to exploit the technology" now available to weapons and space engineers, sources said.

"The Department of Defense will vigorously pursue technology and systems development to allow the launch and operation of space systems both to provide responsive support and to project force in and from space as needed," the document said.

Nowhere does the document bluntly state a nuclear war is winnable. But Reagan appears to go a step farther than Carter by implying victory is possible if enough weapons survive the opening and subsequent onslaughts to ensure a final strike.

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Radio seminar offered for credit

By JUDY WILSON
Staff Writer

Students majoring in recording industry management or broadcasting may obtain college credit for attending The Country Radio Seminar in Nashville Feb. 17 through 19, according to

Dennis Buss, mass communications instructor.

The CRS provides a means for broadcasting and recording industry professionals to share ideas on the current and future state of broadcasting.

STUDENTS from all over the country are expected to

participate in this event, sponsored by RIM.

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Two parking bills pass ASB Senate

By MARTY WATT
Staff Writer

The Senate passed the remaining two parking proposals before the body in its session yesterday.

House Sponsor Eric Steinberg was pleased with the results.

"I'M GLAD the Senate finally took some action to aid the parking problem,"

Steinberg said.

One piece of legislation requests the University to allow motorbikes 90cc and smaller to legally park in bike racks.

The other item called on the University to convert some of the excess yellow curbing on campus into parking spaces. Steinberg originally designated for the spaces to be designated for compact cars, but the

Senate deleted that portion of the bill.

THAT particular bill now goes back to the House for approval in final form. The House will meet today at 4 p.m. in the Keathly University Center.

The joint session of the ASB Congress will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25.

ACLU

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of Regents is confronted with the inequities; they will provide some type of remedy," Hayes said.

WHO IS responsible for the rule, however, is unclear.

Cantrell attributed the regulation to State Board of Regents policy.

However, Rich Rhoda, executive assistant to the SBR chancellor, said yesterday "the board guideline simply follows the state statute" and does not give specific instructions to colleges on denying the right "on an individual-classroom basis according to space availability."

REGARDLESS of whose responsibility, O'Rourke said custom was enough to merit a discrimination charge.

Some of those involved in the complaint had been told that the matter might come up today before the SBR student affairs subcommittee, a meeting of student deans and vice presidents. However, it is on the agenda and no one could confirm that it would indeed be brought up.

O'Rourke said he would rather the case not come to court, preferring that a solution be worked out.

HE SAID a letter written to Catherine Mizell, general counsel to the Board of Regents, had gone unanswered.

"We [the legal panel of the Middle Tennessee ACLU] feel there is no doubt if the Board of Regents does not go along

with some equalization, the courts would intercede," O'Rourke said.

Any lawsuit filed would be a class action case—which could be costly to the university if it lost, O'Rourke said.

"ONE THING we have to consider is not just the students here," O'Rourke told Cantrell, "but also students who will come, and those who were here and were harmed by having to go through the same thing."

Among the possible awards which O'Rourke said winning plaintiffs might receive would be reimbursement to those who paid full price and damages for psychiatric problems caused by

those who gave up after struggling against the system.

If the university lost any lawsuit, it would also be responsible for paying the plaintiffs' attorney fees.

"YOU CAN be sure that on our team there will be more than one lawyer," O'Rourke said. "I have already identified several people for the staff."

"If we do it [file suit], you can be sure we will do it right."

Attorneys working for the ACLU, such as O'Rourke, do not charge their clients fees for their services, but instead take on those cases which they feel can be won and receive compensation through the defendant.

Japan Center

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She estimated that there are nine additional Japan-America societies which are not members of the Associated Japan-America Society of the United States.

A knowledgeable state government source said recently that aides to Gov. Lamar Alexander are trying to encourage the development of a Japan-America Society of Tennessee.

SEEMAN confirmed that Alexander is interested in the formation of such an organization.

"I feel very positive about the governor's idea for a Japan-America Society of Tennessee," she said.

The source, however, said

that despite the fact that the privately funded society would have the same purpose as the Japan Center, the state organization would remain in operation.

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IN ADDITION, there appears to be a duplication in that both the Japan Center and the proposed Japan-America Society of Tennessee expect to apply for funding from Tennessee industries which do business in Japan, from Japanese companies operating in the state and from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

David Rogers, assistant to

the commissioner of economic and community development, declined yesterday to discuss specifics, but would confirm that the above statements were accurate.

"The Tennessee-Japan Society of America will be broad in scope and will encompass more Tennesseans than those served in the immediate Nashville-Murfreesboro area by the Japan Center," Rogers said.

"We envision the society being a statewide organization," he added.

The Japan Center, called a "statewide effort" in his statement of purpose, had earlier been criticized for concentrating too heavily in the MTSU area.

Bragg declined to comment on the impact of a privately funded organization of the Japan Center, saying he had not heard of the plans.

