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WMOT station manager replaced

by Jane Hamlin

After months of student complaints, personnel conflicts, all-around misunderstandings and much debate, a definite change has been made at WMOT.

Harold Baker, station manager, has been replaced by John High, an MTSU mass communications instructor, as a part of an extensive reorganization plan.

Baker will take up full-time classroom teaching as well as retaining his position as coordinator of broadcast studies, according to Ed Kimbrell, chairman of the mass communications department.

Kimbrell said the change came about in order to "bring about greater integration within the department and to set some new direction for the station and increase the public service and instructional program provided by the station."

"This realignment also means that all the professors in formal instructions will have doctoral degrees and those holding management positions will have master's



Ed Kimbrell

degrees and considerable professional experience, which will strengthen both classroom instruction and station management," Kimbrell said.

According to President Scarlett, Kimbrell, Ed Voorhies, dean of basic and applied sciences, and Jack Carlton, vice-president of academic affairs, made most of the



Harold Baker

decisions concerning the management change, but he (Scarlett) finally consented to approve the change in the best interest of all concerned.

"This was the ideal time to follow through with the change," Kimbrell said, "because it gives Dr. Baker time to prepare for his return to the classroom and gives

John High a chance to assume his managerial duties."

High will no longer teach classes.

Voorhies said he hopes the reorganization plan, which has not yet been finalized, "will bring about a change to help improve the station for student development."

Other changes will include the replacement of Pat Jones, station operations manager, whose duties end September 1, and three other vacancies left open by the resignations of Greg Jaeger, Stan Myatt and Dennis Adamson.

Kimbrell said "outstanding" applications had already been received for the four positions and interviews will begin in a couple of weeks.

"In terms of programming, our long standing with the NPR (National Public Radio) will continue because it is mutually beneficial for the university and the station," Kimbrell said. "Programming will be more enriching, exciting and rewarding, but it will take a lot of hard work and dedication to get there."

Students win 'bippers' and 'bite the big one'

Three MTSU students, Sherry Qualls, Riley Clark and Herb Cline, were among the winners of the "Super Duper Big Bipper" contest sponsored by Bips Deli, 1301 Memorial Boulevard. Each winner received a two-foot-long deli sandwich.

Ronnie Reed, who calls himself "The Big Bipper," personally made each of the sandwiches which consisted of Bavarian salami, ham, cheese, and various condiments. Reed is manager and part-owner of Bips.

Candidacy for position of graduate dean re-opened

President Scarlett announced yesterday that the candidacy for the position of graduate dean has been re-opened and applications will be accepted effective immediately.

Scarlett said his announcement comes after receiving a letter yesterday from Ex-Vice Chancellor Ray Lassiter, Board of Regents, approving the move.

Five candidates for the position had already been screened, but the

only woman of the five cancelled her application.

The screening committee will now actively seek more applicants in order to give women and members of minorities an equal chance at the position, according to Scarlett.

"We will try to encourage people within the MTSU campus to apply and will aggressively seek women and minority members as applicants," Scarlett said.



Riley Clark was one of three MTSU students to win a "super-duper bipper" in Bip's Deli contest. The other two winners were not available for a picture. [Debra Ross photo]

Summer reflections of MTSU . . .



Bicycling is a very popular summer sport around campus. This bike has been securely attached to the steps of Old Main.

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Debra Ross photos



Bands from various schools, such as this group from Chatham County, attend band camps at MTSU throughout the summer. These kids become part of the summer life of MTSU.



Students are not the only people active during the summer semesters. The library is now exhibiting arts and crafts made by it's own staff.

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Mentalist demonstrates mind control**Crowd at DA astonished with Kreskin's mental abilities**

by Valorie Vaughn

A crowd of almost 400 persons filed into the Dramatic Arts Building expecting to be entertained and amazed by the mentalist Kreskin . . . and they were.

"You wouldn't believe it," MTSU student Gail Roush said. Roush was one of the participants when Kreskin performed a "mind control" experiment. "There were about 24 of us on stage, some sitting in chairs and others standing. Kreskin told us to put our hands on top of our legs, the left hand pressing harder than the right with our eyes shut. He then told us

to try and open our eyes, and I couldn't, none of us could! It was amazing," Roush said.

