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Tenpenny selected to be spring Sidelines editor

Jenny Tenpenny, a Murfreesboro senior, was chosen editor of *Sidelines* for the upcoming semester yesterday by the Board for Student Publications.

Emphasizing that collegiate journalists should "strive for professionalism," Tenpenny was named the new editor after she and four other editor-hopefuls participated in separate interview sessions with the six-member publications board.

"Some people think that college newspapers shouldn't try to be professional," Tenpenny told the board.

"I disagree. I think that everyone working on a college newspaper should all intend to be as professional as possible," she said.

Tenpenny received written recommendations from Glenn Himebaugh and Richard Lentz, both Mass Communications instructors.

Other candidates for the editorship position were Jimmy Simms,



Members of the Student Publications Board contemplate the applications of prospective editors before selecting Jenny Tenpenny for the spring job.

C. Crouse Powell, Meg Garrett and Paulette Parkhurst.

Parkhurst brought humor to an otherwise somber interview session when, upon being asked whether or not she intended to leave the "fruit" in the design of *Sidelines*

present masthead, she replied: "I don't know...I like cats better."

Members of the publications board are Dean of Women Judy Smith; Dr. Ed Daley, economics and finance; Dr. James Hutchinson, chemistry and physics;

chairman Dr. Reza Ordoubadian, of the English department; Greg Wade, MTSU student and Dr. T. Earl Hinton, music department.

Tenpenny will immediately take over editorship duties at the onset of spring semester.

Tenpenny announced immediately after her appointment that she would be accepting informal applications for a number of positions on the newspaper before the beginning of the Christmas holidays.

According to Tenpenny, she will be needing a production supervisor, managing editor, news editor, copy editor, feature editor and sports editor, in addition to "editors of lesser position" under the jurisdiction of the news, feature and sports editors.

"There will be job descriptions for each position available before the staff is named," Tenpenny said, adding "Staff members will be expected to meet their requirements—failure to do so will be grounds for dismissal."

One good turn deserves another.

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Fall issue marks golden landmark

This is the final issue of the fall semester for *Sidelines*, and this publication marks the end of a golden anniversary for the student newspaper.

Founded in 1926, the newspaper functioned at one time as a part of the campus Public Relations department, and later as an arm of the recently-formed department of Mass Communications.

The newspaper has produced many alumni, including State Representative John Bragg, Keel Hunt and Tom Gillem of the *Tennessean* as well as a number of young writers for the local *Daily News Journal*.

The paper has received many awards, but none so notable as a pair of "All American" ratings for the fall of 1975 and spring of 1976.

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Regents table dorm alcohol proposal until June

by John Pitts

A plan which would have allowed students the freedom to possess alcoholic beverages in individual dormitory rooms was tabled until next June in action Friday by the

State Board of Regents, meeting in Jackson.

The tabling of the motion is a parliamentary move designed to make impossible consideration of the proposal until next year, when

supporters of alcohol on campus hope to recruit more allies on the board.

The board did vote to have Chancellor Roy Nicks solicit individual alcohol policy proposals from the schools represented by the Board, for use in making a final decision on the alcohol question.

The proposal, supported by members of the ASB and administration here, would have affected all of the four-year institutions under the Board's control, including Memphis State, Austin Peay, East Tennessee State and Middle Tennessee, among others.

Specifically, the plan would have allowed each institution the chance to design their own approach to either allowing or forbidding alcohol on campus, removing the power for setting such policy from the Board.

Tony Seaton, a student at ETSU and the student representative to the Board, recalled last night that the supporters of the proposal were "real optimistic" after the approval of the proposal by the Student Life Committee of the Regents on Thursday night.

The bill was passed by a 3-1 margin, and Seaton observed that another member of the committee

who supported the proposal was not present, and that the chairperson, Ella Ross, was in favor, but did not vote.

"It could have been 4-1 or 5-1, so we weren't worried about it," according to Seaton. However, the night before the full board's meeting, Seaton and David White, another member of the Board, polled all members and found "we didn't have any more votes, just those three we already had," Seaton said.