Campus Capsule

TODAY

"PINK FLOYD THE WALL" continues in the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

DANCE WITH CONTRABAND in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building at 8 p.m. Admission fee is \$1.

WEDNESDAY

"ROCKY III" BEGINS at the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated PG.

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THE PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY will meet at 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 313.

AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING for the RIMUSIC II album project will be at 5 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

THURSDAY

"ROCKY III" IS STILL SHOWING at the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6, and 8 p.m.

PINBALL AND VIDEO GAMES BEGIN. Tentatively scheduled by Campus Recreation for the Keathley University Center Games Room.

SATURDAY

THE MTSU TRACK TEAM will entertain Illinois State, Georgia Tech, Furman and Western Kentucky at noon inside Murphy Center

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MONDAY

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the administration," Babb said.

"The majority of the students feel it is important, as Babb said, President David Kessler said.

KESSLER pointed out that this resolution "is not just student oriented, it will benefit the instructors as well."

"We are pleased with the student's interest in this

resolution," Kessler said.

The resolution was originally proposed to the ASB by Sen. Mitch Pettross and Rep. Cecilia West.

"After having worked on a bill like this for two years, it is satisfying to know that we have been able to accomplish something for the students," Pettross and West said in a statement last night.

Placement

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classes of December, 1981 and May and August, 1982, states that 52 percent of the graduates were either employed or are attending graduate school.

"Even though we experienced decreases in both the number of employers

recruiting on campus and in the number of business and industrial jobs referred to the office, we were able to maintain approximately the same level of placement as last year," Turner said.

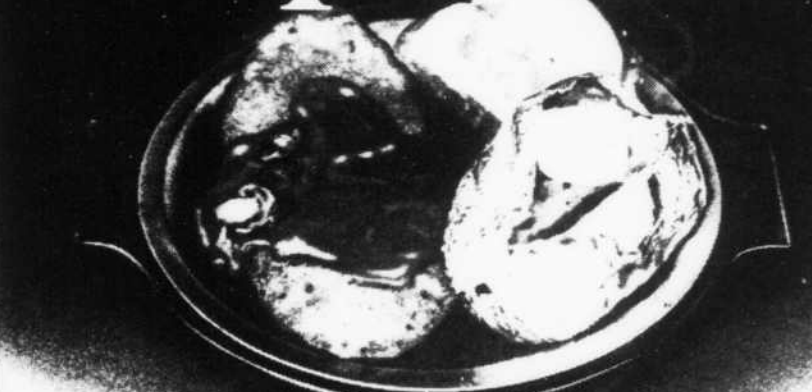
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Alternatives in funding urged for Japan Center

The fate of the Japan Center is important to both the industrial and academic communities of Tennessee. The success of the Center is of keen interest to the faculty, administration and student body of MTSU. It is for this reason that *Sidelines* has run a three-part series comparing the Japan Center's official statement of purpose with the actual conditions.

ACCORDING TO this statement, the Japan Center is a "statewide effort...to strengthen the already developing relationship between Tennessee and Japan." The center's primary goal is "to enhance Tennessee citizens' knowledge of the culture and society of contemporary Japan."

A *Sidelines* survey revealed that 89 percent of the center's presentations have been held on the MTSU campus. Several state officials, including Bob Thoeny of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, said that the concentration of activities on the MTSU campus is against their wishes.

Esther Seeman, director of the Japan Center, defended the center's concentration of activities on the MTSU campus, saying it was necessary to establish a home base before expanding to other areas of the state. That base has now been established, and Seeman is dedicated to expanding the Center into other regions.

Sidelines supports her effort in trying to accomplish this expansion.

FUTURE FUNDING for the Japan Center has been another object of scrutiny during this series.

A THEC proposal would provide a 53 percent increase in funding for the Center. In addition, Seeman plans to apply for grants from Tennessee industries doing business in Japan, from Japanese industries operating here and from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