Kreskin explained that this act was accomplished by mind control over one's body, according to audience member John Rizzo.

Rizzo said that two audience members held both of Kreskin's wrists while he pulled a glass of water out of an empty bag. "Kreskin said that Houdini had tried to learn this 'feat' but could never do it because he was an escape artist. Kreskin, however, could do it because he is a mentalist," Rizzo said.

In another part of the show, Kreskin had four audience members hide his check in the audience for the night's work, and through a series of mental images Kreskin found his check, according to DA lighting director Bill Lord. Kreskin admitted to the audience that a few weeks ago, at another university, he did not find his check and thus was not paid for the night's work.

Kreskin is a "scientific investigator" of the power of suggestion and various areas of ESP. Everything he does encompasses natural and scientific means. "What I do is inherent in everyone, but what I

have done is learn to sensitize myself to the reactions and attitudes of people around me," Kreskin said.

Kreskin, however, is the first to admit that even he does not understand all the reasons behind some of the things he accomplished.



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Bart Gordon

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- ☐ 6. Should State and local government employees have the right to strike?
- ☐ 7. Do you favor having primary election run-offs?
- ☐ 8. Should possessors of small amounts of marijuana be punished by a fine rather than prison sentence?
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For the last time?

WMOT...WMOT...WMOT...WMOT...

This name has cropped up so many times these past few months, it's beginning to sound like a chant, echoing its song of mis-management and discontent all across the campus.

And here it is again. But this time, hopefully for the last time.

There has finally been a definite change in the station's management and it is hoped that this change will bring about the quality programming and student instruction which is much needed.

John High will soon take over the duties of station manager, and Harold Baker will return to classroom teaching.

Something had to be done, and this change is probably a good one. High has been noted by several students as an individual who understands student needs and knows how to deal with them effectively. He has a very good background in broadcasting and can probably provide the improvements needed.

But only time will tell.

Hopefully, in the future when the name "WMOT" pops up in the newspaper, it will be because of the good things the station is doing and not because of the controversy which has plagued the station and everyone involved with it.

Open Forum

Apathy is not the word!

by Gail Roush
Accounting Major

In the past three years I've been at MTSU, I've read a lot of articles on 'student apathy', but I don't feel 'apathy' is quite the right word for students not getting involved in every facet of college life.

A lot of students don't get involved with student government, sports, and other campus extra-curricular activities because of the fact they are here to get an education, and that my friends is their main cause!

The general feeling seems to be that if you're not involved in at least four or five activities outside of classes then you're an apathetic person! I don't feel that this is the way it really is.

Many of us may be searching for a cause. The recent crazes with the futuristic "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters" and the looking back to the free and unconventional 50's with "Grease" ('it was electrifying') is certainly indicative of a 'searching society' according to some psychologists. But why can't it be that movies made it big because they were entertaining and not because we were all "searching for something."

"Young people today are searching for, but not finding any, great

common causes." This is an often written and talked about quote, but I don't feel it holds true for the most of us.

Young people (you and me) today have more varied interests, tennis for one, politics for another, instead of one common cause (like Vietnam in the 60's.)

We are more interested in fulfilling our own personal interests than in jumping on some 'bandwagon' for a common cause. What is so wrong with that?

If you're into sports, politics, photography or whatever, it's your own thing. And that's great.

Some people seem to feel that if it's not "all for one and one for all" there's no real cause in our lives. This, to me, is pure BS! Admittedly there are those of us who still jump on every "bandwagon" that comes along and that's great for them. But it doesn't mean that there's apathy in those of us getting involved in our own lives and interests.

We can be involved in our own interests and still care about what goes on around us. We shouldn't be made to feel guilty about enjoying our own interests by having articles about how apathetic and uninterested we are thrown in our faces!

There really is no way each and every one of us can be actively

involved in all that goes on around us, so what's wrong with just being involved in what we like personally and leaving other outlets of interest to those people who enjoy them?

Recent statistics and surveys show that people change jobs more often now than ever. Psychologists explain this fad by saying that people are "bored, restless and always searching for something more."