Student Regent Tony Seaton

"Our only alternative" to the defeat of the bill at Friday's meeting was to table the bill until more support could be found, Seaton observed.

Some board members apparently feared "legislative backlash" to an alcohol proposal, and were opposed to it, Seaton said.

The motion to empower the Chancellor to solicit input from the individual schools was almost tabled, but was finally approved by a 6-5 margin, with the chancellor breaking a tie between the ten members on the Board.

"It doesn't look very good," Seaton said of the proposal's chances in June. "The Board has never, to my knowledge, turned down the recommendation of the Student Life Committee, but this was almost the first time," he added.

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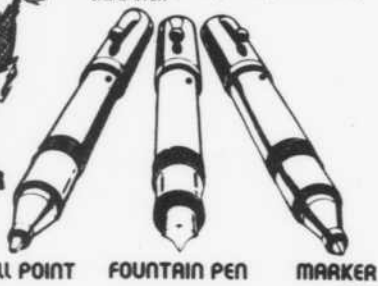
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There was a time when there wasn't much money in selling back books, but the pressures of competition between the Blue Raider and University bookstores have forced both into a higher buy-back price than before.

For the most part, 60 per cent is

the traditional price for book buy-back. In a few cases the amount is more, but those cases are few and far between.

In a random look at 10 textbooks a student might need in a career here at the university, there were no major surprises—only the fact that a few cents usually separate both bookstores—with Blue Raider coming out on top—just barely.

One employee of the store, who refused to be quoted, admitted that

the policy of the store is to buy books back at a rate calculated to be a little more than the amount paid by their University counterparts.

"There's not that much difference," admitted Blue Raider book manager Jim Towry. "The biggest difference is in our wholesalers."

Towry explained that the bookstore might not be able to pay as much to a student with a discontinued text as could the University bookstore, because they deal with a different wholesaler. He

added, however, that very few books are dropped in the winter, and that most changes in textbooks to occur at the end of the spring semester.

Earl Harris, manager of the University store, advised students to "shop around," and it's a good idea—after all, a few cents per book multiplied by the number of books a student would use during a whole career in college might pay for the gas to drive to the bookstore and back.

Campus Calendar

Today

Faculty/Staff Volleyball, Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, 6:30 p.m.
Murfreesboro & Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Tennessee Room, SUB, 6:30 p.m.
Married Association of Student Housing—Bake Sale, Dormitories, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

Wesley Foundation, Craft Sale, UC Basement, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
HYPERS—Christmas Party, Dining Room B, SUB, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday

Wesley Foundation, Craft Sale, UC Basement, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Faculty/Press Luncheon, Tenn.

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Outgoing editor reflects on a tiring semester

by John Pitts
Sidelines Editor, Ret.

Why am I sitting here?

Every Monday and Thursday night I have to ask myself that question, and every time I have the same empty feeling inside my head: no answer.

OPINION

At least, until tonight.

In the past two and a half years, I have been called everything and accused of everything under the sun, much of it substantially true no doubt, but much of it questioning my motives for working at *Sidelines*.

Could it be the money? No, the financial obligations of this newspaper to me are rather slight. I once figured that I have gotten paid about 50 cents an hour for this job, and perhaps not that much. There is hardly any way that an editor is going to get rich. Now, if I were advertising manager...

Could it be the prestige? Once again, I must beg to differ. There is little appeal in being called up in the middle of the night (or the day for that matter) and being cursed for a misspelled name that appeared in print or a meeting announcement that wasn't published. Respecting everyone's rights to access, however, I endured it peacefully.

Could it be, and I really love this accusation, that I love to see my name in print? If I really did get that much of a jolly out of it, I would have become a bank robber or politician. I am neither. Yet.

Tonight, that empty space was finally filled with the warm glow of

recognition. I now know exactly why I have slaved night and day for this paper.

I am a idiot. Remember, you read it here first.

It is customary for someone leaving a high post (or leaving a post high) to make some sort of final remarks. So be it.

I have to thank two persons more than any other, two men who pulled me through an impossible semester? Tom Wood and Chuck Cavalaris. Despite appearances, they are serious and concerned journalists, and possess talents far beyond their years and their own recognition. They both deserve better than they have gotten here so far, but that applies to most of you out there, believe me.

