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## Jeff loves his family, essay wins trip to Calif.

By LIBBY WILLIAMS  
Sidelines Staff Writer

Two years ago Jeff caught a cold. Later, he fell into a deep coma as a result of a fatal disease. He could not walk, could barely talk and was "literally a vegetable." The doctors thought he would die.

But Jeff survived and two weeks ago the MTSU campus school fourth grader wrote a 100 word essay on how living through his illness brought his family closer together.

The essay, submitted to a contest sponsored by the Kraft Corporation through Scholastic Magazine, won Jeff and his family a trip to Disneyland in California.

The assignment was to write an essay on "What brought my family closer together."

Jeff's father, Speech and Theatre instructor Ralph Hillman, was beyond delight over his son's accomplishment.

"Two months ago Scholastic magazine published a little contest to write 100 words on something that helped draw your family closer together," he explained.

"I remember thinking what a neat contest it was," he smiled. "I remember him asking me how to spell a few words, and then two weeks ago we heard that he was one of the winners."

"We had to sign affidavits saying there were five people in our family and that we didn't work for Kraft and that kind of stuff, then we learned he was the grand winner and had won a trip to Disneyland, air flight out there, three days of tickets and other things," he said.

Rita King, his fourth grade teacher, said Jeff was "really excited" about winning the contest.

In February, King sent in the stories written by her students, titled "What brought my family closer together." Over 33,000 entries nationwide were in the competition.

"We were surprised when we found out he had won," said King. "His friends had a party for him last Friday and sang 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow.' They also went around patting him on the back and telling him they hoped that he would have a good time."

Another added surprise for King was the notice that as Jeff's teacher she had won a Bell & Howell movie camera. "I didn't know anything about it," she expressed.

In a quick interview before recess, Jeff said, "I felt happy and jumped up and down all over the place!"

Jeff's family has worked with him to conquer the disease since he became ill in August, 1977.

Jeff was unconscious and in a coma for six weeks. He became totally limp, and had to gesture instead of talk.

"The doctors expected he would contract a respiratory illness and die," Hillman said, but several weeks later he was crawling. By Christmas he could walk if his hand was held.

"There were no dry eyes in our house that Christmas," Hillman reminisced.

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## Grill begins TV message service

A \$1,500 television message service will begin in the grill within the next week, LRC Head Engineer Frank Forgette explained.

If the service is successful, televised messages may be a part of the entire campus communication system. However, Forgette said the system is presently on a one year experimental basis.

"The television is essentially an information system," he explained. "It will be used to send messages, free of charge, of fraternities, movie announcements and pagings."

The first message on the screen will tell everyone where they can send messages so they may be put on the screen. "Up to four messages a day will be

printed on the screen," Forgette explained.

"Only legitimate messages will be used," he said. "Legitimate" will be interpreted by Student Affairs, who will probably be taking the messages." He noted that personal messages will not be a part of the service — only messages of interest to groups or faculty members will be used.

Television messages will be on black and white. Color messages are a possibility in the distant future, he envisioned.

"The idea of televised messages has been talked about by me and Dean Carlton for about four years," Forgette relayed. In the future, he said there is the possibility that live productions will be a part of the service.

## Better pesticides may be used

By JANE MIER  
Sidelines Managing Editor

There is a possibility that MTSU may change the pesticides it now uses in dormitories in favor of a "more effective" spray, according to Archie Sullivan, director of safety.

"I'm doing a study on it now and hope to have a recommendation by the end of this week or next," Sullivan said.

He and Donald Young, physician's assistant at health

services on campus, contacted the safety director of Oxford Chemical Co., manufacturers of the pesticides now used, in Atlanta, Ga., recently.

Atlanta, Ga., recently. "He recommended that we change sprays because the one we are now using is not as effective as other sprays they have," Sullivan said.

Young added, "Apparently they have had no difficulty with the spray but when we talked to him we were told that maybe we should change. The closeness of

the rooms and the fact that they might not be properly aired (after being sprayed) or people might not wait 20 minutes before going into their rooms were discussed."

He added that he has never personally seen anyone in the infirmary complaining of ill effects from the pesticides, but has heard the nurses talk of one or two such patients.

Sullivan has been studying the pesticides used on campus since student George Davis charged

that they were dangerous. He compiled a report stating that "accidental misuse or information could result in serious consequences."

However, Sullivan said the safety director in Atlanta claimed the sprays were not "dangerous unless you drink it."

Spraying and fogging of dorm rooms was halted at the beginning of this month when Director of Maintenance Harold Jewell decided to wait until the matter could be resolved.

### Claims denied due process

## Hillman presents case to committee

By LISA HUMAN  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

Approximately 20 students attended speech and theatre instructor Ralph Hillman's hearing Friday morning and heard him give a brief summary of his appeal to the faculty grievance and appeals committee.

"The basis of my appeal is that I have been denied due process," Hillman began.

"The concern is not my tenure, but the process by which this last decision came about."

Hillman had been denied tenure and promotion recommendation by his department chairman Larry Lowe in January after the departmental committee on tenure and promotion denied him their recommendation 5-3.

That decision went on to a committee headed by Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Corlew. That committee voted 5-3 in favor of Hillman's recommendation, but Corlew recommended to the University committee on tenure and promotion against recommending Hillman.

Headed by Vice President of Academic Affairs Jack Carlton, the next committee voted to give Hillman tenure, but Carlton's recommendation to MTSU President Sam Ingram was not to give him tenure and promotion.

Hillman revealed Friday that before the evaluation process

began, Lowe allegedly shared with the tenured faculty members, (who compose the departmental advisory committee on tenure and promotion) that Hillman would not be given a recommendation for tenure and promotion.

He also said Dean Corlew told him before the evaluation process he would not receive tenure because enrollment in the department was dropping.

Hillman also indicated that a decision could have been made by Lowe, Corlew and Carlton in the fall concerning his tenure

and promotion. Carlton said earlier this week no decision of that type was made.

One committee member asked Hillman why he was supported elsewhere in the University by instructors from various departments and was not supported by the members of the speech and theatre department.

"We have a very curious department," Hillman answered.

"A year ago, several tenured faculty members asked him (Lowe) to step down from his

position." After that, Hillman said there was a definite split in the department, five for Lowe and seven against. The five favoring Lowe were the ones that voted against Hillman's tenure and promotion recommendation. Of the seven that were against Lowe, four were non-tenured, he said.

Two have since been asked to leave, one left on his own and Hillman is the fourth. Hillman also said the faculty he works most closely with, the speech communications instructors, (continued on page 2)



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Speech and theatre instructor Ralph Hillman listens as members of the grievance and appeals committee discuss his claims. Interested students listen in the background.

## AAUP discusses quality education; elects new officers

By JANE MIER  
Sidelines Managing Editor

Quality education was discussed at last night's meeting of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Cliff Gillespie, dean of Admissions and Records, expressed his philosophy of higher education and what makes it "quality" or not.

"The nature of the curriculum must be compared with those who will study it," he said, explaining that in earlier years only the academically elite went on to obtain higher education. The elite were selected on a basis of socioeconomic standards and high grades.

"Today the elite is selected

more accurately. There is a movement to fit the curriculum to the students," Gillespie said. "Now many students want (higher education) to attain upward social mobility."

"Some say that what passes for higher education is only secondary education. Others say a college education is not higher education at all. The question is where do we draw the line? Where do we stop and discuss quality? Perhaps we need to distinguish between higher education and post secondary learning."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Jack Carlton claimed it is hard to determine exactly what quality education is.

"A lot of us look for examples," he said. "In doing so we run the gamut from highly elitist institutions to junior colleges. But I think ultimately we have to come back to reality."