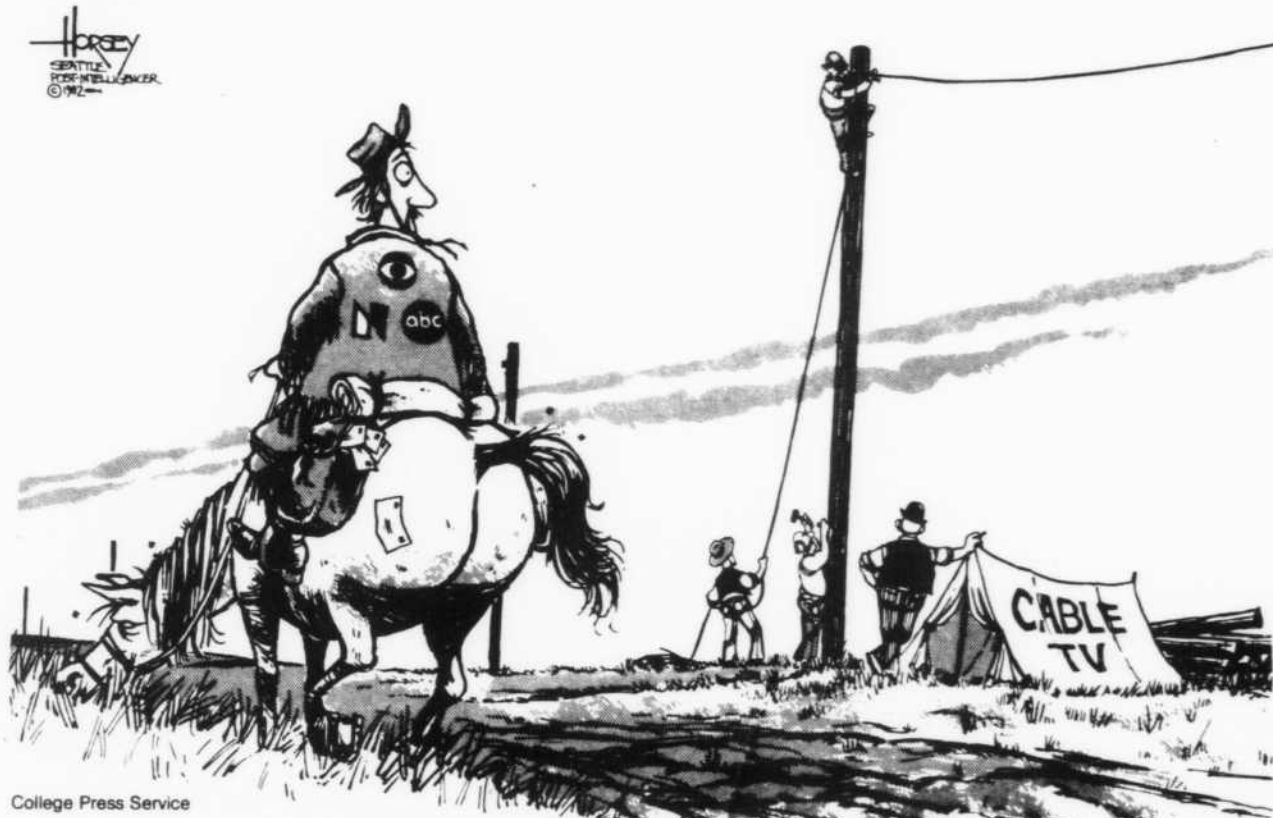
When the center received its initial funding, many officials, including MTSU President Sam Ingram and Seeman herself, expressed the hope that the Japan Center would eventually maintain itself through contributions from the private sector.

HOWEVER, STATE Rep. John Bragg, D-Murfreesboro, and Seeman now say the state should continue to partially fund the Center so that state and university officials can continue to play a significant role in determining policy for the Center.

In view of the fiscal problems which presently trouble the state, the General Assembly should not be asked to fund an ever-increasing budget for the Japan Center.

If there are indeed legitimate private alternatives to a state-funded Japan Center, these should be thoroughly investigated and considered.

On the other hand, if state officials feel it is important to maintain control of the Japan Center, the monetary contributions should be kept to a low level and outside funding should be dramatically boosted. An expansion of activities into other regions of the state could substantially increase private funding.



Should students be treated fairly?

By ROBERT WYATT
Faculty Member

If life's not fair, why should college be?

Not a bad question, all things considered, since many professors pretend they are preparing students to confront the real world.

PERHAPS unfairness would not be ideal in the humanistic disciplines of the humanities and sciences where some notion of the classical sense of justice—giving each man his due—is maintained. But certainly in the career disciplines such as business or mass communications, why should we be fair to students? Their employers probably will not be.

EMPLOYERS often hire people because they like their looks. Why shouldn't we, as

faculty, be allowed to exclude students from class because we don't like their looks or their clothes or their accents or their habits?

Why do we have to pretend

publishers and executives—assume that we are never late and never wrong and that the function of our employees is to please us?

Why can't we—like

faculty perspective

that we have systematic and objective standards for assigning grades, when their employers in the real world will evaluate their work subjectively and prejudicially according to their own whims and tastes? Why should we even tell students what their grades are, since many employers never give formal evaluations, leaving it up to their employees' imaginations to figure out whether they are in or out?

WHY CAN'T we—like

authorities in the real world—assume that we have absolutely no obligation to teach anything to anybody? Either they know how to do the job they apply for, or they learn to do it on their own, or they get fired.

Why do we except excuses for late work, when, in the real world, only dire illness ever suffices for failure to produce?

In short, why can't we treat college students like working adults?

Answer: They aren't.

ERA hopes may fail if pushed; Republican support critical

By MAXWELL GLEN
and CODY SHEARER

Anxious to do a good turn for the women of the country, House Democrats last week made ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment a top priority of the 98th Congress.