The others on the staff served well, notably Jimmy Simms, my right-hand man, typesetters Merry Lynn Starling and Phyllis Skipper and incoming editor Jenny Tenpenny. For the other I have not named, don't call me up to tell me about it- you did a good job too.

Mass thanks goes to my adviser, department chairman and to the Board on Student Publications. Look at it this way, I didn't get you tangled up in any lawsuit did I?

There are others I would thank, but they know who they are (or at least think they know) for they are the ones whose shoulders I cried on- very often, in fact. Special thanks goes to the Cummings Hall cheering section.

Finally, thanks to the readers, the people who pick the paper up and then throw it right back down again. Remember, without you, this job just might mean something.

There came a time this semester when I decided I wasn't really cut out to be an editor- because my heart wasn't hard enough. The job is challenging and complex, and as I leave it, I leave with the utmost respect for those who came before me, and righteous envy at those who will follow me.

Vision of mediocrity seems close at hand

by Van West

In his epic on American democracy, the French commentator Alexis de Tocqueville presented an interesting thesis which I once gave little account of.

This idea of de Tocqueville was that American democracy would naturally produce a tyranny of the majority. This majority despotism would, in turn, lead to mediocrity in all aspects of American life.

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At first, de Tocqueville's warnings of a future American society where mediocrity would predominate were quickly dismissed as the mere rantings of a French noble.

Today, I am not so sure of this first impression. Viewing America in this bicentennial year, I see a country that will only tolerate the mediocre effort. We have lost that greatness of vision which was once America. Many Americans have concluded that greatness is too hard to work for. Instead, these people will settle for much less.

Our tendency to settle for mediocrity can be seen in many

areas. First, we can take the recent Presidential race. Jimmy Carter had the right idea with his campaign slogan: "Why not the best?" Even though I endorsed Mr. Carter, I still must ask: who did Carter think he was kidding? Jimmy Carter was nowhere close to being the "best" man for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Neither could Gerald Ford be considered the "best" man. However, these were the choices we were given. I contend we have had such miserable choices for President the last few years

because of the increasingly democratic way our Presidents are selected.

Therefore, I contend our Presidential nominations have suffered from too much majority input instead of too little. As the primaries increase, the majority's tendency to choose the mediocre becomes more prevalent. Thus, Truman is the last President who can be rated as being above average. Even more disturbing, this tendency does not seem to be abated.

A second example is provided by our current leadership problems in

both the private and public spheres. Business leaders of this day seem to have little talent at gaining the provocative insights and perspectives that have propelled American businesses to world-leadership in the past.

Our problems in employment and productivity constitute significant dead weights which our private leadership must overcome. Yet, they are unable to do so because our private leadership has been "naturally selected" by our tendency to award the average.

Our significant problems in government leadership at all levels cannot be overlooked. Much of the blame we must place on ourselves. We are the ones who make the choices. Lately, most of these choices have been bad. We do not bother to inform ourselves on who would be the best man in any election. Thus, we pressure our political system to produce candidates who are issue-ignorant. Thus, our governmental leaders also lack the foresight they need to solve our current problems.

Our tendency to award the mediocre and downgrade anything that is not mediocre is digging our republican state a deep grave.

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IM veteran questions officiating excellence

To the Editor:

I thought I had seen it all in my four years of playing intramural sports. To my amazement I was wrong.

As a freshmen I played for Kobyn's Killers. We got beat in the bottom of the seventh inning of the championship game in softball when two referees disagreed on a call at home plate. (They won 3 to 2)

As a sophomore there was a three way tie for first place in intramural basketball. We got to draw the only remaining number in the hat and it had a three on it. Ultimately our season ended.

Finally, on December 2, 1976 I have seen it all.

I have the tedious and rewarding job of coaching an intramural

football team. We take 3 or 4 hours out of our week in order to practice in expectations of a game. Very few times did we get what we expected. The continued disparity in the calling of the games makes playing a futile effort.

