

# Sidelines

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## Students suspended after appeal fails

by Larry Harrington

Two former MTSU football players were officially suspended from the university this week for possession of marijuana after the Appeals Committee ruled that due process had not been violated in a Disciplinary Committee hearing.

Ronnie Allen Martin and Randall Lee Miller were suspended for the fall semester by the Disciplinary Committee on Oct. 15.

At the Disciplinary Committee hearing, university officials said they found about a "teaspoon" of marijuana scattered in one of the drawers and a vial of stems in a wastebasket in the players' room during an Oct. 1 raid on the athletic dormitory.

A temporary restraining order preventing the university from suspending Martin and Miller was

denied by Federal District Judge Frank Gray. The attorney for the defendants said Gray was unwilling to issue a restraining order for an action that had already taken place.

The decision to seek professional legal counsel was made after the defendants were suspended, according to ASB Public Defender Tom Foley.

"The plan had been to take the appeal to President Scarlett then to the State Board of Regents if necessary," Foley said, "but when they were suspended we recommended that they seek legal counsel and consider taking their case to federal court."

The student handbook, *Rescue*, notes that "any disciplinary action is subject to final review by the president of the university before off-campus action ensues."

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said Martin and Miller had the prerogative of appealing to President Scarlett and the Board of Regents, but said it was his understanding that the matter is ended on this campus.

"Dr. Scarlett has been out of town all week and, of course, the students could not have seen him," Cantrell said. "It is my understanding that some of the responsibility for reviewing the appeal was delegated to Dr. Wagner (Vice President of Student Affairs Harry Wagner)."

Cantrell said he understood that Wagner had reviewed the case and that "this ends the matter on this campus."

Wagner said the normal procedure is for disciplinary matters to be reviewed by the university

president before action is taken off campus.

"It would be a matter of the parties involved requesting a review by the president, and to my knowledge this has not been done," Wagner said.

"My office has not received a request either," he said.

According to *Rescue*, an appeal may be granted because of an error in procedural due process by the Disciplinary Committee or because new evidence relating to the case has been uncovered.

Foley said the defense for Martin and Miller contended before the Appeals Committee that due process had been violated because: --The Disciplinary Committee was short one student member during the hearing.

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## Committees seek input

Monday is the deadline for recommendations to change university rules governing female residence hall living and social activities, Muriel Bean, chairman of the All-Campus Rules subcommittee for these areas, said yesterday.

Suggestions for change should be made to Bean by contacting Box 1253 or by calling 898-3793, or by contacting Lisa Marchesoni at Box 4769 or 898-4285.

Recommendations to another subcommittee concerned with rights, freedoms and responsibilities of students; disciplinary procedures; rules and regulations; and policies and general information may be submitted throughout next week, according to Cindy Williams, chairman of the subcommittee.

"Students should review the campus handbook, *The Rescue*, pages 15 through 25," she said, "for regulations this committee is responsible for -- then make their recommendations to me."

Williams may be contacted by writing Box 4612 or calling 898-4636.

However, Fred Kittrell, chairman of the All-Campus Rules

Committee, said yesterday that any recommendation should be submitted in written form.

Written suggestions will give the subcommittees something tangible to discuss. And if a subcommittee is not going to carry out a student's recommendation as a proposal for change, the members will have something specific to refer to in explaining why, Kittrell said.

"Recommendations must conform to a set of broad guidelines adopted late last year by the Committee for Student Life under the state Board of Regents," Kittrell said.

"If a student isn't satisfied that his recommendation was handled properly by a subcommittee, he may contact me requesting to meet before the entire All-Campus Rules Committee when the subcommittee makes its report," Kittrell said.

He said that meetings for subcommittee reports could not be open to all because of a tight time schedule in readying proposals.

The subcommittee for female residence hall living and social activities will make its report next Thursday at 7 p.m.

## Curfew under review

by Gina Jeter News Editor

University rules concerning curfew hours for freshman women might be rewritten by the All-Campus Rules subcommittee for female residence hall living and social activities, chairman Muriel Bean said Wednesday.

