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Incoming students face back-to-school traumas



Newcomers and returnees alike were met with overcrowded dorms and the usual frustration of registration. Whether it meant unpacking the car, searching for a missing key, struggling with a class schedule or standing in an endless line of strange faces, the participants managed to emerge as certified students. [Thom Coombes and Robin Rudd photos.]





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TSSAA makes surprise move

NCAA, state tournaments here in '79

by John Pitts

A surprise change of the girls' state basketball play-off schedule will make possible the playing of both that tournament and the first round of the NCAA Mideast Regionals in Murphy Center in March of 1979.

The adjustment was made two weeks ago by the TSSAA Board of Control after an appeal for a scheduling change by MTSU President M. G. Scarlett. The change has apparently ended a conflict between the TSSAA and MTSU about whether both events could be conducted at MTSU during the same week.

Scarlett, OVC Commissioner Bob Vanatta, MTSU Athletic Director Charles Murphy and Vice-President of Administrative Affairs Lynn Haston traveled to Hermitage for a meeting of the TSSAA board Aug. 21, and the MTSU president and the OVC commissioner addressed the members of the board.

TSSAA Executive Secretary Gil Gideon said, "there is no way" the schedule would be altered to accommodate both the TSSAA and NCAA games. However the board voted a few minutes after the MTSU delegation left the board's offices to make the necessary alteration in the girls' tournament schedule.

The original schedule could have had the girls' state playoff finals in Murphy Center on the same day (Saturday, March 10) as the NCAA games.

Scarlett and other MTSU officials are expecting a decision by the NCAA to schedule the two Mideast Regional games on Sunday, March 11.

Under the university's revised



M. G. Scarlett

...talks to the TSSAA

schedule, the girls' play-offs will be held from March 5-9, the NCAA game March 11 and the boys' play-offs the next week, March 13-17.

This should provide Murphy Center and NCAA officials time to clean the gym after the girls' games, set up for the television crews and expected press. Also, Murphy Center will be vacant for one day after the NCAA games to prepare for the boys' state games.

"The TSSAA Board of Control is happy to cooperate with MTSU and the OVC in the bid to host the NCAA Mideast Regional," Gideon said after the board made the unexpected changes in the schedule.

In Scarlett's presence at the meeting, the executive secretary was not so hospitable, however.

"We could not move (the girls' substate games) back to Friday... we could never play a game on

Sunday," Gideon said immediately after Scarlett's remarks to the board.

Scarlett spoke to the board for 10 minutes, asking the board members, "Is there any way the TSSAA can alter its schedule so there won't be a game on Saturday?"

The president added, "We need help here...this is a serious problem."

The president began his remarks by advising board members "We have enjoyed having the TSSAA at the university--we have extended ourselves fully...our facilities are at least as good as any in the state, and we have turned many members of our athletic staff over to you during your events."

Scarlett explained that "applying for the tournaments was a shot in the dark--we thought that if we could get the NCAA play-offs on Sundays, we could work out any conflicts."

"Now we have a good kind of problem," Scarlett added. "We think that people in the community would like to have both tournaments."

However, Scarlett had earlier in the month received news that the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce, representing businesses in Murfreesboro, has sided with the girls' state tournaments in the scheduling conflicts.

But Tom Roberson, executive secretary of the chamber, said Sunday that, "We weren't trying to tell Scarlett how to run the university, we just wanted some input in a decision of that economic magnitude."

Roberson explained that, "Our resolution to Scarlett simply stated that from a strictly economic standpoint, if it came down to an either-or type of choice, we would prefer the TSSAA over the NCAA."

In the presence of Scarlett and the MTSU delegation, the TSSAA executive secretary did not seem responsive to the idea of altering the play-off schedule.

Gideon, answering Scarlett, said, "We're all for MTSU hosting the Mideast games--I might even buy a ticket to come see them."

"This is going to be one of our big things--the publicity is going to go to the NCAA games, and we might find ourselves on the fourth sports page," Gideon said.

Scarlett, describing himself as "a former newspaper man," disagreed. "I don't think so...they all want to sell papers, and your games will be in there."

After some remarks by the OVC commissioner, the MTSU delegation left the board offices and the board meeting apparently adjourned. However, the board called the meeting to order again and voted, after discussion, to change the schedule.

Library facilities shifted to increase accessibility

A shift in certain facilities in the university library this summer have been made to provide greater accessibility to students, according to library director Don Craig.

In order to accommodate the growing number of acquisitions filed, the card catalog has been moved from the area adjoining the stairwell to the area between the main desk and the reserves room, Craig said.

In addition, duplicate copies of the Readers' Guide to Periodicals have been placed in the area previously used for the card catalog. These volumes may be used in addition to those on the second floor but are not to be used in the material section.

A reference information desk has been placed between the card catalog and the stairwell, designed to help and the main library staff persons needing assistance, Craig said.

Large placards denoting sections by Dewey Decimal Classification have been placed throughout the ground floor to make it easier to find volumes by decimal number. Similar signs on the third floor indicate the location of periodicals by alphabetical classification, Craig said.

The section reserved for new books has been moved from the area facing the reserves room to the reading area immediately right of the library's front entrance. Recent acquisitions may be viewed there for several days before being included in the general collection. Located in the same area is the browsing collection, consisting of recent and popular books, such as bestsellers.

The library, which contains over 360,000 printed volumes as well as microtext material, receives an average of 18,000 new volumes a year and is steadily growing, Craig said.

In some instances it is necessary to "weed out" the collection by removing old duplicate copies of printed volumes or copies in bad condition, though it usually takes "more time than it does to put new ones in," Craig added.

Books and other materials are organized in various sections according to decimal classification or by the degree of access or notoriety. Printed volumes under the Dewey Decimal Classification of

000-7000 and 900 are shelved on the ground floor in addition to a curriculum laboratory for students taking courses in library service. Books in the 800 section are located on the main floor, along with reference materials (classified under "R") and a special room for materials on reserve. Reserve materials may be used only in the library for a limited time period.

Magazines and periodicals are located on the second floor of the

library, as are the microtext collection and the Tennessee collection, consisting of books by Tennesseans and about Tennessee.

A slide-tape program on how to use the library is available at the reserves desk on the main floor.

The library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday hours are from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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Students wait in line to check in to their dorm rooms. [Thom Coombes photo]

Administrators' workload eased

Duties of Assistant Academic Vice Presidents James Huhta and Mary Tom Berry will be reduced due to the present strain on their teaching workload, according to Jack Carlton, vice president for academic affairs.

In addition, another member of the faculty will be chosen to work under Carlton in a full-time capacity, Carlton added.

While the work of the assistant vice presidents "fine" by Carlton's estimation, their combined duties as teachers and administrators increased their work to 60-70 hours a week. "It was too much," Carlton said.

Beginning this fall, the assistant

vice presidents will devote 20 percent of their workload each to their administrative functions. Their administrative status needs to be maintained as they "guide the activities, and me, in relation to faculty committees," Carlton stated, the work of which is "critically important."

A full-time assistant has not yet been appointed. However, a member of the present faculty will be chosen and he or she will have to devote 75 to 80 percent of their workload to administrative duties, Carlton said.

The full-time position is to be established on a trial basis for a period of one to two years, Carlton added.

Parking rules outlined

by Fred Powers

With the beginning of the new school year, it is once again time to watch just exactly how you park your car on campus.

The parking rules have remained basically the same as last year with only a few changes in decal colors.

Parking regulations are as follows:

1) MTSU parking areas are divided into five color zones. The color of the decal will correspond to the color of the curb or to the color indicated by a sign designating the area in which the decal is authorized.

2) Parking spaces for dormitory supervisors and infirmary personnel are reserved on a 24-hour a day basis.

3) No student or faculty parking is permitted in spaces at the east and west ends of the Administration Building. Visitors may park in the circular drive in front of the Administration Building. There will be no student parking on Loop Drive between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

4) Vehicles are not to be parked at any time where curbing is painted yellow, where sidewalks intersect streets, on sidewalks,

across parking lines, on campus lawns (grass), within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or other places where signs indicate parking restrictions.

5) Administration, faculty and administrative staff are permitted to park on Loop Drive between the hours of 7:30 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

6) Vehicles may not be backed into parking spaces. Infraction of this rule constitutes improper parking.

7) All student vehicles must be parked in their assigned areas only from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday except as indicated in items three and eight.

8) The metered spaces at the University Center are available for use by all university personnel. Purchase of a decal does not excuse the registrant from payment of parking meter fees.

9) Vehicles are not to be parked on the wrong side of the road with the left wheels against the curb. Every vehicle stopped or parked upon the roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of such a vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb.

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Dorm conditions cramped

by Chuck Cavalaris

Cramped housing conditions on campus will be alleviated within a week, Housing Director James Craig hopes.

Though some women in High-Rise West and Cummings Hall may be forced to remain in three-to-a-room conditions, other students on campus can expect to settle into the normal two-to-a-room situation by Tuesday.

"We have tried to avoid three-girls-to-a-room (overflow) in the past," Craig explained. "The demand for housing has been far greater this year, but those rooms (located on the far end of floors) are larger than the other ones."

As of today, approximately 230 were in the overflow status.

"We have to know how many spaces are available, the number we have to put into those rooms from overflow and hopefully still have rooms for the people on the waiting list living off campus temporarily," Craig said.

The waiting list includes about 600 students, many of whom failed to return housing forms by June 7.

Students merely wishing to move to another room within their dorm, however, may do so beginning Thursday, but must secure prior permission from the head resident.

But before students can move to a different dorm the housing office must provide approval.

ASB holds retreat

The Associated Student Body held its annual retreat at Henry Horton State Park on August 22 and 23.

Twenty-five students attended the retreat which was a decrease in attendance from previous years. ASB President Bobby Francescon blamed the decline on "a breakdown in communication" but said the group was a good representation of the ASB.

On Monday, the different branches of the ASB held committee meetings to discuss various problems on campus and possible solutions to them. Among the subjects discussed were: housing problems, lack of parking space on campus and the lack of laundry facilities in certain dorms.

Head residents will return dorm rosters to the housing office by Thursday. "We have to hold all rooms, empty or otherwise, at least two days after classes begin," Craig explained. "Right now every bed has a name on it."

"The main thing students need to understand is that if they want to move all they need to do is ask—if the space is available and the student is eligible, we will be more than happy to reassign rooms," Craig said.

Holding rooms is a standard policy on college campuses throughout the state, mainly to allow students involved in an accident or illness as much time as possible to claim their room.

Rooms unclaimed by Sept. 6 will be considered "no-shows."



An ROTC officer directs a helicopter to land in front of the University Center as part of a tactical display yesterday. [Thom Coombes photo]

"By Sept. 6 we will know exactly who belongs where and will start putting people on the waiting list into other rooms," Craig said. "But this will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. We can't do the job and track them down, too."

The housing office opens at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. "I encourage everyone to check back with us daily," Craig said.

Some students will withdraw from school because of homesickness, he added.

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Mentalist, dance, football set for activities week

The Associated Student Body (ASB) and Student Programming have a full week of activities planned for students entering MTSU for the first time.

"New Student Week" is highlighted by concerts, a dance and the annual Tennessee State football game. It is designed to help new arrivals adjust to their new environment as well as providing a break from orientation meetings and registration.

Gil Eagles, "Master of Hypnosis and ESP" will appear Wednesday, August 31 at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium. Gil Eagles' show, which is sponsored by the Ideas and Issues and Fine Arts Committees, utilizes total audience participation to take the audience on "A trip into the realm of psychic phenomena."

The following night, (Thursday, September 1), Stone Free will perform for a dance sponsored by the Dance Committee beginning at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building.

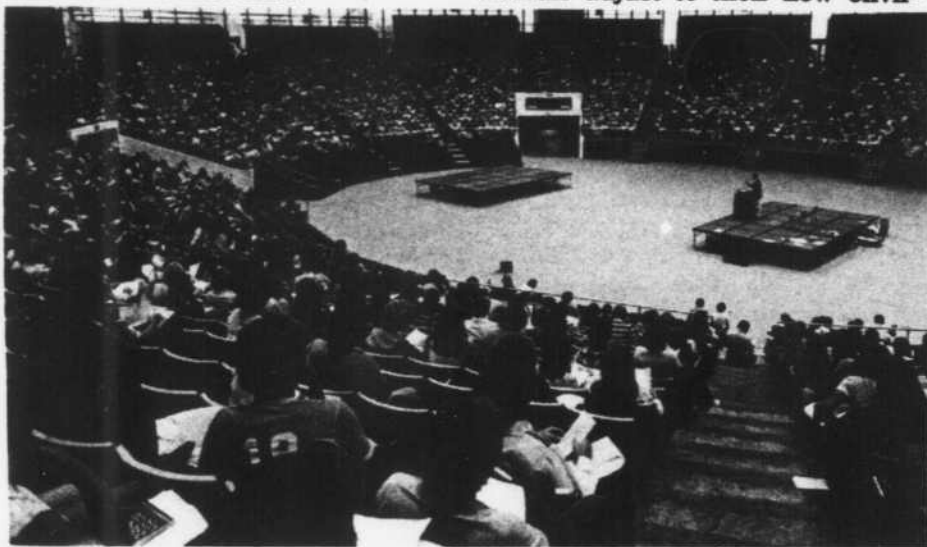
On Saturday, September 3, the week will be rounded out by the football game between the MTSU Blue Raiders and Tennessee State University. The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. at Dudley Field,

Nashville.

In addition, the Black Student Association will hold its orientation meeting in the UC Theatre on Tuesday, August 30 at 7 p.m. The Greek Orientation Meeting will take place the same evening, but will be held at 8 p.m. in the DA Auditorium.

New Student Week began Aug. 25 with the new student meeting in Murphy Center and a dorm mixer, which this year became one large mixer for all the dorms in the Grill.

Meetings with student orientation assistants, an afternoon picnic near High Rise West, and the Gene Cotton concert highlighted Friday night before the plunge into Murphy Center on Saturday for registration. Last night was the movie night of "New Student Week" with the screening of "The Graduate" in the UC Theatre.



Student Orientation Advisors gather in Murphy Center. [Thom Coombes photo]

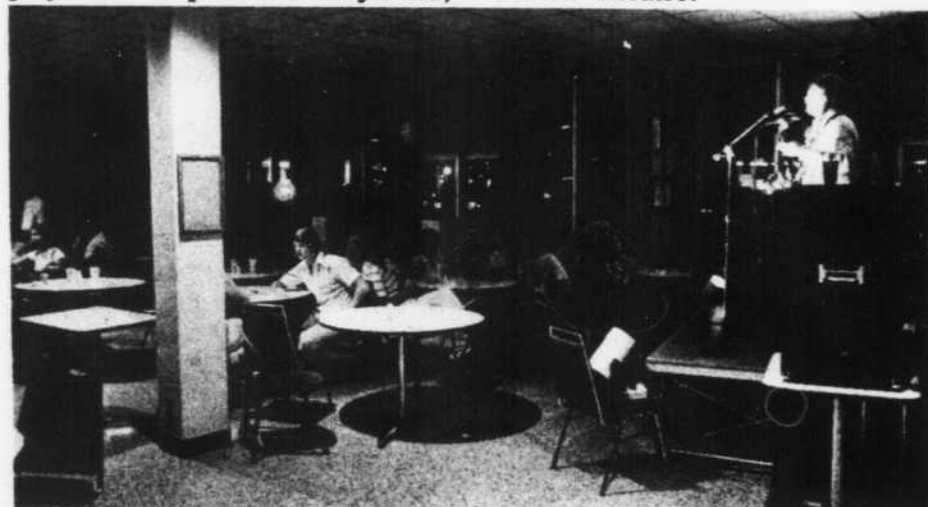
Women's conference scheduled

Dr. Joyce Brothers will appear here in October as the first speaker of a one-day conference, "From Her Point of View."