Yet, the initiative did not wholly please groups which will eventually take responsibility for changing the minds of often-truculent state legislators. While grateful for the continued focus on ERA, many advocates feel that a rush to ratify the amendment might prove a foolish act.

WITHOUT A breather to allow women's organizations and other pro-ERA groups to reorganize for the next campaign, ERA II could fare no better than the late ERA I.

Democrats, of course, have considered themselves the "party of the ERA" since 1980, when Republicans, under the spell of a then-visionary Ronald Reagan, dropped support of the amendment from the GOP platform.

For since, Democrats have widely been running with the ERA. The amendment proved to be the only issue at the JNC's sleepy mid-term convention in Philadelphia last summer.

LAST WEEK, perhaps sensing an opportunity to widen the President's gender gap, House Democrats ranked ERA above all other legislative proposals and promised to hold hearings as soon as possible. Nearly 200 have agreed to cosponsor reintroduction (compared to about 30 House Republicans).

Autumn campaigns in several states last year resulted in important gains for ERA supporters.

In Florida, concerted work by feminists helped to increase from 17 to 28 the number of

women in the state legislature, making possible a future victory in the long-recalcitrant state senate. In Illinois, a Democratic takeover in both houses has created the necessary three-fifths margin needed to pass the ERA on Phyllis Schlafly's home turf.

YET, IN other closely contested states, the vote counts have not budged.

sideration in 1983 of a 1973 state ERA proposal for fear that it would fail.

Warned Marquette University political scientist Janet Boles, who has written widely on ERA: State legislators will be "exceedingly hostile" about reconsidering ERA immediately.

"We're going to have to give them a rest," Boles said.

here and now

"We really don't want the ERA to come back here until after 1984," said Wanda Peltier, president of the Oklahoma Women's Political Caucus. "We've got to have some elections before we're ready again."

In North Carolina the number of pro-ERA lawmakers rose after the November election, but not sufficiently to guarantee a win. Johanna Ettin of the National Organization for Women in Winston-Salem reports that her chapter will need at least two years to lay the groundwork for ratification.

"WE'RE ALL concerned that it be done properly. I don't think anyone is in a hurry except in Washington," Ettin said.

Bigger roadblocks, however may crop up in some of the 35 states which ratified ERA early in the 1970s, before conservative forces organized in opposition.

Such states may not necessarily repeat their good judgment: Legislators who voted to ratify have since faced strong opposition from anti-ERA cadres at the polls and are under continual pressure to rescind their vote.

IN WISCONSIN, NOW's state chapter opposes recon-

WOMEN'S organizations have already begun to prepare for 1984, recruiting candidates, targeting races, and—of course—raising money. In many states, organizers are also readying a new case for ERA in the 1980s based more on economic equity than simple equality.

House constitutional rights subcommittee chairman Don Edwards explained that he has no intention of expediting the ERA.

"WE'RE GOING to start the hearings and continue them for a number of months until we've got the votes. We can pass it in the House; the Senate is another problem," Edwards said.

The GOP leadership shows little sign of breaking from either party policy or the President, although 54 senators have agreed to cosponsor the ERA this session. Without Republican help, ERA may never get beyond Capitol Hill.

The danger for ERA II could be the Democrats' tendency to force their political advantage by pushing the amendment onto a gender gap-conscious Republican Senate. While Senate consideration might pressure some Republicans to rethink their opposition, it may alienate as many in the process.

Talking Heads

Photo by Keith Tippitt

If you could ask the university president one question, what would it be?



JEFF BRESSLER — Junior

"Why is he evading the real parking problem with quick fix remedies that do not solve the real problems?"



KELLY TINDER — Sophomore

"Why is there not better information about academic regulations regarding the requirements to avoid suspension?"



JAMIE KEEN — Senior

"Why has freedom been stifled within the classroom in certain areas of our academics?"



GARY BURKE — Freshman

"Why don't the students have more bearing on which concerts are selected?"



LISA CONE — Sophomore

"Why do we not use computers during registration?"



FREDERICK VAUGHN — Freshman

"Why isn't maintenance improved in the dorms?"

Features

Paris college student enjoys teaching at MTSU

By KAREN OTTWAY
Staff Writer

When University of Paris student Valerie Dumont applied for a teaching-assistant job in the United States, Murfreesboro was not what she had in mind.

"I asked for New York or Boston," Valerie, 22, says. "I asked for San Francisco, Los Angeles, all of those places. One day I had a call from Tennessee. I asked, 'Where is Tennessee?'"

THE CALL to Valerie was prompted by MTSU's affiliation with the Ministere De L' Education Nationale, a program designed to give students a chance to attend universities in different countries.

Valerie, who had signed with the program for a teaching job, says she was asked if she would like to teach French at the university in Murfreesboro.

"Murfreesboro! I couldn't spell it," Valerie admits. "I couldn't even find it on the map."