"Last year when we were working on plans for this year, we didn't propose to do away with the 2 a.m. curfew altogether," she said, "because of a lack of support."

A proposal was submitted to and approved by the state Board of Regents that freshman women be permitted self-regulated hours during the second semester at MTSU, retaining the 2 a.m. curfew during their first semester.

That proposal is now in effect as university policy.

Bean indicated that she has received no suggestions from other students to abolish the curfew for first-semester freshman women.

"If people would let us know how they feel, it would help," she said. "A lot of support would help push the proposal."

Bean said that her subcommittee met both Wednesday and yesterday, but that she could not attend either meeting.

Judy Smith, associate dean of women and a member of the subcommittee, would release no details from Wednesday's meeting.

"I assume previous years still carry," she said. "Information from the subcommittees is transmitted only through the chairman, Dr. Kittrell."

Smith could not be contacted after yesterday's meeting. However, subcommittee member Lisa Marchesoni said that arguments for and against abolishment of the first-semester curfew was the topic of Wednesday's discussion.

Marchesoni would not discuss yesterday's meeting, saying that Dean Smith had told her that "in previous years, we haven't made known what has happened at the meetings."

"I can't think of any objection to releasing the arguments being discussed pro and con the student input," Fred Kittrell, All-Campus Rules Committee chairman said yesterday.

"But releasing any action that the subcommittee took would be premature," he said, "because no action really can be made until it is approved by the whole committee."

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## New constitution passes Homecoming court chosen

The new ASB constitution passed by a large majority and homecoming queen was chosen in Wednesday's election, Bill Smith, ASB election commissioner, said last night.

A total of 1124 persons turned out to vote Wednesday, Smith said. Only 888 of these voted on the constitution. 716 voted for and 182 voted against the constitution, he said.

A controversy on how to count the constitution vote came up while the ballots were being counted, Smith said. If the people who didn't vote on the constitution had been counted as an abstention the constitution wouldn't have had the 2/3 majority needed to pass, he said.

"A number of people did not pick up a ballot for the purpose of voting for the constitution, but only for the purpose of voting for homecoming queen," said Terry Thomas, secretary of student mobilization.

Sheila Hixson, Pamela Woodbury, Candie Johnson, Marsha Steakley and Emily Webb received the most votes in the homecoming queen election, Smith said.

The queen will not be announced until half-time of the homecoming game, he said.

Scott Perry, Sidelines special reporter, was threatened by Thomas if he revealed the results of the balloting.

"We don't want anyone to know the results until the game on Saturday, and I'll get you if you print them," Thomas said while addressing Perry.

The results of the election were counted by numerous persons including Dwight Lane, chairman of homecoming activities, and Al Peeler, a member of the house and a strong advocate of the constitution.

"We are going to recount the ballots to make sure our figures check out," Smith said.

## Pianist scheduled for concert here

Alberto Reyes, billed as one of "the most gifted and complete artist of his generation" will perform here Nov. 6 in the DA auditorium at 8 p.m.

The classical pianist, a native of Uruguay, is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee and the music department of MTSU. The concert will be free.

Reyes will treat the audience to selections of Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and Tchaikovsky during the concert.

The pianist has won acclaim worldwide as the result of successful competition at Leventritt in New York, Tchaikovsky in Moscow, Rio De Janerio, and Montevideo.

### Mum pickup scheduled

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# Dorm rules committee plans public hearings

Public hearings are planned within the near future by the subcommittee investigating regulations concerning dormitory residents, David Dodd, chairman, said yesterday.

"We have to have public meetings with residents of J and K dorms particularly," Dodd said. "I don't have any times or dates yet for the sessions, but we plan to have them soon," he said.

The committee is charged with the responsibility of suggesting new rules for the operation of all campus housing, he said, in addition to investigation of rules regulating the activity of Greek and social organizations on campus.