Student urges participation in Bible seminars at Bellwood

To the Editor:

To every question, there is an answer, and to every problem, there is a solution. Unfortunately, there seems to be more questions than answers and more problems than we can find solutions.

I believe in a supreme God who has all power and knowledge. Through His infinite wisdom, He created the planets and set them in motion. He made this earth, all that is on the earth, and then from the dust of the ground, made man after His own image.

Sound far-fetched? Unscientific? To the natural man, maybe so; but to the child of God, by the inheritance of the new birth, it is the power of Almighty God.

God blessed in so many ways that if we were to try counting them, there would be more in number than the grains of sand of the sea. More than the stars of heaven. But one of the ways He has blessed us is by giving us His Word—the Bible. It is through the Bible that we learn of God and what He expects of each of us.

Well, what is wrong with wanting more? In America, we are raised to 'squeeze' all we can out of life and yet there are those who try to make us think something is wrong when we do what we were raised to do.

The next time someone tries to tell you how apathetic you are, think about it, maybe you'll feel that apathetic is not the word! Tell them that you're enjoying your life and that's the proper word.

Every Christian should be concerned with learning more about what God has to say to Him through this revelation. I would like to invite everyone who reads this and is concerned about what God has to say, to "walk through the Bible" with me in two "Walk Through the Bible" seminars at the Bellwood Baptist Church on Sanbyrn Drive. The first seminar will be over the Old Testament this coming Saturday, July 22. Then on the following Saturday, July 29, we will be "walking through" the New Testament.

Registration time starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. The registration fee for each seminar is \$10 for students, \$15 for non-students and \$25 per couple.

Going through the Bible is an experience very few of us have. For more information, come by the Louisa School on Highland Avenue, next to the Rutherford County Hospital, or call James Avaritt at 890-5553.

I hope to see you there.
Billy Edwards
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Learn to overcome fear of dentists in seminar

Vanderbilt University's department of psychology, in cooperation with MTSU's Diagnostic Center, is conducting research on the treatment of dental fears, beginning this week.

The program is being coordinated by Emily S. Davidson, assistant professor of psychology at Vanderbilt, and Alan Tower, a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology.

Persons over 18 years of age who have avoided dental treatment for one year or more are invited to apply for the free treatment, which consists mainly of video-tapes. "We're trying to develop a brief and economical treatment," Tower said.

"So far we have had no trouble and no drop-outs," he added.

The program, which has been in

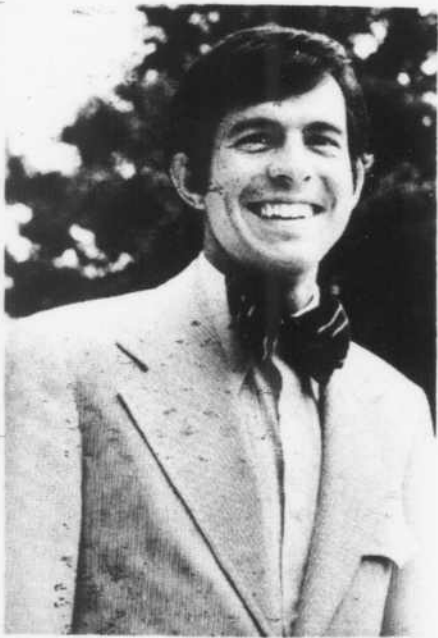
effect for two months, has received much cooperation from outside organizations, according to Tower, especially from the Nashville Dental Association which helped to make the video-tapes.

Initial screening, which will consist primarily of a true-false questionnaire, started Tuesday and will continue through Friday. "This is so we can make sure the people we are treating are appropriate," Tower said. Groups of two or three persons will be scheduled for two one-hour treatment sessions later in the month. All sessions will take place at the diagnostic center.

The program is limited to 100 persons and those interested may call the MTSU Diagnostic Center, 898-2630, as soon as possible to arrange an interview. The center is located at 1421 E. Main.

Gordon seeks re-election to executive committee

Bart Gordon recently announced his candidacy for re-election to the 16th District State Democratic Executive Committee, which includes Bedford, Cannon, Lincoln, Moore and Rutherford Counties.



