



Photos by Robin Rudd

## Raiders 'Dunn' it; Peay loses 77-65

by Chuck Cavalaris  
Sports Editor

And we said it couldn't be done. Saturday afternoon talk in Clarksville said to forget about Cinderella and her slippers, the turtle beating the hare, or David whipping Goliath.

"Middle Tennessee can't beat Austin Peay's Governors...not in Dunn Center," they said.

Gov fans had the celebration all planned. Drinks would be on the house. One AP fan bought 50 tickets Friday night to the NCAA Midwest Regional in Baton Rouge, La., and another was mapping plans for a trip to Atlanta, site of the NCAA finals.

But that was Friday night...about midnight to be exact.

A mere 24 hours later, the Middle Tennessee team bus was pulling into Murphy Center...the OVC tournament championship trophy was on board...so was the team to play in Baton Rouge.

Austin Peay had indeed been beaten, as you probably know, a few hours earlier before 8,000 fans by 77-65.

With the victory, MTSU brought to a halt the 26-game win streak by Austin Peay in Dunn Center. For Jimmy Earle, coach of a team predicted to finish fifth in the conference, the victory was easy to describe.



MTSU coach Jimmy Earle

"This is the greatest victory of my coaching career," Earle said, while tears streamed down his cheeks. "It is a great tribute to this team. They have battled all year long on guts and courage. This is their day."

Though Bob Martin, a forward by heart but a center at MTSU, played like an All-American in the two-day tourney, he pointed a cluster of writers toward his team mates. He was holding a handsome plaque proclaiming the Dickson native as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

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## Tournament win gains NCAA bid

by John Pitts  
Assistant Sports Editor

Raider basketball coach Jimmy Earle called it his greatest coaching victory ever. You might call it the greatest win ever for a

Middle Tennessee State basketball team.

An Austin Peay fan couldn't be quoted in the pages of this newspaper.

With faint strains of "The

Impossible Dream" returning to the heads of MTSU fans, Earle's Blue Raiders pulled a 77-65 shocker of the conference champion Govs to earn the OVC's invitation to NCAA post-season play.

The Governors of Austin Peay return home to Clarksville to watch the rest of the season as it plays out on their televisions.

MTSU will face nationally-ranked Detroit in a televised game Sunday afternoon in Baton Rouge, La., in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional. The University of Tennessee will be there, facing the Orangemen of Syracuse.

Tickets for the game (\$8 each) will be available today in the Murphy Center ticket office from 8 a.m. until "they all run out," according to ticket manager Jim Simpson.

Only 200 tickets for the Louisiana State University (capacity: 14,000) gymnasium have been allotted to MTSU, but more can be obtained by wiring money to the Athletic Ticket Office at LSU.

"They told me that a person could wire money to them as late as Thursday afternoon and they would reserve tickets for them," Simpson said.

Middle got to the NCAA tournament by defeating the undefeatable-Austin Peay in their own 9,000-seat Dunn Center.

Until Saturday night, the Govs had never lost in the two-year-old facility. For 26 games, the "Dunn magic" held out, but an inspired defensive showing by the Raiders ended that streak, as well as the Govs' 31-game winning streak in Clarksville.

A lot of tradition was broken by the win, including the first defeat of

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# The Kiosk

Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity will present their 11th annual Stage Band Show at 8 p.m. March 10 in the Tennessee Room of the SUB.

Admission is \$1.50.

Several selections include "Give It One," "After the Lovin'," "Open Up Wide," and "Ease on Down the Road."

Randy Box, publicity chairman, emphasized that the show is "totally student-organized."

On March 12, Gene McDaniel, owner of the VIP Travel Agency will be on campus to speak about the tours to Europe and East Africa sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University.

McDaniel, who recently returned from an African tour, will also show slides of his trip. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue

until noon in Room 124 of Old Main.

The tours are being held in conjunction with the International Aerospace Education Seminar sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University. Tourists may also receive six hours of graduate credit for the three-week junket.

Thursday's Rip-Off Concert will feature Randy York, Chuck Thompson and Matt Davenport. Rip-Off will begin at 7:30 in the UC Grill.

John Lozier, director of the Southern Prison Ministry and coordinator of Tennesseans Against the Death Penalty, will speak tonight at 7:30 in NCB 103 on prisons and the death penalty.

The film "Cruel and Unusual Punishment" will also be shown.

Quiz Bowl semi-finals are Thursday night, with these teams competing: Bad Company vs. KA #1, 6:15; SAE vs. Sigma Club #1, 6:45; BOFFO's vs. Delta Tau Delta, 7:15.

Nursery schools and day care centers in the Murfreesboro area will participate with the MTSU Child Nutrition class under instructor Judy Johnson in a schedule of events to celebrate the National Nutrition Week's theme of "Foodway to Fun and Fitness" tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Area children will watch a film and participate in related food games developed by the MTSU Home Economics Department nutrition students in the Environmental Simulation Room of the LRC.

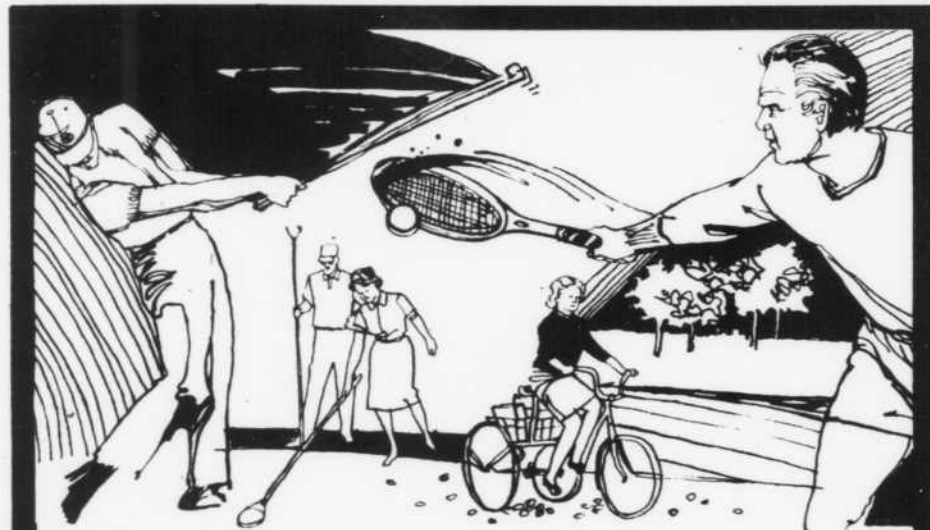
Dairy Council nutrition materials will be shared with nursery school

and day care teachers by Mr. Gail Benford, a nutritionist with the Dairy and Food Nutrition Council of the Southeast, Inc., Mid-South Division.

The Public Relations Student Society of American (PRSSA) will hold a golf tournament at noon Friday at the Smyrna Golf Course. Entries are restricted to eight-member teams who will compete in either the fraternity division or the independent division. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each category and keg of beer is being donated by the Party Pantry to the winning fraternity. Registration information can be obtained by calling Gerald Yarbrough, 896-5238.

Applications are being accepted through March 15 for 1977-78 Sidelines advertising director and summer editor-in-chief. Students need not be mass communications majors to apply.