BUT SHE accepted the invitation to teach at MTSU, and says she is glad she did.

"I like it here. The people are really friendly. This is a small place, but it is a nice place. This is really the heart of



French teaching assistant Valerie Dumont knew English when she came to MTSU, but found Southern accents and slang difficult to understand.

the United States, isn't it?"
Though Valerie says, kind to her, Valerie people, things were difficult for her at first. Her lack of teaching experience worried her.

"THIS IS my first time [to teach] so you can imagine!"

Valerie says. "When I arrived it was terrible. I was so scared. I didn't know exactly what to do. But it came."

Another problem occurred when Valerie discovered a language barrier she hadn't anticipated. Although she had studied English for many

years, Valerie says she was not prepared for Southern accents or everyday-American-street-slang.

"When they said 'ya'll' and things like that, I could not understand what they were saying," Valerie recalls. "Someone would say

something in class and everyone would laugh. I asked, 'What does it mean?'"

BUT TEACHING, learning about accents and participating in the local lifestyles have been good learning experiences, Valerie says. She thinks personally sharing different ideas and cultures makes learning a foreign language easier.

One of Valerie's students, Lisa El-Malah, agrees.

"I think it's useful. It improves our language ability. She [Valerie] is current on the newer language that's being used, and on the customs."

ALSO pleased with the idea of sharing cultures and languages firsthand is foreign languages professor, June McCash.

"It has been the most exciting thing to happen to our French program in years. We think it has added such an important dimension," McCash says.

Enrollment in French courses has increased since Valerie began teaching last semester, McCash adds. "She is very popular with our students. She's been conscientious and creative."

VALERIE says she thinks she has become good friends

with her students. Her success with her French classes has encouraged her to think about making teaching her profession when she leaves Murfreesboro at the end of the semester to return to France.

"I like to teach," she says.

Word Search

As part of a survey by Vocab Publishings on campus slang, *Sidelines* would like you to submit to us any phrase or slang word (and their definitions) which are heard most often on the MTSU campus.

These words should try to reflect the students and atmosphere found at MTSU. A list of 20 (or more) of the words will be sent to Vocab Publishings for their national publication.

Before they are sent in, *Sidelines* will print its own list.

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Depression usual with college students

By JENNIFER JACOBS
Staff Writer

It's a well-known fact. College students get depressed, and statistics show that at least 25 percent of these students show outward signs of serious depression.

What isn't so well known is that depression can be prevented, and it's not as tough as you may think.

"Depression is a state of mood that develops into an extended period of sadness, unhappiness and a loss of interest in personal affairs and responsibilities," James Trent, an MTSU psychology professor

says. BEING away from home, adjusting to a new environment and a loss of identity can cause students to slump into a very extended case of the blues, he says.

However, contrary to general consensus, winterdepression is no more likely to occur than summer depression.

"The holidays are a time when more students begin to feel depressed, but this is basically because a lot of expectations aren't met," Trent says.

SEASONAL changes are also

often at fault for causing a lot of depression, he says. However, it is not clear as to whether the season change only intensifies a mild depression or actually brings one on.

"Everyone is going to have a crummy day from time to time," Trent says. The real problem occurs when the unhappiness is lasting.

"Prevention of depression is difficult," he says. "The most important thing is to develop a network of friendships that will provide emotional support when you're feeling down."

TRENT also urges those who

have trouble establishing such relationships to join clubs and groups with which they share similar interests.

"Another important thing is learning to assess your goals," Trent says.

"A great many people set high goals and just don't have the ability to reach them. This causes them to feel a lot of self-worthlessness."

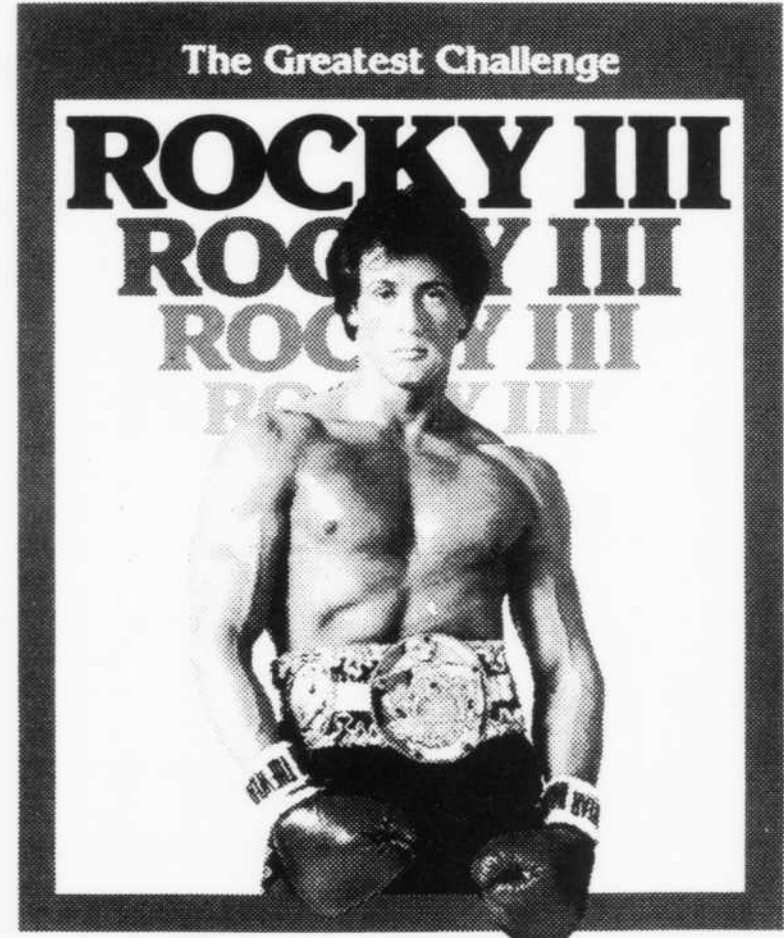
Even though there are things you can do to prevent depression, a large number of people still get depressed.