Bart Gordon

The State Democratic Executive Committee is the governing body of the democratic party of Tennessee and also serves as the party's primary board. On August 3, 1978, one man and one woman from each of the 33 state senatorial districts will be elected to serve a four-year term on this committee.

Gordon is a native of Rutherford County and is presently practicing law in Murfreesboro, as well as maintaining a small farm near Midland. He is a graduate of MTSU, where he served as ASB President, and of the University of Tennessee College of Law.

He now serves as Special Gifts Chairman for the MTSU Foundation Board of Trustees. Gordon is

the past fund drive chairman for the Rutherford County UGF and the Cancer Society, and he serves on the St. Marks Methodist Church Board of Trustees.

Gordon has taught state and local government classes at MTSU, along with serving on the Murfreesboro Historic Zoning Commission. He is the son of Robert J. Gordon Jr. and Margaret Barton Gordon.

In making his announcement, Gordon stated that he "has tried to justify your confidence in me by being one of the very few members who has attended every executive committee meeting and taken an active part in those meetings. If re-elected, I will continue to provide my fullest effort in serving the people of the 16th District."



Theater Ensemble, Inc. acts out "The Grey Mouse" as part of their "Improvisations; Fairy Tale Style." This presentation was another of events in celebration of Heritage Week. [Debra Ross photo]

At Other Colleges

University of Nebraska

A recent survey by the University of Nebraska showed that contrary to popular opinion, the elderly are not the loneliest people in today's society.

The study showed that college students are the loneliest, followed by divorced persons, single mothers, rural high school students, never-married persons, housewives and then the elderly.

University of Iowa

Approximately 400 supporters,

mostly college students, filled the Blackhawk Mini-park last week in support of the Emma Goldman Clinic for Women. The crowd gathered to sing, hear speeches and display community support for the clinic, the services it offers and a women's right to choose whether to have an abortion.

Organizers said the rally was held in response to the June 13 attempted fire-bombing of the clinic and the recent anti-abortion demonstrations staged by a group of "pro-life individuals."

Rosecrans to host Rose Follies 78

Rosecrans Theatre is sponsoring a "Rose Follies '78" benefit, with over 120 people performing songs, dances and skits to be held at 8 p.m. Saturday in the DA auditorium.

The participants in the show include members of the city council, the mayor, local citizens, members of the campus community and two dramatic groups.

God's Trombones is a black oral

interpretive group which reads a collection of biblical stories and poems by James Weldon Johnson. The group was originally scheduled to perform during Heritage Week, but cancelled. The Red, White and Blue Revue is a travelling show from the Murfreesboro Little Theatre.

Tickets for the show are \$2.50 and may be obtained by calling 890-1322 or going by the Rosecrans office, 217 W. Maple.

HAYWIRE

by Michael Jinks



MTSU in running for additional tourney games

MTSU received good news from the NCAA basketball tournament planning committee recently granting its request to hold a first round double header on Sunday March 11.

When Middle entered the race for next season's first round games, little did they know of the possibility of having four games of which two would be broadcast via satellite nationwide.

The new development is a result of a proposed bid to increase the tournament from the present 32 team format to 40 which would allow several conferences to maintain their recently lost automatic bids to the annual event. (OVC included.)

The additional tournament games will be necessary if the proposal is passed which would increase the tournament schedule by eight games.

This posed a problem in that the TSSAA Girls' State Tournament is scheduled to end on Friday night that would be needed for the additional games. MTSU had already asked the NCAA for permission to play the first round games on Sunday instead of Saturday to allow the girls to finish their tournament, but if the Friday games are added this would throw another kink into the problem for

the TSSAA.

TSSAA Executive Secretary Gil Gideon said that they would "sit tight" for the time being in order to see what the NCAA does decide. He also said that he wasn't upset with MTSU, recognizing that this would be a chance in a lifetime for the university.

The possibility does exist that the TSSAA would have to move both the boys and girls tournaments to avoid any confusion which might arise due to the Title IX clause which ensures equal opportunity

for men and women. (Playing sites)

Gideon expressed his approval of MTSU as the site for the state tournaments and said that he saw no reason why both tournaments couldn't return in 1980 if they had to be moved this year.