Planned by a committee of women from all parts of university life, the conference is an opportunity for women to share ideas, "To analyze and appraise assets, liabilities and potential."

Dr. Brothers, known for television appearances, a newspaper column and books, will speak Friday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. Colorado Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder will speak Saturday morning.

Discussion sessions, held all day Saturday, will be led by Tennessee women who have "on-the-job" training in the areas in which they will provide leadership.



New students meet in the Grill for a dorm mixer. [Thom Coombes photo]

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"Data base" can prevent grade scandal

by John Pitts

Tennessee State University found itself embroiled in controversy earlier this summer when it was announced that almost 800 students with poor grades were not suspended due to an apparent computer malfunction.

The possibility of something similar to the TSU situation happening here is "very remote," according to Cliff Gillespie, director of admissions and records.

"We run a lot of reports based on the information about students in our computer system," Gillespie said. "If we ran the suspended students list and there was no one on it, we would immediately know that something was wrong."

An organized system of data collection, utilizing computers, up-to-date student information that is quickly available," Gillespie said.

"If I were a betting man, I would give 100-to-one odds that what happened at Tennessee State would never happen here," the dean said.

Gillespie noted that MTSU computed all the student's grades by hand until the early '60s, "when a simple accounting machine was purchased to help with the work. "It was basically a fast typewriter/adding machine," Gillespie added.

With the advent of more economical computer technology in the late '60s, the university made the swing to the most advanced software available to them. "We are trying to remain on the cutting edge

of the really good schools," Gillespie said.

"Integrated data base" is the term Gillespie uses to describe the collection and retrieval of student-oriented information in the computers. "We take all of the information items common to a student and store it one time," Gillespie said.

"It's cheaper to store everything once and use the terminals to retrieve information. That way everybody has the same data in the same form. It may be wrong, but at least it's the same," Gillespie said.

The information form that students turn in at registration forms an important part of that data base.

There are, at the moment, ten kinds of "screens" or displays that personnel in the administration building can view regarding student information:

- information from the student information form (name, dorm and home address, parents' names, important phone numbers, etc.)
- information necessary for determining a student's record at the university if letters of reference or inquiries are needed by the student.
- the current semester schedule.
- the student's majors and minors, grade average, upper division status, total hours, etc.
- degrees earned by the student
- encumbrances on the student.
- transactions by the student with the university Business Office (money owed, standing balances, etc.)

- transcripts from classes ranked in chronological order.
- transcripts from classes ranked according to department
- miscellaneous housing information

There are seven terminals used to retrieve the information, all in the Administration Building. "Someday we'd like for every department chairman to have access to the basic student information as an aid to advising and planning," Gillespie said.



Cliff Gillespie

Vocal auditions begin today

Auditions for choral and instrumental performing organizations will be held today and tomorrow, according to T. Earl Hinton, director of orchestra and the university-community chorus and Dale Voelker, choir director.

MTSU's Band of Blue, under the direction of Joseph Smith, is open for auditions tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at its first regular meeting session.

Tryouts for the university-community orchestra, led by Hinton, will be held today at 3:05 p.m. Membership is open to all students, faculty, staff and members of the community, as is the smaller chamber orchestra, which meets on Monday at 7 p.m.

The chamber orchestra is directed by Laurence Harvin.

The university-community chorus, also under Hinton's direction, will audition today at 7:30 p.m. Like the orchestra, the chorus is open to all students, faculty, staff and

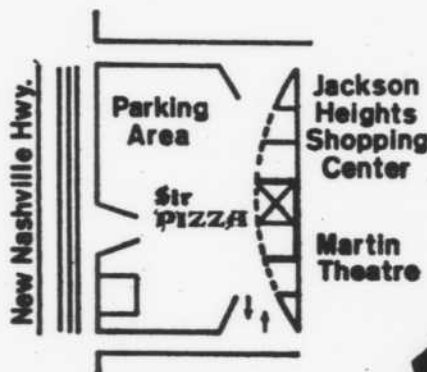
community members on audition.

Voelker directs the concert, a large choral group "doing standard choral literature from the Renaissance to the 20th century," Voelker said. Auditions, open to all students, will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the choral hall of the Fine Arts Building.

The Harp Singers, described as "a small chamber choir performing specialized literature" with emphasis on European music before 1750 and early American music, is a small group open to all students on audition. Tryouts will be held today at 3:05 p.m. in the Fine Arts Choral Hall.

Persons interested in auditioning can contact the directors of the various organizations at their respective offices in the Fine Arts Building. Those who desire to participate in smaller ensembles can contact the music department office at 898-2469.

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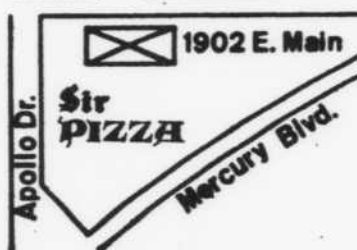
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Editor requests feedback

This seems like a good time to greet all the new students, as well as the new faculty and staff members beginning this fall. Welcome. For everyone who is returning from last spring, welcome back.

Several things, interesting and not so interesting, have happened this summer, while everyone was at the beach, playing pinball or sweating out a part-time job at Burger Queen. For instance, University Relations Director Homer Pittard retired. Marshall Gunselman was relieved as director of the LRC, with his duties being assumed by Academic Vice President Jack Carlton—who, by the way, was not recommended for resignation by the Faculty Senate.

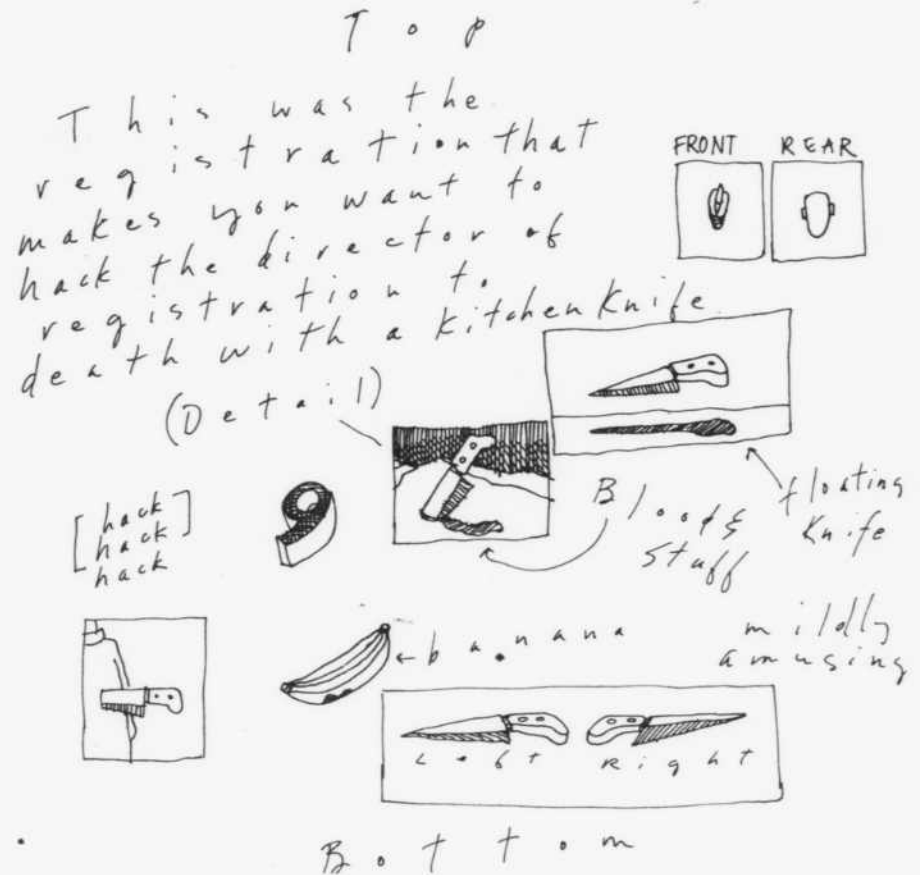
Some rustlers broke into an MTSU-owned farm in July and rode off with a pair of tractors. And some hustlers hustled the NCAA into holding part of the 1979 Mideast Regional playoffs into Murphy Center.

We only hope that the fall semester will be so thrilling.

Insofar as newsworthy, entertaining or unusual events are concerned, we can not (or will not) make any predictions on what will happen at MTSU this fall. But we do intend to report what happens when we know it will happen and fill readers in on what has been happening. Our obligation to the reader is clear: to report fairly and objectively while presenting as complete a picture as possible of just what is going on.

We especially want to emphasize the importance of reader input into the newspaper. Criticism is a necessary element of journalism and makes us more accountable to the public.

Letters and any other suitable form or feedback is encouraged. Send any letters to MTSU Box 42 or call 898-2815.



House Speaker speaks

To the Editor:

The first meeting of the ASB House is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 in the Mass Media Room of the Learning Resources Center. It is important that representatives be present from all campus organizations. At this time we shall elect the speaker pro-tempore and the parliamentarian. The meetings of the ASB House of Representatives are open to the MTSU community.

Each representative is asked to complete an information sheet prior

to the meeting. They have been sent to each organization and are available in the vice president's office, room 303 of the University Center.

I sincerely hope that each organization has given thoughtful consideration in electing a person to represent their views. Undoubtedly it will take a willingness to work to make the ASB an effective organization in vocalizing student opinion.

Joy Heath
ASB House Speaker

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Writer advises freshmen on good things to know

by Chuck Cavalaris

One freshman stepped out of the madness buzzing inside Murphy Center, turned his gaze toward the heavens and said, "Thank God... it's over."

Registration at Middle Tennessee State had numbed another mind. All the scary stories were true after all. The babes barely out of high school suddenly discovered they had grown up by trying to get English 101.

But the initial registration is only the first step of a long haul that many parents hope will lead to a degree, life among the "haves" and not the "have-nots."

So is the Class of 1982 ready for its journey? Here are some tips that might save a few tears:

---Don't worry about your major or try to wipe out all of the requirements right away. Get rid of all the unnecessary crap first.

---Forget about buying elevator passes to the NCB.

---Only steal vital items from the

bookstore...like pipes, cigarette papers, eyedrops, and mouthwash.

---There is an indoor swimming pool here. Really. It is somewhere between Horace Jones Field and the Alumni Gymnasium.

---When walking on campus, something all students do, try and make at least one person a day feel at home by asking if Tennessee

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Tech really does exist.

---Wanna get rid of homesickness? Pour a glass of milk and add one tablespoon each of mustard, ketchup and bourbon. This remedy is guaranteed to make home the least of your worries.

---Don't gamble while playing billiards in the games room. That's against state law. Just play for a couple of dollars a game.

---If you really want to find out what college life is all about, go to the grill with a deck of cards and buy a cup of coffee. If that gets boring go to a bathroom and read what's on the walls.

---And finally the big news: a panty raid is being planned Wednesday night. An organizational meeting is scheduled at 8 p.m. the day of the event in President Scarlett's front yard.

Still worried? Don't be.

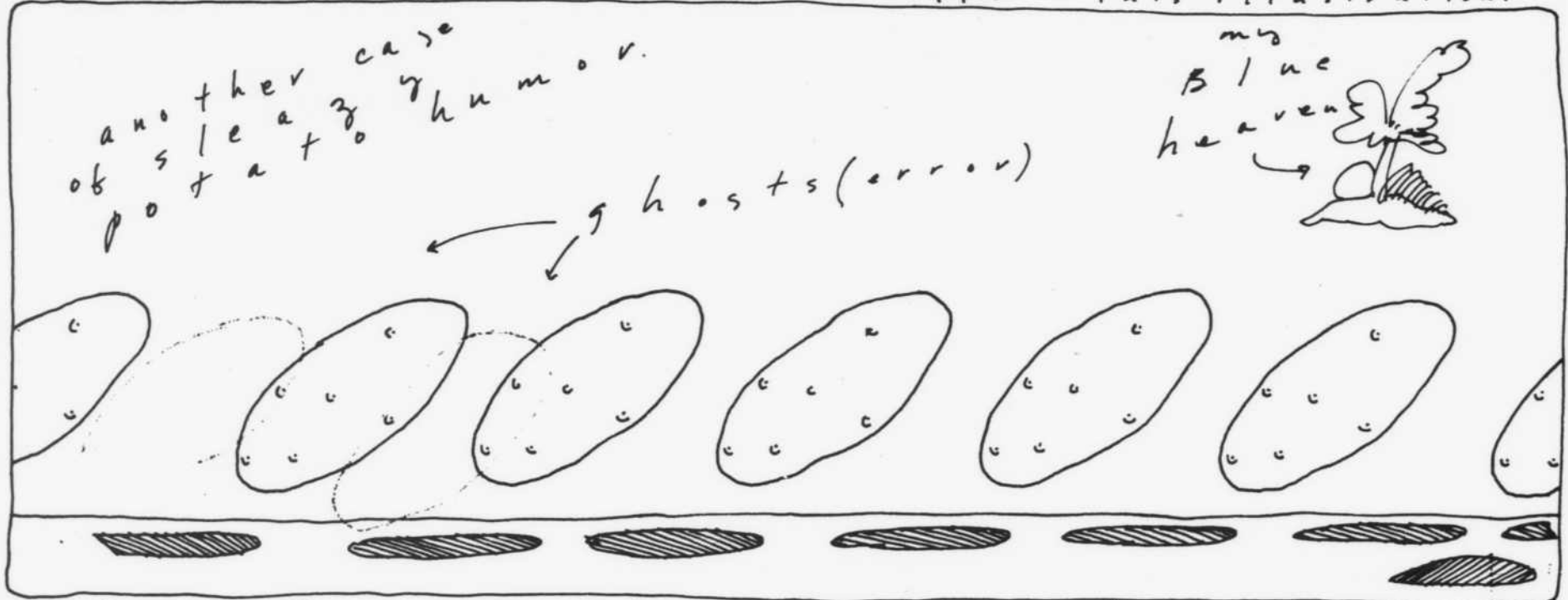
This semester should never be as hectic and troublesome as the registration ordeal was. The worst is behind, and millions of fun times and laughs are ahead.

MTSU is not a prison camp. There will not be anyone constantly on your back, waking you up for class and checking to make sure the report is in or the test has been studied for.

Whatever happens, good or bad, is entirely within your control. And most of the time all it takes is a few hours of studying.

My only hope is that when your senior year rolls around, your thoughts and experiences at MTSU will be as pleasant as mine. Good luck.

Journal of a Token Radical
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Today's Topic:
 What I did on
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into the United States. Federal agents estimate the tunnel has been in use for two months with the potato and as many as 2300 persons used it to enter the US illegally. Governor Cecil Andrus was unavailable for comment.
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Forms needed for academic change

by Steve Miller

If you are one of those people that breathed a sigh of relief after registration, then you're in for a big surprise—that was only the beginning.

Should a change be necessary in the schedule, you have to fill out a Change of Program form. This may be done only for an academic reason and requires a \$3.00 fee.

After the form is secured from the department chairman, it must be signed by your advisor. You must have the approval of the department chairman for the course being added and approval of the instructor for the course being dropped.