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# MTSU polled on alcohol

by Ted Rayburn

A questionnaire is being circulated among various groups associated with MTSU concerning the proposal to allow alcoholic beverages on campus, according to Vice-President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance.

Some 3600 students, faculty, administrators, parents and alumni are being polled for their views concerning a proposal which, if approved by the Board of Regents in June, would allow the possession of alcoholic beverages in private residences on campus.

The proposal has strict limitations, such as the prohibition of alcoholic beverages from dorm lobbies and hallways which make it difficult to act on, LaLance commented.

The survey is being distributed by an ad hoc committee headed by LaLance which is designed specifically to deal with the alcohol-on-campus question. The committee will submit its findings to University President M.G. Scarlett in a report by April 1.

"Our purpose is to develop a university position statement," LaLance said. Each of the other Regents' schools with on-campus housing are also considering recommendations to the Board on the question.

Further duties of the ad hoc committee include the development of ways to implement possession of alcoholic beverages should the proposal succeed, LaLance said.

A subcommittee chaired by Dean of Women Judy Smith has been formed to determine how the proposal would be implemented. Their considerations include how to insure that students not desiring housing with alcoholic beverage possession guarantees can have a place to stay, LaLance added.

The committee, acting on research and the questionnaire results, will submit their recommendations to Scarlett, who will then send his recommendation to the Board of Regents by April 15.

LaLance urges all those wishing input who did not receive a questionnaire to submit their comments to him at Box 30.



Vice President Lalance

## ASB elections slated for March 16, 17

by Phyllis Skipper

Elections for ASB President, Speaker of the House, Speaker of the Senate and 17 of 22 senators will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 16 and 17 from 7:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Poll booths will be fewer in number this year by one due to the elimination of the voting area at Woodmore cafeteria.

"We talked about this seriously," said Danny Dunkleburger, election commission chairman. "And after considering time, money and the amount of overall votes received, we decided to have three voting areas and to extend the

voting hours." Last year the polls were open from about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Voting areas have tentatively been set from somewhere in the UC, NCB, and High Rise Cafeteria.

Voting machines, the same ones used by the Rutherford County Election Commission, will be used this year instead of paper ballots. However, there will be paper ballots available for those students who wish to write in a vote, Dunkleburger said.

Candidates have until noon tomorrow to turn in their petitions, but campaigning officially started Sunday, March 6.

The ASB-Sidelines Speakout is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in the Grill Annex. Each presidential candidate will be given five minutes to speak. A question and answer period will follow.

The candidates for speaker of both houses will also be given the opportunity to speak along with any senate candidates who wish to express their views. Each candidate will be open for questioning.

"One thing the election commission is trying to push is as much personal contact between the candidate and voter as possible," Dunkleburger asserted.

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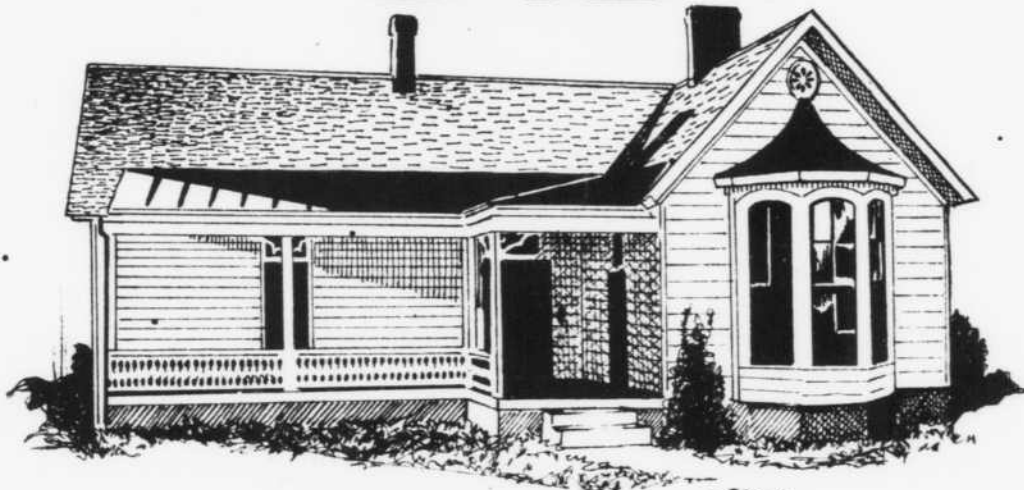
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## Campus Calendar

### Today

Marines: Recruiting, UC Basement,  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Alpha Gamma Delta: Shoe Shine;  
UC Basement, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Placement: IRS, UC 318, 11 a.m.-12  
noon

Girl's State Basketball Tournamen-  
ment: Murphy Center, 1:30-  
10:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis: MTSU/Belmont,  
Tennis Courts, 2 p.m.

Movie: "How to Succeed in  
Business Without Really Try-  
ing," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 &  
8:15 p.m.

Graduate Test: UC 314, 1-4 p.m.

ASB House Meeting: LRC Multi-  
Media Room, 4:30-6 p.m.

Citizen's Central Bank: Stockholder  
Meeting & Dinner, Tennessee  
Room, SUB, 6:30 p.m.

Ideas & Issues: Film, NCB 103  
7:30 p.m.

Phi Mul Alpha: Doughnut Sale  
Campus, 7:30-9 p.m.

Faculty Senate Speaker: UC 318,  
2:30 p.m., Woodley B. Osborne  
of AAUP, "The AAUP and  
Collective Bargaining Issues."

PRSSA Speaker: Tom Siler of  
WNGE-TV, UC 310, 3 p.m.

Rutherford County Democratic  
Women: 7:30 p.m., city court-  
room of the Police Building,  
discussion of legislative matters.

### Tomorrow

Faculty Senate Elections: UC Base-  
ment, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sigma Chi: Car Wash Ticket Sale,  
UC Basement, 9 a.m.-3 a.m.

NORML: Distribute Organizational  
Literature, UC Basement, 9  
a.m.-3 p.m.

Girls State Basketball Tournament:  
Murphy Center, 1:30-10:30 p.m.

Movie: "African Queen," UC  
Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.

Pi Kappa Alpha: Founder's Day  
Banquet, Faculty Dining Room,  
SUB, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Sigma Delta Chi speaker: Mike  
Kettenring, WSM news director,  
UC 316, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Cont. Education: Energy Manage-  
ment in State Building, UC 305 8  
a.m.-1 p.m.

Sigma Chi: Car Wash Ticket Sale,  
UC Basement, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Graduate Test: UC 314, 1-3 p.m.

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Murphy Center, 2:30-10:30 p.m.

Movie: "African Queen," UC  
Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.

Rip-Off Concert: UC Grill, 7:30  
p.m.

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## MTSU director elected dean of TVA consortium

Harvey Miller, an assistant professor of HPERS at MTSU, has been elected Dean of the Consortium on Outdoor Recreation at Kentucky's Land Between the Lakes.

Miller's duties consist of administering all aspects of the Consortium from registration to presenting certification awards.

The Consortium concept exposes the student to the expertise of other university professors, the LBL staff

and facilities, and leading recreational agencies involved with the parks and recreation curriculum.

Course purposes are to allow students to work outside the classroom setting, to develop a knowledge of outdoor recreational facilities, to produce certifiable skills in outdoor recreation, to learn different instructional approaches and to become familiar with LBL as a national outdoor recreation demonstration area.