"As far as I know, all our meetings will be open to the public," Dodd said. "I certainly want to see them as open sessions, and they will be unless a majority of the committee votes otherwise."

The committee is made up of Paul Cantrell, Patricia Sharber, Paul Braden and Dodd. The latter two are students.

Dodd said the committee will make its report to the All Campus Rules Committee about the end of this month. That commit-

tee would then review all proposed regulations and pass them along to Harry Wagner, vice president of student affairs.

Wagner would then forward the proposed rules to the Student Life Committee of the State Board of Regents, for their approval or disapproval, he said.

"We want to encourage all students who would be subject to rules proposed by this committee to give us their ideas and opinions on what should stay, or what should be changed," Dodd said.

Many students have complained that they signed up for the new apartments with the understanding that open visitation of males and females would be allowed, at least in the living room area.

No visitation by members of the opposite sex is allowed at the present in any dormitories.

Telephone interviews with several residents in J and K dormitories indicate that some are upset with what they believe to be irregularities in university housing policies.

"I was told last spring by Jim Craig, assistant director of housing, that open visitation would be allowed over here," Tim Washam,

a resident of K, said.

"He said you'd be able to have girls here almost anytime you wanted," Washam said. "Most of us feel these dorms should be run just like any other apartment complex, after all, we're paying \$225 a semester for the place."

"We're all 18-years-old or older, and it's about time we were treated like big boys and girls," he said.

Judy Merritt, Pulaski senior, said she also had understood that open visitation would be allowed in J dormitory.

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# Report recommends long-range planning

by Jim Trammel

Need for a long-range university planning committee, and internal structural study of

several departments are two findings of the MTSU Self-Study Report, according to William Beasley, director of the study.

The report will be sent to the printer within the next two weeks, Beasley said.

All sub-committee reports are completed, he said, and the summary of the reports is being edited.

"I feel the self-study has put in focus a number of questions that need to be answered," Beasley added.

When completed, the self-study report will be released to the Southern Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Board of Regents, the library and all academic departments, he said.

SASCU, which requires a self-study once every 10 years from member schools, will send a committee to MTSU in February. The visiting committee will analyze the self-study report and make their own observations and recommendations, Beasley said.

Recommendations of the visiting committee must be acted on for a school to keep its SASCU accreditation, he added.

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## School provides teaching practice

by Julia Andrade

Invaluable experience for 200 to 300 elementary education majors is provided by the Campus School, according to Martha Hampton, principal of the school.

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"Planning a learning project and presenting it to the children, the teacher and the observers in the class is another required activity that the future teachers must meet," Hampton said.

The children don't seem to be bothered by the constant presence of observers in the classes, she said.

"Since we are not strictly county controlled, we are allowed to present new methods of teaching and learning situations with greater ease than public schools," Hampton added.

## Suspensions

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--The doors of the Cope Administration Building, where the hearing was held, were locked preventing public access.

--Several committee members were angry about the length of the hearing.

Foley said constitutional questions of search and seizure had been ruled inadmissible in the Disciplinary Committee and could not be ruled on by the Appeals Committee as matters of due process.

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## Readers' views

### To the Editor:

I am a Republican, I am a Nixon supporter and I am biased. Thus the logic of this letter must be examined in the light of this bias, but likewise the logic of those who state opposing views must be read in light of their bias.

I do not address this letter to those who call loudest for the impeachment of the President or stress his degradation for I have as small a chance of convincing them of my views as they have of converting me to theirs. Rather, I address it to the mass of moderates who have not yet committed themselves to the point that they may not reason for themselves.

Is not the mark of an administration the welfare and condition of the country and the people within? Let us examine our country now and five years ago.

In 1968 we had committed to Vietnam a half million men engaged in a seemingly senseless war; today there are virtually no troops there and no war.

In 1968 riots were prevalent in the cities and at the universities. Unless my memory fails me, we haven't had a riot for three years.

In 1968 we had a draft, and each young man was faced with induction if he would be called. Today we have no draft.