The completed Change of Program form and the fee must be filed with the Business Office. The change becomes official when the instructor is notified by the Office of Admissions and Records.

If you just want to drop a class, the same Change of Program form must be used. A class that meets one of the General Education Requirements cannot be dropped. After consulting with your advisor, you can drop a class up through the fourth week of the semester.

After that fourth week things get even more complicated. From that time until mid-semester, if you drop a class you will receive a grade of W/P (withdrew passing) or W/F (withdrew failing). These grades will appear on your Change of Program form and also on your final grade sheet. If you drop a class after mid-semester but remain in

school, you will automatically receive a grade of W/F.

The Dean of the School will make exceptions to these rules in cases of illness or injury.

If your instructor does not receive a drop notice for you from the Business Office you will receive a grade of "F".

You must fill out a Course Repeat Form if you want to take a class again. You can repeat a class, regardless of the previous grade, if you have the approval of your advisor. The grade you make will take the place of all previous grades and quality points.

The Course Repeat form must be filed with the Office of Admissions and Records. Veterans receiving education benefits may not repeat courses they have already passed.

'Course-dropping' could mean debt

Veterans going to school under the GI Bill could wind up in debt to the federal government if they drop courses or receive non-punitive grades under certain circumstances, according to Tennessee Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Louis P. Ragghianti.

A recent Congressional amendment to the GI Bill requires the VA to retroactively cancel assistance payments for a course dropped without a grade, said Ragghianti. "This applies also in cases when a

If you are a junior, you need to fill out the Upper Division form for your major. You get that form from department chairmen and on it list all the courses taken and the ones you intend to take.

Majors must be approved by the chairman of the department in which you are minoring.

After the Upper Division form has been completed, five copies must be submitted to the Records Office.

A Notice of Intent to Graduate must be filed during the first month of the first semester of your senior year. On this form you list your degree, your major and minors, and your hours completed. The completed form must be turned in to the Office of Admissions and Records.

course is completed but the grade assigned is, in effect, ignored by the school for graduation requirements." The new regulations do not apply when the situation was caused by circumstances beyond the student's control, Ragghianti said.

The new law, Public Law 94-502, provides that VA may not pay educational benefits for any part of a course which is not used in computing graduation requirements.

Continuing Ed. dean resigns; replaced by

former director

Earl Keese, former director of the Office of Continuing Education (OEC), has been named dean of the department following the resignation of Jerry McGee.

McGee will accept a teaching position in the education department at Tennessee State University. Betty Harper was appointed acting director.

The management change will not affect the schedule of courses offered this fall, which range from aquatic safety to pilot training.

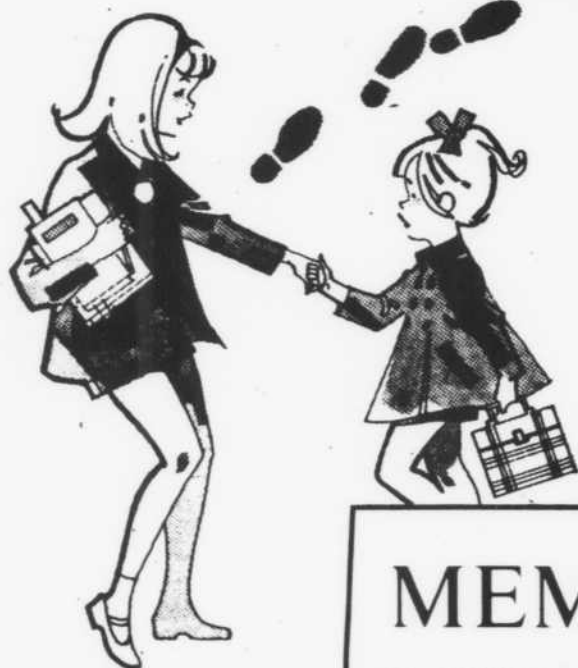
Ragghianti said this means "many students will find themselves overpaid under the GI Bill for courses from which they withdrew and for courses in which the assigned grade is not used in computing the requirements for graduation." He said that payments for such a course must be stopped as of the first day of the school term. For example, if a student withdraws from a course on July 1, VA payments will in effect be terminated retroactively.

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LRC offers teaching aids

by Laura Lewis

A room full of miniature color television sets...an auditorium which can simulate weather conditions such as snow and rain...this is supposed to be an educational classroom building?

Students venturing into MTSU's \$2 million Learning Resources Center (LRC) are apt to be confused, at least at first. The two-year-old structure may appear as nothing more than a futuristic funhouse to the unknowing visitor.

In reality, the LRC represents a milestone in area university educational facilities, although officials there don't deny that students taking academic advantage of LRC offerings may have fun at the same time.

"We're trying to meet the needs of the more visually literate students of today," explained Van Fox, director of the telecommunications lab.

The building, which also houses a personalized learning lab, multimedia classroom and special equipment to aid the visually handicapped, represents progress in technical support to instruction, Fox said.

"There's no other facility like it in the Southeast and maybe in the country," he added.

In the personalized learning lab,

students use video cassettes, slides and films shown at individual TV desks. Whole classes of up to 50 students may meet there to watch a scheduled program, noted Marie Lineberger, lab assistant.

"For example," she explained, "a biology teacher could schedule a program about mitosis. He would then arrange for his class to report here to watch the program."

Other features include separate typing, study and draftsman's rooms and even a special aerospace room which contains a flight simulator.

The computer room features key-punch, data processing and other machines for business-oriented students.

Elsewhere in the building, teachers find the multi-media classroom ideal for lectures that use films, slides and other media-oriented subject matter. The progressive environmental lab with its provisions for simulating atmospheric conditions contributes to scientific studies, while the telecommunications lab offers first-hand experience with radio broadcasting, production of television programs and engineering practices.

Presently there is in production a weekly ecological TV program called "Man and the Land," which is shown on Nashville's public



television channel 17. MTSU's campus radio station, WMOT-FM, is also headquartered here.

LRC equipment and services are available to students, faculty and

area residents. While the majority of LRC users are involved in classroom requirements, the center may also aid students not compelled by their teachers to make use of its offerings.

LRC to receive \$400,000 grant

MTSU's Learning Resources Center (LRC) will soon be receiving new equipment for its telecommunications department following approval of a \$400,000 bond for that purpose voted by the state legislature last May.

The appropriation will provide for facilities originally planned for the department when the center was built in 1975, said Dr. William Jackson, director of Audio Visual

Services.

Delayed opening of the \$2 million structure, however, depleted finances which were to be used to purchase telecom equipment, Jackson said.

The money will be used to buy new television cameras, engineering devices and other broadcast equipment in order to round out facilities of the department, Jackson added.

Gifted child class

to be offered in fall

A program of instruction for gifted and talented children is being offered this fall, according to the Office of Continuing Education.

Children in grades three through eight will be eligible for the program developed by Dr. Bill Kaltsounis of the Education department. High level thought processes, creativity and divergent thinking will be emphasized in many areas of interest throughout the university schools.

The programs will be conducted on Saturday mornings starting September 17 and running through November 19. A maximum of 20 students will be accepted for each grade level on a first come first serve basis, according to Kaltsounis.

"The children will be receiving enrichment activities in art, music, mathematics, computer science, physics and chemistry, biology, reading, physical education and other areas," Kaltsounis said. Children will be accepted for the program with recommendations from school principles, teachers or parents, he added.

Applications will be available on August 15 with registration ending September 10. Fee is \$30 per child. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462 or Kaltsounis at 898-2636.

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Pratt

Professor dies from cancer ailment

Parley Merrell Pratt, professor of business administration since 1972, died Aug. 13 at Rutherford Hospital of cancer.

The 58-year-old professor had returned for three weeks during the summer semester after leaving in the spring suffering from a dry shoulder socket.

He is survived by his wife Hallie Pratt, his two sons, Mel and Vern and his two daughters, Donna Decker of Murfreesboro and Marcella Fatemi of Iran.

Pratt was buried in National Cemetery in Madison, Tenn.

Continuing Education courses set

The Red Cross Water Safety Instructor course, stressing modern teaching techniques in aquatic activities, will begin Thursday, Sept. 1, and continue through Oct. 13, on Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. at the MTSU pool.

Offered through the OCE by the HPERS department and the American Red Cross, the course is open to persons 17 or older who have current ARC Senior or Advanced Lifesaving certificates.

The course fee is \$20. Students may pre-register through the MTSU Business Office. Registration at the first class meeting is on a space available basis only.

Student pilots preparing for the F.A.A. private pilot written examination can enroll for a course offered Sept. 7 through Dec. 14 on Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Basic aerodynamics, navigation, weather, communications, rules and regulations will be taught by Dr. William Lawter, an experienced flight and ground instructor and F.A.A. commercial pilot as well as a USAF command pilot. The class will meet in room 22 of the MTSU Drawing Building.

Cost is \$40, which does not include text, workbook, navigator plotter or navigation computer.

Registration is accepted by mail through the Business Office, or at

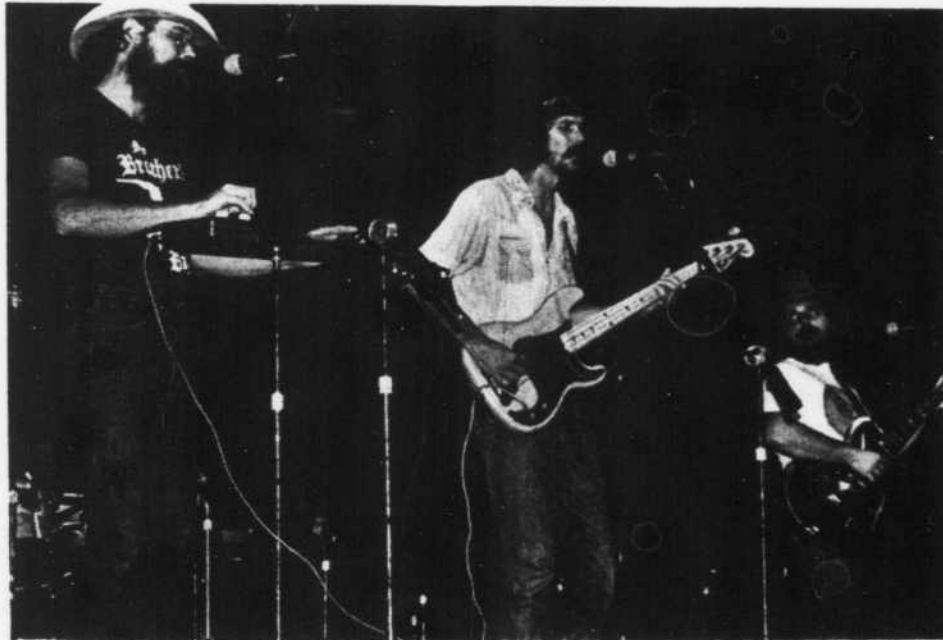
the first class meeting on a space available basis.

Other courses offered by the OCE this fall include: ballroom dancing, energy conservation for the home, faculty physical fitness program, investments, gymnastics for children, beginning scuba diving, CPS review, poise-modeling-makeup-wardrobe, techniques and design of needlepoint, beginning piano (level I), beginning piano (level II), beginning piano (adult class), real estate fund-

amentals, snow skiing, rapid reading for adults, bridge fundamentals, creative art workshop, quilt making, pottery, introduction to drawing, string instruction and Tae Kwon Do Karate.

Three seminars worth one hour each of college credit are offered: Yellow Brick Road, Mathematics in Early Childhood Education: Curriculum Materials and Methods and Today's Child, Tomorrow's World.

For further information, contact the Office of Continuing Education, 898-2462.



Members of the Chattanooga-based Overland Express perform at a concert for New Student Week last Friday. [Robin Rudd photo]

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Games room rug like 'Skid Row'

by Chuck Cavalaris

Nobody really expects the games room to be in perfect shape. And it shows.

The buckets which caught dripping water from a faulty roof last year are gone. But another eyesore has developed—or unraveled. The carpet is this year's headache. It just doesn't want to stay on the floor.

"It does look awful," Dallas Biggers, University Center facilities co-ordinator, quickly admitted yesterday. "You wouldn't believe the nightmares that place has caused me. It looks like a Skid Row joint."

The earliest the carpet can be repaired, Biggers said, is over Christmas holidays, if then. Five thousand dollars was spent to fix the roof, draining all possible

improvement funds from the budget.

"I just hope and pray we can find the money to fix it," Biggers said. "Nobody seems to want to repair the carpet because that brand has been out of production for two years. If we tried to patch it, the carpet would look terrible."

"Our only alternative right now is to try and wait until October and submit a revised budget to redo the whole thing," Biggers explained.

The carpet seems to be unraveling at many seams, leaving two-foot wide strips of bare floor in several places. Games room employees have been instructed to keep the unraveled sections clipped to lessen the chance of people tripping.

Located on the third floor of the



Sigma Nu little sister Sandra Grant passes a drink of an unknown nature to a friend at a party last week. In the background, a victim of that mugging crew. (Tom Cavanaugh photo)

UC, the games room is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's hours are 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The games room opened Monday.

Included in the games room are 10 billiards tables (\$1 per hour), five pinball machines, six ping pong tables, two foosball tables and two air hockey games. Playing cards, checkers and chess sets may also be checked out.

"All that is required is a student ID...and a little money," Biggers said. There is no charge for table tennis, but balls must be provided

by players or can be purchased in the games room.

Despite the troubles with the carpet, billiards trick shot artist Paul Gerni will still perform his magic Sept. 28, at 4 and 8 p.m. Five-time World Billiards Champion Luther "Wimpy" Lassiter is also scheduled to be on hand and will face Gerni in a match.

The billiards exhibition will provide a break in the MTSU Pool Tournament, which will be Sept. 27-29, in men's and women's division. Registration for the tourney begins Sept. 12. Entry blanks will be available in the games room. Cost is \$1.

By Long Distance...

Harold Smith has to chuckle everytime he makes a long distance telephone call.

Smith, director of MTSU special events, has a photograph of former Boston Celtics' Center Bill Russell on his office wall with many other celebrities who have appeared here.

But this photograph is special...a \$1 bill is also in the frame with Russell's picture. The former NBA star may be best remembered today by several television commercials supporting long distance calls.

"We had a bet," Smith chuckled while looking at the picture. "When we got in the car to go to the airport he said 'It sure is a nice day: somewhere between 35-40 degrees.'"

"But I knew it was colder and good-naturedly bet a dollar that it was below freezing. I was just kidding. Anyway, we passed a bank that had the temperature at 28 degrees," Smith recalled.

Russell remained quiet until the car stopped at the airport and once out of the car he reached for his billfold and flicked the dollar at Smith.

"I was only kidding," Smith said. "I don't want to take your money."

"If I had been right, I would have fully expected payment," Smith quoted Russell as saying.

"Yes, sir," said Smith, who swore he saw no advantage in upsetting the 6-9, 260-pound Russell, "I ain't crazy."

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by John Pitts

If you look in your phone book, you'll find more than 50 physicians in Murfreesboro. For your upset stomach, high temperature or serious injury, that's no comfort.

There are alternatives to suffering. Both campus health service and the county health department make quick referrals to competent physicians.

The best advice, of course, is to get the name of a good physician in Murfreesboro from your hometown doctor.

In addition to referral, there are other services offered to students who need medical help.