Although the Consortium is not limited to physical education majors, "We hope the students have had camping and recreational experience," Miller said.

Costs for the course include regular tuition, \$80 for food and



Jim Glotzback, junior from Connecticut, takes advantage of the nice weather to wash his car. Staff photo by Thom Coombes

## Bike-a-thon set for this Saturday

Bicycle enthusiasts can participate in their favorite sport and contribute to a cause at the same time Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. by participating in the bike marathon sponsored by the Rutherford County Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The bike-a-thon will be at Stones River National Battlefield, covering the two-mile bike route inside the park and the 10-mile route outside. Riders may cover the route as many times as they like or ride whatever distance they wish.

Sponsors of the riders will give money to the foundation on the basis of number of miles traveled by the riders.

Riders should obtain as many sponsors as possible to donate money per each mile that they ride. Sponsor forms may be picked up at the ASB office, University Bike Shop, Sears in Jackson Heights Plaza and the Chamber of Commerce.

Prizes will be awarded by five-year-old Lisa Spry, the Cystic Fibrosis poster child, to those completing the greatest distances and bringing in the most money. Some of the prizes will be awarded at the completion of the marathon but others will be awarded later.

Volunteers are needed to help in any way. For more information, contact Mrs. Nancy McGill, 890-5138 or Mrs. Robbie Garrett, publicity chairman, at 890-6546.

lodging at the Brandon Springs area at LBL and about \$10 for books and supplies.

Deadline for pre-registration at the respective schools is April 15.

Brandon Springs at LBL is a

major group camp at the recreation area, Miller said. Buffalo meat served at the facility "is one of the highlights for the students."

The event is slated for May 15-25.



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# Writer delivers facts in Forrest critic response

## To the editor:

The recent letter by Toney Mapp is nothing more than pure crap. Apparently, the fellow(?) is using his glands instead of his brain. It only takes two moments to thumb through volumes 9 and 13 of the Encyclopedia Britannica to get the facts.

Murfreesboro is not the "home of racial discrimination. Neither is the South. Racial discrimination is worldwide. In Japan it is Koreans who are the "niggers," out west it is Indians and Texans, in Britain it is the Irish, in the Soviet Union it is dozens of minority groups, in Turkey it is Armenians, in Israel it is Palestinians, etc.

Further, of the "six confederates who founded the KKK in Pulaski, Tenn." General Forrest was not one of them. However, what the ignorant either do not know, or refuse to tell others, is that General Forrest, after becoming Grand Wizard, ordered the KKK "disbanded in 1869 because of increasing violence involving murder and kidnapping at the hands of overzealous or unscrupulous members." Now why would a "common murderer" care? (Especially considering the shade of the victims and his having been a "slave trader.") Perhaps he was a conservationist or was anticipating a shortage of targets for himself. Unlikely. The Klan was only two years old at the time.

Now I am going to confuse you with the facts. First, the KKK does not exist—it is not one organization and it is not centrally directed. There are numerous Klan empires in the South (and elsewhere), some more active than others. Also the history of the Klan is divided into

two periods: the post-Civil War era and the twentieth Century. While the modern Klan took the name of the old order, "its inspiration can be more directly traced to the intolerance from which the nativist

cattle. When he took up cotton planting in Mississippi, he acquired considerable wealth. When war broke out, he volunteered as a private, raised a cavalry unit and was promoted to Lt. Colonel. He

one month after Lee surrendered to Grant. After the war, he was President of the Selma, Marion and Memphis Railroad.

The term Blue Raider does not contribute to discrimination any more than peanuts and watermelon. By "dethroning" Forrest you will only generate more heat. The fact that you had to tell people who he was gives ample proof of the negligible influence of the logo. Forrest nailed on the cross will not make everyone keen on interracial mixing.

As for Ruth Rose, if she has a preference for peach color and blue eyes, what has talking to Negroes got to do with it? They apparently don't fit the bill. Of all things, we still have choice of association. As for Toney Mapp, if you don't like it here, why do you stay? There's going to be plenty of room at UTN pretty soon.

If there is any discrimination to speak of in this country it is against the conservative WASP. Preferential treatment doesn't mean "Whitey" first. Affirmative action plans are not formulated to promote Northern Europeans.

D.Q. Reynolds, Jr.  
Box 6010



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Know-Nothing party grew in the 1850's. The modern Klan was nothing more than a commercial venture in 1915 on Stone Mountain, Ga., "devoted to the protection of womanhood and the supremacy of white protestants." (Added bias against Catholics, Jews, foreigners, and organized labor was directed later.)

Brief mention should be made of the fact that there were many societies and organizations after the Civil War. The Loyalist leagues were just as ruthless as the Klan in the control of the Negro vote, but were carpetbaggers from the North! Why no mention of these?

General Forrest, on the other hand, was a man who received no formal education but was a rather successful businessman and "able mathematician." He also traded in animals, including horses and

took part in the defense of Ft. Donelson (preferring to withdraw rather than surrender with the rest), fought at Shiloh with "distinction," captured an entire cavalry brigade near Rome, Ga., saw actions at Chickamauga, captured Ft. Pillow (which was garrisoned by Negroes), and successfully resisted the real rape, murder and pillage that was the Union Army until he surrendered,

## Earle advocate delivers retort to coaching critic

### To the editor:

I read Dale Strickland's letter in Sidelines Friday and it really amazed me. Mr. Strickland states that as an "interested MTSU basketball sports fan, it disheartens me to see the team lose a game because of someone else's mistakes, namely Jimmy Earle."

Hogwash!

If you were the least bit interested in Blue Raider basketball you would have educated yourself on a few aspects of the game before writing this ridiculous letter.

You say that Earle's technical lost the Western Kentucky game since we lost by two points (supposedly the two points from the technical.) This is about as logical as blaming the defeat on Julius Brown. In case you were not there, Brown almost hit a nearly impossible shot at the buzzer which would have sent the game into overtime. Will Julius Brown be your next object of criticism? Maybe you should blame the loss on the basketball itself for not finding the hoop on 53.9 per cent of the Raider shots.

Another thing you should observe is that Jimmy Earle's technicals can really get the team fired up. Over the course of the season, there were a heck of a lot of close games where this motivation was a big factor.

So next time you see Jimmy (OVC Coach of the Year) Earle ranting and moving over an official's call, I hope you realize that he has a more important purpose in mind than giving away ballgames.

Lyle Graves  
Box 8905

P.S. See you at Baton Rouge (Mid-East regionals, you know). Whatever the outcome, Coach Earle's staff and players are not one in my book.

## President thanks recruiters

### To the editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to express my extreme gratitude to the many people who extended their time and services to the ASB during the recent ASB recruitment drive.

I would especially like to congratulate Butch Burns, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the outstanding efforts he put forth in the organization of the recruitment drive.

The success can also be attributed to the many faculty members and administrators who gave their time to meet with the high school students in order to acquaint them with our university.

Finally, I would like to commend the students who made the visitors feel welcome and at home.

In this cooperative effort, it is easy to see what benefits can be produced when everyone is willing

to work together. Let's not stop here.

Richard Langford  
ASB President  
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# 'Deutsche' festival coming to MTSU

Students and teachers of German from all over Tennessee will exhibit their knowledge of the German language and culture in fun and contest at MTSU on March 18 and 19.

