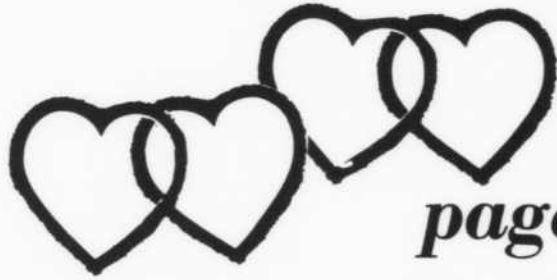




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'Ramrod' resigns position

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU Head Basketball Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson resigned yesterday, complying with a request made earlier in the week by Athletic Director Jimmy Earle.

The resignation came on the heels of Simpson's second straight losing season, as the Blue Raiders compiled a 7-20 record in 1982-83 and an 11-16 mark this season. MTSU completed its season last Saturday with a 68-66 loss to Tennessee Tech.

UPON STEPPING down as

head basketball coach in 1979, Earle recommended Simpson be named the new coach. Simpson had served as an assistant under Earle from 1972-79.

"They first wanted me to resign, but that goes against my whole philosophy of coaching—that's quitting," Simpson said yesterday before meeting with Earle to submit his resignation. "I always said that even if you're down by 30 to never quit, but I realized the professional thing to do was honor the request."

"I understand, regardless of the reason," he added. "In

coaching you understand hiring and firing. I would have hoped it was done a little differently than it was."

SIMPSON SAID an attempt was made earlier in the week to create another position for him within the athletic department, but Earle later told him he could come back for a year to coach golf and teach.

"They said that was a possibility," Simpson said of the proposed created position. "They later told me there wasn't...I don't think that [teaching] would be fair to myself and the situation."

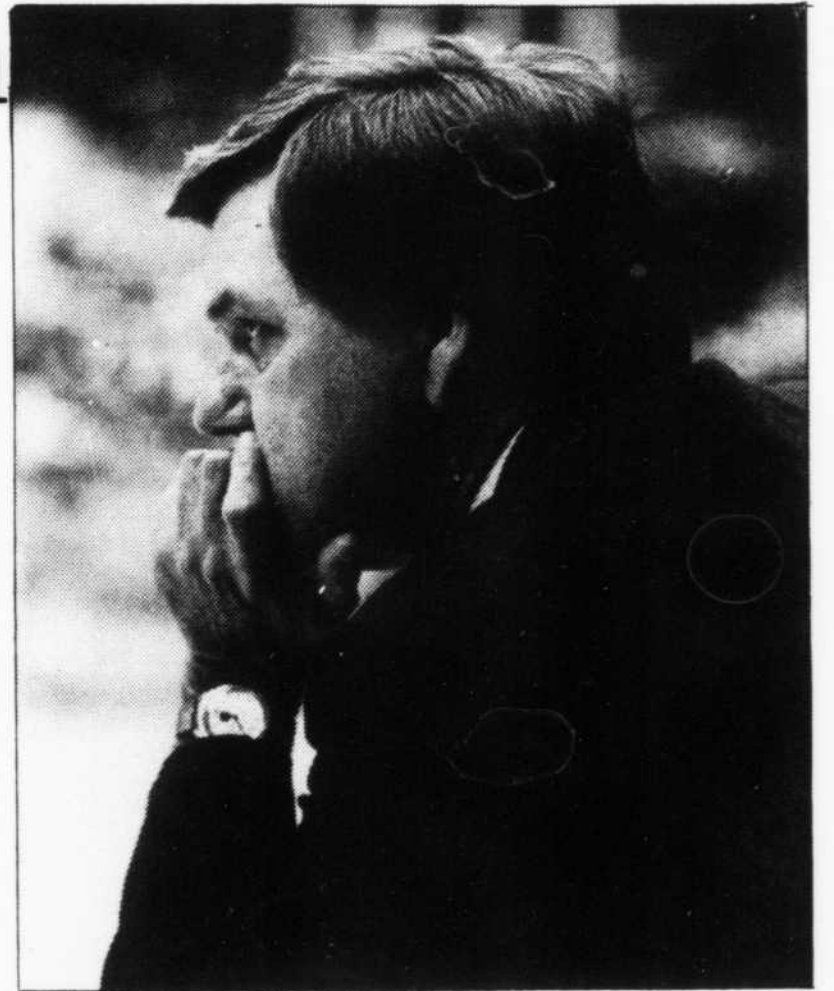
Several names have cir-

culated as a possible successor to Simpson, ranging from University of Tennessee assistant basketball coach Bob Burton and Alabama assistant Benny Dees to Murfreesboro's Oakland High School Coach Dickie Thomas, whose Patriots are currently the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

THERE WERE EVEN rumors that Earle would take the vacated spot, but he said yesterday he would not take the position. He added that he hopes a new coach will be hired by the first week of April.

"Stan Simpson has devoted 12 years of his life to the university and our basketball program," Earle said. "The many successes have been due in a large part to Stan Simpson. The people of Murfreesboro and the university and Blue Raider basketball fans everywhere should be indebted to him for his work."

Simpson said in yesterday's edition of the Nashville *Tennessean* that he had not decided if he would comply



Stan "Ramrod" Simpson

with Earle's request, adding "I don't think it shows much class on the part of the school."

HE FURTHER blasted Earle

and the administration, saying "I'm not going to make it easy for them."

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Student input needed

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines News Editor

Getting more students involved in the ASB is something this spring's presidential candidates have in common.

Mark Miller, current ASB chief of staff, said Tuesday that his broad experiences as an MTSU student will enable him, if elected, to communicate with the student body and get more people involved.

"I KNOW THE students' experiences—there are few I haven't experienced. And I consider myself a motivator," Miller said.

Miller's campus involvement includes a term as Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity president, four years as a scholarship golfer, two consecutive terms under two different administrations as ASB attorney general and one year as ASB President Mark Ross' chief of staff.

But Miller's opponent, Edward Brawner, a junior English major from Nashville, said he, too, would be able to get more students involved

in student government.

"I know a lot of folks and that should make up for my lack of experience," he said.

Miller, however, said that he feels his ASB experience would be an advantage if elected.

HAVING SERVED under three different

presidents—Mike Williams, David Kessler and Ross—Miller has seen the ASB of- fice operate both in an administrative capacity as attorney general and in an administrative position in his present post.

"I know how

the office runs. And it sure helps to not have to go through a learning process. I already know what to do and who to see—the whole 10 yards," he continued.

Miller said his election would lend to the ASB president's office a much-needed sense of continuity that is impossible to achieve when incoming administrations "make a 180-degree turn" when they come into office.

"WHERE DOES THAT [frequent policy changes] leave the office of ASB president?"

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Mark Miller



Edward Brawner

Tanner media library given to mass comm

By DEBORAH LILLY
Sidelines Staff Writer

Media General Broadcast Services, in association with WMTS-Radio, donated a \$5,000 complete production library to MTSU's mass communications department last week, Dennis Oneal, coordinator of the radio/tv/film sequence, said.

The donation of the 200-album Tanner library, an "extensive collection" of sound effects, music production and commercial spots, came as a "complete surprise," Oneal said.

"I WAS SHOCKED. I don't even know of anyone who has had one," he said, explaining that these libraries are normally only leased out by the company.

Media General donated the library to MTSU on the condition that it would be used for non-profit purposes.

John McCreery, general manager and owner of WMTS, made last week's presentation to MTSU on behalf of Media General.



OVC champs!

Photo by Mike Poley

Slammin' and jammin' pays off, as the Lady Raiders learned Wednesday night while celebrating their OVC championship victory over Tennessee Tech. See page eight for the story.

Sen. speaker campaigns begin

By JOHN-PAUL ABNER
Sidelines Staff Writer

All candidates for ASB senate speaker—current speaker Chris Moosher, Alonzo "Lonnie" Jarrett and Richard McClary—want more student input into the ASB.

Jarrett's experience in the ASB includes serving as a freshman senator and occupying a seat in the house of representatives. He has also served as chaplain for the Black Student Association.

"I THINK THE ASB has gotten away from the students

and the students have gotten away from the ASB. I'd like to bring them back together again," Jarrett said this week.

McClary has served in different capacities in Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, including such positions as treasurer, manager and social chairman.

"I'd like to get the students more involved and get more student input into the ASB," McClary said.

MOOSHER HAS been involved with the ASB since he entered MTSU. Having served as a sophomore and junior

senator, he was elected speaker pro tem of the senate last semester. He took over as senate speaker this semester when Ron Malone did not return to school.

Legislation Moosher has drafted during his senate tenure include a resolution requesting that the bookstore print its buying and selling policies in *Sidelines* and a resolution requesting that MTSU adopt a standardized textbook policy.

If elected Moosher intends to pursue legislation to light the

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WMOT week-long phone-a-thon opens

By LARRY PAREIGIS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Editor's note: this is the last installment in a series on campus radio.

WMOT-FM programs a jazz, news and public affairs format because of the limited space available on the dial, John High, director of broadcasting and general manager, said.

The National Public Radio affiliate on campus kicks off its semi-annual phone-a-thon today. High credited the increase in listener contributions to a "public acceptance and satisfaction" with the format as it stands.

"SINCE THERE are 55 commercial stations, five full-service public radio stations, and several other college stations available to the Nashville listener, we can't afford not to provide a consistent format because of the limited spectrum space," High said.

When High became director of broadcasting and general

manager in 1977, WMOT was programming a "block" format, which means playing different types of music or programs at different times of the day rather than using a single, unified programming approach.

High and his staff then analyzed the Nashville market to find out what openings existed for a format that could be consistently programmed, both to offset budget cuts to maintain the operation as it stood and to grow by increasing private contributions to the station to "decrease the draw" on the MTSU budget.

"THE STATIONS were doing fine arts, classical, religious or rock music, so the decision was made to go with jazz," High said.