The first refuge of a sick or injured student is the campus health service building north of the High Rise dorms. The infirmary has five full-time medical personnel, with a part-time supervising physician, Robert Hackman.

"The infirmary handles a lot of the stubbed toes and runny nose situations," said Dean of Student Services Robert MacLean.

The main objective of the infirmary is to keep as many healthy people in class as possible. "We make no pretext to having a complete medical service," the dean added.

In addition to the infirmary's minor health services, it acts as a housekeeper for the state's family planning program on campus.

On Friday, a team of workers from Nashville, aided by Murfreesboro physician James Kaufman, handles the paperwork for the family planning service and admin-

isters free contraceptives.

"There aren't a lot of parents using the service on campus," MacLean said. "Most of the people are single."

The infirmary is open from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more serious health problems, the Rutherford County Hospital's emergency room provides 24-hour health care, but a hospital spokesman cautioned that some cost is involved.

"If at all possible, pick out a doctor and go see him. The emergency room is for real emergencies, not for upset stomachs or if someone just feels sick—it's too

extravagant."

The basic charge for a visit to the emergency room is \$19. If one of the on-duty physicians has to do anything, there is at least an additional \$26 charge.

The hospital itself is a 200-bed facility with an 80-bed addition opening in the fall.

A \$150 deposit is required of patients entering the hospital, but special financial arrangements are made for persons who are unable to make the deposit.

"The hospital never turns anyone down," the spokesman noted.

Free venereal disease detection and treatment services are among the offerings of the Rutherford

County Health Department, supervised by Robert Sanders.

The department's staff of 25 directs general health clinics, a comprehensive baby clinic, a family planning clinic similar to MTSU's and a pre-natal care clinic for midstate women.

The venereal disease services are headed by Robert Moore. Consultation is available Monday afternoons and all day Wednesday and Friday.

The department inspects sewage lines, school cafeterias, swimming pools, nursing homes and trailer parks.

A rabies-control clinic and the dog pound are also under its care.

Montessori offers total education

by F. H. Powers, Jr.

Montessori education has finally come to Murfreesboro. The New School, located at 324 E. College Street, is the first of its kind in Murfreesboro.

A philosophy of childhood growth and a rationale for guiding such growth, the Montessori system is designed to take full advantage of the self-motivation and ability of young children to develop their own capabilities. It is based on the child's developmental needs for freedom within limits and a carefully prepared environment that guarantees exposure to materials and experiences which develop intelligence and physical and psy-

chological abilities.

Montessori education operates on four premises: 1) Children are to be respected as different from adults and as individuals who differ from each other; 2) Children possess unusual sensitivity and mental powers for absorbing and learning from their environment that are unlike those of adults; 3) The most important years of growth are the first six years of life when unconscious learning is gradually brought to the conscious level; 4) Children have a deep love and need for purposeful work. The child works not as an adult for profit and completion of a job but for the sake of the activity itself.

This system of education was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori when she became interested in education as a doctor treating retarded children. Montessori began her work with normal children in 1907 when she was invited to organize schools in a reconstructed slum area of San Lorenzo,

Italy.

Montessori's medical background led her to approach education not as a philosopher or educator in the usual sense, but as a scientist. She considered the classroom as a laboratory for observing children and testing and re-testing the validity of ideas and practices for aiding them in their growth.

The Montessori system was first introduced in this country in 1912 with one of the first schools being established by Alexander Graham Bell in his own home. Initially, the Montessori system met an enthusiastic reception, but interest waned as emphasis in education shifted in this country.

The Montessori approach was reintroduced in the United States in 1958 by Nancy McCormick and, due to changes in the educational climate, the system was accepted with great interest.

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★ ★ 1977 fall film lineup at UC ★ ★

ROCKY

by Chuck Cavalaris

Rocky, the million-to-one long shot story of a struggling \$25-a-bout fighter who nearly wins the heavyweight boxing championship, will be shown in the University Center, Oct. 3-4.

The showing of last spring's box office blockbuster headlines a "diverse" offering of movies by the MTSU Films Committee, according to Harold Smith, director of campus special events.

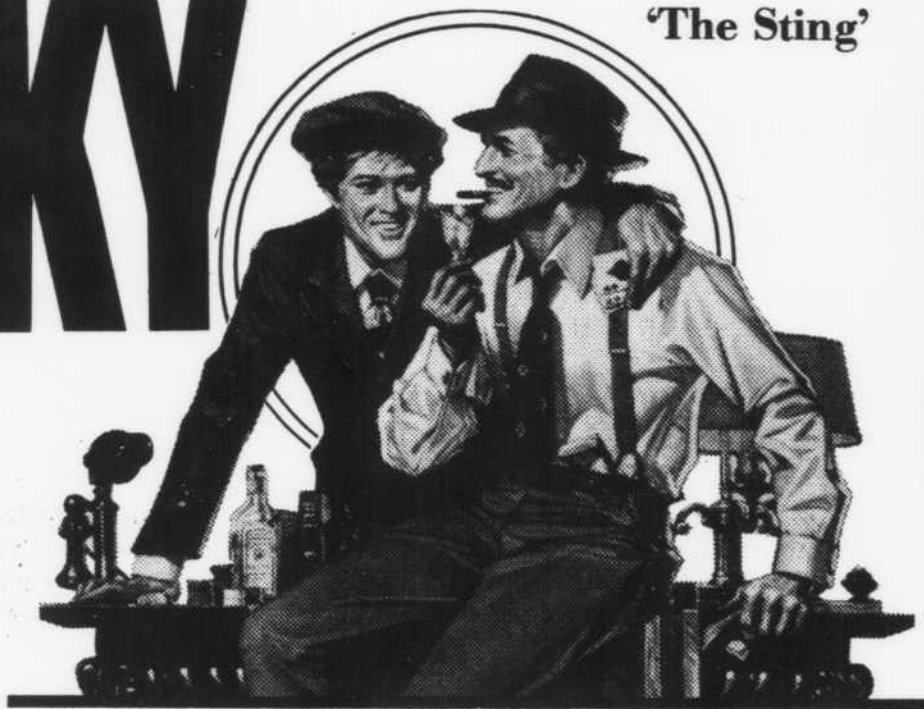
"Of course it is just about impossible to reach such a goal, but we try to appeal to everyone on campus while trying to get the most recent films at the cheapest prices," Smith said.

The producers of Rocky released the film, which own four Academy Awards, for campus showing Oct. 1. "Patton (scheduled for a free showing Dec. 1) was released on the same time schedule. We do feel very fortunate to have Rocky so quickly," Smith said.

Also on the fall schedule is The Sting (seven Academy Awards in 1974) and One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, which won the best film award in 1976. The Sting was shown here last year.

M*A*S*H, one of six R-rated films, opens the fall schedule Sept. 7-8. Show times are 3:30 p.m. (50 cents) and 6 and 8 p.m. (both evening showings are 75 cents).

Other R-rated offerings are The Longest Yard (Sept. 21-22), Woody Allen's Sleeper (Oct. 17-18),



'The Sting'



'Cuckoo's Nest'

Mandingo (Nov. 2-3), Flesh Gordon (Nov. 14-15) and Enter The Dragon (Nov. 21-22).

Dr. Zhivago, among the top 15 films ever produced, will be shown Oct. 19-20, as will Silent Movie Nov. 7-8.

For the second straight semester, a 3-D film is scheduled, but Smith said this one should be better than last semester's (Eye's of Hell), which was a "rip-off."

Creature From The Black Lagoon (Sept. 12-13) "is a much better film," Smith said. "We were suckered in last year when only portions of the film were in 3-D. But this film is much better."

Entirely in 3-D, Creature From The Black Lagoon has "sharks that swim right off the screen in one scene," Smith said. Special glasses arrived Monday for the showing.

One film on the schedule that isn't widely known is Mother Juggs and Speed starring Racquel Welch and Bill Cosby as ambulance attendants. It will be shown Sept. 19-20.

Fall Film Schedule

Sept. 7-8	M*A*S*H	R
Sept. 12-13	Creature From The Black Lagoon	G
Sept. 14-15	The Other Side of the Mountain	PG
Sept. 19-20	Mother Juggs & Speed	PG
Sept. 21-22	The Longest Yard	R
Sept. 26-27	Future World	PG
Sept. 28-29	The Blackbird	PG
Oct. 3-4	Rocky	PG
Oct. 5-6	All This & World War II	G
Oct. 10-11	The Big Bus	PG
Oct. 12-13	Bugs Bunny Superstar	G
Oct. 17-18	Sleeper	R
Oct. 19-20	Dr. Zhivago	PG
Oct. 24-25	Murder By Death	PG
Oct. 26-27	The Great Scout & Cathouse Thursday	PG
Oct. 31	Blacula	PG
Nov. 2-3	Mandingo	R
Nov. 7-8	Silent Movie	PG
Nov. 9-10	The Sting	PG
Nov. 14-15	Flesh Gordon	R
Nov. 16-17	One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest	PG
Nov. 21-22	Enter The Dragon	R

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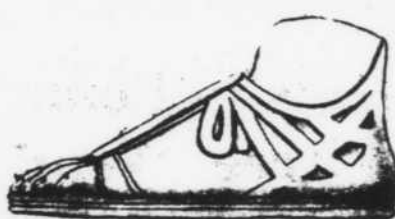
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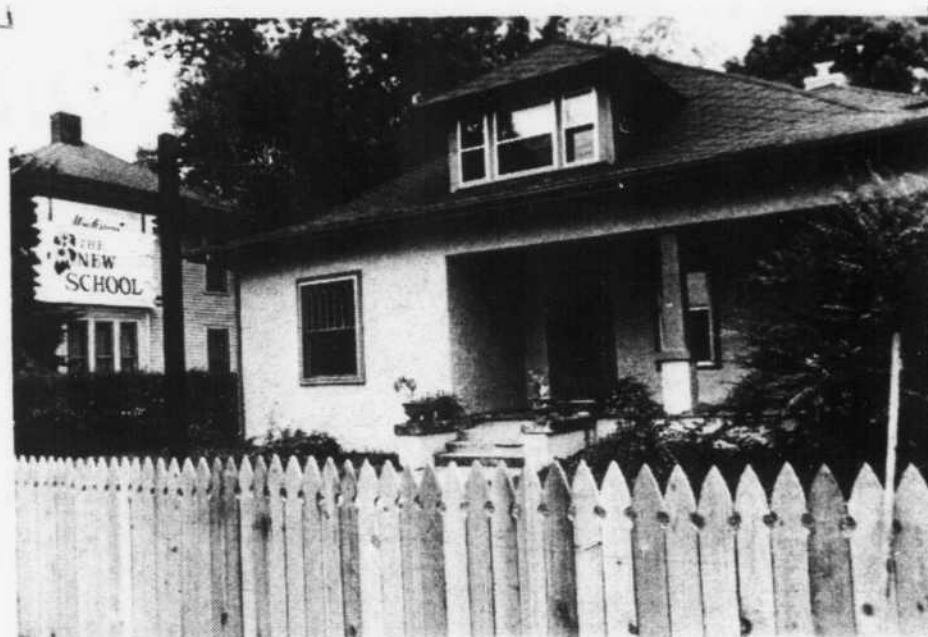


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Murfreesboro's Montessori New School [Robin Rudd photo]

Montessori method...

The impact of Montessori education on public schools has been growing and gained impetus with the establishment of the first Montessori public elementary school which opened in Cincinnati, Ohio, in September, 1975.

The New School is to be Murfreesboro's first Montessori school. Libby Fite, director of the school, noted, "All four teachers at our school have master's degrees and I don't think you'll find that anywhere else in the United States." The staff at the New School is made up of four women and two men—four full-time teachers and two part-time. The men on the staff are novel in that very few men are found teaching preschool age children.

Libby Fite is a teacher as well as director of the New School. She has a masters' in education and received her Montessori training at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gary Kluge, teacher at the New School, has a masters' degree and received his Montessori training at the Ithaca Montessori Training School at Cornell University.

Cindy Wilson, who will also teach at the New School, received her kindergarten and elementary education certification from MTSU and will complete her masters' of arts in teaching in December at MTSU.

Karen Larka, who has a masters' in education, will provide Orff musical training which allows the children to learn to make music themselves before they begin with instruments.

"The children learn through concrete operations how to cope with the abstractions to be applied when they reach public school," said Kluge. "The learning environment and materials available are important to the child's development," he added.

"The practical life area of study in Montessori education stresses such things as dishwashing, tying

shoelaces, buttoning buttons, fastening pins, and cooking," noted Fite. Kluge added, "Many parents don't teach their children these skills, they just expect the child to know how to wash his hands."

Cindy Wilson pointed out, "We have facilities for 45 children presently and we offer two programs at the New School. One program is the half day, which runs with the calendar year of Murfreesboro city schools, and the other is full day care, which is open all year."

The New School is open to children ranging in ages from two and a half to six. Enrollment is open to all socio-economic, religious, and racial backgrounds. Due to its individual approach, the Montessori method is uniquely suited to public education where children of many backgrounds are grouped together. It is also appropriate for classes in which the student-teacher ratio is high because the children learn at an early age to work independently.

In the Montessori school the child is free to move about the classroom at will, to talk to other children, to work with any equipment he or she understands, or to ask the teacher to introduce new materials to him or her. But the child is not free to disturb other children at work or to abuse the equipment that is so important to the child's development. Kluge noted, "We use a mixture of freedom and order."

Observers of Montessori children have described them as having developed self-discipline, self-knowledge and independence, as well as enthusiasm for learning, an organized approach to problem-solving and academic skills. Libby Fite added, "After October 30 we will be open for observation by anyone interested in the Montessori approach. All that is required is for the interested party to make an appointment with us to come and observe our classes."

High Rise new look to make food seem better?

by D'nice Lawson

High Rise Cafeteria has a new style.

The food hasn't changed, but remodeling has provided more room, enough for a large salad bar.

As for the taste buds, anyone expecting Mama's home-cooking may be disappointed, warns Gene Koester, assistant manager. However, he says, there "won't be flies in the soup or roaches crawling on the trays."

High Rise, as well as Woodmore cafeteria, offers unlimited seconds, welcoming everyone to eat all they want at no extra charge. Students spending weekends on campus can eat brunch and dinner at High Rise for \$1.85.

The Sub cafeteria, located in the basement of the Student Union Building, specializes in catering special events on and off campus, serving banquets and preparing refreshments for picnics. Birthday cakes can be ordered from the Sub,

All meal tickets are honored at the Sub, with a basic cost allowance of 90 cents for breakfast, \$1.50 for lunch and \$1.65 for dinner. Any extra charge must be taken care of by the student.

The Grill, the campus's most frequented food service, accepts only the budget meal ticket.

Last year a food committee was organized to give students a chance to offer complaints and suggestions. It will be continued this year, with surveys and personal feedback helping to improve the facilities.

Including the freshmen, who have a mandatory meal plan, an estimated 2,500 students have some sort of pre-paid meal plan. However, Food Service Director Doug McCallie, says that all students will probably take advantage of at least one of the eating facilities on campus.

For those on a meal plan, a valid ID as well as a meal card is required in order to eat. Although ID's will not always be asked for, everyone should carry one.

If a meal card and an ID do not match, the meal ticket could be pulled. Last year over 100 meal cards were taken in two days at High Rise.

Hours for the cafeterias are as follows:

High Rise, Monday through Friday
—Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m.; lunch 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m.

—Saturday brunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; dinner 5-6 p.m.

—Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

Woodmore, Monday through Friday

—Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

Sub, Monday through Friday

—Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; dinner 4:30-6 p.m.