Thursday afternoon we played in the semi-finals of intramural football. After a bad pass interference call and an illegal blocking call on our quarterback the team was understandably on edge. With a little over a minute in the game, we scored on a screen pass in which a defender threw a body block on two offensive blockers.

The blockers were called for an illegal block by a referee who was 20 yards away. The referee who was 3 yards away said the offense

was justified in their block. When reasoning with the referee who made the call was hopeless, we tried to talk with one of the intramural officials who was nearby.

When talking led to yelling, and yelling led to screaming, the official promptly asked us to leave the field or he would call security. (During which time one of the officials in the game was being held back by some of his friends.)

And so frustratingly ends another season.

The intramural program at MTSU is one of the finest anywhere. A lot of time and effort is spent in trying to give the intramural athlete every break they

can. So why do they spoil it all by allowing people to referee who have never played the game itself. (It is evident in their calls.)

Undoubtedly our team will not be looking for the sportsmanship award this year. We end another season in frustration but with a sigh of relief, because we no longer have

to put up with the games, and I use the term loosely, called the way they have been. Good luck to all the teams still in contention.

Steve Slowey
President of
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Bragg extended 'get well'

John Bragg, for two years the editor of *Sidelines* while attending Middle Tennessee State College, and now state representative for Murfreesboro, was reported very sick at his home here yesterday.

Bragg is the father of Davic Bragg, assistant dean of students, and also is the "father" of the state's "Sunshine Law," considered by many experts to be the toughest and most open of the nation's open meetings laws.

Sidelines extends our wishes for a speedy recovery to Bragg.

Photographic studio joins 'ripoff the students club'

To the Editor:

Attention all students:

Delbridge Studios has now joined the ranks of the Rip-off the Students Club. This is an exclusive club that's membership consists of area merchants that service this University. They definitely know a good thing when they see one.

After receiving proofs of my

Midlander pictures, I noticed that the fine print stated they must be ordered before Nov. 5 in order to have the finished pictures back by Christmas. I received the pictures in Saturday's mail, Nov. 27, 1976. Now I thought that will be a neat trick if I can pull it off. So, I called Delbridge Studios. They informed me that the University should have scheduled earlier if the students wanted Christmas delivery and that it wasn't their fault. It didn't matter to her (the lady on the phone at Delbridge) that I am a December graduate and that a Christmas gift at Christmas would be more desirable than early Spring. Then I explained that I am a permanent resident of Murfreesboro and that if I decided to order I would pick the pictures up rather than pay the \$2 packing and handling fee. She explained that she was sorry but that wasn't for mailing anyway. That was for taking the pictures and inserting them in the folders. That is where the rip-off comes in. Any imbecile can take a picture and slide it in a folder. I think even an MTSU graduate can handle that.

To the powers that be: Why not find a photographer that is for the students rather than against them? A large amount of business is in this town is due to the students at MTSU. I really believe the businessmen should consider this when they begin their \$2 at-a-time rip-off.

Ann Avant
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Crouse wonders at semester's end

by C. Crouse Powell

It was bound to happen.

The end of the semester, I mean.

**B.S. AND
BALDERDASH**

And, of course, the end of another *Sidelines*, soon to be under new leadership and new staff. If they have any serious and moral obligations to the concept of news reporting and the one paragraph lead, then this is the end of B.S. & Balderdash.

Which I expected.

In fact, I'm really rather relieved. There is after all a limit to the number of issues and people you can attack with malice of forethought, and how many letters to the editor you can amass during the course of thirteen weeks.

As a matter of fact, I'm pretty burnt out on the whole damn thing.

As to where I go from here....Well, I'm not really sure yet. Religious material sells pretty well, but to date I haven't had a single revelation, vision or near-death experience, and that pretty much is what they look for....

The idea of writing pornography for pre-teens has struck me as rather intriguing, the market is pretty open for that kind of thing—according to this Episcopal priest I heard from the other day, it is a rather lucrative way to supplement your income.

Jimmy Carter may need some help writing apologetic replies to all the people who supported him when they start asking him why he can't do anything he promised to do, but Billy will probably handle that by calling them on the phone

and threatening to beat them to death with a gas pump or something.