"It is very well to define the input characteristics of quality education. It is difficult to analyze the output, whether they're our efforts, the efforts of Ivy League schools or junior colleges, and define quality in terms of that output," Carlton continued.

"Through the 60s we'd discuss quality education in terms of can we maintain it in light of the fact that we are rapidly expanding. Now it's maintaining quality education in light of

shrinking enrollment," Edwin S. Voorhies, dean of the School of Basic and Applied Sciences, stated.

"Some say we can't be defined or measure quality education so we should ignore it. Others say quality education is based on reputation or consensus. Others say it is resources — budget, number of PhDs, conditions of the buildings. It is hard to say," he said.

"All in all if we assume we have choices we (educators) must realize we are one of three major groups making these choices — the students, the state government and we," Voorhies stated. "We must base our decisions on our knowledge of

students and the market."

He added that the most important factor happening on campus occurs between the students and the faculty. Quality is determined by each individual instructor.

"The 80s are going to be tough years but I think we'll fare as well as anybody," Carlton concluded.

The AAUP elected new officers for the coming school year. George Vernardakis, associate professor of political science, was elected president; Frank Essex, assistant professor of political science, vice president; and Assistant History Professor Jerry Brookshire, secretary-treasurer.

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# Officials check on energy audit

Several members from the Department of Energy, including Deputy Secretary John Sawhill, visited MTSU last Friday to review the energy audit being conducted on campus.

The audit is being conducted by campus planning and Gresham and Smith, an engineering and architectural

firm in Nashville. It is being funded in part by the federal government under the National Energy Conservation Policy Act which began in 1974.

The group discussed information gathered from the audit with President Sam Ingram, Gray Padfield and Charles Pigg, director of campus planning and construction.

Future plans were also made.

They toured the administration building and explained that solar screens would be placed on the windows, reducing the energy used by the air conditioners by five percent.

"This is a good example of what the program can do," Sawhill said. "Large public institutions can take part in this

program and we are trying to encourage the institutions that are doing the work. It is a good opportunity for us to see how the program is working."

He added that MTSU has made a lot of progress in energy conservation.

"They seemed to be very impressed with what we were doing," Padfield said.



## Towing begins in spaces made for handicapped

University Police announced yesterday they will begin towing cars illegally parked in spaces designed for handicapped students.

Only cars with a "P" decal in the window are allowed to park in the spaces which are four inches wider than the average nine-foot spaces.

"We haven't been having much trouble with the old handicapped parking spaces, but people are still parking in the new ones," Officer Tom Davis said.

Twenty-five new spaces have recently been designed for handicapped students.

## Concert pianist plays April 18

Former U.S. Navy Band concert pianist Kenneth Huber will be giving a free concert Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m. in the Saunders Fine Arts Building Choral Hall.

Huber performed with the Navy band in Washington, D.C. for four years and has played over 350 engagements with the official Navy chorus.

Huber is currently Professor of Music at Virginia Intermont College and received his Bachelor of Music degree and master's from Indiana University.

## Hillman

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were the ones that voted in his favor in the departmental committee, he is told.

Hillman also referred to allegedly "inaccurate and prejudicial" materials he found in his file.

In his appeal, he outlined the statements he felt were inaccurate or prejudicial. They included a letter from Corlew to MTSU President Sam Ingram in

which Corlew was answering Ingram's request for reaction to a letter in favor of Hillman published in *Sidelines*.

Hillman says Corlew made light of the fact that the Kelly/Turner letter was "making the rounds" and quoted him as writing every one has a "few friends who at least will write a letter to help" a faculty member who is not recommended for tenure.

Eight other alleged inaccuracies that Hillman found in his file were pointed out in the appeal.

After approximately an hour, the committee adjourned. They will meet tomorrow from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in a closed session to deliberate. On April 14, another open session will be held and David Brooks and David Arnold, two members of the speech and theatre tenured faculty, will be called as witnesses.

## Sidelights

### Mr. MTSU pageant on Tuesday

Chi Omega sorority presents the 11th annual Mr. MTSU Pageant Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center.

All tickets are \$1.50 and proceeds go to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Call 898-3154 for further information and/or tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### Hostages prayed for by council

The hours set aside each Wednesday in the University Theatre for prayer for the U.S. hostages in Iran have been changed to 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

This time has been set aside by the Inter-faith Council to pray for the hostages, the world situation and also for personal needs. The prayer time will continue until the hostages are released.

### Cabinet applications due Thursday

Applications for ASB Cabinet positions should be turned in by Thursday, April 10, to the ASB office during regular business hours, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Child abuse seminar Saturday

The Student Nurses Association will sponsor a child abuse seminar April 12 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Agriculture Building.

The purpose of the seminar is for participants to gain an understanding of the vastness of child abuse, its warning signals and how to handle cases.

Three MTSU faculty — Marilyn Chance, nursing instructor; Robert DeMonbreun, assistant professor of psychology; and Jeanette Heritage, associate professor of psychology — will be featured speakers, as well as other experts in the field.

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Thenartis Ellis, secretary for the department of Economics and Finance, pauses in the food line as she takes a break from her "diet" at the International Student dinner held Saturday.

## Foreign student and advisor relations will be subject of workshop Saturday

A workshop designed to help people working with foreign students and the problems they might encounter will be held Saturday in Rooms 103-A & B of Peck Hall.

"People who deal with foreign students in junior and community colleges, four-year universities, elementary and secondary schools, graduate

institutions and community volunteer work are encouraged to attend the workshop," Elizabeth Perez-Reilly, foreign student advisor, said.

Advice on foreign admissions, immigration regulations, intercultural communication, campus programming and counseling and community involvement will be discussed at

the workshop, explained Perez-Reilly.

The workshop is open to the general public. Admission to the sessions is free, but a fee of \$6 will be charged for the luncheon.

## Census done in dorms, frat houses

A census count was sent out to dorm directors, head residents and fraternity houses yesterday and must be returned by Friday, David Bragg, director of housing, announced.

He explained the people in Married Student Housing should have received their census in the mail.

### Dorms built in 1960

## Reynolds, Schardt bonds paid by June

Bonds for Reynolds and Schardt dormitories will be paid off by the end of June, David Bragg, director of housing, said yesterday.

"January 1960 was the issue date of the bond for the two dorms," Bragg said. The rate of interest was 3 1/2 percent. By contrast J and K apartments have a 7 percent interest rate and the air conditioning bonds have a 10 percent rate," he explained.

J.O. Gist, assistant business manager, said the two dorms were bonded by Housing and Urban Development, a federal agency.

He said 10 other dorms on campus were funded under HUD also. They are Miss Mary, McHenry, Gracy, Judd, Felder, Wood, Clement, Gore, High Rise West and the first section of Married Student Housing.

This is the first time a census has ever been taken on campus, Bragg said. "In 1970, the census people didn't count people on campus and it was an incomplete job. Several people were not counted."

He believes this is a better way than trying to go door to door,

but said there should be two weeks to do the census, not just one. "People might not be there for one reason or another or it could get lost under six piles of books."

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# from the editor

## Pranks: Takes equipment out of residential areas

Prank calls can sometimes go too far, and one did Sunday afternoon when the Murfreesboro Fire Department received a call that there was a fire in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

Four pumpers and an aerial company were sent to the scene of the alleged fire, and 17 firemen were there in minutes, ready to battle the blaze.

There was no blaze. No hint of flames or smell of smoke.

If the person who reported the non-existing blaze thought there was a fire, the call was valid. But more than likely that was not the case. All indications suggest this was a prank call. A dangerous, ridiculous, "uncalled for" episode.

"I can't imagine a grown man doing something like that," Assistant Fire Chief James Fite said. He explained that prank calls are inconvenient, but the biggest problem with them is that "they take fire equipment out of residential areas."