The action to change the format from 32 to 40 teams could be directly attributed to the impressive showing the OVC made in the recent NCAA meetings in Salt Lake City, which were held to give all the conferences which had lost their

automatic a chance to voice their opinions.

The OVC was well represented with a member from each school in the conference being present. The OVC's main objective was to present a formal position paper as to why they should receive their automatic bid back.

One of the main points stressed by the delegation was that the OVC was a stable conference with its eight team membership staying intact since the addition of Austin Peay in 1962. And according to Vice President for Administration Lynn Haston the NCAA was "very impressed" with the OVC's representation.

Some conference coaches say that recruiting has suffered terribly in that most players want to go where they have a chance to get into the NCAA tournament.

The OVC was apparently not alone in their conquest to reinstate their automatic bid as it was reported that several other schools also submitted similar proposals for the 40 team tournament. This would ensure that all conference champions would have a berth in the tournament.

As it stands now the NCAA Executive Committee is scheduled to meet in Dallas later this month to make the final decision.



IM season ends with race for first place

by Scott Adams

Only three playing days remain in the regular season of intramural softball, and the standings still show a tight race for the top spot in the upcoming tournament.

With all action being rained out last Thursday several games were rescheduled for yesterday, but due to lack of communication most teams did not show up causing the games to be rescheduled again. In the games that were played the action was as usual, competitive.

Previously undefeated, the Bookstore fell to the Crimson Cats by a lop-sided score of 21-1, but bounced back in a rain out game to beat the Big Eds 11-3. The win sent them back into first place with a 7-1 record although they have placed one more game than most other teams.

In other action the Magnificent Ten blasted the Library 21-1 to stay in the race for first place.

The Cadillacs found themselves in a tough battle with the Police Department, but finally came out on the long end of a 12-6 score.

The single elimination tournament which is scheduled for the end

of the season was set for July 27, but is subject to change due to the make-up games to be played.

There are only three more playing days to get the schedule straightened out to ensure that everyone in the league will get to play each other at least once. The tournament will involve every team in the league with the team that finishes the regular season with the best record receiving a bye in the first round.

Thursday's action will see the Magnificent Ten battle the Crimson Cats with the loser being eliminated from the race for the top spot.

Other games will send the Cadillacs against Mt. Ararat, with both teams still having an outside chance to come through and win the regular season championship.

The only other scheduled game as of now is the Police Department against Mt. Sinai.

Thursday's games:

Mt. Sinai vs. Police
Crimson Cats vs. Magnificent Ten
Cadillacs vs. Mt. Ararat
(Some rain-outs will also be made up at this time)



The race for first place has narrowed to a four team battle but no one has given up yet. The intramural department maintains that the whole thing is for fun and everyone seems to agree that everything has been pretty well organized so far. [Debra Ross photo]

Tuesday's Scores:

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|-----------------|----|
| Bookstore | 11 |
| Big Eds | 3 |
| Cadillacs | 12 |
| Police | 6 |
| Crimson Cats | 21 |
| Bookstore | 1 |
| Magnificent Ten | 21 |
| Library | 1 |

Intramural standings [games through July 18]

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Bookstore | 7-1 |
| Magnificent Ten | 6-1 |
| Crimson Cats | 6-1 |
| Cadillacs | 5-2 |
| Mt. Ararat | 3-2 |
| Mt. Sinai | 2-4 |
| Library | 2-5 |
| Police Department | 2-5 |
| Big Eds | 1-5 |
| Sigma Chi | Forfieted Out |

Stanford ends recruiting season

by Scott Adams

MTSU baseball coach John Stanford announced the signing of the ninth and tenth recruits for next season's team with the hopes of signing one more today.

Randy Goff of Cincinnati, Ohio is the second infielder to ink with Stanford and could be one of the best according to the Blue Raider skipper. Goff, a 6-1, 180 pound infielder can play either 3rd base or 1st base with the latter supposedly his best position.

"We saw Randy in a summer league in Aken, Ohio," said Stanford. "And he really impressed the other coaches and I with his aggressiveness."