According to a 1982-1983 outline of actual expenditures, MTSU contributed 73 percent, or \$115,600, to the total of \$159,354.

Private contributions have grown over the past several years from less than 1 percent

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Campus Capsule

TODAY

THREE KYOGEN, JAPANESE folk plays, will be presented in the Arena Theatre of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building today and Saturday at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Japan Center of Tennessee and the speech and theatre department, the one-act comic plays are directed by theatre major Jack Pennington. Professor Kimiko Gunji of the School of Art and Design at the University of Illinois at Champaign has assisted the production with make-up, body movements and speech patterns. Ninian Haley of the Japan Center staff is assisting the group. Admission is \$2. MTSU students with valid IDs will be admitted at no cost.

TODAY IS THE deadline to turn in applications for the social work courses Beginning Fieldwork and Special Projects (for the fall semester). Students must be juniors and have taken Social Exchange Skills to be eligible for Beginning Fieldwork. Special Projects must be cleared with the instructor prior to enrollment. Applications are available in Room 309 at Peck Hall.

SUNDAY

RUN FOR WOMEN registration begins at 12:45 in front of the swimming pool. Entry fees are \$3 for the five-kilometer run and \$1 for the one-mile run for fun. Entry fees go toward first, second and third place prizes. For more information contact Mary Belle Ginanni at 898-2116.

TUESDAY

THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY Association for Children with Learning Disabilities will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic, 1009 N. Highland. For more information, contact Mary Ann Baccari, president, at 893-5331, or J. Smith (after 5 p.m.) at 893-5798.

APPLICATIONS FOR Student Orientation Assistant are due today. Applications can be picked up in Dean Judy Smith's office. For more information call 898-2808.

THE PSI CHI HONOR Society and the Psychology Club will meet at 4 p.m. in Room 309 of the University Center. Dr. Littlepage will speak on group interactions.

WEDNESDAY

CAMPUS INTERVIEWS for summer employment with the Cumberland Valley Girl Scout Council will take place today from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For additional information contact the Placement Office in Room 328 of the University Center.

THURSDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY green and white carnations are being sold by Omega Phi Alpha, a service sorority, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the basement of the University Center.

NOTICES

IN PREPARATION FOR the March 14 noon Honors lecture on "The American Detective," interested students should view the classic film, *The Maltese Falcon*, in the Honors Center at one of these times: Monday, March 12, at 4 p.m.; Tuesday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The lecture and film are free and open to the public.

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN MTSU's scuba diving class and would like a check-out dive in Florida on March 17-18, contact Jim Chandler at 890-8638 or leave your phone number in Box 7405 by March 12.

LEARN EFFECTIVE STUDY skills and stress management by attending one of two workshops available free to MTSU students with valid IDs. The sessions are scheduled from 2-4 p.m. on Monday, March 26, and Tuesday, March 27, in Room 318 of the University Center. To register for one of the sessions, visit or call the Guidance and Counseling Center in Room 329 in the UC (898-2967) or the Office of Minority Affairs in Room 124 of the UC (898-2987) by March 16.

Coach

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Yesterday, however, Simpson said he would resign quietly.

"I always try to think I've had a little class and dignity and I don't want to throw any mud," he said. "I'll never get involved in that kind of thing. I'll survive without it."

SIMPSON'S CAREER reached its peak during the 1981-82 season, when his team compiled a 22-8 record, pulling a stunning 50-44 upset over Kentucky in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Blue Raiders bowed out

in their next game to Louisville, who advanced to the Final Four. Since that loss, MTSU's record has plummeted to 18-36. Simpson's career collegiate record is 71-66.

"I've been in coaching 23 years and had never come close to this type of situation," Simpson said. "Most people say in a situation like this that you learn who your friends are. I've learned *what* my friends are."

REPORTS THAT SIMPSON would be fired circulated as the season entered its second half, when the team's play was

continued to be marked by inconsistency.

"I look at it this way: two years ago we had had a tremendous season," Simpson said. "We were 53-30 [after three years as head coach]. We had graduated all that team."

"We had tried to rebuild against unsurmountable odds, and we've gone through two years of suffering and growing pains," he added. "I think our club has shown progress and they're ready to turn the corner. Those things right there make it seem unfair."

Seigenthaler, Moore to debate

John Seigenthaler, president and publisher of *The Tennessean* and editorial editor of *USA Today*, will be at the Grill annex at 11:30 today to debate retired Gen. William Moore.

The MTSU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi is sponsoring the discussion of press access to military operations such as the Grenada

invasion.

SEIGENTHALER TESTIFIED on this topic in February before a Pentagon commission examining the exclusion of the press during the Grenada invasion.

"What we are asking for is access, not advance notice about covert military operations," Seigenthaler reportedly told the com-

mission. "The history of our country from the Revolutionary War to the present leaves no doubt the press can be trusted."

Gen. Moore, who will present a military view of the press, retired in 1979 after 38 years in the service. His last position was Commander in Chief of the Military Airlift in Illinois.

WMOT

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to 4 percent (\$6,540 in the 1982-1983 outline), High said, and "given the right set of circumstances, the radio station should be able to raise a fair amount of resources."

"FAINT STABS AT a format direction will not cultivate a fundraising base or a solid audience, which go together."

Funding for the rest of the expenditures from 1982-1983—23 percent or \$37,214—came from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

That differs from the National Public Radio network, which is the program distribution system that enables WMOT to broadcast "All Things Considered," "Morning Edition," "Horizons," "Let's Hear It" and an "occasional radio drama or jazz special," Development Coordinator Kate Chadwick said.

THE STATION will be dropping "Jazz Alive" from the line-up at the end of the month because "the network is just repackaging the same programs over and over," Chadwick said.

For NPR's yearly fee, it does not offer a lot of support for jazz since it was primarily designed for classical programming, Chadwick said, "but" news and public affairs programming are an important part of our broadcast day, and the NPR programs we carry are the best in their fields."

Both Chadwick and High attribute the decreasing quality of programs offered by NPR (except for the ones currently carried by WMOT and classical programs, according to Chadwick) to budgetary difficulties at the national level that nearly forced the broadcasting giant into bankruptcy last year, but WMOT felt economic constraints earlier.

"In 1981, we lost one paid position [producer] in the news department, so we are down to one producer and one news director besides the eight qualified broadcasters and one clerical position on the staff," High said.

The fundraiser for WMOT will last through March 18.

Sen.

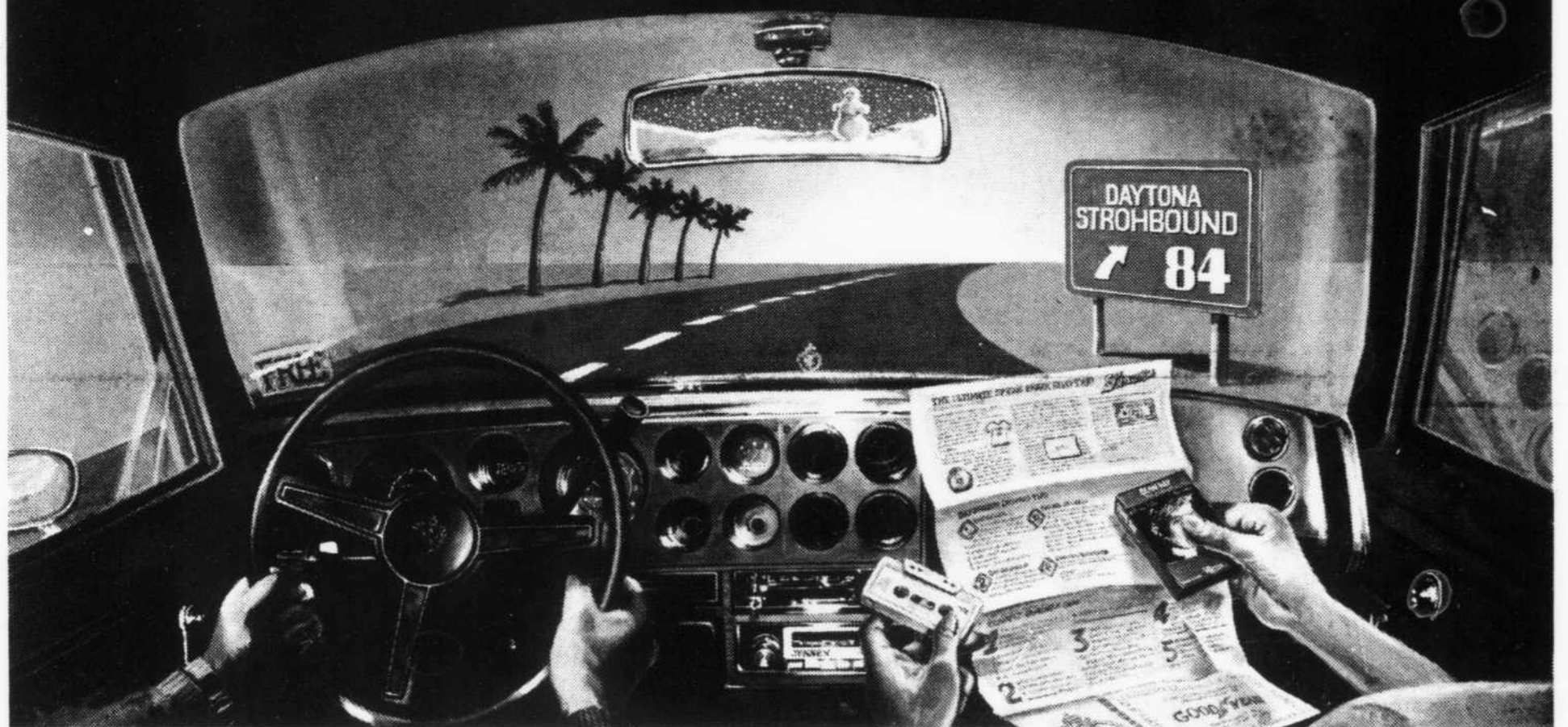
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intramural fields, to research a pre-registration program for MTSU, and to revamp a bill, recently defeated by the senate, requiring senators to hold forums with their classes.