As for all the trash I have written this semester, I'm afraid that that is all over and done and there is nothing I can do about it, except move to San Salvador and pretend it didn't happen. If the battered gold Pontiac had water wings, I would probably consider that....

I would like to express my appreciation to the majority of the readers of this column for their strange sense of humor and for not calling me up and threatening my life after ten o'clock at night. For the people who were disgusted with most of the things I wrote this year, I must in all sincerity appreciate your good taste and good judgement and hope we never meet in an unlit alley.

So, comrades, until we meet again, adieu. Please forward all mail to: C. Crouse Powell/Care of the Land of Huttery, 303 East Asparagus Row, Munchville, Minn.

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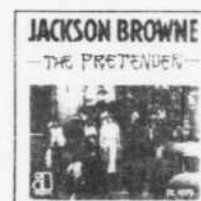
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Mini Concerts dead; Lack of interest is killer



Bacon, Potter and Galbraith may be last act for programming

"Mini Concerts," a concept designed this year to bring more entertainment to campus, has died a quick and apathy-based death.

Only 43 persons attended the Bacon-Potter-Galbraith concert on Sunday night, each paying one dollar to see a group that might normally charge as much as \$3,000 to perform. The Special Events Committee lost at least \$650 on the concert.

"We don't have any more mini concerts scheduled for the rest of the year," programming director Harold Smith announced last night.

"We designed the concert to provide additional weekend entertainment, but it has been difficult to sell a non-name act to the students," he explained.

"The price was right and no one can say the groups weren't talented, but we just couldn't sell the concept," Smith concluded.

Staff photo by Jack Ross

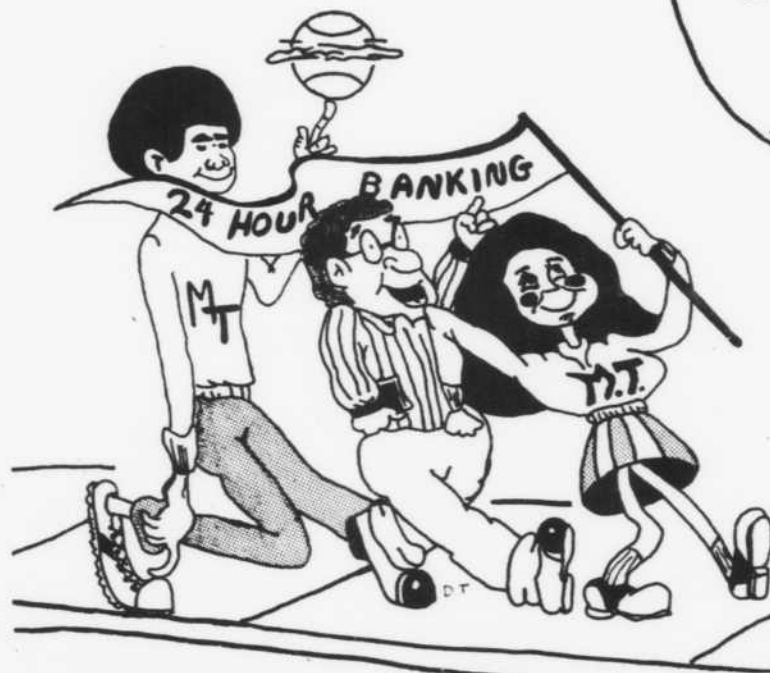
Clark plans for New Year show

"New Year's Rockin' Eve 1976," starring perennial musical favorites Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, with special guest appearances by giants of the rock music best-seller charts, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, Bachman Turner Overdrive, and Donna Summer, will welcome in 1977 in a special late-night presentation on ABC (WNGE-Nashville) that will preempt regular programming, Friday, Dec. 31 (10:30 p.m.-midnight).

The program will originate in Hollywood and New York, with Dick Clark presiding over the live portion of the special in New York's Times Square, traditionally filled with throngs of New Year's Eve celebrants. Dick will press the button that begins the descent of the lights on the Allied Chemical Building that will mark the exact moment of the birth of 1977.