ONCE depressed, a person must decide upon the severity of his own case.

Sleeping more than normal, or perhaps sleeping less than normal, are signs of depression. Disturbed eating patterns also point to some sort of inner imbalance, according to Trent.

When a student begins to use alcohol or drugs as medication—the ultimate insulator from pain—it is pretty certain that help for depression is needed, Trent says. If a person can't depend on the emotional security of friends, then it is beneficial to seek professional help.

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THE CLASS is "geared toward good exercise, preventative methods and self defense," according to class instructor Michael Payne.

Payne, who has been teaching karate at MTSU for two years and who is a second-degree black belt, says that he will also use films of police women defending themselves as an additional teaching tool.

Any woman of any age may participate in the class, which will be held every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Payne invites anyone who thinks they might be interested to come down tonight, or to contact the Continuing Education Office at 898-2462.

Sports

Taylor and Tech hand Blue Raiders seventh straight loss

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

COOKEVILLE — Disappointment.

It was written all over the face of MTSU head coach Stan Simpson after the Blue Raiders fell here Saturday night by the final score of 82-67 to Tennessee Tech in front of 5,013 weather-beaten fans, the largest crowd of the year for the Golden Eagles.

THE LOSS was the seventh straight for the Raiders, their fifth loss in the Ohio Valley Conference. MTSU now owns a 3-10 overall record.

Tech evened their OVC mark at 2-2, coming off a Friday night loss to league-leader Murray State. The Golden Eagles are now 7-6 overall.

"We just had a few little breakdowns that cost us a chance to win the ball game," Simpson said afterward. "The group that we had in during the second half of the game gave us a much better effort than the group we had in there the first half."

SIMPSON was referring to the smaller lineup the Raiders used in the secondhalf, a lineup which saw little playing time from the post players.

"Our post people were not carrying out their assignments," Simpson explained. "Coach Hopkins and Coach Crawford had them [the post players] prepared, but they didn't do what they were supposed to."

Post play was indeed one of the key factors in the loss, with Tech's 6-foot-8 Steve Taylor, a graceful lefthander, doing a great deal of damage inside. He scored 18 points for the winners, with a bundle of buckets coming on his patented, lofty jump hook.

"**STEVE** Taylor was the big difference in the game. He got the big play when they needed it," said Simpson.

One of the bright spots in the loss for the Raiders was the play of junior forward Doug Lipscomb, who showed the elder leadership that Simpson has been searching for. Lipscomb led the Raider assault with 18 points and yanked down 14 rebounds.

"Doug Lipscomb showed tremendous leadership," Simpson said of the 6-foot-6 forward out of Gainesville, Ga. "I was really excited about his play."

THE RAIDERS also managed to up their field goal percentage from the past few games, shooting 45.3 percent for the game and hitting over 50 percent in the second half. MTSU shot a poor 34.2 percent against Akron, and an even worse 26.2 percent against Youngstown State.

MTSU trailed at halftime, 38-29. The Raiders cut the Tech lead to six several times in the second half, but Steve Taylor and company came back on every occasion and exploded to regain a substantial margin.

The last minute saw complete domination by the Golden Eagles after a Steven Kite breakaway slam dunkput the fans in a frenzy and Tech up by 12. They never looked back.

TECH WAS also helped in scoring from guard Danny Schultz, who had 18 points to share the scoring lead with Taylor. The freshman Kite dumped in 11 points for the victorious Eagles.

LaRae Davis had 12 to fall behind Lipscomb in scoring honors, while a trio of Raiders had eight each.

Head basketball coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson and the Blue Raiders are on the road playing Samford tonight in Birmingham, Ala.

The Raiders will be looking to pick up a victory in the wake of Saturday's loss to Tennessee Tech, MTSU's tenth of the season.