McCLARY SAID HE has no definite legislative plans, although he would like to get student ideas by sending letters to organizations and "just talking to students around campus."

Jarrett had no comment yesterday about legislation he might propose or support should he be elected.

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Students

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"I mean, in the 1st year we've gone from a frisbe golf course to an emergency student loan fund," he said, referring to the pet projects of the Kessler and Ross administrations.

He added that although his ideas are not all "ditto Mark Ross," he would like to build on the things Ross' administration has accomplished.

For example, Miller hopes to see the student discount card and the emergency student loan fund continued.

"IT WOULD ONLY take one year of a poor administration for all that hard work to be dissolved," he said.

If elected, Brawner said he would also like to build on the past year's accomplishments.

"I definitely would carry on the emergency student loan fund," he said. "That's been the best thing on this campus in a long time."

BUT BRAWNER HAS some new goals, as well, including encouraging more weekend activity on campus.

"I'm tired of seeing parking lots empty on weekends," he explained.

Brawner, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity said he is glad to see a member of the Greek system become president, whether the winner of the March 14-15 election is himself or Miller, who is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

"HAVING A GREEK president will give us [the Inter-Fraternity Council] a definite plus. It will show that some in the Greek system do have a little intellect," he said.

Brawner added, however, that his campaign is not geared solely to fraternity and sorority members.

"I won't be wearing my Greek letters during the campaign," he said.

The pair will speak in the Grill Monday a noon in an ASB-sponsored forum, during which students may question the candidates.

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Graduate teaching assistant Susan Whitley, left, and GTA Barbara Norris warm up for Sunday's five-kilometer and one-mile runs in observance of National Women's History Week. The mile run begins promptly at 2 p.m., and the 5K run follows.

'Greek Week' to begin

By KEVIN CRUZE
Sidelines Staff Writer

All proceeds from the upcoming Greek Week activities will go toward the Emergency Student Loan Fund, Cannon Mayes, Inter-Fraternity Council president, said this week.

Greek Week, which begins Monday, is co-sponsored by the IFC and Panhellenic Council to highlight Greek life on

campus and to let non-Greeks participate with members of the Greek system.

"WE WANT TO involve the whole campus," Mayes said.

The week's main event will be a drawing Friday night at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house for an all-expense-paid trip to Acapulco. The \$5 tickets for the drawing will be sold in the basement of the University Center Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Week concludes:

Run for Women

By BARBARA BROWN
Sidelines Staff Writer

A five-kilometer (3.1 mile) and a one-mile run for women will cap off National Women's History Week activities here Sunday at 2 p.m. and is open to all women, both serious and "fun" runners.

"This will be the first time we have done this in connection with the Women's National History Week," said Mary Belle Ginanni, assistant professor in physical education, who is coordinating the run. "It is open to any women interested, and we hope it will become a tradition."

REGISTRATION FOR the two races will begin Sunday at 12:45 p.m. in front of the swimming pool building near Murphy Center. There will be an entry fee of \$3 for the five-

kilometer run and \$1 for the one-mile "fun run."

The five-K race will follow the 2 p.m. "fun run."

Entry fees will go toward prizes for first, second and third place winners in both runs, Ginanni explained. The race is not a fund-raising event.

"We would like to encourage all women, especially people on campus, to become involved and encourage others to run since this is the initial National Women's History Week run for women," she said. "Even if people go home for the weekend, they could come back by 2 p.m. on Sunday to participate."

The course for the run will be on MTSU's campus and will not be a difficult one, Ginanni said. There will be people along the route during the race who will be responsible for controlling traffic.

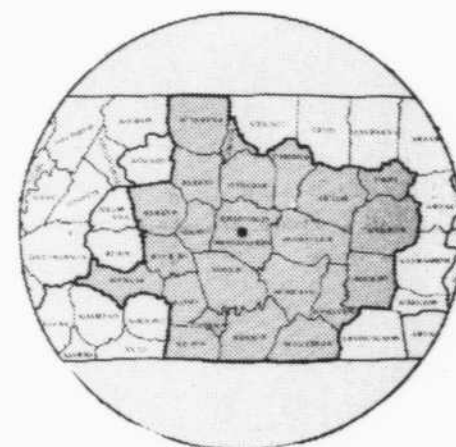


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Hart's popularity not surprising

It seems like only yesterday that Gary Hart was a political unknown, but in the wake of his stunning ascension to the top in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, he has suddenly become the focus of a phenomenal amount of interest from press and public alike.

Hart's second place finish in Iowa was mildly surprising, but his string of wins in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont really shouldn't surprise anyone who has been following the race very closely. Walter Mondale's strength among the Democratic rank and file has always been shaky. All it took to bring on a mass exodus from the Mondale camp was the emergence of a real alternative from the crowded quagmire of Democratic hopefuls—and evidently many Democrats believe that Hart is that alternative.

While Hart's views don't differ dramatically from Mondale on most major issues, as always voters are responding to images—not issues. Hart is perceived as youthful, energetic and exciting, while Mondale is seen as a dull,

stodgy, "old guard" party man. Hart inspires genuine enthusiasm from the public, while Mondale soberly declares "I am what I am, what you see is what you get."

While the true extent of Hart's strength is still in doubt, this Tuesday's round of nine primaries—a "Super Tuesday" which promises to live up to its billing—should go a long way toward clearing up the question of his legitimacy as a candidate, particularly since many of these states lie in the South where Hart's chances are very much up in the air.

Hart may still be a political unknown to many, but with Mondale sounding more and more like a man desperately trying to salvage his candidacy, Tip O'Neill calling Hart the "front-runner," and a recent *Newsweek* poll showing Hart's popularity at 46 percent to Reagan's 49 percent (in the same poll Mondale managed only 42 percent to Reagan's 54 percent), Hart is looking more and more like the beneficiary of the same kind of political groundswell that one Jimmy Carter rode to the nomination not so many years ago.

Actor's safety up in smoke?

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines News Editor

Los Angeles fire officials say that, in light of singer Michael Jackson's recent accident and director John Landis' trial, stricter regulations on the movie industry's use of special effects explosives may be needed. They have the right idea.

Jackson was injured Jan. 27 during the filming of a *Pepsi* commercial when sparks from a special effects explosion accidentally set his hair ablaze. He received second- and third-degree burns and may require some reconstructive surgery.

Landis is in an even more serious predicament. Along with four others, he faces manslaughter charges in the July 1982 deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children during the making of *The Twilight Zone*. The actors were killed when debris from yet another special effects explosion severed the tail rotor blade of the helicopter in

which they were riding, causing it to burst into flames.

One might think that movie producers and television executives would learn from these tragic incidents that the realism for which they strive in producing elaborate special effects is not worth the risk of injuring actors, crew members or the public. But this seems not to be the case. Recently producers of *The A-Team*, NBC's "smash-em-up" hit, announced that a van containing explosives for an upcoming episode had been stolen. Although the van did not contain enough explosives "to start a war," according to police, the public has been warned that the van may explode.

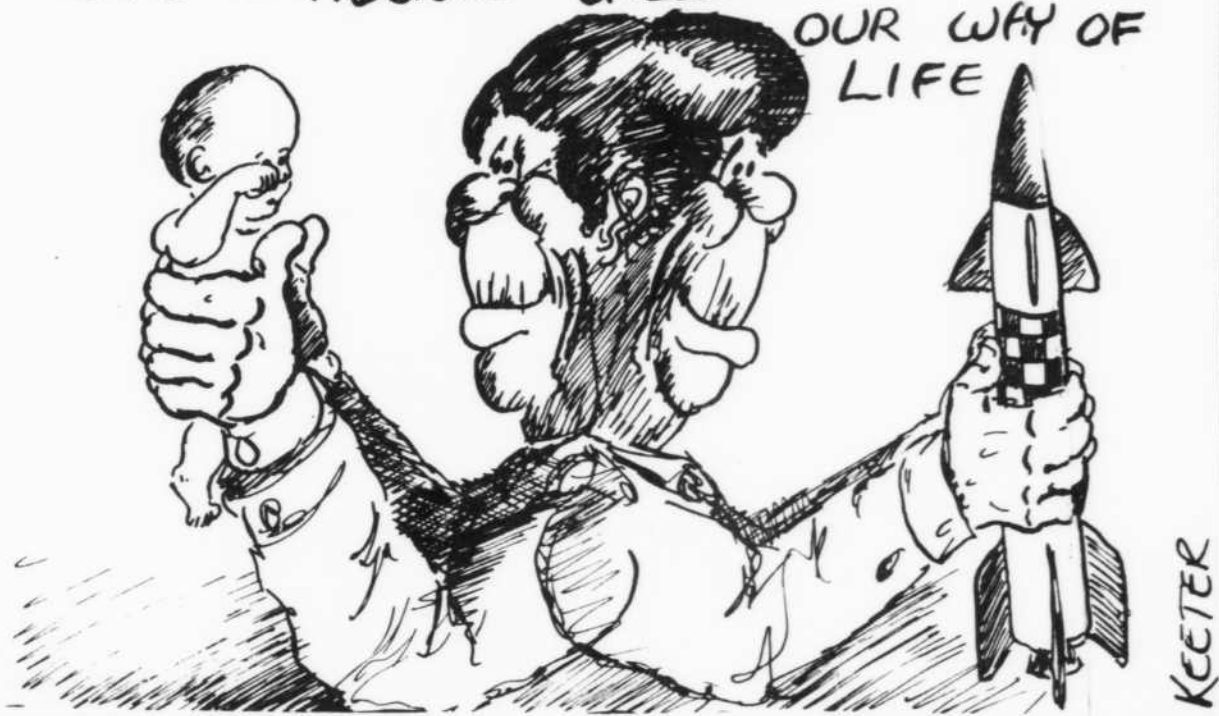
What is the justification for placing people, particularly the innocent public, in such danger? Perhaps these producers believe they are making what the people want to see, and after looking at Nielsen ratings and box-office results, few could blame them

for drawing that conclusion. *The A-Team* which has been consistently in the top 10 this season and movies like *Star Wars* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark* which utilized spectacular and sometimes potentially dangerous effects, were blockbusters.