"When we get a call that a school or hospital is on fire, we send everything we can," he said. This leaves less protection in other parts of the city.

Also, when you move emergency equipment of any kind you take a chance on injuring someone. Fite said the firemen only travel 10 miles over the speed limit, but this can still be dangerous.

Whenever the engines roll, they have to be washed. So after the false alarm Sunday, firemen had to wash the equipment.

Fite said the Murfreesboro Fire Department receives several prank calls throughout the year. This one sounded like a white male in his 20s, but no one can be sure.

Prank calls may be funny to the caller, but they can be dangerous. Please, take the rest of the community into consideration before calling our protection out on needless ventures.

# only in america

by Mike Kopp

## Bank pays for burning money

Anyone caught with too much money is destined to get burned. And the Federal Reserve Bank of Los Angeles is no exception.

The bank was found guilty and fined \$1,000 for violating air pollution laws. Complaints about thick clouds of smoke billowing out of furnance in which old currency is burned triggered the charges.

The bank was fined the maximum amount because, as the deputy attorney put it, "Since they have money to burn, they should pay the maximum fine."

## Color added to group's name

It's called the Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society. But staff member Betty Winters says the weekly sessions in Pittsfield, Mass., are nothing more than sewing and craft work.

So why the terrorist tag?

Mrs. Winters says they included that to give the group's name a little color.

# guest column

by Phyllis Hamm

## Sunny hints mislead pale beauty

I emerged from the rooftop something less than a bathing beauty. I had hoped to become golden brown in time for the night's big date — blind one, no less. Instead I looked like an albino raccoon who had accidentally been dipped in red Easter egg dye. Never use a towel to keep the sun out of your eyes.

As I paced down the hall in a robot stance, my dorm mates contributed their advice from behind their open doors.

"Take a bath in vinegar," yelled the nature freak from the end of the hall. "No, tea," corrected her roommate, also a nature freak.

As I rounded the corner I was bombarded with well-meaning friends and their various ointments and preparations, all guaranteeing to "take the red out." There was cold cream, cocoa butter, various lotions and some kind of plant (I think she called it aloe vera) which when sliced open oozed a soothing gel.

After taking these preparations back to my room I decided to start at the beginning. First a bath in vinegar, or was it tea? Why not both? The more the better.

I then proceeded with all the lotions, creams, oils and houseplants, confident they would cure my ailment in time for my date.

When the big hour finally arrived I floated downstairs to find Prince Charming waiting for me. I had been under the impression that we were going to dinner and a movie. Instead we went to the grill for a coke. Prince Charming suddenly broke into a cold sweat and mumbled something about a term paper he had due tomorrow. He hurried off, leaving me alone with my watery coke.

As he left I heard him yell to a friend, "Hey, ya wanna go shoot some pool; I just escaped a date with a suspicious smelling lobster!"

Are there any men left out there who still find beauty in the pale and fragile?

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# Viewpoints

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# the last word

by Warren Denny

## Justice dept. divided over gene splitting

Recombinative DNA. For most of us this sounds like another boring biological term to memorize for the next test. But, recombinative DNA processing promises to be the most prolific bio-technological phenomenon in history.

Quite simply, it is the process known as "gene splicing," a technique developed just five years ago. It involves the implantation of a specific genetic code extracted from one organism into the genetic code of another. For example, a

human gene that produces insulin may be implanted into a microorganism that replicates quickly. The result is a cellular chemical factory that busily churns out insulin.

Pretty neat, huh? The Justice Department doesn't think so. They have appealed the case of Diamond v. Chakrabarty to the nation's highest court because the lower courts have granted General Electric and Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company the nation's first patents for genetically engineered life forms.

The lower courts found no justification for excluding patentable invention merely "because it is alive."

GE and Upjohn are seeking to patent an organism that degrades petroleum very efficiently. Someday they hope to unleash their microbe on an oil slick, thus preventing a tanker spill from polluting the shoreline.

According to researchers, the

potential applications of recombinative DNA techniques are limitless. Microorganisms may be manipulated to inexpensively produce thousands of chemicals, hormones, enzymes or whatever.

According to the E.F. Hutton brokerage firm, a multibillion-dollar genetics industry is about to be born. They liken it to the computer boom of the past quarter century. Dozens of the nation's top firms have lined up to take their share of the expected bonanza.

But, slow down. What are they planning to do? What happens to our little workers when they are finished with a job? Under laboratory conditions, research indicates that most microbes will die once their food supply is gone.

But, some novel life forms have been known to exist up to 90 hours outside of the laboratory and without food, more than enough time to insure

uncontrollable results. Some scientists claim that we are running the risk of creating the ultimate in pollution and disease disasters. They also add that the large companies are willing to introduce new strains of pollutants into the ecosystem for the sole sake of profit. Shades of the nuclear power industry!

As a public that generally opposes being consumed by rampant microorganisms, what are we to do? By ruling against life form patents, the court will not halt genetic engineering. Companies can pursue other possibilities, such as patenting the technique or patenting the uses to which the life forms are put.

No one can exercise perfect judgment when using such a volatile process. No one can have complete control over such a process. It is up to the citizens who would be affected to apply pressure enough to halt the funding of corporate genetic research. If we don't do it now, we may never get another chance.

# as i see it

by Chuck Keller

## Edith Bunker killed off series next fall

It must be very difficult to learn that you are going to die.

But when you are one of the most popular personalities in America, the fact of death must be even harder to accept.

Before going any further, I had better fill you in. The person due to die next fall is Edith Bunker.

That's right, when the next television season starts, the most loved dingbat in the country if not the entire world will be killed off.

Rumors began to spread last year that Edith's days were numbered, but nothing definite was planned. "All In The Family" took on a new look with a new setting and name (Archie's Place), and the role of Edith became very limited with only an occasional appearance. But last week, the producers of the show lowered the ax.

Putting a rest to all the rumors, the planned death of Edith was made public. But there is just a slight problem: nobody knows just how to get rid of her.

After a few minutes of silent tribute, I began to think of possible ways of giving Edith the old heave-hoe. The first idea that came to me was to have her die as the result of playing a game of solitary Russian Roulette.

A second means of death would be for her to gas herself in the electric oven. Another possibility would be for her to drown while attempting to save the TiDe Bowl man after accidentally flushing him down the toilet.

But after all these years, it just

wouldn't seem right for her to kill herself. So, maybe a terminal illness is in order. Not just your everyday terminal disease but some rare exotic type of thing only found in some remote part of the world.

With this approach, she could move to California with Mike and Gloria and live out her days with her daughter and family. The only catch here is that it would have to be over and done with in a one-hour special.

If death and sickness isn't your bag, then why not let her leave Archie. That's right, a divorce. That way she could leave the show for good and still be around for special occasions.

Whatever the producers decide to do one thing is certain, *those were the days*. So long Edith, we're going to miss you.

# Redesigned barn used by potter

By RENEE VAUGHN

Sidelines Staff Writer

Opening Lewis Snyder's Studio S, 1426 Avon Rd., reveals a natural phenomenon. The world of synthenetic and mechanized production does not enter here.

Once inside, your senses gather pleasure from honest texture, shape and color in the potters' art. Like grass and trees and streams, the world of clay and water asks its visitor to slow down and really look.

Studio S is an envy of potters everywhere. 19-year-old apprentice David Stuemple says, Snyder, who holds a master of fine arts degree in pottery from Ohio University, redesigned the old dairy barn 10 years ago to become a showroom-workshop-warehouse in one.

Pottery from this Murfreesboro studio has gone out to probably every country, surmises the bearded Snyder. He works here now with two full-time apprentices and two part-time assistants.

more work than any of us," Stuemple admits.