Young people from grade 3 (elementary school) through graduate school will compete with each other (within their level of schooling) in such events as vocabulary bee, declamation, extemporaneous speaking, conversation contest, skits and other special events. Other areas of competition include baking, arts and crafts, musical presentations and folk dancing.

Mini Workshops will instruct participants in crocheting, sand candle making, German card game

playing, basketry and quilting.

A "Jarmarket" (open market) will exhibit handmade crafts for sale.

For the first time, this year the Goethe Institute, Atlanta, Ga., will sponsor a "Goethe-Quizz-Bowl." Teams made up of three participants from each school will match their wits and general knowledge about German culture (history, politics, sports, art, etc.) for the grand prize in the last round.

This will be the Sixth Annual German Spring Festival held on Tennessee's college campuses on a rotating basis for the benefit of students and teachers of German (American Association of Teachers of German and National Federation of Students of German Tennessee

Chapters).

Festival coordinator is Ortrun Gilbert of the MTSU Foreign Language Department. Program Planning has been a concerted effort of students and teachers of German from all parts of Tennessee.

Judging by past experience, approximately 500 students are expected to attend the festival.

For further information, contact Ortrun Gilbert, Department of Foreign Languages, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 or telephone 898-2981.



Blast from the Past—Dr. Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, smiles smugly back in 1970 when he was only speaker of the ASB House. You've come a long way baby!

## Kellman speaks Thursday

Dr. Jay Kellman of Hohenwald, Tenn. heads off the list of speakers sponsored by Ideas and Issues this month, and will address MTSU students Thursday night at 8 in UC 322.

Kellman's topic is "Natural Childbirth," and will incorporate Kellman's own experience at his free medical clinic in Hohenwald

and his theories on modern obstetrical techniques. These modern medical techniques, Kellman says, border on the brink of "malpractice," when used routinely.

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Vicki Roach, of Columbia, Tenn. mists her palm daily to give it extra humidity in her dorm room.

## Dorm plants need special

by Merry Lynn Starling

Are you plagued with a case of purple thumb? For the average plant lover, this malady is serious, but for the dorm student, it can be terminal.

What is purple thumb?

"Purple thumb" is the opposite of "green thumb" and instead of having success with plants, the purple thumb has trouble getting even a plastic palm to live...

Purple thumb is common in the dorm because of the adverse conditions—drafty or overheated rooms, no humidity and lack of light. But many students today are plodding along anyway, investing paycheck after paycheck into plants to liven up their dorm rooms only to have these plants shrivel up and die.

Just about anyone in the dorm with plants can tell you all about "How to Kill a Houseplant in Three Easy Lessons," because the dorm has it all—drafts, excess heat, bugs, dust, low light, etc. The major problems, though, are these:

—drafts in the dorm come from a variety of sources, but the worst offender is the central heat and air system which blows a steady stream of hot, dry air in the room. This hot air will kill your plants in a matter of days, since plants need

high humidity instead of the kind of air they're getting. An inexpensive mister (or a washed-out Windex bottle) will help restore some of the lost humidity.

—lack of light can only be cured with one thing—more light. Several dorm students are investing in inexpensive grow-lite bulbs for study lamps. Light is crucial to plants and the grow-lites provide a good substitute.

—excess heat is also caused by the central heat and air and the only sure cure is to turn down your heat.

Dorm life is unique in many aspects, plant growing included. Some plants refuse to grow in dorm rooms (like Bird's Nest ferns, Boston ferns, palms, African violets, most flowering plants, etc.) but a few students have succeeded in getting even these plants to grow by installing grow-lites, miniature greenhouses or terrariums and by providing the plants with good care, adequate light and routine watering schedules.

For the most part, however, the average student doesn't have the time or money to invest in too much. A philodendron in the window is enough and if it dies, it dies.

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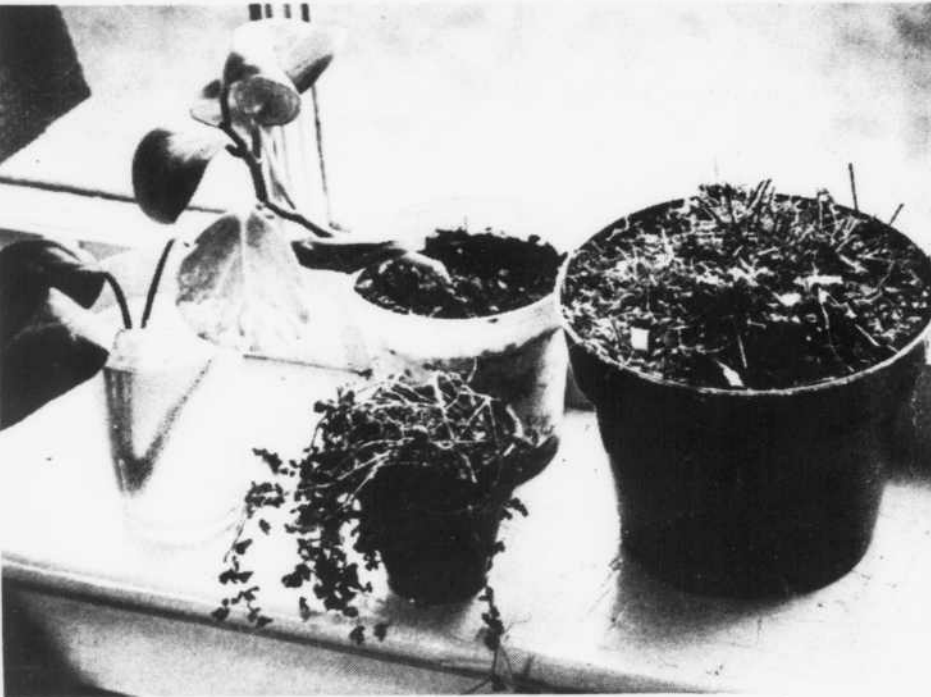