Frankie Valli, starring as host of "New Year's Rockin' Eve 1976," will be in Hollywood's famous Coconut Grove nightclub, the site of the musical entertainments for the special.

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Despite turnovers, Raiders slap Athens 97-72

by John Bliven

Santa Claus might just leave Jimmy Earle a gluepot under his Christmas tree.

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His Raider ball club found itself on the winning end of a 97-72 score Saturday night after a battle with scrappy Athens College, thanks to a strong defensive press and torrid shooting, which overcame the many Raider floor mistakes.

"We just weren't satisfied with the way they played, 38 turnovers are much too many," Blue Raider assistant coach Jan Stauffer said.

"Our defense wasn't as aggressive as they were against Arkansas Little Rock, and we really didn't execute the offense the way we wanted," Stauffer commented. "I feel Lewie Mack gave the best all-around performance," Mack paced the Raiders with four assists, bringing his season total to 19 and making him MTSU's all-time assist leader in just two years.

Athens, hitting a fairly cold 40 per cent from the field, scored on only 12 of 30 attempts against the taller Raider defense in the first half. Height proved to be an advantage as MTSU outrebounded the Bears 22-17.

Sleepy Taylor lead the Raiders in scoring, hitting on eight of 13 field-goal attempts and nine of 13 from the free-throw line for a total of 25 points. Brown connected on 10 of 17 from the field and two out of two from the charity line, and Bob Martin finished with 20 points

Hitting an impressive 59.4 per cent from the floor and a 76.2 per cent from free-throw line, the



High scorer Sleepy Taylor

Raiders pretty much dominated the first half, taking a 54-31 edge to the locker room. But they had some trouble earlier when the Bear's Henry Paul closed the gap to one point 16-15 on a driving layup with 11:42 left in the half.

MTSU increased its lead to 31 points early in the second half, before abundant turnovers started taking over, Athens totaling 39 and MTSU committing 38. The Raiders widened their margin to 32 points, their biggest, as Brown hit a jumper from the top of the key with 11:25 to play.

Larry Tucker paced the Bears with 15 points, center Jerry Veale hit for 12, and forward Anthony Townsend picked up 10 as three of their five starters scored in double figures. Billy Owens, and Paul came off the bench and scored 10 and seven points respectively.

The Raiders came back to outscore the Bears 43-41 in the final 20 minutes, hitting a torrid 60 per cent from the field compared to the Bear's 42.5 figure. The Raiders cleared the boards with 45 rebounds, Martin and Greg Joyner leading MTSU with nine each, and Athens took 36 rebounds, Townsend grabbing six.

The game, improving MTSU's record to 3-0, had 14 Blue Raiders seeing action and 11 of them scoring, as Coach Earle cleared the bench late in the game.

"The execution of our motion offense where every one moves setting screens and trying to hit the open man wasn't really effective," Stauffer said. "There is room for much improvement as we need to better our offensive execution, become more aggressive on defense, and improve our rebounding."

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Seven players in double figures

Women's scoring machine sets more records

by John Pitts

Somebody please hand Pat Sarver an adding machine.

The assistant coach of the Raider basketball team needs one after her team set another new scoring record last night in a 116-46 thrashing of tiny Maryville College.

With head coach Pat Jones in Denver for a conference on women's athletics, Sarver looked on as the Raiders outplayed the Lady Scots in almost every department to pick up their second lopsided victory of the season.

The Raiders defeated Vanderbilt 91-26 last Wednesday night, but the scoring record set there fell quickly in the Maryville game.

The Lady Raiders finished the game with records for largest margin of victory (70 points, bettering last week's record of 65 points), most points in a game (116, bettering last year's record of 95 against Union University) and most points scored by any Raider team in Murphy Center, bettering a record of 115 established by the men's team last year.

"We were ready to play," Sarver said of her young Raiders, who shot at a 55 per cent clip in the game from the field. "We just let them loose, told them to shoot if they were open," Sarver added.

Apparently some people got open, for the Raiders had seven starters in double figures: Liz

Hannah, a Junior transfer forward, paced the team with 17 points while center Sharon McClanahan scored 15 and Bonnie Angus tallied 14.