In 1968 we had a strong defense. We still do, but if Mr. McGovern had been elected in 1972 with his proposed massive cuts in the defense budget, would Israel still exist? I seriously cannot believe it would.

In 1968 we did not even talk to China. Today we have diplomats there and an active trade, two vital factors to reduce the chance of war.

Our communications and trade with Russia have improved to the

point that a joint resolution by the U.S. and Russia activated the U.N. to produce the ceasefire in the Middle East, a situation that with lesser leaders could have produced a far greater conflagration.

Federal funds are now being put back into cities and towns by revenue sharing which was nonexistent in 1968, a first step toward their revitalization.

We have inflation now, but we also had it in 1968. But the economy is still strong and healthy and for the last month signs that inflation, too, may be put under control by Nixon's administration are beginning to surface.

Let us assume arguing that Mr. Nixon is guilty of personally plotting, planning and executing the whole of Watergate. If a President guilty of this is the price we paid for the above accomplishments, then my friends, we have the bargain of the century.

There is a chance though that he may be completely innocent, though such heresy is seldom seen in print these days.

It is sometimes said that a man may be measured by the stature of the enemies he has. But with men like McCloskey, Meany and Ervin against him, Mr. Nixon can take small solstice from this.

If the President has made a mistake, it is perhaps that things are going too well. It is hard for me to conceive that a country with many real problems could dwell so long on a politician bugging his opponents camp.

But it seems only reasonable and fair the man should have the chance that others accused are given and that we let the investigation proceed by way of the grand jury for it is only thru them that there may be a chance for impartiality one way or the other, for can an investigation by the administra-

tion's own Justice Department or by a committee appointed by a Democratically controlled Congress be impartial. I think not. But give the man the decency of the presumption of innocence in the interim.

As I stated before I am biased, but it is a bias based on accomplishment, and I for one would rather have Richard Nixon President of this country than any other man I know.

Charles W. McKinney  
Box 123

### To the Editor:

We've all played the amusing game of "Let's Pick Apart Inconsistencies in the Nixon Political Philosophy" for about five years now, but in case anyone is still believing the man, let's lay his credibility forever to rest with the following observation:

If Nixon really had the integrity of the office in mind when he refused to submit the Watergate tapes, he would have held to his principles through impeachment or whatever came along. But, as his change of heart about the tapes demonstrates, Nixon really has the well-being of Nixon and not the nation in mind--otherwise he would have quietly gone the way of Agnew, Richardson, et al.

Jim Trammel  
Box 7301

### To the Editor:

The article on page 13 of your October 30 edition entitled "Anthropology courses expanded" was an unfortunate disaster, an insult to the Department of Sociology, and a poor reflection on the Sidelines and the quality of journalistic instruction at MTSU. Had the article appeared in the April Fool's Day edition, I might have overlooked

the misquotes, perverted facts, grammatical errors, and structural inconsistencies, but as far as I know Halloween is no excuse for such absurdity.

In the first place, I cannot believe that a college newspaper reporter could so distort factual detail. There is no such organization as the Anthropology Club; there are no courses entitled "family and culture of Eastern Asia; "introduction to anthropology" is not a new course; and anthropology courses are not being expanded to accommodate any campus organization. Also, I have never made, in any context, such an inane comment as that I am given credit for in paragraph three.

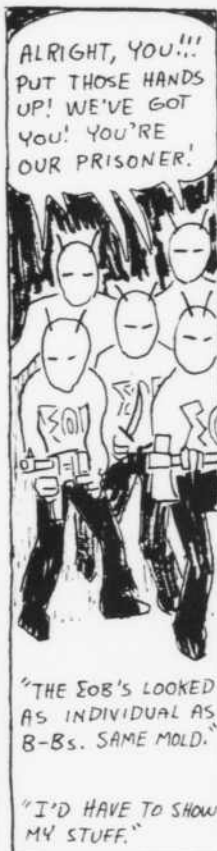
In the second place, I find it grossly disappointing to realize that a "responsible" editor of a reputable college publication could read over such an obviously ridiculous article and still allow it to be printed.