But is the public really aware of the danger involved in staging the fiery explosions and magnificent crashes they seem to enjoy watching so much? Perhaps such knowledge will come from the recent tragedies. Perhaps that knowledge will lead to such a great outcry that producers will have little choice but to tone down, if not eliminate entirely, these grand productions.

Irregardless, the ultimate responsibility for preventing similar incidents from happening lies with the movie and television producers. They must decide if having the most spectacular stunts and special effects is worth the cost of human life and limb.

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Anti-abortion views challenged

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Sidelines Columnist

English statesman Benjamin Disraeli once commented that "a conservative government is an organized hypocrisy." Nowhere is the truth of this statement more apparent than in the abortion debate.

Conservatives, who would outlaw most types of abortions and some types of contraceptives, argue that human life begins at conception and consequently deserves government protection. The language used by these people is highly emotional; thus, their reasoning is often left unchallenged.

Of course, you may choose to accept the anti-abortion position, but you must be prepared to assume the logical consequences of that belief.

Could you, for example, tell a distraught woman who has learned she is pregnant as a result of a rape that she must give birth to the child of her attacker?

In arguing for laws making abortions illegal, conservatives usually rant that the fetus is a human being and abortion is murder. But they abandon their rhetoric when questioned about the victims of rape or incest and say they would allow abortion in such cases.

But if you really believe that an embryo is a human being from the point of conception, you cannot escape the conclusion that even the unborn child produced by a rape or by incest is also human and equally deserving of protection. Sure, it is conceived under unfortunate circumstances. But do we murder the children of prostitutes because they were born in less

than ideal conditions?

Therefore, if you wish to be consistent, you must be willing to force rape and incest victims to suffer this indignation.

Similarly, most "pro-lifers" do not realize that their position might prohibit doctors from using abortion when the birth might endanger the mother's life.

Why? Because if the fetus is indeed a human from conception, how can members of the medical profession decide which life to extinguish. It is for this reason that the American Medical Association has opposed the anti-abortion amendment.

President Reagan has also revived an ancient and debatable argument that aborted fetuses experience "slow and agonizing pain" during the process. But if his concern for the pain experienced by aborted fetuses were more than election-year pontification, he would remedy the abhorrent conditions which face the American children as a result of his conservative policies.

According to the Children's Defense Fund, a nonpartisan lobbying group for children, under this "right-to-life" president, \$10 billion has been cut every year from federal health, nutrition, education, child care and family support programs. Of course, Reagan wanted to cut more, but was unable to convince Congress.

Between 1979 and 1982, America's children fell into poverty at a rate of about 3,000 more each day. Infant mortality rates are rising, especially among minorities, because of a lack of prenatal care for poor women.

Until Reagan changes his

domestic policy of favoring bombs over health care for those poor women who want healthy children, his statements of concern for the fetus will be devoid of any meaning.

Likewise, President Reagan and other right-wingers argue that abortions should be outlawed until it can be proven conclusively that the fetus is not a human being. But would our illustrious leader be willing to apply the same standard to big business?

For example, scientists have determined that some drugs and chemical processes may cause cancer in humans. Yet, in such cases, pro-business conservative alter their stance on human life and say business should go on until it is proven conclusively that the products are killing people.

Does human life become less valuable when the money of big business is involved?

Along the same lines, while conservatives are reaching the value of human life, many are advocating capital punishment and a build-up of nuclear weapons.

Thus, when the overall conservative position is analyzed, the didactic declarations that abortion is the murder of human life is shown to be little more than election-year hyperbole.

In fact, most experts agree that science will never be able to make any determinations about when human life begins. Without such precise guidelines, abortion is and always will be a moral decision.

Morality is not a matter for government decision. Abortion must remain a decision for the woman and her conscience.

From Our Readers

Ingram 'on target' in ed. opposition

To the editor:

The *Tennessean* (1 March 1984) recently contained a front page article which discussed Gov. Alexander's Centers of Excellence program for higher education, and Dr. Ingram's opposition to this program. How fortunate is MTSU to claim a president who will stand up against the current vogue in education that mandates "a university education is not for everybody."

Dr. Ingram is on target. We cannot trust the "intellectually elite" to make the right decisions concerning our future. History has proven that the bourgeoisie intellectuals alone cannot prevent world tragedy. The general public needs to be capable of making intelligent, informed decisions. The uneducated cannot solve world hunger, political apathy, problems of technological innovation or the nuclear arms dilemma. The uneducated are good for one purpose—manipulation.

The Centers of Excellence program is flawed. The concept of higher education

should be a well-rounded one. It is a great error to foster one or two super departments, while letting the others become ill funded and inferior. The university as a whole is only as strong as its weakest department.

The state universities were established on the land grant basis. This program was specifically designed to educate the inhabitants of that state as inexpensively and as regionally as possible. The needs and desires of their students to remain in their own regions and communities were recognized. MTSU was founded according to such principles. Any person who is able to meet the financial and academic obligations of the University is entitled to an education. We do not need gubernatorial pre-election.

I am encouraged that Dr. Ingram believes in the foundations and traditions of MTSU. I salute him for his courage and urge the students of MTSU to support his stance. Thank you.

Tracy Jo Goodson
Box 1993

P.S.—I read the article in *Sidelines* concerning this matter after I had written this letter. Good work!

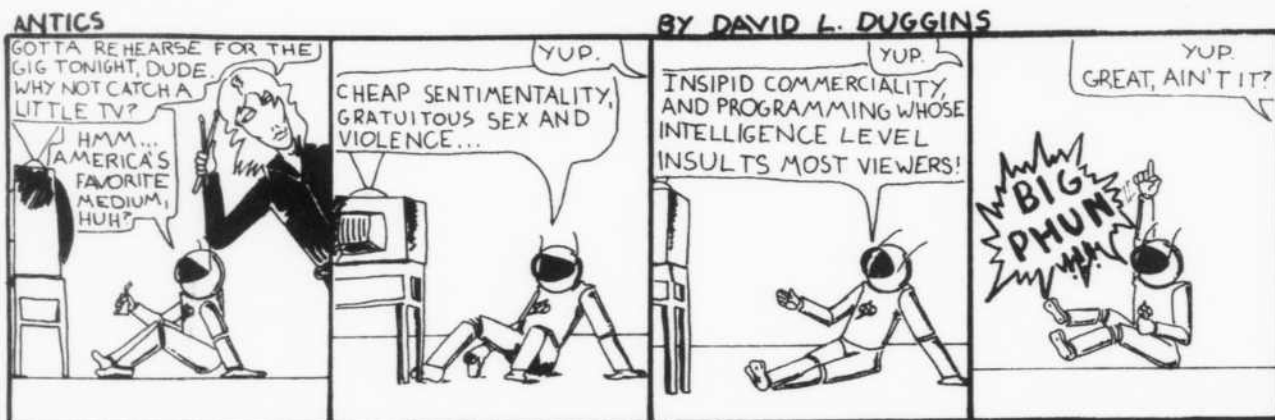
Kappa Delta Pres. thanks supporters of dance-a-thon for child abuse

To the editor:

On behalf of Kappa Delta sorority, would like to thank all of those people who helped make our dance-a-thon for child abuse a success. It is really great when so many different students and clubs on campus put together to help each other. It is so important that, as members of different clubs, we try to help each other by supporting other organizations—whether it be by raffles, fundraisers, philanthropy projects, social activities, etc. We all, at one time or another, have tried to raise money for some purpose we feel important, and it feels great to know there are people out there who care and are willing to help again. KD and the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse thanks you for your support.

Melanie Ivenport,
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Friday Funnies



Health problems not imagined

By BARBARA BROWN
Sidelines Staff Writer

Health problems unique to women have been slow to receive sufficient interest and research from the established medical community, a Murfreesboro physician said during Tuesday's "Women and Health" seminar, held as part of National Women's History Week.

And too often common problems have been relegated to the sufferer's imagination, Susan Andrews said.

PRE-MENSTRUAL syndrome, also referred to in the past as "pre-menstrual intoxication" and "witch syndrome," is something many women experience, at least to a moderate degree, Andrews said, but too many male physicians and women who do not experience the symptoms

have denied its true existence.

The family practitioner said she went "all the way through medical school and three years of residency without hearing anything about PMS.

"It is just not taught in conventional settings."

AS MANY AS 30 percent of all women in the childbearing ages and about 50 percent of women in their 40s experience such symptoms as cramps, headaches, weight swings, water retention and depression, she explained. Symptoms can last from three to four days to two weeks out of every month and can be severe enough to be disabling.

Andrews cited an extreme example of the effects of PMS by describing how two women were able to use it as a defense in a murder trial in England to get the charges reduced from murder to manslaughter.

effective include vitamin B-6, diuretics, reducing one's salt and sugar intake, taking small and frequent meals and getting exercise, Andrews said.

BUT NO TREATMENT has yet been found that works absolutely for everyone. In the past, treatments have included such extreme measures as radiation of the ovaries and surgery to cut the nerves to the uterus.

The main research being conducted on this aspect of women's health now is being done by a woman, she explained, adding that "if men had gotten cramps we would have found the cause and a cure for this much sooner."

Many other problems women experience have also been ignored by the established medical community including menopause and complications with pregnancies and nursing, Andrews said.

Print media in decline: Egerton

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

"Our days are numbered for putting words on paper," freelance writer John Egerton, author of the recently published *Generations*, told liberal arts faculty and administration members Tuesday.