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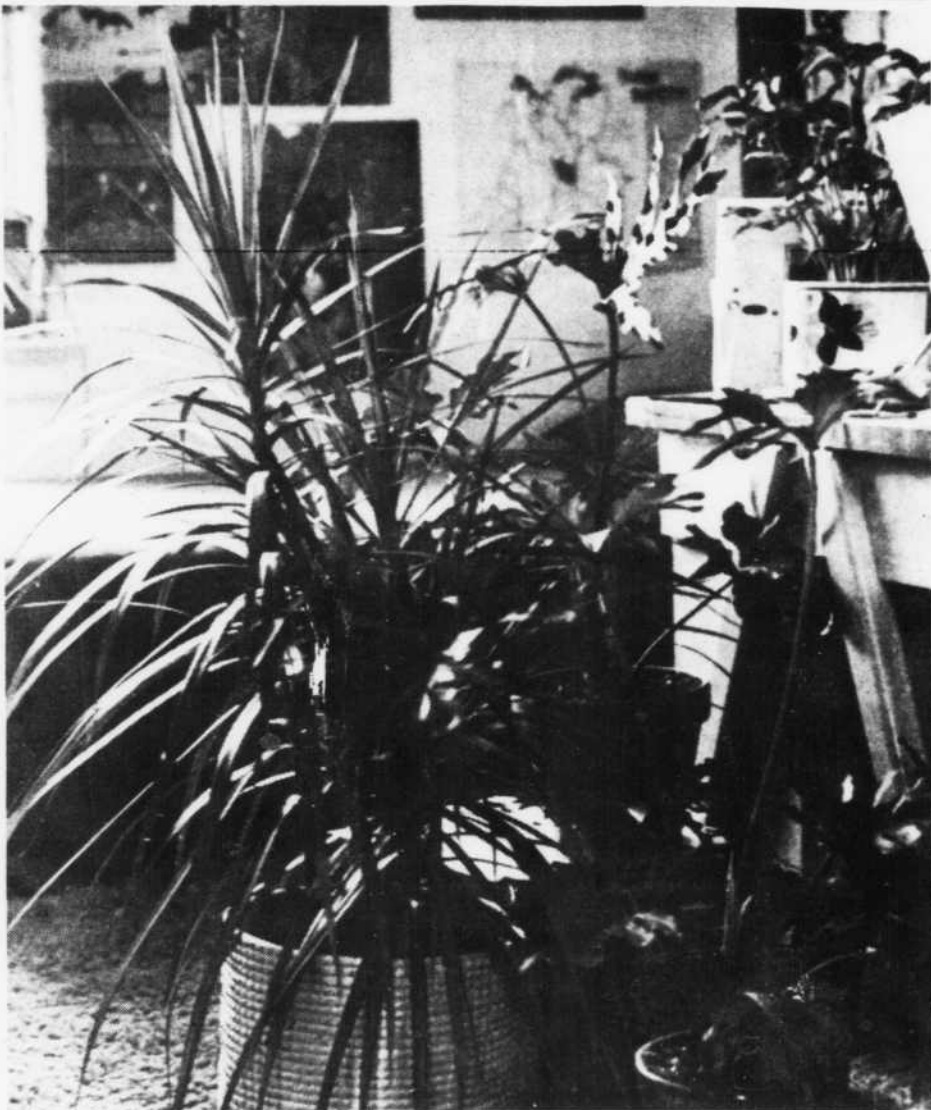
plants as being fairly easy to grow in the dorm: wandering jew, sanseveria, philodendron, spider plant (airplane plant), dracena, grape ivy, rubber plant, marginata, arrowhead plant, etc. These plants do not require constant babying but with a little light, a regular feeding and watering program and a close

watch for bugs, these plants will grow and thrive in any dorm room.

Next time you buy a plant, buy from a reputable grower who can explain the needs of your plant adjusted to dorm conditions. With a little time, terminal purple thumb can be weeded out.



While some plants survive the rigors of dorm life, others, like these, were possibly wiped out by excess heat and dryness of the dorm.



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With constant care, adequate light, daily misting and periodic "bug-checks," plants can thrive under adverse dorm conditions.

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# If you like garbage, you'll like this course

by Bill McGraw

College Press Service

Students in Professor William Rathje's anthropology class think the course material he offers really stinks, but it's okay with them.

Rathje's University of Arizona classes study garbage, you see, not the usual kind of college course garbage but the real odiferous McCoy: gooey, smelly, throwaway trash, huge mangey mounds of it

complete with rats, empty coke bottles and bulky plastic sacks of sticky TV dinners.

The students gleefully waded into this foul-smelling mess, clad in high boots, surgical masks and plastic gloves. They scoop up carefully measured chunks, weighing and recording them to the smallest fraction. Then they go back to class and talk about it.

This is what the students call "Le

Projet du Garbage" (accent on the last syllable), where for the past five years students have been studying the city of Tucson's trash. It's a real class; students do papers, take tests and receive grades.

But don't think for a moment that this is just one more example of college going to the dogs. "Le Projet" uses a computer to analyze its findings and employs, among others, a nutritionist who helps the students study throw-away food. And, as Professor Rathje is quick to point out, one of "Le Projet's" main objectives is to aid students in their study of archeology. "We've got a whole program in garbage here," he says. "That doesn't mean you get a degree in garbage but it means you get to participate in an on-going research project—something most students don't get to do."

Rathje figures garbage study is a good way to study archeology methods since scientists study the refuse of ancient cultures to piece together theories about what life was like in those times. He also thinks "garbology" is a useful way to study consumption and waste in our own society, a study that few

people have ever attacked with any sort of academic ferocity. "It's all there in the trash," he quips.

Rathje and students have found that cheap vegetables and breads are thrown out more than meats; that when prices rise, people throw away more of a product, not less; that the 360,000 Tucson residents throw away 12,000 tons of edible food each year (Canadians could live on American's annual waste); and that middle class families throw away more than the rich or the poor.

Students have also branched out from the study of garbage. Like archaeological sleuths traipsing through ancient Mayan villages, they have poked through numerous corners of Tucson studying every aspect of contemporary material culture. "We get really bizarre studies," says Rathje. One student last year did a study correlating people's use of ketchup with the way they dressed. Entitled "Pass the Ketchup Please", it showed how the nattily attired poured their ketchup in neat patterns while people who covered their food with great hunks of red were usually slobs. "It was a fairly sophisticated study," Rathje added. Next semester someone will be looking into toys.

"Le Projet" has received more than 1,000 information requests. Each time the course is offered about 80 students sign up and everybody within the university has given it great support. "Garbage is more recognized now as national problem, a source of resources and a major area of study," explains Rathje, 31, a Harvard Ph.D who sits at a desk beneath a sign that says: "Garbage Dump". "We touch on economics, ecology, nutrition, anthropology and sociology. I think we fit in pretty good."

The students' esprit de corps appears to be in pretty good shape as well. They wear T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Le Projet du Garbage" and the picture of hand reaching into an overflowing rubbish bin. They've formed a softball team which plays Tucson's trash men and after foraging missions on Friday nights the class repairs to a local saloon to talk some trash. Last Halloween, Rathje threw a party at which students came dressed as their favorite piece of garbage. A stuffed olive won the grank prize with honorable mention going to a fruit fly and a box of crackers.

Says three-year veteran Shelley Smith, a senior archeology major who has found silver studded boots, false teeth and a diamond ring in her many trips to the dump: "My mother thinks I'm crazy, my friends think I'm weird. But I love to sort garbage just to relax. I just enjoy ripping open the bags."

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# MTSU fans watch Raiders win upsets...twice



Of all the Raider fans in Clarksville, none were more excited than the ones on the floor, cheering their team to victory.

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"Whatever we did, we did as a team," the humble Martin explained. "From coach Earle all the way down to the last manager, we have won and lost as a team...tonight we played together again and that's why we won."

Greg Joyner, perhaps the greatest pressure player ever at this school joined Lewis Mack and Martin on the all-tournament squad.

Joyner equaled Martin's scoring total (19) in the championship tilt, playing despite a case of mono, and grabbed three rebounds late in the contest, when Peay was scrambling for a victory.

The Philadelphia, Pa., sophomore also made pass after pass that went for scores in the tournament.

But it was Mack, a doubtful starter because of a week-long bout with the flu, that directed the Raider upset, one of the most remarkable in MTSU history.

"This win is so good because nobody really thought we could do it. But I knew all along we could."

Mack directed the torred Raider floor game, which canned over 63 percent of field goals in both games, and connected on back-to-back jumpers early in the game to give MTSU a 16-16 tie.