Donald McKenzie of Black Mountain, N.C. is the tenth signee landed by the Raiders. McKenzie was voted the Most Valuable Player on his high school team this season and was one of the more highly recruited players in North Carolina this year being notified by LSU, Jacksonville, and several other southern schools.

"This about rounds up our recruiting for next season, but we

Morehead signs standout

Morehead State University Men's Basketball Coach Wayne Martin has announced that Albert Spencer, a 6'9" sophomore center at Oral Roberts University, will transfer to MSU at the beginning of the fall semester.

"Albert has the potential to be a dominating center in our league," Martin said. "He is very strong, mobile and is an excellent defensive player."

still hope to sign maybe one more player, a pitcher, who is flying in from Idaho tomorrow to have a look at our program," Stanford said. "Of course there will still be a few players coming through for visits for a little while longer but that will be entirely on their own."

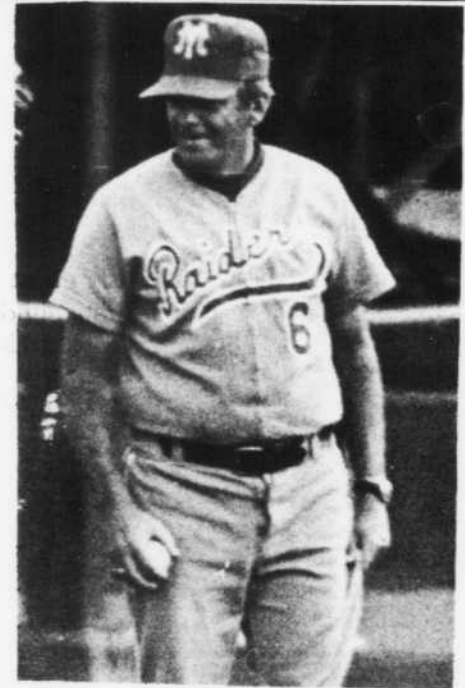
Baseball notes:

There will be a change in format for the upcoming season. Each team will play 24 conference games. The top four teams will play a double elimination tournament at the end of the regular season.

The new format, was approved at the last meeting of the conference baseball officials. It will also eliminate the conference divisions.

Stanford said he thought the change was definitely for the better and was in total agreement with the plan. "I think it will make the league a lot stronger along with making things a lot more exciting throughout the season," he said.

Assistant coach Steve Peterson is moving to the head coaching job at Roane State Community College after several years at MTSU. A possible successor is Carmen Fusco, who was with the Blue Raiders last year as an assistant coach and handled most of the scouting work. Former Raider player Rick Cheshire may return to fill one of the vacated coaching positions.



John Stanford

Hayes' recruiting efforts pay off

MTSU track coach Dean Hayes made an intense recruiting effort this summer and has been rewarded substantially for his efforts so far, signing three top notch prospects.

Kevin Gorsuch, Lorenzo Cooper and Richard McLaurin are the three latest signees to ink with Hayes and all three show versatility in many events.

Gorsuch, a distance man, is from Union Bridge, Md. where he attended Francis Scott Key High School. There he won the state mile championship in a time of 4:31.1 and also won the 880 yard run coming in at 1:56.0.

Hayes said he was a very good prospect because of his size and

ability plus his willingness to run in many events.

"We are looking for someone to fit in for our relay team indoors and of course open events," Hayes said. "Kevin should be a big help in our middle distance program an also in cross country."

The second recruit signed was Lorenzo Cooper from Winder, Ga.

Cooper won the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard dash in the 1977 Georgia State meet but could do no better that second in both events in 1978. He has been clocked at 9.7 in the 100 and 21.7 in the 220 as his best times.

Hayes said Cooper looked good at the Florida Relays in winning the 100 and 440 and he was impressed

by Cooper's willingness also to run in many events.

"Lorenzo was the number two man on his high school cross country teams so he is not afraid to run the longer events, which could mean running a good 600 indoors," Hayes said. "He should help both of our relays as well, since he has good speed and has the range."

The third recruit was Richard McLaurin from Atlanta, Ga.