Egerton's remarks about the "perils of words in print" came at a reception honoring those members of the liberal arts

department who have published books in the last five years.

"NEWSPAPERS ARE in decline, magazines and books are declining," he said, "and TV is in the ascendancy. Technology has affected writing as a profession.

"I'm the only person I know that doesn't use a word processor," he said, adding that he still works with an old Royal manual typewriter and is waiting for the day that

would qualify him as "an eccentric."

Regardless of his feelings about the writing market, Egerton does not discourage aspiring writers. He said people should do what "gives them pleasure," and not quit because they've "been rejected by teachers, editors or publishers."

"If you get tired and say, 'I quit,' that's part of life," he said, "but don't let anyone else make that decision for you."

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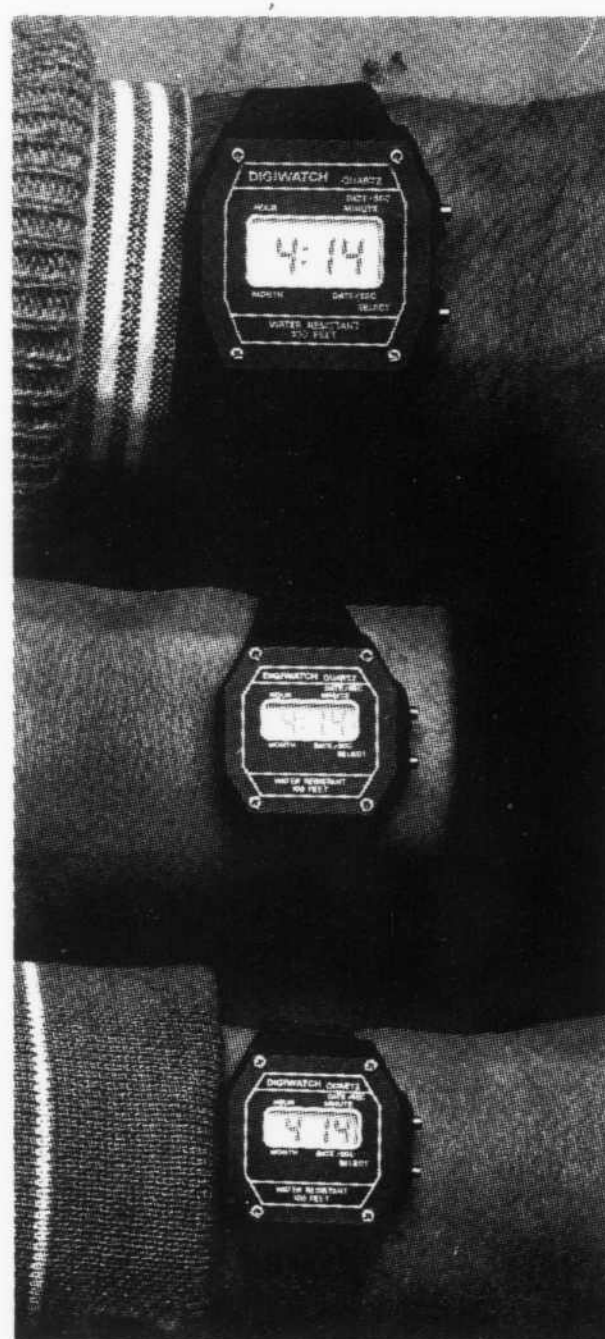
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Shire of Lindenhoff relives middle ages in '84



Lady Gwynyn of Gladenfeld and Sir Cipriano di Aluarze of Iran Mountain pause momentarily in their merry-making

By TIM BOYCE
Special to Sidelines

How would you react if you were told there are people on campus who dress up in medieval costumes and call themselves kings, queens, seneschals and knights marshal?

There actually is a group at MTSU who dress this way. They constitute the Shire of Lindenhoff, an organization that became officially recognized by MTSU in January.

The Shire of Lindenhoff is made up of 10 people who enjoy reliving the Middle Ages. Men dress in armor with battle

gear and ladies wear long, immaculate dresses.

Not only do they enjoy reliving the Middle Ages, but they do research about that period. It consists of finding information on the Middle Ages and trying to better understand the living standards of the medieval period.

"It becomes a living experience," explains Kate Chadwick, developer of the Shire of Lindenhoff.

"We do for the Middle Ages what foreign language clubs do by sending students to foreign countries."



Waving their "swords" and carrying shields, a grand melee ensues among the Shire of Lindenhoff members at the 100 Oaks Manor in Nashville.

Photos courtesy Kate Chadwick

Shire members recreate the things that happened in the Middle Ages as accurately as possible.

One activity of the organization is demonstrations. One type of demonstration, called a tournament, may be described as a mini-fighting match between members of the organization. The members put on their armor and actually engage in hand-to-hand combat using shields and swords. A scorekeeper, called the herald, oversees the battle. The demonstration imitates the Shire's fighting to the fighting of the medieval period.

But you need not worry; it's not likely anyone will be hurt because the broad swords do not have edges for reasons of safety.

Other activities of the

organization are more tranquil. Activities such as medieval cookie baking, madrigal dinners, and explanations of the origins of medieval dress for home economics classes are ways they share their interests in the period.

I always wanted to play knights and armor...

"We even give presentations on the origins of armor to ROTC classes," Chadwick notes.

Why would someone be interested in joining the Shire of Lindenhoff?

"I always wanted to play knights and armor when I was young and to rescue a damsel in distress," explains Joe Estes, Seneschal of the organization.

"As I became older, I began to have a need to be in an organization that could fulfill my interest in the period."

As with any organization, there are membership requirements. One of the most important is that you be interested in history between the years of 650-1650 A.D.

Members pay dues which are used to publish newsletters and rent rooms for weekly meetings. The dues go to fund membership in a national organization, The Society for Creative Anachronism, which oversees the individual shires.

The SCA requires that each organization have five officers to be recognized as an individual shire. MTSU's officers include: Joe Estes, Seneschal and Knight Marshal; Vince Buwalba, Minister of Science; Rhonda Jennings, Chronicler and Historian; Robert Ball,

Reeve; and Kate Chadwick, Churgeon and Minister of Art.

A more unusual requirement relates to the renaming of the members. Each member must do research and find and adopt a name that was used during the medieval period.

"When I walk into a Shire of Lindenhoff meeting I am no longer Kate Chadwick, I become Lady Gisela Kientzheim von Drakenwald," she explains.

This character transition is one of only a few requirements considering "it's the most fun you will ever have to work at having," explains Michael Ash, one of the members.

The next time a friend tells you he has observed something a little out of the ordinary give him the benefit of the doubt. Ask him if he happened to hear the Shire of Lindenhoff mentioned!



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Wearing their period costumes, Sir Mikail Askon of Tullahoma, in white, jousts Lord Bartholemieux of the Rock, also known as the "spider slayer."

Oppressive attitudes cut loose in 'Footloose'

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

At first glance, *Footloose* seems to contain many of the same elements as many teen "giggle-flicks," like *Porky's I & II*.

There's a host of rebellious youth, led by Chicagooan Ren McCormick (Kevin Bacon), and a group of stifling, oppressive adults led by fundamentalist preacher Shaw Moore (John Lithgow).

McCORMICK MOVES to Beaumont, Utah, the small western town in which *Footloose* is set, and his city-bred tastes and appearance immediately set him apart from the local crowd.

The city commission has banned dancing and rock music as a result of five tragic deaths of local teens, one of which is the preacher's son, in an automobile accident five years earlier. Predictably, McCormick comes into conflict with the community's unbelievably oppressive attitudes, and *Footloose* deals mainly with Ren's efforts to loosen the town's strangling morality.

The difference between *Footloose* and typical teen movies is apparent about halfway through the movie. Excellent acting and a believable plot lend credence

to the somewhat unrealistic setting. There are no shrill psychotics taking pot-shots at stereotypical adults; *Footloose* concentrates on human relationships. Even the obligatory nudity scene is different: the only naked buns are male.

REN THINKS ABOUT his action and doesn't let his emotions control him. His love interest, the preacher's daughter, played by *Fame*'s Lori Singer, is a genuine small-town girl struggling dangerously to break the mold both her father and the high school kids have cast for her.

And John Lithgow, veteran of movies such as the *The World According to Garp*, manages to portray the Reverend Moore as someone more human than the Ernest Angles/Jim Bakker dummy found in so many contemporary films. Moore is a multi-dimensional and human preacher, capable of true concern for the spiritual well-being of the people in his town.

The *Footloose* theme song, performed by Kenny Loggins, gives a good indication of the energy level of the movie. Unlike *Flashdance*, however, the soundtrack augments the film, not the other way around. And speaking of

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Flashdance, there's no polished choreography; the dancing is the result of high-spirited youthful enthusiasm. Bacon is more gymnast than dancer, even in his "solo" midway through the movie.

Footloose probably won't attain cult status and may never be called a classic, but as a nice (not boring) warm movie which'll make people feel good about people, it's a huge success. Definitely worth four bucks.

Blame It On Rio Rated 'R'

Blame It On Rio is a lusciously photographed tour of both Rio de Janeiro's geographical and human attractions, and features veteran actors Michael Caine and Valerie Harper ("Rhoda"), as well as newcomer Michelle Johnson.

The Caine and Harper characters are married to one another, and when wife Harper pulls out of a long-planned vacation to Rio to take a solo trip, the stage is set for hubby and his best friend's daughter (Michelle Johnson) to have an affair.

CARRIED AWAY BY the

blatant, easy-going sexuality of the island lifestyle, and left alone by his womanizing buddy, Caine finds himself seduced by the 17-year-old on a secluded beach, after a South American wedding in which the guests fight and hit the ocean. After seeing Johnson nude, it's easy to see why any man might fall from the straight and narrow. One reviewer says Johnson is another "Brooke Shields, only curvier."