Prepare team for Olympics now: McGuire

If something isn't done now, the United States could find itself in a possible Dunkirk situation when the 1984 Olympics roll around.

There is no way we can win the gold medal in basketball under the present rules, and if we don't wake up quick we might not even make the final four.

A number of things must be done.

I BELIEVE, first of all, for us to win the gold in Los Angeles in '84, we must put a team together now for the summer of 1983.

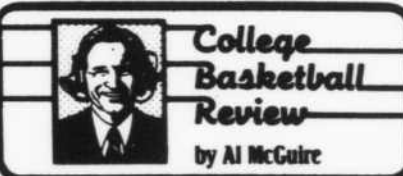
Take the outstanding juniors and sophomores from all over the country, and send them to Europe for a 12- to 14-game tour. That way they can get a feel for European rules, and U.S. Olympic Team Coach Bobby Knight can get a working unit.

Basketball, especially at that level, is not a one-on-one thing, but a team game.

WE CAN'T be Park Avenue if we continue to do things the way we do now. We can't just have Olympic tryouts, have the coaches bring in 60 kids for workouts and practice games in June of '84 figuring they'll be ready for the Europeans in Los Angeles by August.

The Miller Brewing Company sponsors a great Olympic training facility in Colorado Springs where athletes in all sports can train and learn ways to improve. But

we need even more in basketball. We need a tuneup tour in 1983 so our players will already be experienced when they show up in tryout camp in June of 1984.



Second, the National Basketball Association has to postpone its 1984 draft until after the Olympics.

BY DOING it that way, the best kids won't be professional and the Ralph Sampsons and Rodney McCrays of the world will be available to play. The NBA must have its '84 draft in August, after the Olympics are over.

To go with that, we've also got to get a commitment from the blue-chip athletes. We've got to know if certain guys are going to go hardship, that if a guy like Patrick Ewing takes the tour in the summer of '83, he'll keep the back-room lawyers away and still be around to play the next year, without going hardship.

Today, there are three teams better than the U.S., that is, if we were to just put up our present all-star team as in the past.

IN 1980, Yugoslavia was the Olympic gold medal winner;



Lady Raider guard Sherry Smith (30) tosses up a shot against Tennessee Tech last Saturday night while Cyndi Lindley (43) looks on.

Photo by Dan Whitehead

Harper and Edwards pace track women

By MAT "CHILI" WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The MTSU women's track team took to the oval racing surface at Murphy Center this past weekend to host the Lady Raider Invitational Track Meet.

Although no team scores

were officially tabulated, the Lady Raiders, under the guiding hand of coach James Key, recorded two first-place finishes.

ANGELA Harper, a junior from Beddingfield High School in Wilson, N.C., won the long jump with a leap of 17-8.

Lloyd, others place in Eastman

By KEVIN WEST
Sports Writer

Coach Dean Hayes and the Blue Raiders began their 1983 track season last weekend with the Eastman Invitational in Johnson City.

It wasn't a very large or

deciding meet, but it was an important building block for the nine members that Coach Hayes took to the meet.

TRIPLE-JUMPER Eddie Lloyd, a native of Chicago Heights, Ill., and collegiate All-American, placed third

with a jump of 53-3, which was good enough to be considered as a possible NCAA qualifier.

Kenny Nesbitt, a transfer student, also turned in a fine performance in the 440-yard run. Nesbitt finished in fifth place with a time of 47.96, just a few tenths of a second off from being considered for the NCAA.

Coach Hayes took a mile-relay team to the meet, which included Gary Mitchell, Herb Newton, Tim Johnson and Kenny Nesbitt. The group of speedsters ran an impressive 3.13 mile relay, but were disqualified for a lane violation.

There were more than a hundred participants at the meet, including such names as Heisman Trophy-winner Herschel Walker and world-class speedster Harvey Glance.

On January 22, the MTSU team comes home for a five-way meet with Furman, Georgia Tech, Western Kentucky and Illinois State. It will get under way at noon inside Murphy Center.

Plus, the foul line is much wider on the base. It goes out diagonally from the foul line to the corners. The European game is a much more physical game, not called as close, and it's much faster because the refs don't handle the ball. After a basket, a player grabs the ball and takes it out.

THE SAD part is that we haven't had exposure to all this because we didn't participate in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. We haven't played since Montreal in 1976, when coach Dean Smith helped the U.S. win the gold.

So that's the program. Get the commitment from the blue-chip Europeans and the NBA, get the European tour set up and find a way to compensate our athletes for their time on the tour. That's what we've got to do if we want to give Bobby Knight a chance to win at all.

All that, even though I'm sure they never quite got the sync. The point is, when they come to Los Angeles for the Gold, they'll be rested and ready. And we'll be playing by their rules.

SEE, that's what most

Lady Raiders down Vanderbilt; slip by Tennessee Tech

MTSU's Lady Raiders upped their record to 9-3 last night by downing the Lady Commodores of Vanderbilt, 86-80. Details of the game were unavailable at press time.