Students prepare to eat in the High-Rise West cafeteria, recently remodeled to include a large salad bar and more seats. [Thom Coombes photo]

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Hurt's problem: post winning year despite slate

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

When Ben Hurt became head football coach in 1975, he told Raider fans to give him three years to build a winner.

He must not have looked at the 1977 schedule.

After suffering through two consecutive 4-7 seasons, Hurt will have the most experienced personnel he has ever had. If the Raiders can avoid injuries they should be a tremendously improved football team.

Improving the record, however, is a different matter. Facing what is probably the toughest schedule in MTSU history, the Raiders play only four games at home. In addition to the seven OVC opponents, four non-conference games are scheduled. All four are on the road.

"We just don't know what is going to happen," Hurt commented. "We do know that we have to have everybody healthy to turn this thing around like we plan to do."

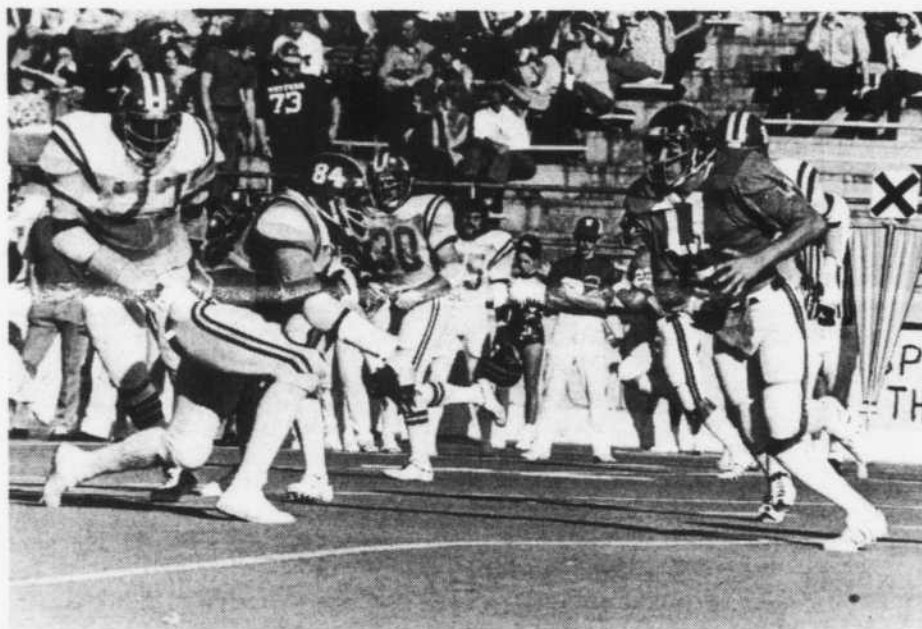
"But then there is that schedule," he added.

The Raiders open the season Saturday in Nashville against an awesome Tennessee State team... perhaps the best the Tigers have ever had. Many are predicting that TSU, who has just moved into Division I, will go undefeated this season.

Other non-conference games include UT Martin, UT Chattanooga and the University of Delaware. Martin trounced four OVC teams last year by a combined score of 126-3, including a 38-3 win over MTSU. UT Chattanooga has also entered Division I this year and Delaware is a perennial national power in Division II.

The OVC schedule looks more favorable, as the Raiders play host to the top four teams. In conference action, MTSU must travel only to Morehead, Austin Peay and East Tennessee.

Keeping everyone healthy may be tougher than the tough sched-



A healthy quarterback Mike Robinson[11] rolls left against the tenacious Western Kentucky defense.

ule. Since the beginning of last season, 14 Raiders have sustained injuries which required surgery. Most are back in action and will be heavily depended upon this fall.

On the plus side, Hurt has more depth and experience than in his past two seasons. Forty lettermen and 16 starters will be returning from last season, although several changed positions during spring drills.

The most notable shifts were the movement of center Chris Keen to defensive end and the transfer of Mo Bell from defensive tackle to middle linebacker.

"This has happened in a couple of other positions also, so it is a bit misleading to say that we have 15 or 16 starters back," noted Hurt.

At the top of everybody's list of Raider returnees is senior fullback Mike Moore. In the three years he has played at MTSU he has broken virtually every individual rushing record.

Every time he carries the ball he adds to at least two of his records. "It goes without saying that he is one of the big keys to our season," stated Hurt. "He is in better shape than he has ever been, and is really

gearing himself for a great senior year."

"He is a winner all the way," Hurt added. "He can do it all."

Directing the offense is senior quarterback, Mike Robinson, who is making a comeback after a knee injury sidelined him for the last four games in 1976. Robinson's health will be a major factor in the team's performance this year.

"We can least afford to lose Mike," pointed out Hurt. That was proved last year when he went out."

Robinson was the OVC's total offense leader last season until he was injured early in the Austin Peay game.

Joining Robinson and Moore in the backfield will be junior Robbie Rogers. The strongest player on the team, Rogers is also quick and almost impossible to arm tackle.

"We can be decent offensively if the line will do a good job," Hurt declared. "Our backs are in a position to have a real good year if they can get protection."

In the receiver positions split end Jeff Shockley, tight ends Vincent Harris and Larry Miller and flanker

Gary Burchfield are all returning starters.

Although the offensive line will be a young one, it figures to be improved over last year. Anchoring the line will be senior Alvin Palmer, who started every game last season at tackle. Junior college transfer Darrell Williams will be counted upon to fill the center spot which was vacated when Chris Keen moved to defensive end.

Defensively, the Raiders will be looking to senior Mo Bell to bolster the linebacking corps. Battling for the other linebacker positions are Stan Wright, Andrea Bullock and Tony Buck.

Sophomore tackle Reggie Bell, and all-OVC selection, will be a standout in the front four. One of the hardest hitters on the team, Bell also has great quickness.

In the defensive secondary seven lettermen, all of them starters at one time or another, will be battling for four positions. Heading the list are safeties Ronnie Cecil and John Diefenbach, both standouts in the secondary last season.



Ben Hurt

This could be the year for Coach Hurt to turn things around for the Raiders, but at this point no one is predicting anything.

"I don't think there is any doubt that we're going to be a much better team this season than we were last season," Hurt said. "We had the best recruiting season I've ever had as a head coach this past year."



On a rainy Homecoming Day, runningback Mike Moore reels off yardage, breaking tackles against Austin Peay.

TSU tickets now \$2 for students

Students with a valid fall ID card can now purchase tickets to Saturday's MTSU-Tennessee State game for a discounted price of \$2.

Any student who waits until Saturday and buys the tickets at Nashville's Dudley Field will have to pay \$5, regardless.

MTSU Ticket Manager Jim Simpson explained that students can purchase only one of the discounted tickets per ID. "A student can bring two ID's when making the ticket purchase," Simpson added.

The manager explained that officials at Dudley field will "require the student to show both the ticket and a validated fall ID card before they will be admitted to the game."

The \$2 tickets will be available in

the MTSU Ticket Office, located in Murphy Center, until 4:30 Friday afternoon. Branches of Murfreesboro Bank and Trust are also selling the tickets, until closing time Friday afternoon.

"No tickets will be sold anywhere in Murfreesboro after that time," Simpson said. On Saturday, tickets for the game will be available at Vanderbilt's 26th Avenue ticket office, which opens at 9 a.m. on game day.

MTSU fans will be sitting on the press box side of the Vanderbilt field again this season. Simpson said he "held back a good number of tickets" in anticipation of demand by students returning to the campus. The tickets went on sale to the general public several weeks ago.

Deadline is Thursday for softball signup

An organizational meeting for intramural softball will be held at 7 Friday night in the Alumni Memorial Gym. The deadline to sign up for softball is Thursday afternoon at 4:30.

MTSU's intramural program is part of the total campus recreation program, offering sports and recreational activities.

Students can participate in physical conditioning activities, intramural team sports and various individual and group recreational activities.

The staff of the campus recreation office is ready to provide equipment, supervision and instructional materials. The office is located in room 203 of the Alumni Gym and is open from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

That organizational meeting is the first of a series of meetings held to discuss rules, dates, times, eligibility of players, league and

tournament draws, awards to be issued and other general questions concerning each particular sport.

A representative of each team that has registered with the intramural office must be at the initial meeting. The meeting will be held on the day after the sign up for team sports and the same day as the sign up for individual sports.

As always, the campus recreational office will operate a checkout service. available equipment includes badminton nets, shuttlecocks and rackets; basketballs; footballs and flag belt sets; golf clubs; handball gloves and balls; horseshoe sets; raquetball rackets and balls; soccer balls; softball bats, balls and bases; tennis rackets; volleyballs and nets; and tents.

Only a valid ID card is needed to check out equipment. The checkout room is located on the lower level of

Murphy Center, in the west corridor near the faculty dressing rooms.

All equipment will be returned the same day it was taken out, except with prior approval from the recreation office.

The recreation checkout room schedule is:

Sunday 1-6 p.m.

Monday-Thursday 4-9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 2-9 p.m.

MTSU's swimming pool, located between the Alumni Gym and Jones Field, is open to all students, faculty, staff and their dependents. A valid ID or recreational card is required.

The recreational swimming schedule is:

Sunday 6-8 p.m.

Monday-Friday 4-6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-noon

No tickets yet available for '79 Mideast games

Although the 1979 NCAA Mideast Regionals are still more than a year and a half away, ticket manager Jim Simpson has already received some calls concerning tickets.

"We have no information available as yet about the sale of the playoff tickets," Simpson said last week. "We are awaiting the delivery of a packet from the NCAA which will explain the whole process in detail."

If the sale of the 1979 tickets is similar to the sale of 1977 tickets to the first round in Baton Rouge, La., Murfreesboro residents will probably get most of the 11,750 seats available in Murphy Center.

"The NCAA is most concerned about getting people in the gym...if we could sell 10,000 tickets in Murfreesboro, that will be all right with them," Simpson said.

MTSU must reserve only 1000 tickets for the four competing teams (250 tickets per school). The NCAA sets a minimum price for the tickets, but no maximum. Tickets to the 1977 games in the LSU gym were \$8.

"We already know that some adjustments will have to be made in the seating to accommodate the television people," Simpson said.

Tickets to the NCAA games here will likely not go on sale until the beginning of the 1978-79 basketball season, Simpson added.

SEPTEMBER Intramural Events:

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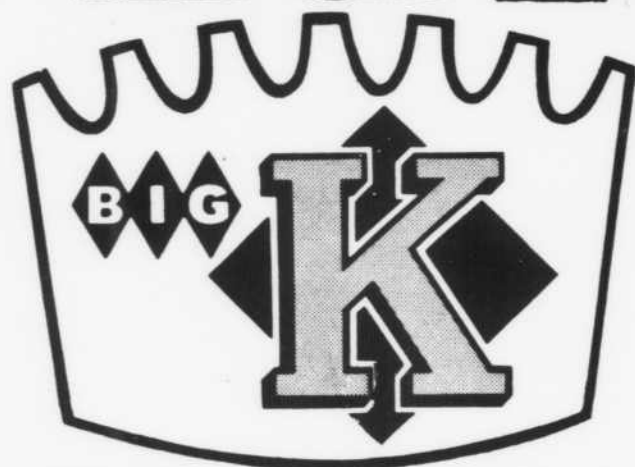
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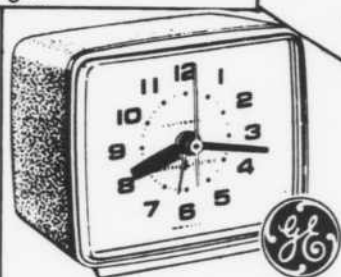
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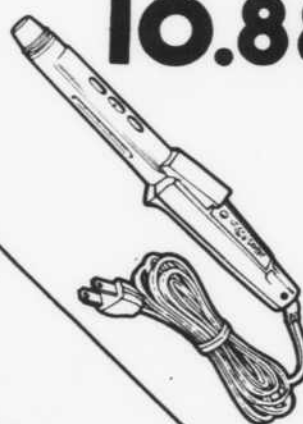
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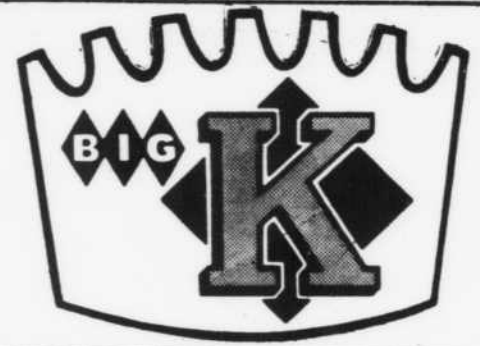
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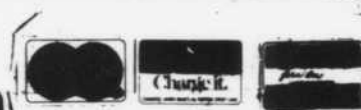
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Is thirteen unlucky? Raider seniors hope not

by Eddie Gossage
Assistant Sports Editor

Thirteen.

When that number enters the mind it can conjure up thoughts of black cats and seven years' bad luck. Right?

For Blue Raider head football coach Ben Hurt, that number had better be lucky as he has thirteen seniors on this year's squad.

"Our seniors are the key to a successful season," Hurt noted. "We need excellent leadership and I think they will provide us with it."

Hurt went on to say that this year's seniors "are outstanding young men on and off the field."

The seniors are led by Mike Moore who has smashed every record for running backs in only two seasons.

Hurt called Moore "the finest running back in the history of the school."

Quarterback Mike Robinson makes a return following surgery on a knee he injured in last season's homecoming game against Austin Peay. Apparently, Robinson has recovered from the surgery for he was healthy in spring practice and is having a good pre-season workout.

At flanker, Gary Burchfield returns for his final season. The Maryville native is described as "a scrapper" who fights hard to make up for his size.

The offensive line, this season's biggest question mark, is anchored by senior Alvin Palmer. "Palmer had the best spring and fall practices of his career," Hurt said of the 250-pound lineman.

Kicking specialist Michael Robinson has worked his way up from a walk-on to a scholarship athlete by not missing an extra point in his MTSU career. Robinson takes care of all place-kicking chores.

Ronnie Cecil returns at safety to lead the defensive secondary this year. Hurt said Cecil "should" be an All-Conference pick and is a possible pro prospect as well.

At the cornerback position Johnny Carver and Stan Murphy are fighting it out for a starting nod.

Carver is tough against the run while Murphy's speed has earned him the nickname "Quickfeet."

Defensive end George Goodson has been hurt during most of his career but right now is healthy and tabbed as a starter. He can bench press 300 pounds.

The other starting end, Chris Keen, is quick and aggressive. He is playing in his fourth position in four seasons: tight end, linebacker, center last year and now as a defensive lineman.

"Experienced" is the word for linebacker Tony Buck, a three-year starter. Buck is one of the quickest and strongest players on the team and calls the defensive signals.

Andra Bullock, who has started for the last year and a half, is battling Stan Wright for the other outside linebacker. Bullock is a versatile athlete who was a high school quarterback. His assets are quickness and his great pass defense.

Mo Bell is a question mark in the defense following foot surgery. Last week he was still on crutches. Bell, another Raider pro prospect, will apparently not play in the season opener against Tennessee State.

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MTSU fifth in OVC poll

A poll of OVC football coaches indicates that Eastern Kentucky University will repeat as this year's conference champions.

MTSU placed three players on the pre-season All-OVC team. Running back Mike Moore has been named to repeat on the squad again this season.