As one may have guessed, *Blame It On Rio* is full of nudity and sex and deals mainly with the consequences—many of which are hilariously funny—of the May-December romance. Strangely enough, at the end of the movie, the viewer suddenly realizes that there hasn't been a naked body on screen for 30 or 40 minutes.

Blame It On Rio evolves, (or disintegrates, depending on one's deviant tastes), into a story of the families of Caine and his best friend. Harper is convincing as a semi-witch wife, and Johnson is perfect in her role as teenage fluff. With a good mix of sun, fun and philosophy, *Blame It On Rio* is a good movie to see, especially as a diversion for the winter-weary.



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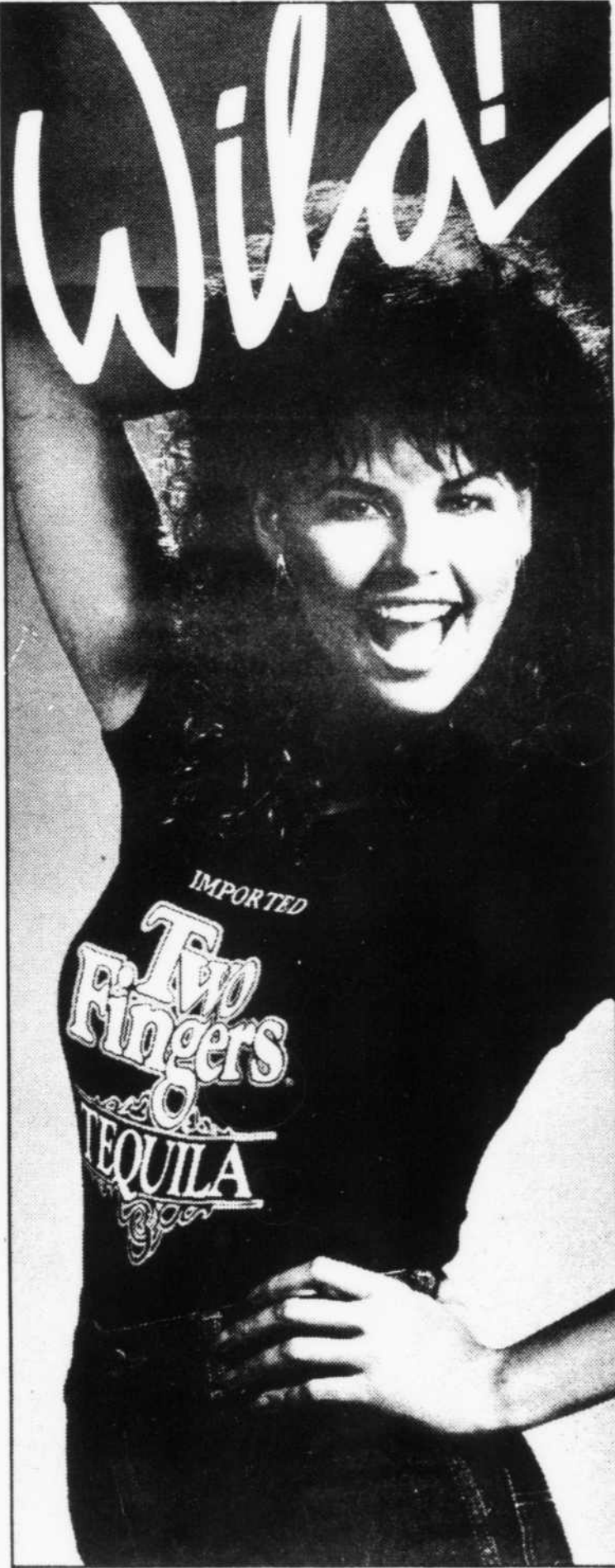
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Sports

Lady Raiders tip Tech, take title

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

Call it a triumph of sorts, if you will, because up until Wednesday night, Tennessee Tech had been a thorn in the side of MTSU athletics in 1983-84.

First, they knocked the Blue Raider football squad out of a probable playoff berth when it defeated MTSU at home in November. Then, they beat MTSU men's basketball team twice this season, the latter being a white-hot 68-66 Tech victory.

ON TOP OF all that, a lot of people in these parts just plain hate Tennessee Tech. The Lady Raiders, with their 71-64 win Wednesday night over Tech in the finals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, gave MTSU fans a chance to stick it back in Tech's face.

And stick it is just what the Lady Raiders did.

A nip-and-tuck, rough-and-tumble battle for about 38 minutes, MTSU pulled away for the win after Tech pulled to within one with 1:37 to play. Jennifer McFall, Cyndi Allen, Kim Webb and Holly Hoover all hit key buckets after that as all a frustrated Tech could do was foul and hope MTSU would miss free throws.

THE WIN GAVE the Lady Raiders their second straight OVC tournament championship, along with their second straight automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The Lady Raiders' first round

opponent will probably be announced Sunday.

McFall, a junior forward from Columbia, Tenn., erupted for 19 second half points for a game-high 24 in leading MTSU. She was also selected the tournament's Most Valuable Player, the same honor Hoover won in the tournament last year as a junior.

And though McFall played like gangbusters in the second half, she couldn't put her finger on what enabled her to do so well.

"I REALLY COULDN'T tell you," McFall said with a laugh as teammate Bobbie Kay Hamilton scissored away at the Murphy Center nets. "I was just playing ball. It's never easy to beat a team three times in a row, but it's our rival—a big rivalry."

"I really don't know," she continued. "I talked with my family last night and I guess they just perked me up. I hadn't had a good game in five weeks."

Forty-nine fouls were called during the course of the heated contest, which at one time prompted referees Leroy Fanning and Jerry Babb to call MTSU's Larry Joe Inman and Tech's Marynell Meadors to the scorer's table with 11 minutes left in the game. Both were informed to calm their teams.

AFTER THE PEACE summit, the war raged on. MTSU jumped up to a 49-43 lead, but could not put Tech away. The Golden Eaglettes fought back to a 54-53 lead

with 5:49 remaining, but would never be in front again.

"I don't think it was all necessarily on us," Meadors said in reference to the high number of fouls. "It got out of control. I felt like it made us have to adjust more where Middle didn't have to adjust. But that didn't beat us. Too many easy missed shots beat us."

"We really haven't played that well in the past six weeks. But I think tonight's game was the best we've played in the past six weeks."

AN ECSTATIC INMAN praised the poise of McFall, Allen and point guards Maria Salas and Janet Ross, who came off the bench and opened the game up by banging outside jumpers.

"It took us a while to get started," Inman said. "There were a lot of fouls and that took us out of it a little early. But when it got down to what needed to be done, we got it done."

Freshman guard Webb, who scored 15 points against Tech, was also named to the All-Tournament team along with McFall. Allen had 11 points, while Hoover had seven points and 15 rebounds.

Tennessee Tech was led by freshman Cheryl Taylor with 15 points, while Tonie Edwards had 14.

Joining Webb and McFall on the All-Tournament team was Tammy Burton and Taylor of Tennessee Tech, along with Lisa Goodin of Eastern Kentucky.

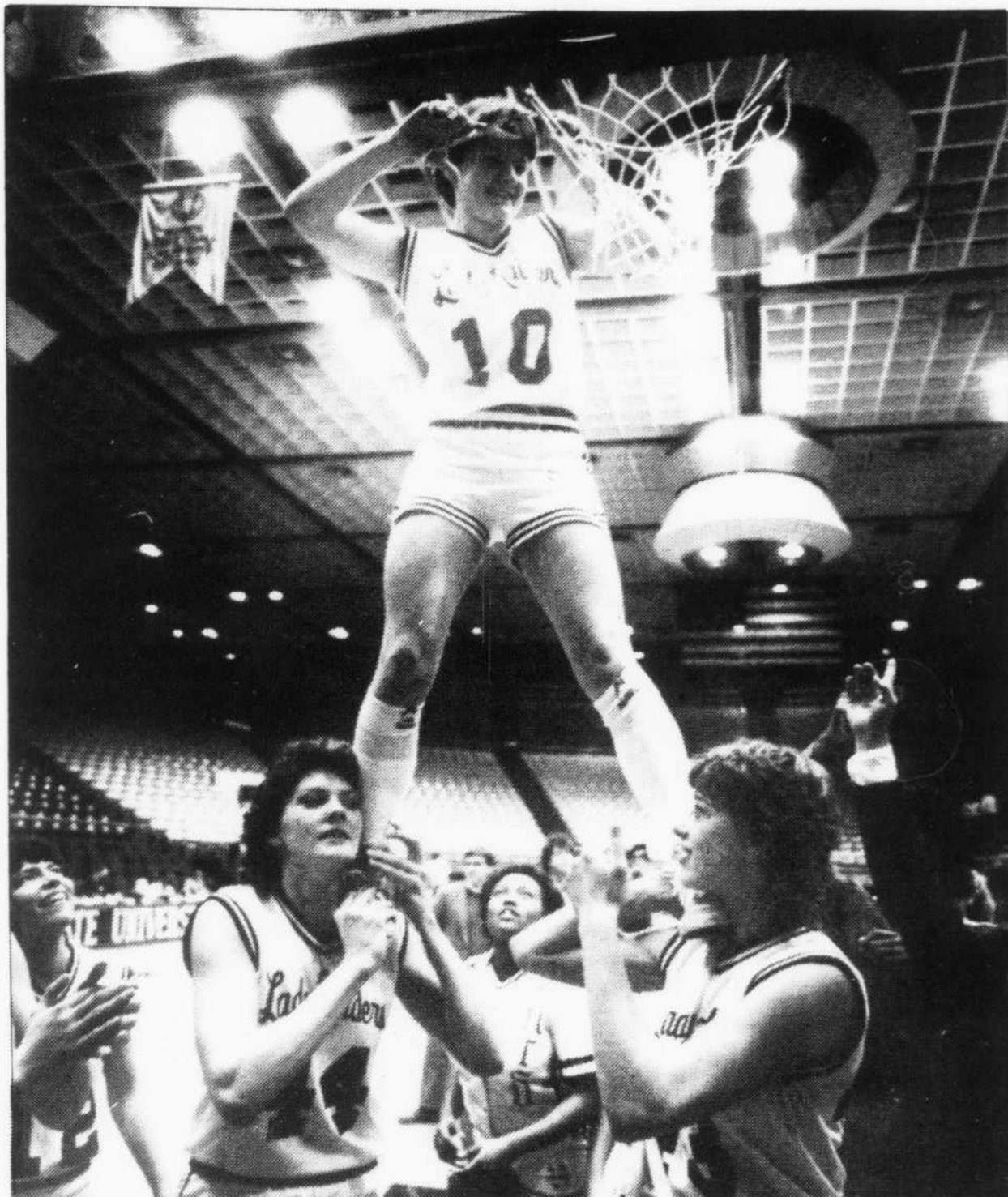


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MTSU's Lady Raiders celebrate after beating arch-rival Tennessee Tech 71-64 for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship. Holly Hoover, left, and Cyndi Allen, right, support teammate Bobbie Kay Hamilton as she triumphantly cuts down the net.