In addition, Karen and Linda Carter, sisters from Dechard, each scored ten points, as did Pat Amos and Barbara Biles.

Center Carol Lance led the

Raiders in rebounding with seven, Stephanie Johnson grabbed six and the freshman Amos pulled down six as well.

"Maryville has a young program," Sarver observed, possibly ignoring the fact that the Raider ball club has existed for only three years itself. "Right now, our team is together; they're pulling for each other."

And there were plenty of them pulling, too. A total of 15 Raider ball players made an appearance in the game and Sarver observed that "all of them did a good job."

The upcoming game with UT Chattanooga (scheduled for Dec. 18 here at 5:15 p.m.) promises to be another thriller for the Raiders, for while Sarver "hasn't seen them play," she was confident that the UTC scouts were in the audience last night.

"They have some good junior college recruits and should have a good team this year," Sarver added. MTSU defeated the Mocs 93-66 and 89-57 last year, and also beat them in their first year as a team in 1974-75 53-51.



Sharon McClanahan and Liz Hannah
Top scorers for Lady Raiders

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Not everyone can have a bionic roommate...

by John Pitts

Some people just lead exciting lives.

After all, not every one could have "the Bionic Man" for a collegiate roommate. And not everyone would want to.

How about the idea of being a bodyguard for a heavyweight fighter nicknamed "Smokin' Joe?" That's also a little out of the ordinary.

It's all part of life for Larry Mason, who admits that he's "full of talk." But then again, he's got a lot to talk about.

Although Mason really liked his roommate, he still has to shake his head over the guy's success. After all, who would believe that Harvey Yeary could ever be a famous star and most expensive man on Earth?

Mason admits with pride that his college roommate was Harvey Yeary, a star halfback for the Eastern Kentucky Colonels way back in 1963. "A lot of people hear me tell stories about him and they say 'Harvey who?' But that's all I'll ever know him as."

Viewers of evening television should know Yeary, but his name is now Lee Majors, alias Col. Steve Austin, alias "The Six Million Dollar Man."

"He was a super athlete and a nice guy, he's just like you and me," Mason recalls.

Mason lived in the ECU fieldhouse with Majors, and they played football together for three years—1961 until 1963. While Majors was dashing around the field with the ball, Mason was spending time in the trenches as a tackle.

"I talked with him on the phone about seven weeks ago, and I'm trying to get him to come here sometime. He said he would but it might be six months or a year."

Mason recalls that Majors came from "a poor family" but adds quickly that "he's got the money now."

As if putting up with a roommate that could run 60 miles an hour and run through walls wasn't enough, Mason found himself in Jamaica two years ago as a bodyguard for a man you'd think wouldn't need any help: "Smokin' Joe" Frazier.

Mason was employed by a garment factory headquartered in the wilderness of Woodbury, Tenn., which also operated a factory in Jamaica. He and his family went there for two years, and during a time when "I had some spare time (the factory was on strike)," Mason began hanging around with characters such as Kenny Norton, a sparring partner for Muhammed Ali, and a pretty good heavyweight fighter himself.

"Tom Paine, the security chief for Joe Frazier met me, and pretty soon asked if I'd like to accompany Frazier on some of his workouts," the husky Mason recalled. Sensing a chance to relieve some of his boredom on that island paradise, Mason agreed.

"I'd go with him in the mornings and he'd run a lot; the biggest problem for him were the kids down there—they're so poverty stricken that they had no discipline, and they wanted to be around him because he was a hero to them."

Frazier was preparing for a fight with George Foreman, a fight that would gain Foreman the World Championship—and signal the beginning of the end for Frazier's career. "He was extremely nervous before the fight," Mason recalled about Frazier.

Frazier had reason to be. Foreman was given the victory of a TKO in the second round, after knocking Frazier down five times. "He wasn't hurt that bad—he was just knocked silly," Mason said.

Mason's life is a little quieter now—he's hanging around with Santa Claus in the basement of a local shopping center, ready for a chance to take pictures of children with the jolly gentleman, and feeling pretty jolly himself.