As Stuemple serves a lump of clay on a wooden table in the workshop, Snyder describes how a pot is made.

"We use five clays in powder form that are mixed with water in our pug mill. The mill is like a sausage grinder that blends the mixture thoroughly.

"Once it has been mixed, the clay achieves increased plasticity as it ages. This helps it hold its shape better. The Chinese used to prepare their clay for the next generation. Here we are lucky if it waits a week before it is used," he laughs.

Pounding the clay and rolling it like dough, Stuemple is trying to make sure it has good consistency, explains Snyder, who is an ex-MTSU art instructor.

"I usually roll it a hundred or so times; I've never really counted," Stuemple says.

Then, the clay is taken to the potter's wheel where it is centered and shaped by the artist's

he uses to smoothe out its surface.

"Snyder once served as director of crafts for the Tennessee Arts Commission. He was instrumental in getting money to fund the Appalachian Crafts Center near Smithville," comments Scott Ray, Snyder's blond second assistant, who has just appeared from his living quarters above the shop.

Snyder also participates in the yearly International Ceramic Symposium and Ray points to the Memphis '76 symposium brochure which is opened to a paragraph written by Snyder, expressing the master-potter's work-philosophy:

"I probably am more concerned about color and form than I am with anything else," it reads. "I am very interested in the idea of man and where he came from and looking beyond our universe for some of the answers. My spherical forms are probably closest to me in the search for an answer."

sylvania a few months ago," Stuemple says, reaching down inside the clay, mass to open it up. It begins to take the shape of a pot.

Some potters believe in coming up with a shape as they work, but Stuemple feels it is a good idea to have a pretty well thought-out shape before beginning.

"If I were doing something that I wanted to create several of, I would have weighed out each lump of clay; this one is probably around six pounds," he mentions while forming the neck of the pot that is starting to look like an urn.

"Bottling in the neck, it's sometimes called."

As the finishing touches are applied to the creation skillfully and discretely, Stuemple nods toward pots on the next table which are semi-dry.

"Those are leather dry. After they are bone-dry we take them to the electric kiln for the first firing at about 1,500 degrees," he explains.

"The way pottery achieves its color is very complex," Snyder says. "Firing in the absence of oxygen will produce the color opposite of what it normally is, say green to red."

After the first firing the "greenware" becomes "bisqueware," Stuemple points out. "It is still fragile and not yet usable."

Then it may be painted with chemicals such as flint, talc and red gold. "It can be splashed or dipped. This is really fun," he added.

The gas glaze kiln, which reaches temperatures of up to 2,300 degrees, is used for the final firing. "Then the pots come out like you see them in the showroom," Stuemple says.

He describes the relationship of rhythm to pottery making. "There is one big cycle consisting of a month or two for throwing the pots and then a time for firing them all."

"And when the pots come out of the kiln, it feels like Christmas," Ray smiles.

"Smaller rhythms exist within

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photo by Don Harris

Indeed, he affirms, some has even appeared in the White House, as Rosalyn Carter hosted a special luncheon there with a Studio S dinner set.

But the outstanding characteristics of Studio S are not the many kudos and awards its work has achieved. Rather, they are the artistic energy and dedication manifested in the workshop.

"Lewis sets the pace. He does

lengthy and sturdy hands.

"This is the fun part," Stuemple grins. "Being a potter really makes you aware of your hands and the things you can do with them."

With the clay on the wheel, the pot is being thrown, or "being pulled up, as the old time potters called it," Snyder says.

As the piece assumes pretty much the shape it will stay, Stuemple picks up the rib which

Each craftsman has his own conception of the art.

"I view pottery as utilitarian folk art rather than intellectual art. Some potters study art in college, but I started working with it in high school. It's hard to find potters who will take an apprentice, especially if he has a lot to learn. Once I found out about Lewis, I wrote him and then came down from Penn-

## A visit with a sardine

# Clayton James reflects on his role as dean

By LISA HUMAN

Sidelines Editor in Chief

Sardines are characteristically cold, clammy and cramped, but Clayton James has none of those features.

Nevertheless, the retired first dean of students at Middle Tennessee State College refers to himself as a "sardine."

"Yes, I was one of the first sardines," he laughed during an interview in his 15th floor apartment at McKendree Manor Towers, a retirement complex in Hermitage, Tenn.

"Sometimes, I'm afraid students think of Deans as being cold, like fish."

Dean James nick-named himself a "sardine" because he said he felt the term characterized the way students often see deans.

"Sometimes I'm afraid students think of deans as being cold like fish," he said.

"Well, I think he developed that term to take away some of the *verbosity* of the powerful word 'dean,'" his wife, Lily Mae, added.

"It's just another one of his little funnies," she claimed from her seat in the chair.

Dean James agreed. "I always tried to be friendly with the students, get along with them and represent them as best I could," he remembered.

And he did represent them, from 1946 when then MTSU President Q.M. Smith asked him to fill the new position of dean of students, until eight years later

when he stepped down to teach.

As dean, James carried a full time teaching load, had a part-time secretary and worked out of an office in Old Main, where the administration offices were at that time.

**"At one time, all Universities were pretty much run like high schools, with the principal as the Czar."**

Prior to taking the administrative position, Dean James taught courses in history and sociology at MTSC and did counseling work with Middle Tennessee High Schools.

Dean N.C. Beasley was the only other dean at that time and was, as Dean James put it, "dean over everything."

One of Dean James' major accomplishments as Dean of Students was setting up the uni-cameral system of student government. Until that time, there was a student council, but no house and senate, according to James.

"The uni-cameral system has prevailed ever since, but with some modifications," he reflected.

"Who's your student body president now?" Lily Mae asked, putting down the magazine she was reading.

I answered, told them about the recent ASB elections and found the James were no relation to President-elect Randy James.

Throughout the interview the couple asked about MTSU. Residents of Murfreesboro until six months ago, the Jameses were familiar with Dean of Students Paul Catrell, Dean of Student Services Robert Maclean, Alumni Director Joe Nunley and others.

They wanted to know what had become of the Learning Resources Center and what important persons had lectured at the University lately.

"Oh, we still like to keep up with what's going on at MTSU," they agreed.

**"Who's your student body president now?"**

"You're glad to see the school grow, but then you see it growing away from you, too," Lily Mae reflected.

"We were there when everybody knew everybody. You knew every faculty member, who their children were and what they were doing," she added.

MTSU has changed immensely over the years, but Dean James' imprint is still there. He was initial in allowing students to sit on committees, a practice which exists today.

Dean James said he always tried to give the students a little more say-so in government.

"Over the years, there has been increased democracy into the University," he explained. "At one time, all Universities were pretty much run like high schools, with the principal as the

## punchline

By Danny Tyree

### Cute as he is, Tatoon loses to Prime Time Saturday

To Keith and everyone else who was expecting a rebuttal to Lisa K. Pardue's abortion letter: please be patient. I'll get to that next week. Now, on to the matter at hand...

Tattoo is cute. I love Mr. Roarke's accent. "Fantasy Island" usually has good guest stars and intriguing plots.

But truth is stranger than fiction and reality more engrossing than fantasy.

Maybe that's why a television program on NBC-Channel 4 has lured me away from Ricardo Montalban at 9 on Saturday nights.

"60 Minutes" is the top-rated show of the season and "reality programming" like "Real People" and "PM Magazine" is supposed to be the trend of the 80s. But if the infamous Neilsen ratings are anywhere near accurate, the vast majority of you have never seen an enlightening, entertaining newsmagazine called "Prime Time Saturday."

Even if you despise host Tom Snyder (I happen to like his style), "PTS" is still very worthwhile. The PTA ranks the show right up there with "Little House on the Prairie" and "The White Shadow" as one of the shows with the most positive, constructive values.