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

COOKEVILLE — The Lady Raiders and Tennessee Tech's Golden Eaglettes tangled Saturday night, and when the clawing had ceased and the smoke had cleared, MTSU strode from the wreckage with a 74-72 win.

In just about every sport in which the two schools compete, the rivalry is intense. The Saturday afternoon encounter was no exception.

"I JUST don't know what to say," an exceptionally happy Larry Inman said after his ladies had scrapped to the win. "I'm just so proud of them. We had the pressure shots and hit them when we had to."

It was pressure shots up and down the line all night long for both teams, and when the Lady Raiders jumped out to a five-point lead with 7:16 left to play, the fighting had just begun.

Two minutes later, the Golden Eaglettes had tied the score on a Dee Davis jumper. Then, after hitting the front end of a one-and-one free-throw attempt, Tech had a one-point lead.

AFTER A Lady Raider timeout, Jennifer McFall and Eva Lemeh banged in consecutive shots to put MTSU up by three, with only 4:30 remaining. The Lady Raiders would not relinquish the lead again.

The two squads exchanged buckets down the stretch, but it was the pressure free throws that gave the game to the Lady Raiders.

Holly Hoover, Jennifer McFall and Eva Lemeh all hit crucial free throws in the last minute to nail the coffin lid shut on the Eaglettes.

THE TWO teams were evenly matched all the way through the game. Both Tech and MTSU shot almost the same from the field, hitting 41.7 percent and 42.9 percent, respectively; and, from the free-throw stripe, Tech hit 78.6 percent and the Lady Raiders 80 percent.

McFall took the scoring honors for Inman's squad, knocking in 20 points. Hoover had 15, while Lemeh and Cyndi Lindley had 12 apiece. McFall led all rebounders with 11 boards.

Tennessee Tech was led by guard Anita Myers with 27 points, while Davis had 12. Lydia Sawney, who scored 10 points, fouled out in the final seconds.

and I'm shooting for the 19-foot range," Harper explained.

COACH KEY was pleased with Harper's performance.

"Angela looked really good," Key said. "If her step had been down she could have gone 18 feet."

Another winner for the Lady Raiders was freshman Cecelia Edwards, a product of nearby Murfreesboro Oakland High School. Edwards took first place in the 60-yard hurdles with a time of 8.5 seconds.

"**CECELIA** WAS a big surprise," Key said. "She was not recruited. I found her working in the athletic department on a work-study program. She had run some track in high school, seemed excited and came on out. She looked really good."

Others who placed high in the meet included Vicky Wells and Robin Moses, who finished second and third respectively in the two-mile run.

Key, who is also the women's cross-country coach, was somewhat displeased with the overall performance of the squad.

"**I WAS** A bit disappointed that we were not in as good a shape as I had hoped. We have our start now and will build on what we've done."

Coach Key is hoping to land his troop in the prestigious Mason-Dixon Games on Jan. 29 in Louisville, in preparation for the rigors of the tough OVC competition that lies ahead.

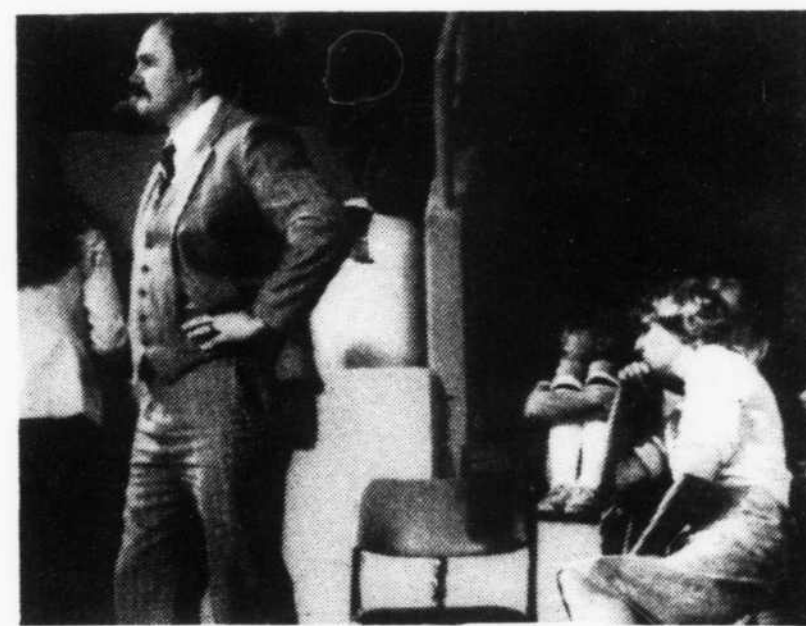


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Looking on
Lady Raider head coach Larry Inman and assistant Diane Cummings scout the action against Tennessee Tech.

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