Ramrod's resignation marks end of era; anger, sadness won't dull fond memories

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

Several days of rumors and speculation ended yesterday when Stan "Ramrod" Simpson walked around the corner from his office to that of Jimmy Earle's to submit the resignation for which Earle had asked.

For a lot of people associated with MTSU basketball, it marked the end of an era. Simpson has given 12 years of his life to the program.

ALONG WITH 1982's Blue Raiders, including two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection Jerry Beck, Simpson put MTSU on the basketball map with the 50-44 upset of Kentucky during the NCAA tournament at Vanderbilt.

Simpson's tired visage expressed both anger and sadness as he spoke yesterday before

leaving to see Earle. He talked mainly of positive things that had happened during his tenure here as both a head coach and an assistant.

"This may sound strange, but the last 48 hours I've probably thought more of the good moments than one would have expected," Simpson said. "I have enjoyed tremendously the general relationship I've had with the student body through the years here and I treasure the friendships both on and off campus that I've shared. They are the things I will try to remember."

SIMPSON'S CAREER started with the Blue Raiders in the summer of 1972, as he came to assist head man Earle. With Simpson as an assistant the Blue Raiders never had a losing season. Simpson's first two losing seasons came back-to-back in 1982-83 and 1983-84,

posting marks of 7-20 and 11-16, respectively.

The winning seasons saw Simpson's teams post records of 13-13 (1979-80), 18-9 (1980-81) and 22-8 (1981-82). Obviously, it's that season of which the coach is proudest.

"Of course, the 1981-82 season was a memorable one, with the team pulling together down the stretch and the team pulling together after Kentucky and playing a pretty good game against Louisville," Simpson reflected.

SIMPSON ALSO listed a 1980 one-point win at South Alabama as one of his memorable moments as a head coach. The Blue Raiders defeated USA, who was ranked in the Top 20 at the time, on their way to an 18-9 season, finishing that season with a two-point loss to Murray State in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Another of Simpson's fond memories was the 1977 victory over Austin Peay in the finals of the OVC tournament. That win sent MTSU to the NCAA tournament against Detroit, where the Blue Raiders fell 93-76.

"I enjoyed seeing some of the players who struggled when they first got here who knew that they had gotten themselves into successful positions," he noted.

BEFORE COMING TO MTSU, Simpson posted a 10-year record of 412-106 while coaching boys' and girls' basketball at Berrien County High School in Nashville, Ga.

Simpson has no immediate plans for the future.

"No, I wish I did, but I don't," he said. "You cross bridges such as these and it makes you wonder surely. But I love the game."



Stan "Ramrod" Simpson

Trevecca, Pitt, UTC coming

LaLance's netters anxious

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

Barring extremely poor weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the MTSU men's tennis team should finally open its outdoor season this weekend with matches against Trevecca, UT Chattanooga and Pittsburgh.

While the Blue Raiders challenge their opponents on the Murphy Center courts, the other teams will utilize the High Rise courts for competition during the two-day quadrangular event.

THE BLUE RAIDERS will take on Trevecca at 2 p.m. today. Tomorrow, MTSU faces UTC at 9 a.m. and Pitt at 2 p.m.

In the meantime, the High Rise courts will be in operation for the UTC-Pitt match today at 2 p.m., Trevecca vs. Pitt at 9 a.m., and the UTC-Trevecca match at 2 p.m. Saturday.

MTSU coach Dick LaLance said his team will be facing top notch competition.

"TREVECCA HAS THREE extremely strong Swedes in its lineup. One of those Swedes [Dick Johannsen] is ranked number three in NAIA."

"Chattanooga has one of the strongest teams in the South," LaLance continued. "They have won the Southern Conference six times in a row. They are much stronger than we are."

The injury situation has improved to an extent for LaLance's netters, even though

freshman Paolo Toffolo will be out of action until at least March 25 with a calcification in his right wrist, the Blue Raider skipper noted.

"THE DOCTOR has told him [Toffolo] to restrict his activity until the inflammation goes down," LaLance said.

Another freshman, Ken Ventimiglia, suffered an ankle sprain in practice last Saturday, but will be in the lineup this weekend, LaLance added.

LaLance's starting lineup will consist of Jimmy Earle at number one. Either David Wehrle or Ventimiglia will be in the number two spot. Mike Feltman and Peter Beare will try for the number four spot with Anson Chilcut in the sixth position.



Photo by Mike Poley

Lady Raider coach Larry Joe Inman surveys the action during the OVC championship game.

Raider baseballers blast Lincoln with blitzkrieg

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

First baseman Jeff Nix's two-run homer in the nightcap broke a 3-3 tie as MTSU's baseball Blue Raiders rolled to a doubleheader sweep of Lincoln University at Reese L. Smith Field Wednesday afternoon.

In the opener, MTSU scored all the runs it would need in an eight-run first inning on its way to a 12-0 romp. Second baseman Tim Nicely opened the inning when he was hit by a pitch. After centerfielder Gary Cathcart reached on an

error, Stan Hovater singled Nicely home. Emerson walked to force in another run, which was followed by catcher Tim Goff's two-run single to right.

NICELY REACHED ON a fielder's choice, and Cathcart and Hovater, who combined for four RBI and four runs scored in the first game, followed with run-scoring base hits to cap the inning.

"We didn't know what to expect from Lincoln," first game star Hovater said. "We played together as a team today. We hit the ball real well and scored some runs and

that's going to help us."

Head coach John Stanford said that he was happy with the performance, even though it was against weak competition.

"WE HIT THE ball really well today, but we didn't see some good pitching," the coach said.

While the Blue Raiders hit the ball well, freshman Mike James limited the Jefferson City, Missouri-based school to just three hits.

"It's good to see them [James and second-game starter Ken Lomax] get a win in their first start," Stanford said.

IN THE SECOND game, Lomax victimized himself in the first inning. Charles Thomas, the Lincoln leadoff hitter, reached base on an error by the pitcher, then Burton rocked Lomax with a long home run and, after adding another run, Lincoln was out in front 3-0.

In the bottom of the second, Nix opened the inning with a line shot off the base of the left-center field wall for a double, and Jimmy Petty followed with a long two-run homer to close the gap to 3-2.

After Cathcart singled in

Hovater to tie the game an inning later, Nix hit a wind-aided homer which landed just beyond the wall in right-center field to make it a 5-3 game.

IN THE BOTTOM of the fifth, Allen Colburn singled to center and Nix followed with his second two-run homer of the game to make it 8-3. One out and two runs later, Cathcart ripped a three-run triple over the head of center fielder Ken Adamson to make it 13-3.

While the Blue Raiders hit the ball well, Lomax settled down and allowed only a

double to Adamson after the first inning. Lomax finished strong, striking out five and walking just two in his first appearance in a Blue Raider uniform.

MTSU, now 4-2 after the doubleheader sweep, will go on the road to face Lambuth in Jackson today and Cumberland in a doubleheader tomorrow before returning home to tackle powerful Miami (Ohio) at Smith Field Sunday in an unscheduled doubleheader.