As on "60 Minutes," investigative reporting is a major asset of "Prime Time Saturday." One inquiry focused on rip-offs in home remodeling, another on investment con games. Hazardously flammable furniture warranted TV exposure. An unsettling report dealt with innocent people who are convicted on the basis of *eyewitness testimony*! Another story dug into misuses of federal funds, Caes Chavez and his United Farm Workers.

Are radar speed traps reliable? In an experiment conducted by "PTS," a house was clocked at 24 mph! And former public employees receiving *total disability* pensions have gone on to take karate courses and strenuous new jobs!

"Prime Time Saturday" is no stranger to controversy. A reporter talked to the supporters and opponents of Arthur Jensen — the psychologist who claims that blacks are genetically less intelligent than whites. Another newsman analyzed the question, "Should women be drafted?" Mr. Snyder interviewed the woman who was kicked out of the Mormon Church for supporting the Equal Rights Amendment.

Some TV shows threaten to turn us into passive zombies, but "Prime Time Saturday" has a tendency to broadcast some real eyeopeners: a South American country that has converted all its vehicles to burn gasohol; another South American country with an inflation rate of more than 100 percent (and a warning that the same thing could happen to us); the millions of illegal aliens who threaten to make the census meaningless and to cost the states federal funds and Congressional representation.

Another report revealed that nearly half the members of the United States Armed Forces are barely smart enough to qualify. Many can't operate the most basic weapons. Yet recruiting officers are pressured into helping applicants cheat on their entrance exams in order to meet enlistment quotas.

Each week "PTS" has at least one story in a lighter vein. There have been celebrity interviews with Russell and her book author Dr. Seuss, political humorist Mark Russell and (Tattoo) Villechaize. Recently there was a look at the world of high fashion models.

Another time the program covered the auditions for a new little girl to play the lead in the Broadway musical "Annie." Sports fans were treated to a visit to a training camp for baseball umpires and a rousing piece about professional wrestling.

Fans of the cult favorite "Rocky Horror Picture Show" learned a lot about the background of that film last year. Two weeks ago "PTS" featured a segment about the popularity of horror films.

Sometimes the live nature of "Prime Time Saturday" comes off as pure gimmickry; the reporters could just as well have taped their introductions and conclusions weeks earlier. But at other times the instantaneous nature of the program fills it with an electricity, an excitement that no sitcom, movie or cop show can match. It was on "PTS" that I first learned of "Abscam." During the Republican debates in Iowa and New Hampshire, Mr. Snyder provided the viewers with updates.

The most amazing use of live TV came last summer when President Carter used his now-famous "malaise of the American People" speech. Using the new QUBE system of two-way TV communications, "Prime Time Saturday" broadcast the results of a poll of viewer responses to the speech — within minutes after Carter finished speaking!

Just last week Snyder and Company filled us in about: cancer patients who smoke marijuana to counter the effects of chemotherapy — and get busted; how the taxpayers are giving Lockheed a billion dollars to repair cargo planes that it built wrong in the first place; a group of young men who gave up lucrative pro basketball careers to play basketball for the Lord; and a town that would like to host the 1980 Olympics — Moscow, Kansas.

The audience of "Prime Time Saturday" campaign. Even if every person showing this column suddenly started watching Mr. Snyder's show avidly, it wouldn't make a dent in the ratings. It's just that NBC does such a halfhearted job of advertising "PTS" and I thought it would be terribly selfish if I didn't let you know what you've been missing.

Give it a try. At the worst, you'll waste an hour. But you might also begin a long and rewarding association with an excellent program.

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# Doctors say sun rays harm skin

By ANGIE GALLOWAY  
Sidelines Copy Editor

"The sun is not good for your skin. It is not healthy to get an excessive amount either," says a local dermatologist.

Charles Goodman Jr., M.D., from Murfreesboro, claims there are six categories of people with different skin types. The first type should avoid the sun altogether because they do not tan at all. The sixth type hardly ever burns and usually black people fall into that category, he said.

"The other types are various gradations between the two. There is no real hard and fast difference between each one," Goodman explained.

He added that people inherit their skin types and there was really nothing anyone could do to change it.

If someone did want to get a tan, use common sense and

gradually build up to a tan, the doctor said.

"Use sun screens, anything with para-amino-benzoic-acid, PABA, in it," he emphasized. "There are a number of products out with that in them. They are labeled from two to 15 — the higher the number, the higher amount of protection. A 15 means you can stay out in the sun 15 times longer than the amount of time you would regularly."

Goodman said there were no real beneficial effects from the sun. "The sun ages the skin and causes wrinkles. It also darkens freckles."

He claimed he sees about two people a day in the summer for sun cancer. These are the local kinds that are not lethal. "I see about 10-12 lethal kinds a year. The amount of cases is directly proportional to the amount of sun in the area. It is rare in this area," he added.

Goodman described sun cancer as a growth or sore that won't heal or a pearly looking mole that a person has never had before. "The serious ones are black moles that enlarge," he said, adding there are different kinds of cancers and most don't kill.

A fellow dermatologist in Murfreesboro, Henry Butler Jr., M.D., agreed with Goodman on the bad effects of the sun.

"Sun damage to the skin has side effects. One is in the form of radiation energy. It accumulates and adds up. This can cause adverse side effects," he said. "Another side effect is the sun can produce changes in the top layer of skin and progress into skin cancer."

"A third effect is it changes the elastic fibers in the skin to become loose and this results in wrinkling."

Butler emphasized the use of protective measures such as a hat or cap when outdoors and protective lotions with PABA.

"There are a number of these type lotions on the market and while they will allow tanning, they also block out the

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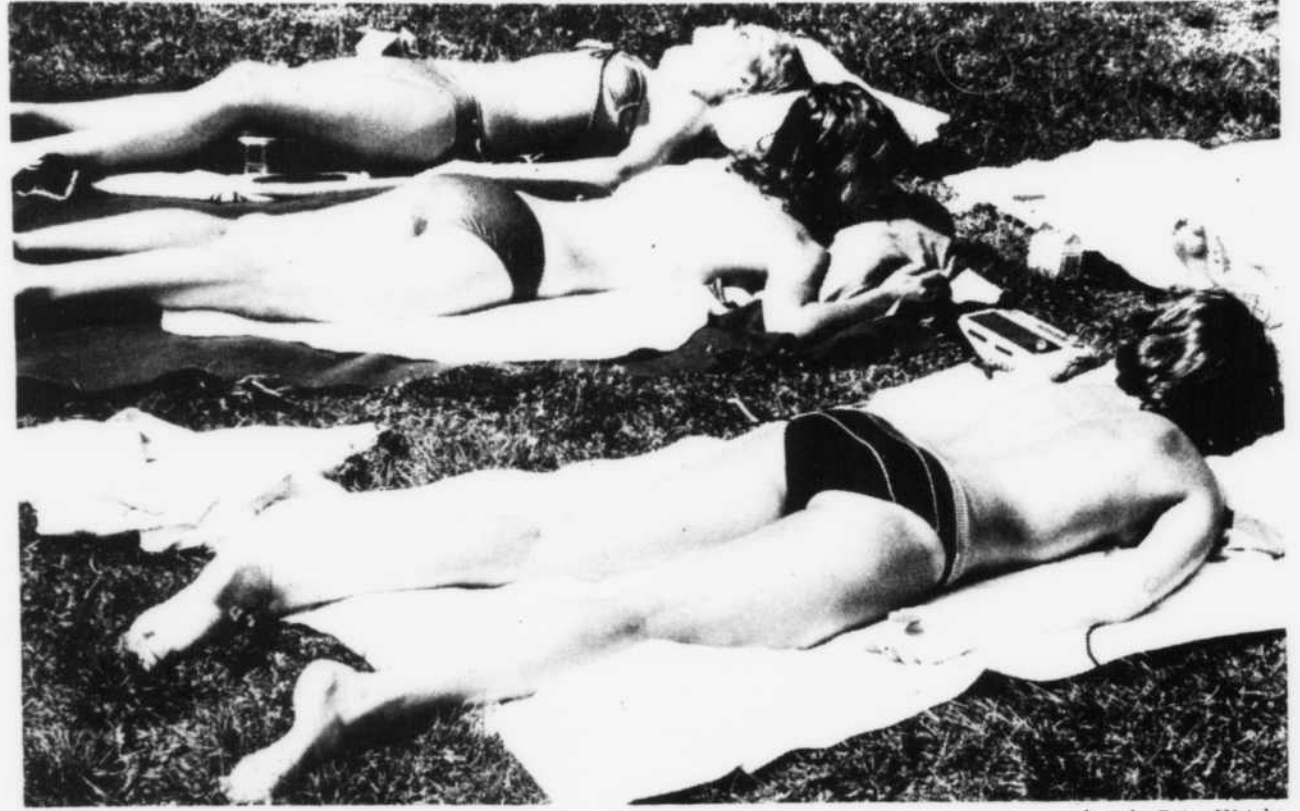