I would appreciate revision of the story and a printed apology.  
Sincerely,  
Kendall Blanchard

**Editor's note:** The story in question was one of many turned in to Sidelines from newswriting classes. It is impossible for us to check the facts in every story, although the peculiar nature of some of the information in this piece should have caused us to send the story back to the writer. We apologize for the inaccuracies.

Sidelines encourages readers to express their views through letters. They should be typed, double-spaced and clearly identified with the author's name and campus address. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length, and Sidelines reserves the right to edit all submissions. Names will be withheld upon request.





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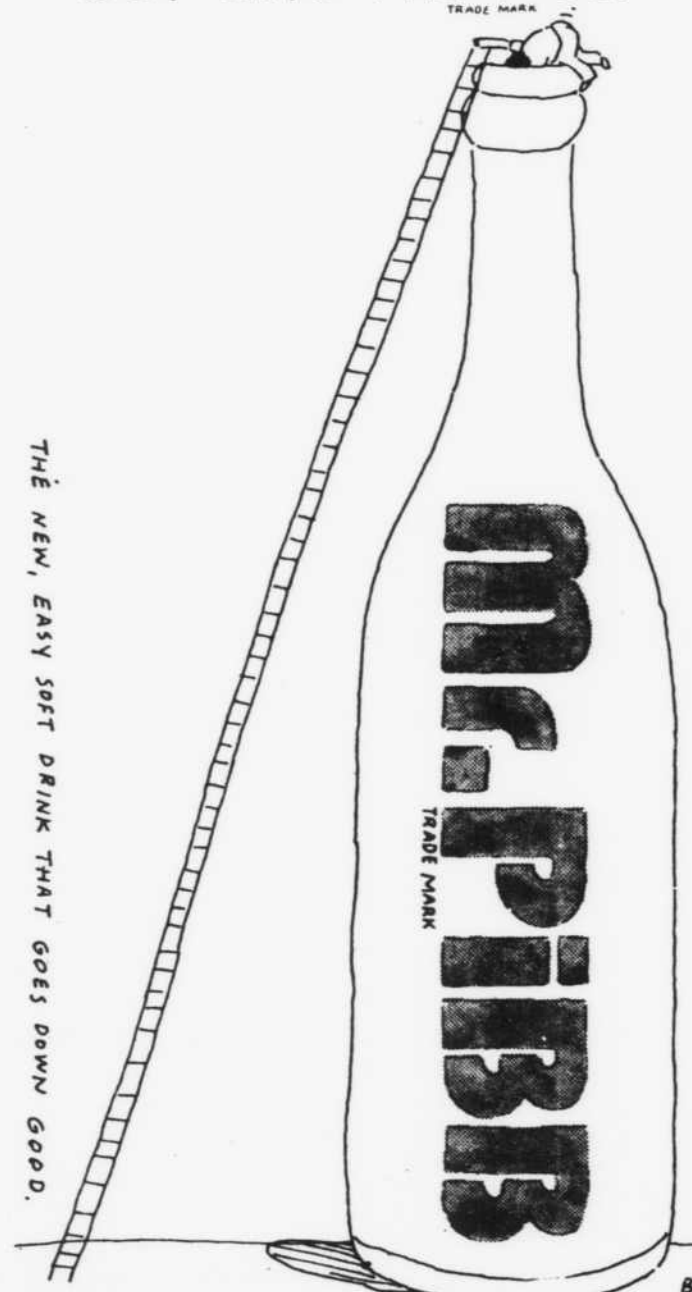
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## Bonfire, parade to highlight weekend homecoming activities

A bonfire today at 6:30 p.m. will kick off the weekend of activities, Dwight Lane, homecoming chairman said.

A homecoming parade has been scheduled for tomorrow beginning at 9:30 a.m., Kay McKnight, parade marshal, said.