Both teams traded baskets evenly, three of Peay's coming on follow-ups by 6-7 forward Calvin Garrett, until Martin picked up his

## Pep rally set

A pep rally is planned for Thursday afternoon at 5:15. At press-time, the rally was planned for the front of the Old Gym.

The rally is a chance for students and townspeople to express support for the Raiders before they depart for Baton Rouge, La.

Posters displayed at the rally will be judged and will be transported to the game for display.

third foul with four minutes in the half and the Raiders clinging to a 28-24 lead.

Peay battled back and finally took a 34-31 edge with eight unanswered points while Martin was on the bench.

Jamming the lane with an aggressive 2-3 zone defense, Middle Tennessee reeled for a spree of four consecutive field goals and grabbed a 39-38 lead, one that would not be lost.

Unable to crack the tight defense, Austin Peay could not match the Raiders' 75 percent shooting (18 of 24) in the second half.

Joyner smacked away an attempt by 6-9 Gov center Ralph Garner and roared down court second later with a field goal to give 53-48 advantage with 7:36 to go.

A pair of Joyner steals, a Martin dunk and continued tough defense sent MTSU to the free throw line late in game, attempting to nurse a 67-58 edge.

Martin, Taylor and Mack all sank foul shots and hundreds of disappointed Peay fans exited the arena with two minutes still to play.

As the final seconds ticked away, Joyner pointed his right index finger to the ceiling and answered the yell of Raider fans who gushed on the court when he clipped on net from the goal...Bob Martin got the other.

...Austin Peay coach Lake Kelley sat alone on the Gov bench after the game... "It sure is great to celebrate in somebody else's gym," Raider Julius Brown said after coming off the bench and hitting five of six shots... All three Raider coaches (Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson and Jan Stauffer included) submitted to a friendly "toss in the shower."

...Perhaps the biggest surprise of the entire tournament was the lively play of Sleepy Taylor, who scored 13 in the title game and

displayed the quickness teams feared him for during his freshman year here before a knee injury.

...Freshman LeRoy Coleman sank the biggest shot of his career against Austin Peay to give MTSU

a seven-point lead with eight minutes to play... Backup guard Sam Burrell provided Mack with all the rest necessary and prompted on Peay fan to ask, "Where has he been all year?"

## Middle's aggressive show defeats Morehead 92-70

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

An improbable beginning to an impossible weekend at the OVC tournaments in Clarksville was Middle Tennessee's total domination of Morehead State in a 92-70 quarter-finals victory.

Center Bob Martin was almost flawless in all areas of play, sticking up 10 of 11 shots from the floor to pace a Raider offense that scored on 63.5 per cent of its field goals for the game.

All that pressure that MTSU was supposed to feel against the Eagles never seemed to disturb Middle, who were down but hardly out at one point in the first half.

Trailing 14-8, coach Jimmy Earle called a quick time out, and from that point the Raiders seemed to soar. At halftime, the Raiders enjoyed an 18-point lead (48-30).

Guard Lewis Mack, who went to the playoffs feeling he had a lot to prove, looked very tired at times in the first half, but substitute walkon Sammy Burrell calmly directed the attack in for several minutes in both halves.

In the second half, the Raiders' zone defenses continued to force Morehead's 6-8 forward Ted Hundley away from the basket, and the solo play of guard Herbie Stamper, the team and OVC's leading scorer, just could not keep the Eagles afloat.

That alert defense spotted Morehead to a couple of 30-point deficits, and the play of Raider substitutes at the end allowed a few unanswered points without letting Eagles get out of hand.

For the game, Martin was the leading scorer with 24 points. Mack's addition of 23 points was remarkable considering his apparent condition, having to leave the gym for the locker room before halftime. Mack returned in the second half to direct a superb floor game.

Sleepy Taylor, jumping above the rim and hustling like a freshman, scored 15 points, while a Greg Joyner with the first signs of mono chipped in 11 more.

Freshman starter Leroy Coleman scored six despite fouling out late in the game. Early-season starter Julius Brown came into the game as a frequent substitute and added eight points and led the team with nine rebounds.

While Stamper chipped in 20 to lead the Eagles, Hundley was limited to ten points, only once or twice getting free to show his All-OVC abilities on the boards. Forward Andre Jones added 12 for Morehead.

While the Raider defense was inspired, good shot selection gave the team an astounding 63.5 field goal average, and a 83.9 per cent free throw performance.



# Emphasis on defenses keyed success in games

by John Pitts  
Assistant Sports Editor

Back in November, Raider coaches knew that a good defense would be the key to a successful season.

Their aggressive nature on defense probably contributed as much as any other factor to the Raiders' surprising wins over two tough opponents in the OVC tournaments.

Over the weekend at the Tournament in Clarksville, the goal set at the beginning of the season materialized: MTSU was the best defensive team in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Against Morehead Friday night, the smaller Raiders shut down the big man (Eagles' 6-8 Ted Hundley) and most of his supporting cast. Then they just about totally confused Austin Peay with an ever-changing style on Saturday night.

The result was proof that "you don't win if you don't play defense," according to Raider assistant coach Jan Stauffer. Stauffer, who aided national champion Indiana and its coach,

Bobby Knight, last year, knows basketball defense.

And he thinks the Raiders are playing it well.

"We knew at the beginning of the season that we would have to be outstanding defensively," Stauffer said. At that time, the Raiders had lost three starters from the 1975-76 team and faced the depressing prospect of starting one of the shortest front lines in the conference (6-7 Bob Martin is Middle's "big man").

Winning in basketball is "a matter of controlling the tempo of the basketball game," both offensively and defensively, Stauffer said. "You have to make the other team impatient and force them to do things they normally wouldn't do."

Against Peay, the Raiders faced a balanced offense with a trio of threats: forwards Calvin Garrett and Otis Howard and center Ralph Garner.

To seal off the Governors' inside game and make Austin Peay offense less effective, the Raiders showed the Gobs a variety of defensive sets: man-to-man, the



An aggressive, tenacious defensive effort by the Raiders is clearly illustrated in a scene from Middle's 92-70 win over Morehead.

defense the team opens the game with, and a number of zone, or area defenses, in which a player guards those players standing in his zone on the court.

The most effective defense the Raiders used against the Gobs was a "triangle-and-two," a combination of man-to-man and zone coverage.

Basically, three men align themselves in a triangle formation, one on each side of the basket and a third in front of the basket. These players then defend the areas around them, hopefully preventing the opponent from getting shots close to the basket.

"We want them to shoot from the outside," Stauffer explained. "We'd give them the 20-25 footer, and we'd try to keep them from penetrating for the easy layup," he added.

With three men guarding the Austin Peay basket, the two others would go outside to slow the shooting of Peay's best shooters, Garrett and Howard. In this way, pressure is maintained on the ball outside while limiting the movement of the opponent inside.

"We would come down court and show a 2-3 zone (the Raiders' usual zone defense) and then Mack (Lewis, the 6-3 senior guard) would drop back to the center of the foul lane, and the two players not in the zone would go out after the ball," Stauffer said.

While it only takes one player to shoot the ball, a good defense requires the participation of all five men on the court, working together closely. Several times during the Peay game, Raider defenders would follow the flow of the ball as Gobs passed it "sliding" in the direction of the ball in unison, without looking at each other.