photo by Brian Wright

These sunbathers take advantage of the warm weather to get a tan without bathing suit strap marks.

## Campus Calendar

<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Finals of the College Quiz Bowl: UC 316, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Placement: Navy Recruiting: UC Basement, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.</p> <p>Mr. MTSU Ticket Sale: Chi Omega, UC Basement, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;</p> <p>Mr. MTSU Contest: MC, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>GED Test: UC 314, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Math Department: Jr. High Math Contest, Tennessee Room, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>Movie: "Deer Hunter," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6:45 &amp; 10 p.m.</p> <p>Vice President for Academic Affairs: Dinner, Dining Room C, 6:30-9 p.m.</p> <p>Career Night: Mass Communication Student Advisory Committee, UC 322-ABC &amp; UC 324-ABC, 7-9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Music Department:</b> Concert, Harvin/Perkins, Tennessee Room, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Guidance &amp; Counseling: Undergraduate Assessment Testing, Major Field Competency Testing for Academic Departments, Tennessee Room &amp; Dining Room B, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.</p> <p>Sigma Delta Sigma Basketball: AM Gym, 5-7 p.m.</p> <p>Golden Hearts: Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pot Luck Supper, Dining Room B, 6 p.m.</p>
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**Military Science:** Annual Blood Drive, UC 3rd Floor, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Baseball:** MTSU/APSU, Baseball Field, 1 p.m.

Movie: "Le Sex Shop," UC Theatre, 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m.

**Gamma Beta Phi Banquet:** Tennessee Room, 6 p.m.

**Multi-Media First Aid Class:** AM 204, 6-10 p.m.

**Track:** Oakland High School Track Meet, Jones Field, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

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## Jeff

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He explained there are four stages to Reyes syndrome. The first sign comes after a simple cold or flu.

"Jeff had just a bad cold. Next, Jeff was disoriented, experienced drowsiness, was in and out of a coma and had sometimes severe pain in his abdomen."

In the third stage he had problems with his balance and was running into walls and doors. Finally, he entered the fourth stage, which was unconsciousness.

"In 1977, Reyes syndrome

caused death in 50 percent of its victims. Four percent lived, but had residual damage, and 46 percent lived with no after affects. Jeff is one of the four percent," Hillman said.

Jeff was also in what was called a stage four coma. He became rigid, pale blue and was living on machines, except for his heart rate, his father explained, adding that was the only thing that kept him going.

Hillman continued, "In Reyes syndrome, patients' brain cells are attacked in the area of the mitochondria. Damage is done to the respiratory function of the

cells and the liver shuts down when fatty tissue develops around it. Water is not released then in the brain cells.

"About the only thing to do is treat the symptoms. The doctors at Vanderbilt did this by using Manitol to reduce the swelling," Hillman said. "As of now, Jeff is on no medication."

When Jeff came home, he experienced trouble with his facial muscles, his legs and right hand. He did start back to school, though, in January of 1978, walking on his knees, according to Hillman.

He went through much physical therapy at Vanderbilt

and still visits there from time to time for check-ups. "We exercise his whole body every day in hopes that he will keep on improving," Hillman said.

Meanwhile, Jeff is anxiously awaiting his vacation, although he is unsure when he will get to make his trip. "Sometime in June, I think," he said.

He has a sister, Kristin, who also attends MTSU Campus School, and a brother, Andrew, in the seventh grade at Central Middle School. His mother is employed at Stitch and Time in Murfreesboro.

"Jeff is a miracle," his father said. "His life is a miracle."

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4:50 T  
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7:15 W, 7:30 MW

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4 TH, 4:15 TH, 4:30 TH, 4:50 TH  
6 TH, 6:30 TH  
7 TH, 7:15 TH, 7:30 TH

8 MWF  
10:50 TTH  
12 MWF

8 SAT  
9:50 SAT  
11:50 SAT

10 MWF  
2 MWF  
3 MW, 2:25 MW  
4 M, 4:15 M, 4:30 M, 5 M  
6 M, 6:30 M  
7:15 M

8 TTH

TBA and Others

Classes meeting after 4 p.m. during the semester will have their exams from 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m. or 8-10 p.m.

Will have exams:

Tuesday, April 29, 8-10 a.m.  
Tuesday, April 29, 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 4-6 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 29, 6-8 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 29, 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 8-10 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 30, 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 4-6 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 30, 6-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 30, 8-10 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 8-10 a.m.  
Thursday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 1, 1-3 p.m.  
Thursday May 1, 4-6 p.m.  
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Monday, May 5, 1-3 p.m.  
Monday, May 5, 4-6 p.m.  
Monday, May 5, 6-8 p.m.  
Monday, May 5, 8-10 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 8-10 a.m.

To be arranged by instructor between April 29 and May 6

## Potter

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the larger one of making the pots," continues Stuempfle. "There's a rhythm in rolling the clay, in using the wheel and in forming the shape of the piece."

Moving between the workroom and the storage area for greenware, Stuempfle notes that Snyder's unique barn structure is functional and utilizes all of its aspects. The lopped off silo now houses a large kiln.

Out back sits the salt-glaze kiln, where fire is used to vaporize salt, which falls back down on the pots, giving them an unusual texture, Stuempfle explains.

Such equipment and an extensive studio like Snyder's requires a large initial investment and does not guarantee any substantial financial returns. Stuempfle and Ray would like to have their own studios some day.

"But the important thing will be doing good work," Ray, who came here from Texas seven months ago, emphasizes.

He is busy putting handles on mugs. "When you're going to market utilitarian things, it's important that they feel right being held. Each one is unique when done by hand."

Like Stuempfle, Ray speaks of Snyder's seemingly endless energy for his work. The expansive painting/sculpture on the outside of Todd Library was done by Snyder several years ago.

The cat comes in as Snyder goes out. He is on his way to judge an art show for grammar school children at McDonalds, he says.

"McDonalds?" Stuempfle asks.

Just then the UPI man arrives with a package of clay.

"We see him nearly every day," Stuempfle comments.

"There's always a package going in or out of here."

Studio S sells a lot of work to shops in larger cities like New York and Chicago. The potters attend craft fairs all over, local ones as well as those in far away places.

Sometimes one of them gets left behind. "Someone has to mind the shop," explains Stuempfle, who doesn't seem overly disgruntled about missing an upcoming excursion to Florida.

Minding the shop consists of greeting customers 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Studio S sells artistic and utilitarian-type pottery, murals, sculpture and commissioned work. Snyder also instructs evening pottery classes at the studio.