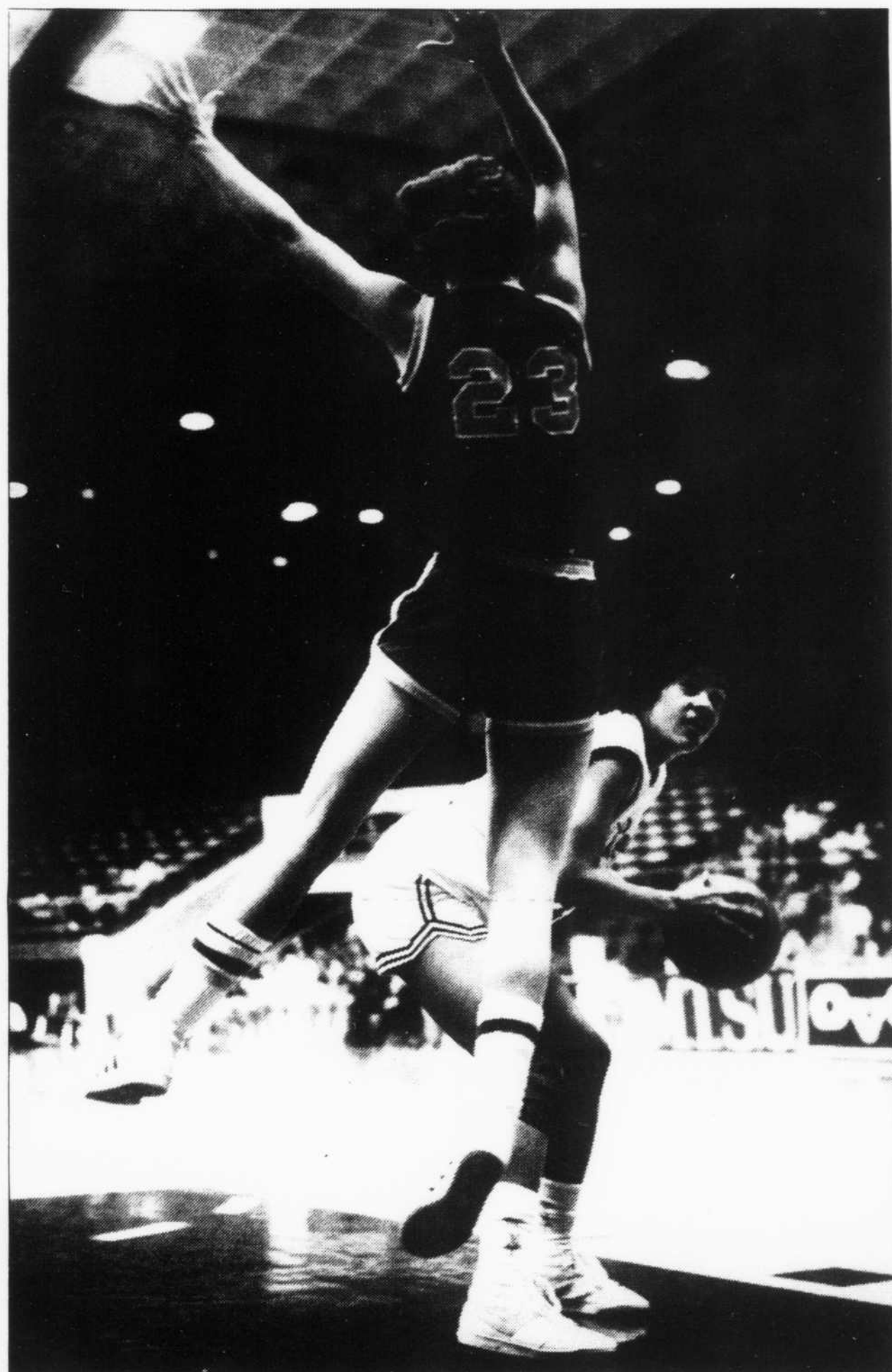


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MTSU's standout junior Jennifer McFall fakes Tennessee Tech's Tammy Burton into the air during the Lady Raiders' 71-64 win over the Golden Eaglettes.

McQuiston gets his 'shot' with OVC track championship title

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Sports Writer

Many people may attribute the success of MTSU's Men's Track and Field team totally to its powerful relay, sprint and mid-distance squads. But in reality, the striding Raiders have received great support from their field participants as well.

Steve McQuiston is one of the several freshmen this year who has excelled in field events. The Hillsboro High School graduate came to MTSU last fall to throw the shotput for the Raiders after turning down scholarships from David Lipscomb, Southeast Missouri and other schools.

WHILE AT HILLSBORO, he held the record in the shotput and the discus with throws of 57-0 and 160 feet,

respectively.

The shotput that McQuiston used in high school was a 12-pound ball. He now uses a 16-pounder for the college competition.

McQuiston started throwing the shot at an early age.

"I'VE BEEN THROWING it since elementary school," McQuiston said. "I started when I was in the eighth grade at Bellevue School."

McQuiston had his moment of glory in the OVC Indoor Championships Feb. 24 when he received the title of conference champion in the shotput for his throw of 52-11½.

"I was real happy," McQuiston said. "It was better than any practice throw. I've been wanting to throw it that far and finally did."

The aerospace major placed second in the Five-Way Indoor

meet on Feb. 11 with a throw of 50-3 which was the best throw in the conference prior to the championships.

The 6-foot-4, 210-pounder is now preparing himself for the outdoor season by lifting weights during his practice session. He said that he is now at the point to where he can bench press about 210, and can squat at least 510.

Track coach Dean Hayes said if McQuiston continues lifting and gaining weight, he will be a good shotputter.

"He needs time to mature in size," Hayes said. "When he came here, he only weighed 201."

McQuiston's athletic ability is not limited to the shotput, he can also throw the javelin. And Coach Hayes said that McQuiston has a good chance at being a two-event winner this outdoor season.

No depth could be problem

Women's tennis team ready

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU women's tennis squad goes into Monday afternoon's match against Marquette University injury-free but short on depth.

The Lady Raiders' top six players are healthy. However, those six are the only ones available for Coach Sandy Neal. The only other player on the squad, Brigitte Platt, is out for the season with a broken foot and may have to have surgery. Neal warned that another injury could cause her

team to default some matches.

"OUR MAIN weakness is that we've got no backup players," Neal understated in her office yesterday.

Otherwise, Neal indicated her team is in good shape for this time of year.

MTSU is coming off a season-opening 9-0 drubbing of Mississippi University for Women last Friday. Neal indicated she is looking at the Marquette match as a yardstick by which to measure her netters even though she knows

nothing about the visitors from Milwaukee.

"I'M LOOKING forward to Marquette. I'm sure they'll be stronger [competition]," Neal said. "I'm hoping that it'll be a close match and that we'll come out on top."

The Lady Raider mentor indicated her team's strong point is its competitiveness.

"They're good, hard competitors," she said. "They're gonna keep scrapping, trying to find a way to win."

The match is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Murphy Center courts.

Boots completing slate; Lenior Rhyne first foe

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's 1984 football schedule is nearing completion, with one open date hopefully to be filled by either UT-Chattanooga or Division II power Jacksonville State, Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly said Wednesday.

The Blue Raiders will open their schedule Sept. 1 at home with Division II Lenior Rhyne College out of Hickory, N.C.

LENIOR RHYNE?

"They are usually very strong as far as Division II schools go," Donnelly said. "They are very competitive usually as far as playoffs go against good teams."

The remainder of the schedule will be completed when the coach hears from either Jacksonville State or UT-Chattanooga, who are supposedly trying to make room for MTSU on their schedules.

DONNELLY IS still waiting for notice from either of the schools, he said, to fill one of the open dates (Sept. 8 and 15)

and play in Murfreesboro.

The date must be filled at home, he added, to avoid going on the road for seven games the following season. Also, it will help balance out the brutal Ohio Valley Conference schedule, since MTSU will face most of its tougher conference opponents on the road in 1984. However, the coach did not discount the possibility of playing the other game on the road.

THE REMAINDER OF the schedule sees:

- Morehead State at MTSU—Sept. 22
- Akron at MTSU—Sept. 29
- MTSU at Eastern Kentucky—Oct. 6
- MTSU at Murray State—Oct. 13
- Austin Peay at MTSU—Oct. 20
- MTSU at Youngstown State—Oct. 27
- MTSU at Western Kentucky—Nov. 3
- Georgia Southern at MTSU—Nov. 10
- MTSU at Tennessee Tech—Nov. 17

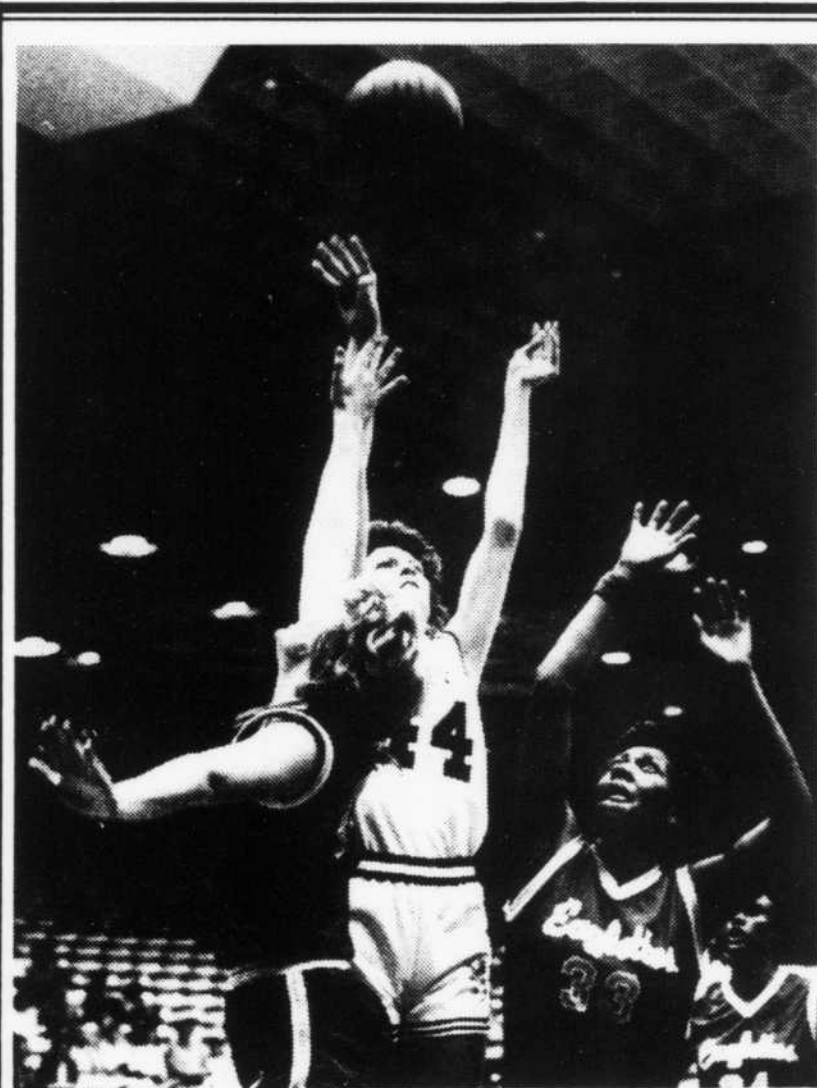


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Up for two

Senior center Holly Hoover shoots over a pair of Tennessee Tech defenders during the OVC tourney title contest.



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Lady Raider senior Bobbie Kay Hamilton lofts up a layup against Morehead State in the OVC tournament semifinal game. MTSU downed Morehead to advance to the championship game.

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