"We tell the players that defense is a team concept...the idea of 'we' instead of 'I,'" Stauffer said. "Every player is defense conscious—they totally confused Austin Peay."

The master of the confusion is head coach Jimmy Earle, who on almost every play down court can be seen giving hand signals for defense to his quarterback guard, Lewis Mack. Two fingers might mean a 2-3 zone, two outstretched hands a man-to-man formation.

"I hope the other team is looking for my signals," Earle said, "If they are, then they think less about what's happening on the court."



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## Stanford eyes get together

by Chuck Cavalaris  
Sports Editor

Four factors are necessary before Middle Tennessee can capably defend the Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship of a year ago.

Coach John Stanford figures all will come. He feels confident the team will develop the vital factors any baseball champ displays: pitching, hitting, defense and leadership.

Though the season is only four games old, the 1976 OVC coach of the year thinks "Things will fall in place soon."

That could be tomorrow. MTSU will tangle with host Auburn, a Southeastern Conference power for three years, to begin a week long road trip.

"It is hard to make any evaluation of the team because it is

so early in the season," Stanford said after the Blue Raider's had won three of four games this weekend. "All four parts of our game aren't together. Once we start putting things in place, I will have a better idea of how we stand."

Tomorrow's game with Auburn will be a rematch of last year's NCAA regional tournament, when MTSU fell to Auburn, 10-5, in the opening round and latter lost to Jacksonville, 5-1.

But the contest with the SEC's champ reminded Stanford of bitter memories. The Plainsmen scored seven of the 10 runs against MTSU on errors or walks. And Jacksonville overcame a 5-1 Raider lead to eliminate MTSU.

"We are not going down there with the idea of trying to avenge a loss that happened almost a year



Raider infielder Tom Nichting

ago...but we are after a win," Stanford said.

Middle Tennessee split a "quickly scheduled" double-header with Indiana State Saturday. MTSU dropped a 2-0 decision in the opener and rallied for a 6-1 win in the nightcap.

MTSU "looked pitiful swinging the bats," in the opener and lost despite a three-hitter by losing pitcher Bob Hardin.

Mike Moore hurled a shutout against Tennessee Tech Sunday as the Raiders opened the twinbill with a 3-0 verdict before romping to a 9-4 victory in the second game.

"We were ahead 9-1 in the nightcap and let 'em score three runs," a disgusted Stanford

remarked. "We can't let down when we get a big lead...the good teams will beat us."

Besides the Auburn contest away tomorrow, the Blue Raiders will face Troy State (three games), West Georgia, and Vandy (March 15) on the road before facing Belmont here March 16.

The pitching proved sufficient over the weekend, but Stanford voiced hope the bats "would start swinging soon."

Three platesmen who figure to hold vital roles this season are catcher Rick Cheshire, center-fielder Danny (Pogo) Moore and transfer Jon Weathers, who is handling first base duties.

## Memphis State sets netters

by John Bliven

"We've got to scrape for our points, but they've shown me they can play", MTSU tennis coach Dick Lalance said about his Raider netters after their loss to Memphis State, 6-1, in Memphis Saturday morning.

"Memphis State has got a well-balanced, good team, all their players are top-notch, but (Keith) West is a star," Lalance said, concerning the nationally ranked Tigers, who are among the best in the South.

Lasse Durchmann, MTSU's no. 1 player and the only netter from last year's OVC Champion team, lost to Memphis' number one player, Keith West, 6-1, 6-2. One of the best tennis products in Memphis, West was ranked in the top 32 players in the nation making it to the third round of the NCAA Tournament in Texas last year. No. 2 Tony Fernandez fell in three sets to Roger Webb, MSU's no. 2 man 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. MTSU's Dale Short, a strong player from Miami, Florida, took MSU's Mark Wilson to three sets before bowing out 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. Chris Baker fell to MSU's no. 3 Peter Simpson 6-2, 6-4, and MTSU's no. 5 man Peter Heffernan posted a 7-6, 6-3 win over Tiger Jim Ladyman. Raider Tom Ward lost to George Dunklin 6-2, 6-2.

In the doubles, Durchmann and Short last West-Simpson, the number one ranked team in the South, to a close 7-6, 7-6. Baker-Heffernan split sets with Wilson-Webb before falling 4-6, 6-0, 4-6. Patrick-Fernandez were beat by Ladyman-Bob Fender.

"We're really hoping to improve our program and thus our team, we're really young but we're going to make a showing," Lalance said,

"We're up against some good teams."

MTSU lost at Ole Miss. Friday, 6-3, in what Lalance commented as "We didn't play as well as I thought we would, we played better against MSU."

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# Manager's work is only starting at the buzzer

by Eddie Gossage

When most of us are heading to a post-game party or going out to get a bite to eat, the basketball managers still have a lot of work in front of them.

Who are these people that are denied such pleasure and enjoyment that is as American as apple pie?

They are MTSU's five managers—Head Manager Doug Miller, Harold McDonald, Jerry Lumpkins and Randy Brown.

The fifth manager, Bob Sturm, has a slightly different job. Sturm is in charge of video-taping all Blue Raider basketball games and most of their practices.

"If you have a good set of managers, it's like having an extra coach or two," commented Head Coach Jimmy Earle. "This is the best set of managers we've ever had."

Miller, a senior, is said to be a

"team leader in his own way." He is also described as "conscientious, organized and possibly the best manager ever at MTSU." He was called a "true professional."

"Doug is the most conscientious

and most organized young person I've ever been associated with," Earle said. "He is going to be a success in whatever field he goes into. I don't care what it is, Doug Miller will be a success. He's made



Blue Raider Managers: Front Row: Randy Brown and Bob Sturm. Standing: Harold "Big Mac" McDonald, Head Manager Doug Miller and Jerry Lumpkin.

that way."

Next year's head manager, Harold McDonald, is called "Big Mac" by his friends, is a transfer from Cumberland College. McDonald is from Watertown.

After the Morehead game in Kentucky, the team returned to Murfreesboro early Tuesday Morning, but "Big Mac" remained at Murphy Center until 8 a.m. washing uniforms.

Earle said McDonald was a "worrier" who frets about things being done right. McDonald also has good rapport with the players, a big boost in team morale, the coach said.

Jerry Lumpkins, in his second year as an MTSU manager, is a Gallatin native. According to Earle, Lumpkins is an excellent manager who is "sharp and does everything with a smile."

"The greatest feeling I've ever had when working with the team," Lumpkins explained, "is when we run out on the court with the Blue Raiders when Murphy Center is jam-packed!"

The newest addition to the staff is freshman Randy Brown, from Earle's home town of McMinnville. Brown, whose nickname is "Grog," was a manager for six years before coming to college. Last year he was a manager at Warren County High School.

According to Earle, Randy is "very cooperative" and does any task he is asked to do. Brown apparently fits in well with the staff but is said to be in the learning stage.

Bob Sturm's job is important to the team. The coaches view the tapes of past games and practices and determine strategy for upcoming games.

Recently Sturm worked with Assistant Coach Jan Stauffer reviewing a tape of the UT-Chattanooga game until 2 a.m.

Sleepy Taylor summed it up well when he said, "The managers are just like the players, they just do a different job."