A 6'2" 170 pound sprinter, McLaurin is also quite capable of running in the hurdle events. He ran 13.9 in the high hurdles for a fifth place finish in the Atlanta Track Classic and also a 13.8 to win in the first round of the Junior Olympics on the state level.

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Western Kentucky fares well in recruiting wars

One of the finest players in California's superlative junior college basketball circles has become the latest signee for defending OVC tournament champion Western Kentucky.

Head Coach Gene Keady announced earlier that 6'1", 160 pound point guard Kurtis Townsend of Menlo College, Menlo Park, Calif., had signed both Ohio Valley Conference and national letters of intent with the Hilltoppers.

Townsend led Menlo to a 28-4 record over the past season and a second-place finish in the California Junior College playoffs.

He averaged 18.9 points and 6.9 assists per game, hitting on 61

percent of his field goal attempts and 79 percent of his free throws.

Townsend is the younger brother of Ray Townsend, who just completed an outstanding career at UCLA and was drafted in the early rounds in this past professional draft.

Townsend is the fifth prospect signed by the Hilltoppers. Earlier they signed Joel May, New Trier (Ill.) West; 6'3" guard Kevin Dildy, Chicago South Shore; and 6'4" guard Kenny Ellis, Winter Haven, Fla.

According to Keady, one of the best recruits signed this year is 6'9" All-American forward-center Craig McCormick from Ottawa, Ill.

McCormick averaged 21 points per game over the past season as he

led his Ottawa team to a 24-5 record. He also averaged 11 rebounds per game.

Over his three-year career at Ottawa, McCormick set a school record with 1,681 points and set another school mark with 42 points in a single game as a sophomore. He averaged 20 points per game over the three seasons, with a single-season high of 23.8 as a junior.

He also led his team in free throw shooting for the past two years.

During his career, Ottawa had a record of 69 wins against only 13 losses. McCormick paced his team

to the Illinois State Tournament in each of the past two seasons, where it lost to the eventual state champs both years.

"He can already do a lot of things well and he comes from a quality high school program where he got excellent coaching and played against some really fine competition," Keady said.

The Hilltoppers will need all the help they can get when they open their season against last year's runners-up in the NCAA tournament, Duke Blue Devils. The Blue Devils graduated only one player from last year's team.

Coaching School slated for MTSU attracts coaching elite

The 1978 TSSAA Coaches School, will be held Wednesday at Murphy Center from 1 to 9 p.m. The event has attracted several top quality coaches from across the nation, including Lou Holtz from Arkansas and Steve Sloan from Mississippi in football; Ed Badger from Cincinnati and Wayne Yates from Memphis State in basketball.

Local coaches participating in the three day clinic are MTSU's head

basketball coach Jimmy Earle; Boots Donnelly, football coach at Austin Peay; Larry Schmittou, baseball coach at Vanderbilt; and Ken Dugan, baseball coach at David Lipscomb.

Most of the lectures will be given in the two dance studios beneath the gymnasium. Students wishing to participate in the clinic are welcome. No charge will be made.

Connell signs three

Although the wrestling season is still a couple of months away, MTSU wrestling coach Gordon Connell is excited already.

"We really had a good recruiting season and I know we'll be ready to go by the time the season finally rolls around," said Connell. Connell's excitement stems from the signing of three standout wrestlers, all from the Tennessee.

James Jabely from Chattanooga Notre Dame High School was the first prize catch, in that he has been the state champion in his weight class for the past three years along

with being named the Most Valuable Wrestler in the state this past year.

Matt Woods will wrestle for the Raiders in the 134 pound class next year after a very successful career at Antioch High School in Nashville.

The other addition is Bart Sorrells of Memphis who will wrestle in the heavyweight division, a class in which MTSU was hurting greatly in last season due to injuries.

All in all, Connell said that there will be about 30 new wrestlers at the beginning of the season. It is expected eight or nine will quit shortly after the season gets under way.

"We always have several walk-ons but it's not very often that we're able to give someone like that a scholarship so they kind of lose heart," said Connell. "But we're really looking to have a fine season next year and with the addition of these three wrestlers things look a lot brighter."

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