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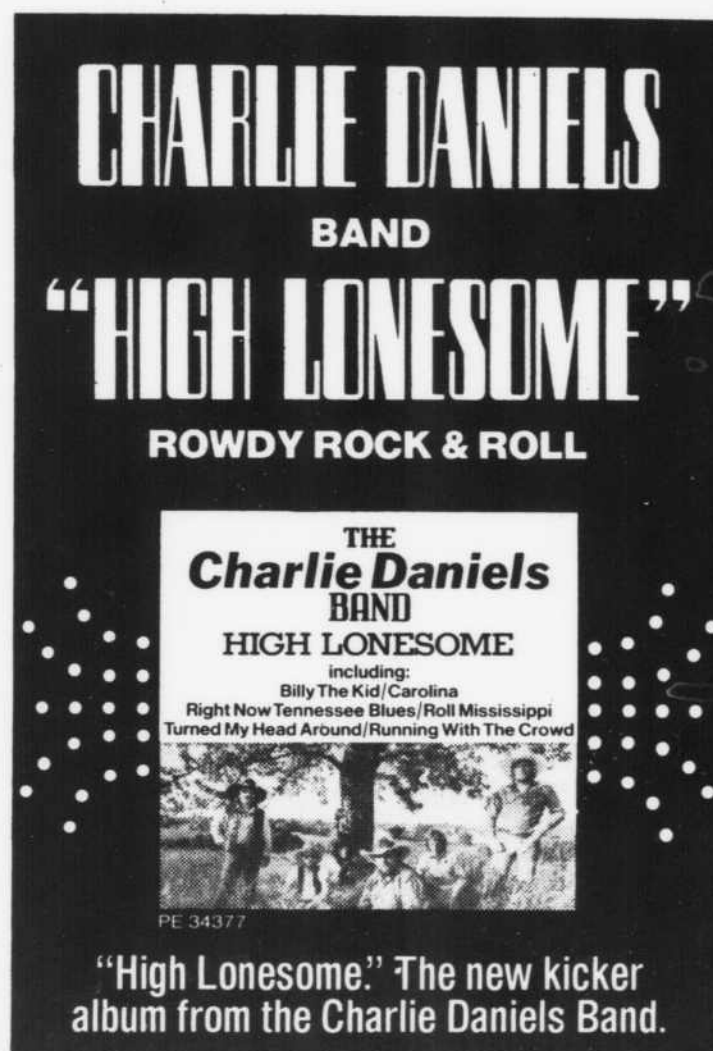
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Wrestlers take Georgia meet, Atlanta Open

Raider wrestlers, led by "Superstar" Mike Kuziola, scored both a team victory and a number of individual wins in competition last week in Georgia.

In a triangular match against Maryville and Appalachian State, defeated the two teams 25-13 and 23-17 respectively. Mike Osborne (118 lbs.) Kuziola (142 lbs.), David Scott (150 lbs.) and David Buck (158 lbs.) were all double winners in the meet.

In addition, Pat Simpson (126 lbs.) and Jeff Adcock (167 lbs.) were winners against Maryville. Cliff Abernathy scored a victory against Appalachian and Adcock took a draw.

In competition against more than 100 grapplers, three Raiders placed first in the "Atlanta Open" competition, with five more placing either second or third.

Buck and Adcock were the Raiders taking second places in the meet, with Frank Simpson (137 lbs.), Butch Burnette (177 lbs.) and Abernathy were the winners of third place recognition.



Staff photo by Jack Ross

MTSU wrestlers proudly display trophies they won during last week's trip to Maryville, Georgia, and to the Atlanta Open grappling meet.

Kuziola received dual honors following the Atlanta Open match. He was recognized as having the most pins in the meet, and as the "Most Valuable Wrestler" at the meet as well.

The Raiders venture this week to Orlando for a quadrangular meet against Florida Tech, Georgia Tech and Hiram College.

Former Vandy skipper to speak

Former Vanderbilt basketball head coach Roy Skinner is scheduled to speak to the weekly Faculty-Press basketball luncheon Thursday at noon.

Skinner will speak in addition to Raider coaches Jimmy Earle and Pat Jones.

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