Browsing among the earthenware at Studio S is a unique adventure. Closing the doors as you leave, it is hard to ignore the contrast of the rhythm there to the hustling beat of the outside world.

## Tanning

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ultraviolet rays which tend to cause cancer."

Butler said a person should start with a short period of exposure then increase, explaining, "The main point is prevention. Once a person gets burned, if it is severe enough, they need to see a doctor."

But one person working to help people acquire a safe tan is Renee Sutton, the woman who sets the time controls for Suntan Village, a tanning clinic in Murfreesboro. She emphasized the use of lotions and oils to keep the skin soft.

At the clinic, the customer answers questions about their skin type and the whole situation is controlled. "The skin drying out ruins a tan. A lot of people take oil baths. That lets the skin soak up the moisture," Sutton explained.

She also suggested taking cool or lukewarm showers or baths after being out in the sun for an extended amount of time.

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"But there was one thing I didn't encourage," he exclaimed. "Fraternalities and sororities."

Although he said he felt the Greek organizations would "run away" with everything and "create certain problems," he said if he were Dean now he would not do away with them "for anything."

"No, I wouldn't tear them down. They have their place now and I wouldn't change them for the world," he expressed.

As the size of the school expanded, Dean James' job became more hectic. "Pressures were increasing all the time as we grew larger and larger," he related.

So in 1954 Dean James chose to step down and resume the role of an instructor.

He retired eight years ago, but continued attending ball games, plays and other assemblies with Lily Mae. The Jameses still receive letters from former MTSU students and are continually interested in changes at the University.

Two years ago, the James Union Building was named in Dean James' honor.

The plaque in the JUB lobby, his distinguished picture etched on it in copper and the title attached to his name show what an important role James played at MTSU. But his easy going style and delightful sense of humor depict the warmth and sincerity James must have had toward students.

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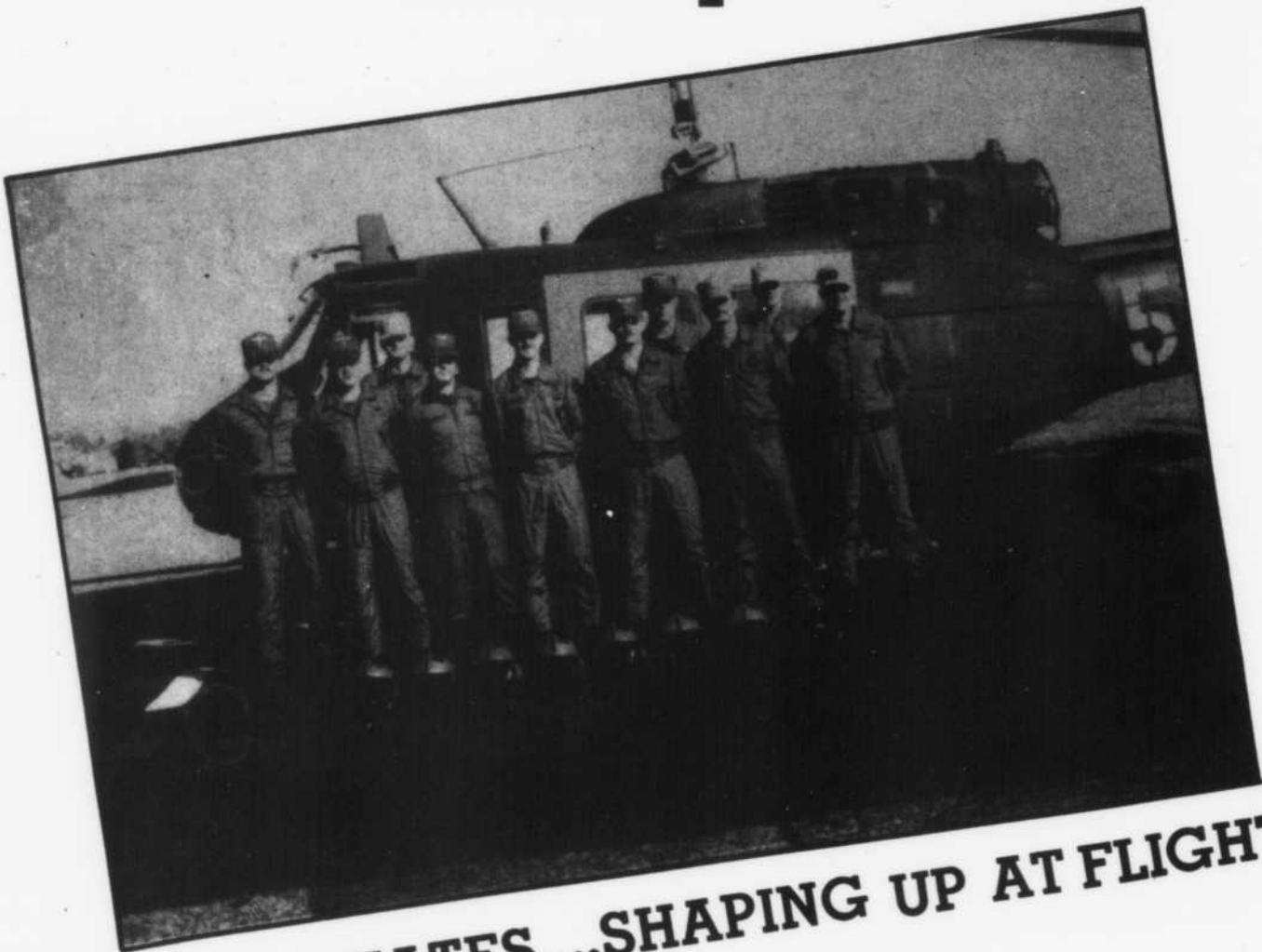
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# Long road ahead for women's track

By CAROL STUART  
Sidelines Sports Writer

When it comes to the women's track program, perhaps Lennon and McCartney said it best almost a decade ago. "It's going to be a long and winding road."

While Middle Tennessee is in the midst of upgrading its women's athletic program, first-year coach Vikki Callison has had her work cut out for her. Upon her arrival at MTSU, the former successful high school coach from Florida had to immediately round up a group to run the fall cross country season.

Now as the 1980 outdoor track and field season is upon her, Callison is faced with a nine-member squad, of which only four are scholarship athletes. Add to that a limited budget and a less-than-established program to recruit on and "the long and winding road" becomes appropriate.

Somehow, though, Callison remains optimistic. "I just feel we can be a respectable program in our own right," she said. "It's just going to take some time and money."

Time has already been in the new coach's favor. It didn't take long for the track squad to pick up its first ever team win a couple of weeks ago at Tennessee Tech. And, then of course there are the individuals whose achievements have and will reflect on the program.

Callison looks to sophomores Susan Vaughn, long jump; Jane Simms, distance runner; freshmen Marcia Hill, sprints and Sharon Johnson, distance runner, to carry this year's team load.

"We have limitations so we have to be realistic about team goals and titles, but we have a number of fine athletes that should achieve some individual success," she said. "Our win at Tech was a bonus that we didn't expect."

In building a program into a powerhouse, goals become a necessary rule of survival. Callison has set her goals in a reasonable order. First, she wants to be able to compete with Tennessee area schools and then eventually to move up to the level of the more established Kentucky schools.

"So far it has been encouraging but our big limitation is money," she said. "Right now, I've started recruiting. We don't have as much money as some of the other schools to be able to compete yet."

Callison has been able to nab a few outstanding prospects for next year, aside from the limitations. Among the list of possibles are Angela Payne, a sprinter from Kentucky and Kim Fortenberry, a discus and shot putter from Georgia.