Defensive back John Diefenbach and sophomore defensive lineman Reggie Bell were also selected.

Moore, a 210-pound senior, was named the OVC Player of the Year in 1975 and was named runner-up last season.

The complete pre-season poll follows:

End-Dean Ratledge-Tennessee Tech
End-Tom Warren-Morehead
Lineman-Bruce Martin-Murray
Lineman-Ron Wilson-Eastern Kentucky
Lineman-James Green-Austin Peay
Lineman-REGGIE BELL-MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Linebacker-Biff Madon-Western Kentucky

Wide Receiver-Craig Rolle-Tennessee Tech
Tight End-Dave Thomas-Murray
Tackle-Rich Shoemaker-East Tennessee
Tackle-Randy Heaberlin-Eastern Kentucky
Guard-Chip Carpenter-Western Kentucky
Guard-Leon Cody-Morehead

1977 Pre-Season All OVC Selections

Defense

Linebacker-Bob Bible-Austin Peay
Linebacker-George Fugate-East Tennessee
Back-Anthony Miller-Eastern Kentucky
Back-JOHN DIEFENBACH-MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Back-Don Derrick-Austin Peay
Back-Greg Bright-Morehead
Punter-Wes Ferguson-Murray

Offense

Quarterback-Ernie House-Eastern Kentucky
Back-MIKE MOORE-MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Back-Jimmy Woods-Western Kentucky
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1977 Pre-Season OVC Selections

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3. Western Kentucky
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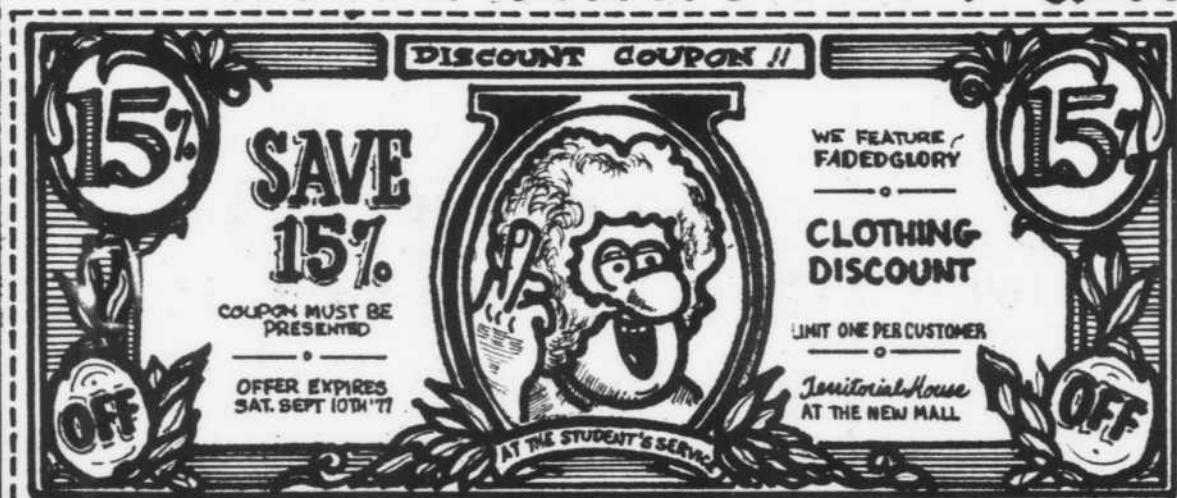
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Better but worse

Despite improvements, schedule may hurt '78 basketball

by John Pitts

Basketball coach Jimmy Earle acknowledges that his team should be better than last season's 20-9 OVC tournament champion squad, but he cautions that a tough schedule could spell a disappointing year for the Blue Raiders.

The Raiders return five of last season's top six players, with a standout group of junior college and freshman players adding to depth, a major problem last season.

"I think we'll have a better team, but our record might not be as good as last year's," Earle commented. "We slipped up on some teams last season...we won't slip up on anybody this time."

Earle cited such foes as Michigan State, Oral Roberts, Ole Miss and OVC foes Western Kentucky and Murray State as examples of obstacles the team faces in '77-'78.

"We won last season on the basis of hustle, scrap, determination and defense," Earle said of the team which captured the 1977 OVC post-seasons tournament in Clarksville, earning an automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs.

"The kind of season we have will depend on how hungry we are after we've already gone to the NCAA playoffs," Earle said.

"Motivation is going to be the



Bob Martin

...Raider All-OVC standouts

key to the season," Earle added.

He couldn't ask for a more motivated leader for next season that Bob Martin, the 6-7 senior center from Dickson.

Martin led the team in scoring (17.9 points per game), rebounding (8.4 rebounds per game) and field goal percentage (.574) while leading the league in hustle and guts. He was named Most Valuable Player in the OVC tournament after also earning All-OVC honors.

Martin will be joined in the front court by returning forward Greg Joyner, a 6-7 junior from Philadelphia. He was close behind Martin in all categories, averaging 15.5 points and 8.2 rebounds per game



Greg Joyner

while shooting at a .568 clip.

Sleepy Taylor, a three-year starter for the Raiders, will return in the best condition of his career for another year at guard. He averaged 12.1 points per game in '77, despite a nagging knee injury.

Sophomore forward Leroy Coleman (who ably stepped in during Taylor's absence due to the knee injury early in the season) will probably alternate with senior forward/guard Julius Brown, who averaged 12.4 points per game.

"Every team needs a stopper, somebody that you can send in to shut down the other guy when he's got a hot hand...Leroy is the man," Earle commented.

Coleman and Brown are both 6-4.

Two prime junior college players join the Raiders: 6-9 center John Sauer and 6-6 forward James Riley. Sauer is counted on to give Bob Martin some rest time this season.

"He has the physical tools to help this ball club," Earle said of the transfer from Joliet (Ill.) Junior College.

Riley will be "pushing for a starting berth" by the time practice begins in October, Earle said. He comes from the same school as Raider standout point guard Lewis Mack: Jamestown (N.Y.) Community College.

Replacing Mack, the guard who wrote and rewrote the Raider assist record book in two seasons, is Earle's main problem. Both Greg Armstrong and freshman Curtis Fitts are hoping for a starting job at that position.

Armstrong is a 6-3 transfer from the University of Florida who practiced almost all of last season with the team while waiting for eligibility. Fitts is a 6-3 recruit from Hendersonville who will be moved from forward to guard by the Raider coaches during fall practice.

With more depth, Earle predicted that his team will run more than last season's team could.

"We will probably press more...we didn't press last season for fear of getting people in foul trouble," Earle explained.

Earle hopes that his "running runs" can sell out Murphy Center this season. "There were a few hundred which weren't sold last season...we're going to do our best to sell it out this time."

With the additional depth provided by the eight new players, the Raiders will play a 14-or-15-game junior varsity schedule.

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Grappler coach predicts 'best' team's success

by Eddie Gossage
Assistant Sports Editor

"Barring any unnatural problems, we've got the best team we've ever had. I can say that without any reservation."

Those are the words of MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell. The team is full of seniors, juniors, experienced sophomores, and blue chip freshmen.

The 118-pound division finds sophomore David James returning with about 20 matches under his belt. Freshmen Michael Kennedy and Tom Carr from Saugerities, New Your add the necessary depth to this weight class.

Senior Pat Simpson heads the 126-pound class and is a definite possibility for the national tournament.

Tony Kennedy, Michael's brother, could wrestle in either the 118- or the 126-pound division. Kennedy, the finest freshman on the squad was called a "natural with a phenomenal future" by Connell. Kennedy, a Nashville Stratford graduate was the 1977 State High School wrestling champ and the state MVP.

Tommy Smith returns from injuries to head the 134-pound class and reportedly is 100 per cent healthy. Smith was called a "know-

ledgeable" wrestler by Connell.

Senior David Scott will miss the fall semester due to student teaching in Oak Ridge. Scott will return in the spring to wrestle at 142 pounds. Meanwhile, Frank Simpson will be counted on heavily to hold down that position.

Several freshmen are vying for a spot behind Simpson.

One of the most aggressive and physical wrestlers from last year's squad, Mike Kuziola, leads the 150-pounders.

Several freshmen and a transfer student will push Kuziola hard for

his position.

Last season's team MVP David Buck of Joelton, will be the number one man at the 158-pound class. Connell called Buck the most improved wrestler last year.

In the 167-pound division, Kyle Smith will be counted on heavily to carry this class. Smith was red-shirted and missed last season.

Sophomore Butch Burnett returns at the 177-pound class and will be pushed hard by freshmen Steve Patterson and Jim Murphy.

At 190 pounds, Red Bank's Russ Arthur will carry the hopes for

the Raiders. Arthur finished third in the state in 1977 and second in 1976.

The heavyweight division finds a junior college transfer holding down that position. DeRoy Collins, a transfer from New York's Farmingdale College will add the necessary depth along with veteran Clifford Abernathy.

With several veterans returning, a whole slew of top notch freshmen, and financial aid for the first time in history, MTSU wrestling appears to be the bright new sport on the horizon.



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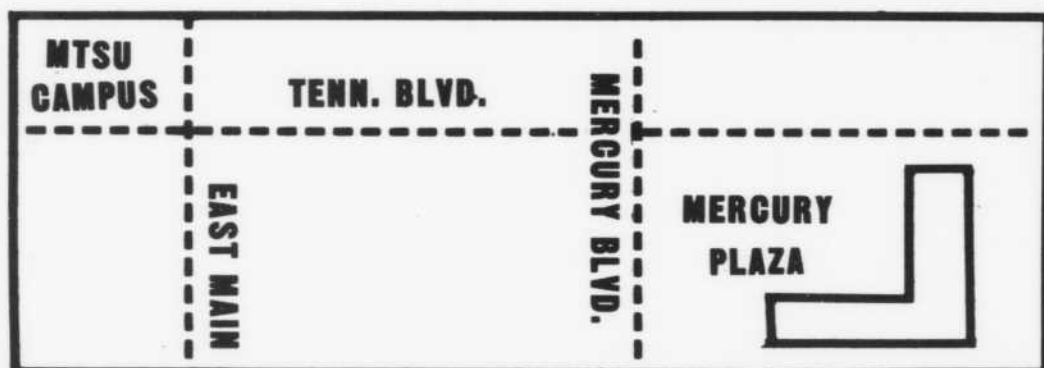
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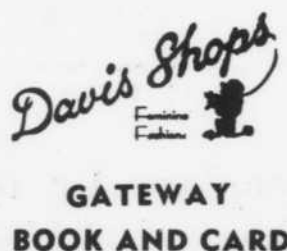
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Will schedule slow women's basketball success?

by Gary Pryor

All five starters return from last season's Blue Raider women's basketball team that posted a record 20 wins, but the potential for greatness in 1977-78 is marred by a tougher schedule.

In addition to playing all seven Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) opponents, the Lady Raiders must also duel Kentucky, UT, Alabama,



Liz Hannah

Missouri, Memphis State and Mississippi State. However, the Raider women will enjoy the home court advantage in playing these schools.

Former assistant Pat Sarver, now at the helm of the women's team, cites experience and depth as two strong points of MTSU. With 11 players returning who have earned letters, Coach Sarver plans to "use a lot of players, eight or ten each half."

"Bonnie Angus, Shelley Hoffman and Nancy Bolen will provide valuable depth," Sarver said. "We should have rebounding power from Sharon McClannahan (6-0), Patrice Amos (6-1), Carol Lance (6-0) and Sherri McKinney (6-3).

Coach Sarver will also have a balanced scoring attack this season. Leading the charge will be Liz Hannah, 5-10, who led the team last year with a 15.9 scoring average. At the wing positions are Karen Carter (5-10, 11.7 average), and Kathy Riley, (5-9, 10 point average). "We also have two of the quickest guards in the state in Linda Carter and Jan Zitney," Sarver added.

Defence may be the Lady Raiders' biggest weakness, and Coach Sarver plans to use pressure defense for 40 minutes each game. "We'll use man-to-man pressure, with a lot of traps and presses,"

Sarver said.

Added incentive to women's basketball this year is the formation of a women's league in OVC schools. Winning the first OVC women's title is a goal for the Lady Raiders. "This should help us gain

more support from the students and fans, and hopefully they can help inspire us to win," said Sarver.

The Thanksgiving Tipoff Tournament at Murphy Center Nov. 17, 18 and 19 opens the '77-'78 cage schedule.

Neal is new women's net coach

Sandy McMillan Neal has been appointed coach of the Blue Raider women's tennis and volleyball teams.

A Cleveland native, Neal returns to her alma mater where she was a four-year tennis player for the Lady Raiders. As a first-time coach this past spring she directed the women's tennis team to an 11-10 record and a third place finish in

the state tournament.

Neal was the top tennis player for MTSU her senior year and has won the Murfreesboro City Open competition twice. She co-directed this summer's city tournament with men's-tennis coach Dick Lalance.

She earned her B.S. degree in physical education in 1976 and has completed work for her master's degree at MTSU.

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MTSU athletes work together**Spring successes capture OVC All-Sports honor**

by John Pitts

While most of you were vacationing in May, athletes from MTSU's spring sports (baseball, men's tennis, track, golf) were pulling together to win the university's first Ohio Valley Conference All-Sports Championship.

Blue Raider teams mounted a tremendous spring surge, capturing a first place in track and second places in the other three sports to score 58 of a possible 64 points. MTSU finished the 1976-77 year with 82.5 All-Sports points, barely edging defending champ Western Kentucky, which finished with 80.5 points.

The All-Sports trophy win by Middle is the first by a Tennessee

member of the conference in the history of the award.

After a tremendously slow start in the fall (last place finishes in both football and cross-country), the Raiders gained momentum with a second place finish in basketball.

Then Dean Hayes' talented track team went to work, bringing home the conference championship from Bowling Green, Ky., with an impressive showing. The team took five first places while building up a 15.5 point margin over second place finisher Morehead State.

That same weekend, a young Blue Raider tennis team took second place in a surprising performance, finishing to a heavily-favored Western squad. Number

five single's player Tony Fernandez led all Raider finishers with an upset win over top-seeded Howard Flagg of East Tennessee 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Australians Peter Heffernan and Chris Baker brought home top honors in their number two doubles competition, beating a pair of Western's netters. The Raider duo rallied to win a tie-breaker in the second set and went on to a 5-7, 7-6, 6-1 victory.

John Stanford's Blue Raider baseball team couldn't duplicate the heroics of 1976's conference champion team, but they finished second to a powerful Morehead team to garner more precious points as the athletic season raced to a close.

So, the All-Sports title was on the line when conference golfers took to the links on May 17-18, in Lexington, Ky. Prior to the OVC golf meet, Western led the conference with 69.5 points, and Middle Tennessee trailed with 68.5 of their own.

To make matters worse, Austin Peay, Murray State and Morehead State loomed close enough to possibly grab a first place finish if Western or Middle performed badly enough.

Middle Tennessee was slightly favored in the tournament and was thought by just about everyone to have a definite edge on Western Kentucky. Conference title or not, the MTSU golfers had to beat Western to capture that title.

After all the blood and sweat of a whole year of athletic competition, the success or failure of MTSU's athletic program seemed to hinge on two days of golf.

Middle finished ahead of Western—but by only a single stroke. Morehead dominated the Kentucky course, posting an 876 team total. MTSU finished in second place, five strokes down at

881. Western and Tennessee Tech finished on MTSU's heels at 882.



Sam Hunt

If there was a hero during what was almost a disaster, it was MTSU senior Sam Hunt. Out of the limelight for most of the season, Hunt put together a 217 to pace his teammates, finishing fifth in OVC play.