"The parade will travel west on Greenland Avenue, turn left on Tennessee Boulevard, then turn right on East Main, then circle the

public square and end on Church Street," she said.

A variety of bands, floats, antique cars and other oddities will appear in the parade, she said.

The MTSU vs. Western Kentucky football game will begin at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon at Horace Jones Field.

Tomorrow night Chicago will appear in concert at the Murphy Center beginning at 8.

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## Red Cross blood drive set for Tuesday in UC

A blood drive will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday on the third floor of the University Center, Emily Webb, speaker of the ASB House of Representatives, said Wednesday.

Scabbard and Blade is sponsoring the drive, with aid from the ASB, in support of the Rutherford County Chapter of the Red Cross, she said.

"Cokes and cookies will be served to each person following his donation, which will take approximately 30 minutes," Webb said. "Anyone donating should eat a good meal before giving blood to keep their strength up."

In an effort to reach the quota of units of whole blood, awards donated by local businesses will be presented in the club, sorority and fraternity divisions for member participation, according to Carl Hanley, drive co-ordinator.

Two first-place trophies and second-place plaques will be given in each division, one for total donors and one for the highest percentage of donors compared with membership, he said.

"We decided to offer trophies for total donors to stimulate interest in the larger organizations that have been beaten by percentages in the past," Hanley said.

Formerly, awards were given solely to the organizations with the largest percentage of their members donating blood in each division, giving small groups an advantage over those with numerous members, he added.

Leadership lab for that day will be dismissed to allow cadets to participate in the blood drive, according to Forrest Hall sources.

## Forensics squad sets tourney slate

Members of the MTSU debate team will participate in two southern tournaments this weekend, Jim Brooks, director of debate, said yesterday.

Nashville sophomore Michael Deal and Jefferson City junior Ron Howell will compete in a tournament at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

Meanwhile, Nashville sophomore Gary Buchanan and Murfreesboro junior Michael Hall will travel to Appalachian State University in Boone, N. C., to compete.

MTSU is the two-time defending champion of the North Carolina competition.

"I think we are ready to go this weekend," Brooks said. "The team has worked hard this week on these tournaments."

Donors will receive a card entitling them or members of their families to blood without charge if needed during hospitalization for a six-month period following donation.

Members of the Rutherford County Red Cross will handle the technical aspects of the blood drive, with Scabbard and Blade members supervising the supporting activities.

Organizations wishing to participate in the contest should send a list of members by Monday to Lyndon Hammond, ROTC department, or to Webb, Box 1.

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Janet Murphy, a blind student, uses the Brailloboss machine developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Efforts to establish center for handicapped underway

by Kathy Queen

"There is a serious concerted effort to develop at MTSU a regional center for university education of the handicapped," Martha Chambers, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, said recently.

It is an attempt to pave the way for equal opportunity in the classroom for handicapped individuals, she said.

Current developments center around visually handicapped students. "The university is working hard to expand the special services it can provide the visually handicapped," Chambers said.

The most unusual and exciting piece of equipment, she said, is the Brailloboss machine.

The machine translates English into Braille and Braille into English. This enables a blind student to type a term paper in Braille and the machine provides a copy in ordinary ink print for the instructor.

Another service recently acquired is a system for broadcasting special educational material.

This service provides visually handicapped students with special radio receivers that pick up a sub-carrier frequency from WMOT-FM.

The special frequency can be used to broadcast current affairs, readings from current magazines, recordings of textbooks and other educational materials.

Also, special television equipment is available in the library for partially-sighted students.

This equipment enlarges ordinary print and projects it on a television screen. "It also reverses the polarity, rendering white letters on a dark background, making ordinary library books easier to read," Chambers said.

Visually handicapped students should be given equal opportunities for higher education, according to Chambers. These students should not be pampered but they should have the same opportunities as sighted individuals, she said. "I want everyone to realize that they are just normal people with handicapped conditions."

Interest in handicapped students here was initiated by a former sociology instructor, Merrill Needham.