While the coach is busy working on the future of the Lady Raider tracksters, the current squad is practicing and preparing for the upcoming Knoxville Relays this weekend.

"My philosophy is for them to get more out of practice, to work hard while we're there. Then when we're at the meets, we have confidence because we know we've put in the time and work necessary," Callison said.

"The girls have started off well and I expect them to continue to improve," she added.

As far as getting on the road to a winning track program, Callison may have several obstacles to hurdle. Only time will tell exactly how long and winding the road will be.



First year MTSU track coach Vikki Callison analyzes Marcia Hill's technique in the shot put at a recent practice. Callison is striving for

competitiveness despite a small budget and a relatively young program. The Lady Raider tracksters recently won their first meet in history.

photo by David Mudd

## Doctor holds key to Durchman's return

By EDDIE GOSSAGE  
Sidelines Sports Editor

The sores on women's tennis coach Sandy Neal's knees may just be worth the pain.

The sores are a result of her getting down on her knees and praying.

Neal's prayers may be answered, or at least it is beginning to look a bit more positive.

The subject of Neal's prayers have been junior Elina Durchman, two time women's OVC Player of the Year. Durchman went down with a knee injury March 8 and has been out of action since that time.

"They (the doctors) didn't think the knee would improve as much as it has," Neal said, taking time out from yesterday afternoon's tennis workouts. "Of course I knew all along she would be back," she added with a laugh.

Durchman will find out Friday whether or not she will return. Last week she had her leg removed from a cast and is slowly working the stiffness out. However, one doctor has said the native of Helsinki, Finland has a 50-50 chance of playing again this season while another doctor said her chances are even better than that.

Durchman suffered a torn ligament in her left knee in a match against Purdue. The result was a win in the number one position in the match for Purdue and an overall Purdue

win. However, losing the competition to Purdue was secondary at the time.

"The doctor said that her chances for playing this year are slim to none," Neal said two days after the injury. "We're praying, hoping and doing everything for a miracle, but she has about a one percent chance of coming back this year."

Now, a month later, it appears the chances are a little better. The reason? No one knows for sure.

"As far as the ligament goes, no one could believe how well she has done," Neal said, recalling her fears shortly after the injury. "We didn't think the knee would improve as much as it has."

As it stands now, if the doctor gives Durchman the go-ahead Friday, she will return to action April 18 in the OVC tournament. The matches will be held at Tennessee Tech.

"She's not going to play doubles, those teams are already set," Neal explained. "She won't be in condition to play both singles and doubles."

If Durchman does not compete in the OVC play, she may return to action later in the month at the state tennis tournaments.

If Durchman does not compete in the OVC, the number seven player would move into the number one position. In the state matches,



Elina Durchman

each player moves up a notch, for example, second to first, third to second, etc.

However, Neal said, between now and Friday, her knees may get a little sorer.

### Win only home meet

By EDDIE GOSSAGE  
Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU totally dominated the season's only home outdoor track meet of the year Saturday, easily outdistancing Austin Peay, Purdue, Ball State and Notre Dame.

MTSU scored 90 points while Peay finished a distant second with 59. Purdue took third with 50, Ball State placed fourth with

## Baseballers lose key ball games

John Stanford's Raider baseball team has been having its problems lately, as evidenced by it losing four of its last five games.

The most recent was yesterday afternoon against Tennessee State in Centennial Park in Nashville. The Tigers topped the Raiders in a thriller, 8-7.

Middle Tennessee went into the top of the ninth down 7-4. The Blue Raider diamondmen, relying on a two run homer by Randy Starkey, picked up three runs and a 7-7 tie going into the bottom of the ninth.

Tennessee State catcher Mike Allgood then wrapped the game up for the hosts with a powerful home run blast to centerfield off of MTSU reliever Mike Freels.

Freels absorbed the loss for MTSU while TSU's Jim Thornton was credited with a win. MTSU freshman David Collier, a Nashville Stratford product, slammed a solo homer in the sixth for the only other round-tripper of the game.

The outcome, though, has Raider skipper Stanford furious. Some changes are to be expected.

"The young guys are really doing good," Stanford said last night. "The older guys? I just don't know about them. The young guys like Joe Petrea, who's clutch hits, are doing well. Collier hit real well for us and he is playing in rightfield."

"Buster Keeton came in and played short stop yesterday

because Yarotsky was sick," he went on. "He has played left field, third base and short stop and he is really coming through. We are gonna make some changes."

Saturday, Morehead State swept an OVC doubleheader from MTSU 7-6 and 8-6. Tony Dawkins was tagged with the loss in the first while Bill Brattner was on the hill and chalked up one in the loss column.

Sunday afternoon, MTSU split a pair with Eastern Kentucky, the Colonels taking the first, 8-5, and the Raiders the second, 5-1. Brattner was again handed a loss in that one, while freshman Mark Novak came on and earned the win in the second game.

## Raiders run past big names in track meet

35 and Notre Dame was last with 34.

"The weather was really nice Saturday and all the teams really liked the meet," said Dean Hayes, MTSU track coach. "It was a really relaxed meet and everybody was happy to have a chance to compete."

Middle Tennessee picked up seven first place awards en route to the overall victory. None of

the wins, or the winners, were surprises, Hayes said.

"You work with them this long then you aren't surprised with what they do, so really there were no surprises," Hayes said in reference to the question of being able to compete with the big schools. "Some of the guys really came around and put together a good performance and did well."

MTSU opened the meet with a non-surprising win, as Greg Artis and Andre Kirnes claimed the one-two spots in the long jump. Artis won easily with his leap of 24-10.

Ed Thomas took top honors in the 110 meter high hurdles, finishing one-one hundredth of a second ahead of Purdue's Mark Cammack. Thomas' time was 14.49 seconds. Kirnes took third place in the event with a time of 14.63.

Again MTSU finished first and third in the 400 meter dash, as Ed Stegall claimed first and Anthony Washpond took third. Stegall's time of 47.5 was almost a full second ahead of Purdue's Bruce Banter, who claimed second.

In the 440-yard relay, MTSU's team of Thomas, Kirnes, David Robinson and Barry Gambrell finished first with a time of 41 seconds flat. The nearest competitor was the Ball State team which was a full 2.2 seconds behind.

MTSU claimed the top four slots in the 100-meter dash, as Robinson, Kirnes, Gambrell and Sterling Stone finished in that order. In the triple jump, Artis also took first place, followed by Orestes Meeks in third.

MTSU will be competing in the prestigious Dogwood Relays at the University of Tennessee this weekend.

## Raider netters top 'Toppers; face Murray State here today

Middle Tennessee's men's tennis team downed Western Kentucky 6-3 in a key OVC matchup in Bowling Green yesterday.

That sets up another important battle on the courts this afternoon against Murray State, a team coach Dick LaLance called "the team to beat." Matches will begin at 2 p.m. at the Raider courts.

In yesterday's action, Dale Short claimed the number one slot topping Western's Hocci Ozgenel 6-3, 6-4. Peter Heffernan followed at number two, sliding past Hilltopper Bob Hermann 7-5, 6-1. At the number five position, Tony Fernandez beat WKU's Mark Fomes in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0. Rounding out wins in singles action was Danny Wallace, tripping Western's Tony Thomas 7-5, 6-3.

In doubles, Short and Heffernan took three sets to beat Ozgenel and Thomas 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Mark Tulloch and Graeme Harris teamed to take a doubles win over Hermann and Fomes 6-1, 6-3.

After this afternoon's matches, MTSU will host the University of the South Wednesday afternoon.



MTSU's David Robinson, center, breaks the tape while Andre Kirnes comes in second in the 200 meter dash. The Raiders picked up an impressive win over Austin Peay, Notre Dame, Ball State and Purdue this past Saturday.

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