There were some other heroes too: OVC Trackman of the Year John DoDoo, who was the conference champ in the triple jump; OVC Track Coach of the Year Dean Hayes, who won his first championship in 12 years at MTSU; OVC champion trackmen Sheikh Faye, Harrison Salami, Russell Holloway and Larry Cotton, David Robinson, Ed Stegall and J.T. Musgrove of the mile relay team.

In baseball, Mike Moore, a left-handed pitcher who posted an 8-2 record, was named OVC Player of the year in that sport. He joined teammates Danny Moore, Rick Cheshire and Ben Lankster on the All-OVC team.

Orienteering nears start

MTSU's Blue Raider Orienteering Club's first meet of the year is set for Sept. 24-25 in Alexandria, La.

Last year the team was slowed in the Louisiana event by sprained ankles and disqualifications. Competing against 45 other teams, MTSU placed second.

Team captain Dusty Woodlee believes experience will be the difference this season. Of the possible 25 members of the new team, 15 to 18 are veterans.

Working with a small budget, the team plans to attend only one other meet this season. Events in Michigan, Quebec, and Boston are being considered.

Orienteering is a sport where competitors use a compass to navigate a plotted cross-country course in the fastest possible time.

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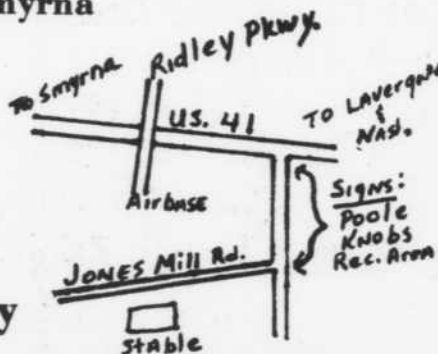
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OVC champ track team hopeful for title defense

by John Pitts

With most of 1977's top performers returning, Dean Hayes' OVC champion track squad should be able to make a good defense of their newly-acquired conference title.

"We would've had a decent team if we hadn't recruited anybody," Hayes said with a grin. "We lose the fewest points of anyone in the top four (which includes MTSU, Morehead, Western Ky. and Austin Peay.)"

The Blue Raiders will return the athletes responsible for 84 of the 113 points they scored in the OVC championship in Bowling Green, Ky. in May. There are 8 NCAA championship qualifiers coming back in '78.

In addition, Hayes is bringing to MTSU a number of standout performers who might make the team even tougher.

Heading the list of returning athletes are junior jumpers Shiekh Faye and John DoDoo. Faye shook off the effects of an early season leg injury to become OVC champion in the long jump and finish fifth in the nation in the event.

DoDoo placed second in the OVC long jump and won the triple jump at the Tennessee Intercollegiate Championships the weekend prior to the OVC meet. He was a double winner at the Central Collegiate Championships, winning both the long and triple jumps. He was also an NCAA long jump qualifier, finishing seventh in the nation.

The jumping duo will be joined by senior hurdler Russell Holloway, OVC champion in the 400 meter intermediates (50.1), who was also an NCAA qualifier.

Other returnees include sophomore distance runner Gary Perry, sophomore hurdlers Ed Thomas and Harry Majors and three of the four members of the record-holding OVC champion mile relay team.

David Robinson, Ed Stegall and J.T. Musgrove all return for another crack at the 3:10.5 mark they set at the championship meet. Chester Ransom, Holloway and Thomas will probably alternate at the fourth spot on the team.

Senior basketball player, Clint Dennison will return in the high jump. He had a 6-9 1/4 showing to his credit in '77.

One of the finest prospects to enter Hayes' fold in some time is freshman Greg Artis, who was nicknamed "Dr. Leap" by his North Carolina high school teammates.

Artis had the nation's best high school triple jump last season (51-5 1/2) and the eighth best long jump (24-8). He competed this summer against the Russians as part of an AAU junior team.

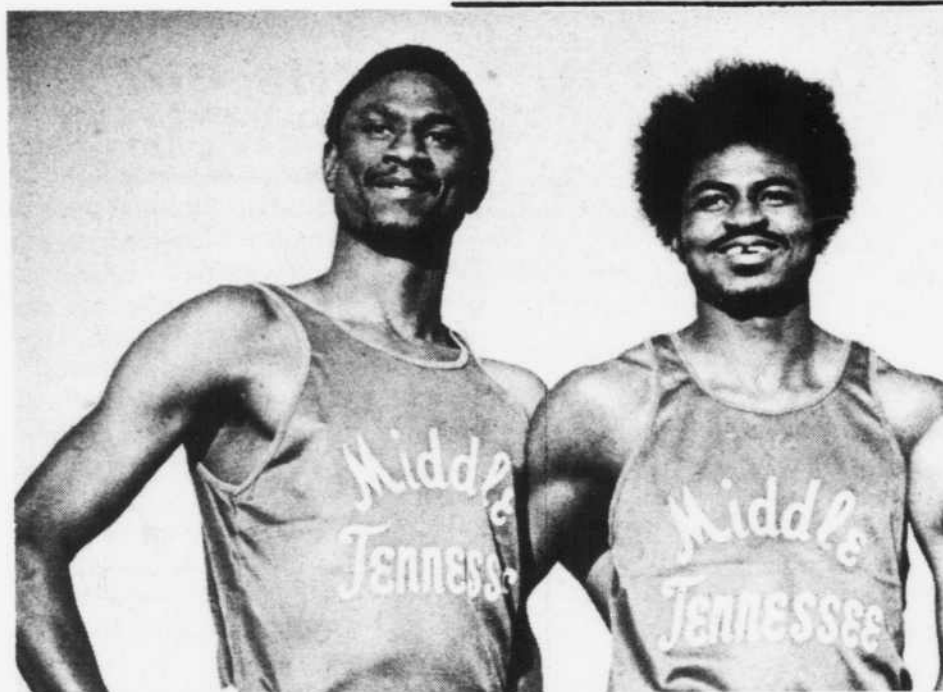
Distance runners Jack Langford and Dana McCutcheon, counted on by the Blue Raider cross-country

team, will add depth for the longer distance events.

Rosco Kidd, the Division III record holder in the high jump, will compete here after transferring from Nashville's Fisk University. Another transfer is javelin thrower Bruce Morris from McLean, Virginia. His personal record, 213-2, was set as a member of the Miami Dade North Junior College team.

Freshman Jerome Brown, a hurdler with a 13.9 showing in the highs, will also compete for the Raiders.

Ted Hausauer, redshirted shot-putter who was the OVC's indoor champion in '75, will return this season.



Raider trackmen Shiekh Faye (left) and John DoDoo



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Cross-country wants out of OVC's cellar

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Dean Hayes

year's OVC last place team to go.

Hayes admits that "this has to be a rebuilding year" following a disappointing season in which several of his key runners were injured.

On the optimistic side, Hayes says that this season's squad "is probably the most talented group since 1971" to wear Blue Raider uniforms.

Veteran Dennis Votava will lead the young team as the only senior. He won a couple of meets last season in his first year of cross-country competition.

Sophomore-to-be Gary Perry, Votava's outdoor track running mate, will compete on the team for the first time. "Gary transferred here last fall and was waiting for his eligibility when the season started," Hayes explained.

Another standout performer is transfer Jack Langford, from Essex Community College in Baltimore. Langford has run the mile in 4:14, and finished second in the junior college national 1000-yard run last season.

Other members of the team will be returning sophomore Randy Oliver and freshman standouts Dana McCutcheon, Roger Kelsey and Mike Curtis.

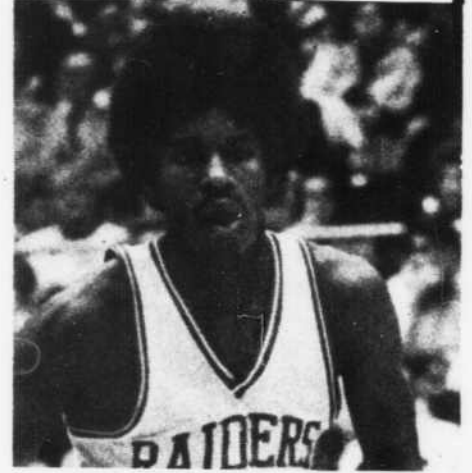
McCutcheon and Kelsey are both from Nashville East high school.

McCutcheon was the 1975 state two-mile champion, while Curtis, from Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., has run a 9:18 in the two-mile.

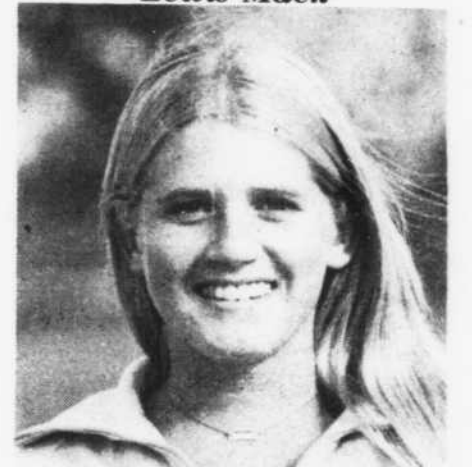
"The OVC is probably the toughest cross-country conference in the nation...we won't crack the top three," Hayes said. "We have to have a realistic goal, and a top four finish would be great," the coach added.

The team opens its cross-country season Sept. 16 with an MTSU Invitational meet for state teams at the Veterans' Administration Hospital golf course on Lebanon Road.

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Conference in danger of losing basketball bid

by John Pitts

Unless the Ohio Valley Conference's representative to the NCAA basketball tournament wins some games next year, the OVC may lose its automatic bid to the playoffs beginning in 1979, the year the Midwest Regionals will be at MTSU.

A rule that apparently would have that effect was passed several weeks ago by the NCAA executive committee at its annual meeting.

The rule commits the NCAA to sending bids to the champions of the 16 national conferences holding the best won-lost record in the previous five years of play. The other 16 bids would be at-large to good teams in any conference.

The new rule would eliminate five automatic bids that have traditionally been sent to conference champions. At-large bids will be determined by special regional selection committees.

In the past five years, the OVC's

overall NCAA tournament record has been 1-5. MTSU has contributed two losses to that record. That ties the OVC with the South-west Conference and the Ivy League for the 16th best record and a shot at the final available automatic berth.

However, the OVC's four year record is 0-4, meaning the conference's representative to the tournament must have considerable success

in the 1978 games or the automatic bid will be eliminated.

It had originally been expected that the executive committee would make the new rule effective in 1980, but a last minute change means a crisis is quickly approaching for OVC basketball.

OVC commissioner Bob Vanatta has reluctantly agreed that the plan is a good one. "I think the awarding of automatic bids to conference

champions had gotten a little out of hand," he said.

If 1977 is any example, it will be hard for an OVC team to qualify for the tourney through the selection committee. Austin Peay was apssed over for an at-large berth despite having the state's best basketball record.

Peay had lost to MTSU in the post-season tournament which determines the OVC's representative to the NCAA playoffs.

Golf 'rebuilding' for '78 season

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

When a coach speaks of rebuilding a sports program he is usually speaking of a two or three year process.

Raider golf coach E. K. Patty is not that patient.

"We will have to start from scratch this fall," Patty commented recently, "but we hope to build a contender by next spring."

Although Emile Vaughan will be returning for his senior season, everyone else on last year's team is gone, including All-OVC selections Sam Hunt and Gerald Nelson.

MTSU is the defending Tennessee Intercollegiate champion, but the Raiders fell to a late surge by Morehead and finished second in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Patty, however, wasted no time in filling the vacated positions. He recruited four players from Alexander City Junior College in Alabama, last year's junior college national champion.

Chris Farr, Steve Campbell, Chris Hall and Steve Goldstein will be rejoining an old teammate this fall—Emile Vaughn is also an Alexander City graduate.

Five tournaments are slated for this fall in preparation for the spring schedule. The Raider linksmen open play September 22, in the Murray Invitational at Murray, Kentucky.

The remainder of the schedule includes the River City Invitational in Memphis, the Sewanee Invitational, the Read House Invitational in Chattanooga, and the Opryland Invitational in Nashville.

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Returning stars will aid baseball's title drive

Coach John Stanford's opponents are already worried about next season.

In what should have been a rebuilding year for the Blue Raiders, Stanford's team finished as 1977 western division champions of the OVC.

The Raiders finished the season with a 26-19 record and won the western division pennant with a record of 8-4. Morehead State spoiled the Raider's chances for a second straight trip to the NCAA playoffs by beating them in the OVC championship playoff.

Junior pitcher Mike Moore was named the OVC's Most Outstanding Player for 1977. He will lead the MTSU pitchers again this season. Last season he posted a record of 8-2 with nine complete games and a 3.29 ERA.

Several starters will be returning this season: John Weathers at first base (10 HR, 41 RBI, .310), right fielder Stan Shanks, (.307, 15 stolen bases), and Bert Fuqua at left field (.262). Also returning is second baseman Tom Nichting (.200), and Kerry Maxwell at third base (.243).

Three other Blue Raiders were named to the All-OVC team and signed professional baseball contracts. These losses are center-fielder Danny Moore (.319, 12 SB),

catcher Rick Cheshire (.315, 28 RBI) and shortstop Ben Lankster (.270).

Eight junior college signees will make up most of the replacements, although outfielder Tom Luttrell, third baseman Keith Rentschler, and catcher-first baseman Tom Zakotnik saw lots of reserve action.

In the pitching corps with Moore will be senior J. R. Farrar, who had a disappointing season with a 3-2 record and 5.27 ERA. Also on the mound will be junior Mike Graham (3.2 1.97 ERA), junior Pete Sinopoli (3-3) and sophomore Rob Elsea (2-1). Since all will see more action

this season, their consistency should be improved.

Stanford's biggest worry is about the defense up the middle since Cheshire, Lankster, and Moore are gone. He feels that last year's staff ERA of 60, the highest in his four years as Raider head coach, will come down this season.



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An American in Caracas:

Jimmy Earle returns from Venezuelan summer basketball clinics

by John Pitts

Will Blue Raider basketball coach Jimmy Earle someday be known as the "founding father of Venezuelan basketball?"

Probably not, but there's little doubt that Earle's two-week trip to that South American country this summer gave some help-starved coaches a look at how the game is played "up here."

In Venezuela, where Spanish is the native language, "baseball is the real national sport," Earle said. Soccer is the country's second leading sport and their "basketbol" is tied with boxing in national popularity.

"Their players are quick, but their skills have yet to catch up with their quickness. . . they make a lot of turnovers, a lot of mistakes," Earle recalled.

Earle went to that country to conduct sessions at three different basketball coaching clinics. "I really enjoyed my visit after I got settled down," Earle said.

Getting settled down, however, was something of a problem.

Somehow, the people in Washington responsible for getting Earle safely and soundly to Caracas forgot to tell anyone there when Earle was coming—so no one was at the airport to meet him.

"There I was at the airport, trying to explain to someone that I needed a place to stay," Earle recalled with a smile, although he probably wasn't smiling when it happened. "No one could speak any English, so I had to try and tell them with my hands."

Earle finally contacted the American Embassy and the personnel there got him settled in and



Will Jimmy Earle yell at referees in Spanish next season?

ready for work. He lectured for three days in Caracas, worked for two days with a professional team in that same city and then conducted a clinic in Barkisimeto, 200 miles from Caracas, for five days. Then it was back to Caracas for two more days of lectures and a workout with that pro team.