According to Chambers, he was concerned about the difficulty a blind student was having, so he brought the problem to the attention of President M. G. Scarlett.

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# Hilltopper contest is Blues' moment of truth

It's going to take a miracle for the Blue Raider Football team to win the Western Kentucky game Saturday at Jones Field.

A miracle is exactly what Coach Bill Peck and his squad have been working this week.

"Our kids believe they can win. They don't think Western can beat them, and when that kind of attitude

## Scott's Spot

by Scott Elliott  
Sports Editor



is on a team--half the battle is over," Peck said.

Western is ranked third in the nation by the Associated Press and is leading the Ohio Valley Conference in team offense and defense.

The Hilltoppers have a host of studs in their barn. Among them is quarterback Leo Peckenpaugh, tailback Clarence Jackson, wide receiver Porter Williams and reserve quarterback Dennis Tomek.

Peckenpaugh and Tomek are among the conference leaders in both passing and total offense. Jackson is the OVC's leading scorer and is third in rushing.

A discussion of impressive Hilltopper statistics would take more space than I am afforded, but that is not the most important issue at hand.



COACH BILL PECK

Photo by Jeff Garrett

The question is---how can MTSU possibly win this game?

It's going to take a super effort on the part of Peck's squad. I have witnessed the Raiders' first eight games this season and seen some things that have made a believer out of me.

Watching the games from the Raiders' bench is quite different than viewing from the stands. I've seen players who have experienced great amounts of pain. I've seen others who would give their right arms to get a shot at playing.

I've seen some other things this fall---fans booing in the first quarter, fans laughing in the fourth quarter and a lot of empty seats.

Yes, the Raiders are a team with guts, but that won't be enough this Saturday.

It is my hope that Jones Field will be filled with a great many true Blue Raider fans this Saturday.

The moment of truth is nearing for the Big Blue.

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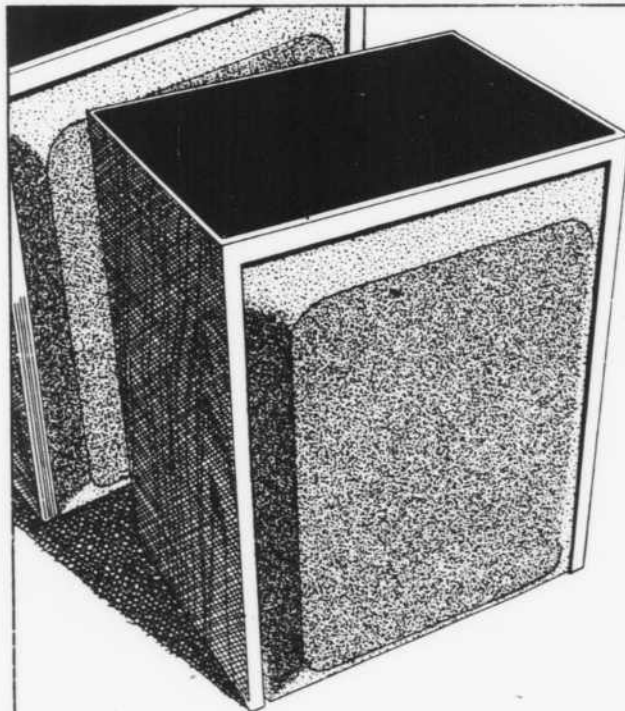
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## Bell named player of week for third time

For the second straight time and the third time this season Raider middle linebacker Gary Bell has been named SIDELINES' Player of the Week.

Bell was credited with 11 individual tackles and five tackle assists to lead the Raider defense in the MTSU-Ball State game.

He was previously named player

of the week after the Raiders' games against UT-Martin and Austin Peay.

Bell, a native of Kingston, is considered by many a good bet for All-American honors this fall.

He is leading the Raiders in both tackles and assists with 76 and 34, respectively.

Concerning the Raiders' winning chances in Saturday's encounter with Western Kentucky, Bell said, "I think we've got a pretty good chance of beating them."



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