The manager's jobs are hard and the benefits are few, but they are important to the success or failure of the Raider basketball program. Earle said he looks at managers as members of the staff and that the players are expected to treat them with respect.

So the next time you are going to a party at your favorite fraternity or are going to a restaurant to eat after a game, pause and think about these fellows who are working hard back in the dim lights of Murphy Center. Let them know that you appreciate their work.

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# Memphis loss can't stop women's optimism

by Eddie Gossage

This season is just finished, and Raider womens' basketball coach Pat Jones can't wait for the next one to begin.

Her optimism seems justified by the return of almost all of the players who led this year's squad to a 20-5 record.

The season ended for Jones and her team on a disappointing note, as they dropped an 84-68 decision to Memphis State Friday night at the state tournament in Cookeville. The loss was MTSU's second in the double elimination tournament.

Earlier the same day, the Raiders defeated East Tennessee in a close game for their second win in the tourney. The Raiders' final 2-2 tournament record included a win over UT Martin (69-67) and a loss to eventual runner-up Tennessee, 87-66.

The Raiders' 20-5 finish "is the best in the history of the team, but our problem is we lost the ones that really counted," Jones said.

Liz Hannah, the team's leading scorer, suffered a badly sprained ankle against East Tennessee. The junior forward, a two-time junior college all-American, was averaging 17.5 points a game before her injury.

Without Hannah, forward Karen Carter and freshman guard Kathy Riley were Middle's top scorers with 17 points each. Center Pat Amos, a 6-1 freshman, came off the bench to grab 16 rebounds and score 11 points as the other Raider in double figures.

For the Lady Buccaneers, Connie Franklin led all scorers with 18 points, supported by Patty Crowe's 12 points.

In the Memphis State game later Friday, Hannah played only 10 minutes, managing three baskets. The team's loss to the Tigers was watched by more than 1,500, the biggest crowd to view a MTSU women's basketball game this year.

With her team playing to avoid elimination in the tournament and

to a rematch with Tennessee, 6-0 sophomore Sharon McClanahan bagged 19 points to lead the Raiders. The streaking Riley scored 13 points and guard Jan Zitney tallied 10.

Memphis State ace Betty Booker led all scorers in the game with 29 points, while teammate Linda Street contributed 23. MSU's Ethel Cook added 18 points.

McClanahan was named to the

all-tournament team, while Tennessee Tech, defeated once by the Raiders here this year, was named state champions. Tech will go to Memphis to represent Tennessee in the regional playoffs.

The successes of this year leave Jones searching for more players to make her team even better. A top recruit for the Raiders would be a 6-3 or 6-4 center to provide additional inside strength to a team of returning veterans.

## Lady netter hopes are high

by John Bliven

Sandy McMillan is looking for a good season and feels her squad will supply it.

The first year women's tennis coach and ex-Raider netter is optimistic when describing this year's squad.

"We're looking good all-around, we'll do better this year even with our tough schedule," said McMillan, "we don't have a conference like the men do, but we're trying to get it, it's just being organized so it will take some time."

The schedule includes tough teams as UT-Chattanooga, UT-Knoxville, Memphis State, and Vanderbilt to name a few. "I feel Chattanooga will be the toughest," McMillan commented.

The seven player squad will be named this weekend after a round robin tournament is finished. The team had a fall season comprised of warm-ups and practice matches.

McMillan feels Corinne MacDonald, a three year veteran netter to be the top player. "She's a good, all-around player with a steady game, and she uses the experience she has," McMillan said.

The team's first match is at Vanderbilt on March 13 and the first home encounter is with Peabody College on April 8.

During spring break, the team will travel to Florida and take on Columbus College, Stetson University, Florida Tech, and Daytona Community College. "These Flor-

ida schools are really tough, the trip will be excellent practice for us," McMillan said.

On April 1-3, the netters will play in the UT-Martin Collegiate Tournament. "It's a positional type tournament with Martin's number one player going against our number one girl, Martin's number two player against our number two, and so on," McMillan added, "I feel this type play is better than the state tournament because our players don't end up playing each other."

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# Raiders will face Detroit in NCAA

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post-season tournament and the first defeat of the tournament host in the three years of the tourney.

Middle won the tournament it hosted in 1975, and Western turned back all challengers in Bowling Green last year.

Middle Tennessee finished the regular season with a 18-8 record, tied with two other conference teams (Morehead and Murray State) with 9-5 records. Those three teams entered the tournament looking to defeat Austin Peay, the overwhelming favorite with a 13-1 conference finish.

Put aggressive defense and tremendous shooting got the Raiders by Morehead Friday night 92-70, while a flurry of scoring left Murray out of the finals, Peay winning Friday night 82-75.

Before the Middle-Peay tilt on Saturday, Clarksville fans were confident. Middle Tennessee fans, as plentiful and loyal as they were, had lines of worry etched into their faces.

Just 40 minutes of basketball turned the expressions of dread into tears of joy: players, coaches and fans alike.

The 1,500 MTSU fans, who crowded into one corner of Dunn Center and cheered as loud or

louder than thousands of Peay followers, flooded onto the floor to await the presentation of the tourney trophy (a golden basketball).



Bob Martin

They eagerly awaited the announcement of the all-tournament team (Bob Martin, Greg Joyner and Lewis Mack of MTSU; Otis Howard and Ralph Garner of Peay) and of the tourney's Most Valuable Player: Martin of MTSU, the 6-7 190-lb. center who tearfully

admitted after the game that he'd "never really been on a winner before."

He's on one now; a team that faces its biggest challenge in Louisiana against the aptly-named Titans of the Motor City.

An independent with a 24-3 record, they are a fine shooting team led by 6-7 center Terry Tyler (58.3 per cent from the field) and three other starters shooting better than 50 per cent. The fifth starter is the team's leading scorer, 6-5 John Long (20.4 points per game).

Tyler leads the team in rebounding (10.9 rebounds per game).

Detroit lost 104-80 to Minnesota in the second game of the season, then reeled off 21 straight wins before falling 95-88 to tough Duquesne in overtime. The Titans count an upset win over Marquette (a last minute, one point victory) among their impressive win total.

## Grapplers submit in national meet

by Tom Wood

Wrestling coach Gordon Connell could see it coming.

"I knew it would be a tough challenge for our guys," Connell intoned glumly yesterday.

Connell was talking about the Blue Raider matmen's visit to the Midwest Regionals wrestling tourney at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, over the weekend. It was not a pleasant trip.

One might say it was a tougher challenge than MTSU was prepared for.

"We knew it would be a small tournament and after everybody had lost their first match in the opening round, we realized we could stay with them. But it was too late by then," Connell said.

David Buck and Pat Simpson were the only Raiders to place in the meet. Buck earned third place honors and Simpson placed fourth.

"Our guys now know what they can do in the national tournaments, and we will be back," Connell added, looking on the bright side of things.

On an optimistic note, Connell received word over the weekend official notice that MTSU has been selected to host the 1977 Summer Olympic training camp. The camp will run June 26 through August 6 and will feature over 400 of the nation's best wrestlers. All 50 states will be represented in the camp.

"I just can't tell you how excited I am about this," Connell said, forgetting all about the Midwest Regionals.

This is going to be a tremendous plus for our program," Connell noted. "It will mean national exposure for MTSU and the program here."

Connell will be one of the directors of the program as well as one of the instructors.

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