"The coaches there simply haven't been exposed to the clinics, seminars and other educational materials that the coaches here have," Earle explained. "Their main questions were about zone defenses and how to set up offenses against them."

Earle's constant companion was an interpreter. His was a student from Houston. "Every once in a while I could hear a word that he said I would recognize. My first lecture was about man-to-man defenses, and I remember hearing the

interpreter say 'hombre-a-hombre. . . that's what they call it.'

"We may not have spoken the same language, but when we began drawing x's and o's on the chalkboard, everyone was speaking a universal language—I knew what the others were talking about," Earle added.

Earle didn't see a lot of hombres on the court that really turned his head during his stay. Scouting a little at the Venezuelan junior tournament (similar to our high school playoffs), he saw "one player who I think might be a good prospect, and there were two others who might be good in a junior college," Earle said.

"The players down there are small—I think the tallest was 6-5," Earle said.

"The international rules they use (wide lanes, no handling of the ball

by the officials on inbound plays, no foul shooting except on violations against a shooter) really speed up the game, but the skill level is still much lower than ours," Earle said.

The pro game in Venezuela did impress the Raider coach, though.

"They play good basketball in their pro league. . . they aren't very deep, but their first six players are pretty good—they pay them pretty good too," Earle said.

The eight pro teams in Venezuela can each have three men from the U. S., and "the American recruits really make the game work," Earle said. But even coaches down there have a way of getting around rules they don't like: Earle said a 6-11 Ivy League center who plays there isn't considered an American because he was born in Venezuela while his parents were working for the American foreign service.

Francisco (Pepe) Diaz, coach of the Venezuelan Nationals team that was soundly thumped by the Blue Raiders in a 1976 exhibition game, was one of Earle's sponsors on the trip, and coaches the Caracas team that Earle practiced with.

Apparently the Venezuelans were impressed with Earle's chalk talks—they offered him a job as a pro coach next summer. Although he won't discuss the terms of the offer publicly, it would be a good addition to his salary, to say the least.

"I just don't think I'll be able to go," Earle said. "The season runs from May 25 until August 25 and it might interfere with recruiting and things I have to do here," he added with a trace of disappointment in his voice.

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Neal optimistic about women's tennis fortunes

With the addition of two new players to the women's tennis team, head coach Sandy Neal is optimistic about the fortunes of her squad.

"This will be the best season we have ever had because we landed some top players," Neal said.

Five girls return from last year's team that posted a 10-9 record despite numerous injuries.

Senior Corinne McDonald returns this year and should be a

leader. "Corinne is experienced and has a good knowledge of the game. We are expecting a lot from her," Neal added.

Last year's most valuable player, Karen Miller, returns for her third year. The Madison native is by far the most consistent player on the team, Neal said.

Quickness is Carol Craig's asset. Neal said because of her speed, she is strongest at the net.

Red Bank's Tracy Williams en-

ters her third year on the team. The junior's strong point is a "super strong forehand," according to Neal.

Last year's number one player, Kaye Wrather returns for her sophomore year. Wrather's notorious backhand heads her game. "Kaye has come a long way over the summer," Neal said.

Two new players, Elina Durchman and Nancy Broadhurst, are

expected to help the Raider cause.

Durchman is the sister of the number one men's player, Lasse Durchman. The freshman from Hellsinki, Finland is the number one women's player in Finland.

Neal said they are expecting a great deal from Durchman.

Broadhurst, who comes to MTSU from Chattanooga, was ranked eighth in the state in the eighteen-and-under division last year.

If netters can stay well 1978 may be top year

by Eddie Gossage
Assistant Sports Editor

"This will be a rebuilding year. Don't expect too much from us."

We've all heard that line before.

That's exactly what Dick La Lance, head coach of the men's tennis team said last year. That "rebuilding" team went on to place second in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Now, with the addition of two junior college transfers, a top freshman, and the return of three of last year's top players, the Raiders are set for what might be one of their best seasons.

Sophomore Tony Fernandez, the OVC's number five singles champion, returns for his second year, as well as Peter Heffernan and Dale Short.

The two junior college transfers are Stewart Thompson and Peter Roberts, both of Seminole Junior College in Florida. Individually, they have great won-lost records with Thompson having won the Florida state championship at number two and Roberts reaching the final 16 in the nationals.

Filling out the Raider roster is Danny Wallace, a blue-chip prospect from Murfreesboro's Oakland High School.

"We should be a real solid team if we can stay away from injuries," said LaLance. MTSU will play the best competition available to prepare for a run at the OVC title, he added.

LaLance feels that MTSU will be improved this season with strong competition coming from East Tennessee, Tennessee Tech, and East Tennessee.

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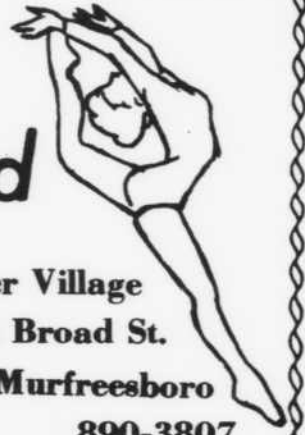
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Sidelines pre-season look at MTSU opponents

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

Football Coach Ben Hurt will field a vastly improved team this season, but facing the toughest schedule in Raider history, he may be hard-pressed to better last year's 4-7 mark.

In addition to the seven OVC opponents, the Raiders must also line up against four powerful non-conference foes. Tennessee State, who just moved into Division I, is looking for one of its best teams ever.

UT Martin will have basically the same team which trounced four OVC opponents last year. The Mocs of UT-Chattanooga, who will also be playing in Division I for the first time, will have lettermen starting at practically every position. Delaware's Fightin' Blue Hens, the newest opponent on the

Blue Raider schedule, is a perennial contender for national honors in Division II.

To make things even tougher for Coach Hurt's forces, seven of the eleven games this season are on the road.

Here is a brief look at each team on the Blue Raider schedule.

Tennessee State Tigers



Coach John Merritt lost only 10 lettermen from a team which compiled a 7-2-1 record last year, and as they enter Division I the Tigers are predicted by many to go undefeated.

An outstanding corps of receivers led by Jerrold McRae, Rodney

Parker and Randolph Williamson head the list of returning veterans. Although the Tigers lost quarterbacks Austin Thompson and Frank Thaxton, they do have an experienced quarterback returning in Sam Coleman.

In the line positions, the Tigers look awesome. Offensively, Lorenzo Sellers anchors a unit which averages 6-3, 240. On defense Sylvester Hicks (6-6, 236), Stan Johnson (6-5, 269) and Calvin Gholston (6-2, 255) are standouts in the biggest line in TSU history.

UT-Martin Pacers



Coming off an 8-3 record in 1976,

UT Martin figures to be a definite contender in the Gulf South Conference this season. The Pacers return 16 starters from a team which routed four OVC opponents by a combined score of 126-3 last season.

The offensive unit will be led by quarterback Alvin Smalls, who led the GSC in both passing and total offense last year. Running backs Ronnie McClellan, Henry Williams, Tim Martin and Mike Gipson will also be heavily depended on. Anchoring the offensive line will be All-GSC John Gentry.

Defensively, the Pacers will be led by linebacker Danny Watkins, 1976 GSC Player of the Year. The defensive backfield returns intact with standouts David Williams and Clay Blalack heading the list. Both were all-conference performers last

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Morehead State Eagles



Although Coach Wayne Chapman has 37 lettermen returning from last year's squad, he will have some skill positions to fill this season.

Despite the fact that only three lettermen were lost from defense positions, the Eagles will not have a

senior on the starting defensive unit. Still, the defense should be one of the team's stronger points, according to Coach Chapman.

"We're really undecided as to what we have," Chapman noted recently. "We had two problems in the spring...tailback and punter. So far, neither has been solved."

Although six starters return on offense, only quarterback Phil Simms and fullback Norman Letcher return in the backfield. The Eagles lost the OVC's leading punter in Don Rardin.

If these problems are solved, the chances are excellent that Morehead will finish higher than-seventh, where they were picked in the pre season coaches' poll.

UT-Chattanooga Messengers
Coach Joe Morrison's Mocs enter

Division I competition for the first time this fall, and he plans to put an



almost all-veteran team on the field for the season opener on Sept. 10.

Returning on offense are Doug Elstad and Tony Merendino, the Mocs two top quarterbacks last season. A seasoned offensive line will be providing the protection for them, led by All-America candidates Garfield Wells (center) and Pete Pullara (guard). An excellent cast of receivers will be returning.

Defensively, the list of returning lettermen is headed by linebackers Lee Rollins and Danny Emery, and end Ken Hall. As a result of a number of injuries last season

which forced several young players into action, Morrison will field an almost all-veteran defensive unit. The Mocs will return the second leading punter in Division II last season in Greg Cater.

Eastern Kentucky Colonels



With lettermen returning to every position on both offense and defense, Eastern Kentucky has been the consensus choice to repeat as OVC champions this season. The Colonels, led by 32 returning lettermen, figure to be even better than last year's 8-3 squad which

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finished the season ranked sixth nationally.

EKU will be led offensively by all-OVC quarterback Ernie House, who broke a school record last year with 1685 total yards of total offense. Other standouts offensively will be running backs Steve Streight and Stan Mitchell.

On defense, the Colonels have seventeen lettermen returning, including six of the top seven tacklers from last season. Heading the list is senior defensive roverback Anthony Miller, the team's most valuable defensive player last year.

Head coach Roy Kidd named Miller as the team's best all-round athlete recently.

Murray State Racers

With the return of 33 lettermen and 14 starters, Murray State

expects to be a substantially improved football team.



"We have a lot of good players returning and we had a good spring practice," Racer coach Bill Furger-son said recently. "If we continue to improve in the fall, we could make a strong bid for the conference championship."

Although three starters are gone from the defensive backfield, the Racers have two-time All-Conference safety Eddie McFarland returning. Also in the secondary will be Jim O'Connor who, although not a starter last season was one of the Racer's leading tacklers.

Murray also has three veterans returning at defensive end and six at linebacker.

On offense the Racers boast

three returning quarterbacks led by junior Mike Dickens. Two junior college transfers figure to add speed and depth to the running back positions.

"We are going to have an improved football team," Furger-son said. "If we can avoid injuries, we should be competitive."

University of Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens



Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd summed up the Blue Hens' capabilities recently. He stated that "if we can win a game in the first half, we should be Division I." Kidd was speaking at the Division I All-Star Game in Delaware.

Although the Hens lost several starters to graduation, they are still for the most part a veteran team. In the offensive backfield quarterbacks Jeff Komlo and Jim

Castellino, both veterans, will be running the team. Several lettermen return at the running back and receiver positions, but some starters will have to be replaced there.

The biggest concern for Delaware coach Tubby Raymond will be the offensive line, where four starters were lost. Only guard John Morrison and tight end Brian Adam are back.

Opponents will find the going tough against the Hen defense this season as the entire front four returns intact. Although two All-Americans were lost from the secondary, several outstanding veterans will be returning including line backer Pat Cannon and safeties Herb Gandy and Mike Randolph.

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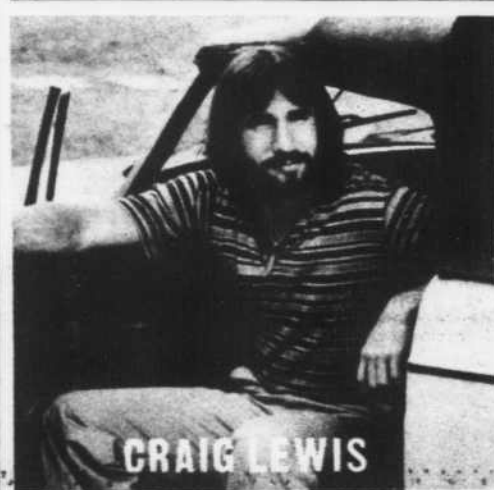
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"I'm tickled to death you picked us last," Austin Peay coach Boots Donnelly told a group of OVC coaches recently. "That's exactly where we should be."

In his first season as Governor head coach Donnelly stated that his major problems are "our offense, our defense and our kicking game."

APSU will field a young and mostly inexperienced team this fall, but there is a strong nucleus of returning starters. Offensively, the Govs are led by quarterback Randy Christophel and fullback Waddell Whitehead, who provided most of the offensive punch last season.

Two All-Conference selections will be counted upon heavily to anchor the defense. Linebacker Bob Bible was the second leading tackler in the OVC last year. James Green, a 240-pound tackle, was also one of the Gov's top players.

Western Kentucky Hilltoppers



With the return of 14 starters from last season's 4-5-1 squad, Western Kentucky will be one of

the most improved football teams in the conference this fall.

Perhaps the biggest task facing Hilltopper coach Jimmy Feix is the installation of a new offense. He is leaving the "I" formation which he has used for years in favor of a split backfield set. This move should make Western a faster team, as Lawrence Jefferson and Jimmy Woods can be played in the same backfield.

Woods was named All-OVC at tailback last season after rushing for 859 yards. Jefferson was the Hilltoppers' leading ground gainer as a freshman in 1975 but sat out almost all of last year with a knee injury.

The split backfield will take greater advantage of the passing ability of quarterback Doug Bartholomew.

Linebacker Biff Madon, the OVC defensive player of the year in 1976, heads an impressive list of defensive returnees.

East Tennessee Buccaneers



With veteran corps of running backs, an offensive line which

averages 240 pounds and an improved defense, East Tennessee should be considerably better than last season's 3-7 team.

"We had the most positive spring in history," Buccaneer coach Roy Frazier said recently. "For the first time in four years we have had no serious injuries."

In Mark Hutsell the Bucs have what Frazier termed as "the best quarterback East Tennessee ever put on the field."

Frazier feels that his team's prospects depend greatly on Hutsell. "If he can get some positive experience, we will have a good team," Frazier said.

Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles

Although the Golden Eagles were hit hard by graduation this year, they still figure to be a contender for the conference crown for the third straight year.

Defense will be Tech's major problem this season, as eight starters are gone from last year's squad. The Eagles will also be without All-American placekicker Murray Cunningham.



Offensively, both guards and an All-American tackle are gone, but otherwise everyone is experienced. Running backs Cecil Fore and Lamar Mike have been mainstays in the backfield, and quarterback Milton Jenkins was a standout last season as a freshman.

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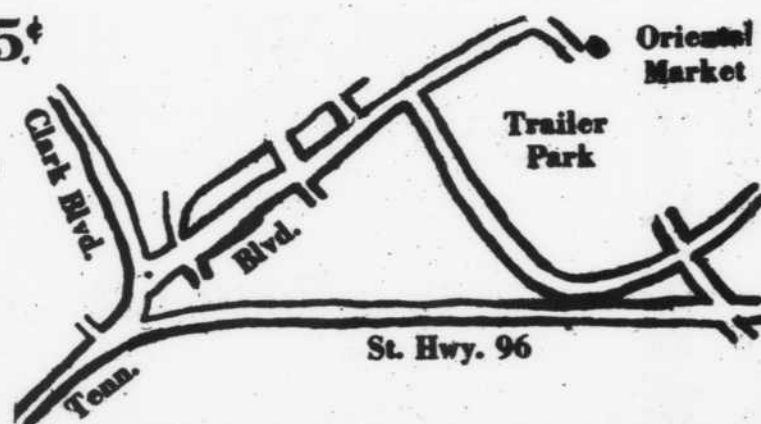
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