

Elvis fans brave weather for seats

MTSU students withstood a chilling wind and drizzle Tuesday to buy tickets to the March 19 campus appearance of Elvis Presley. Some students lined up at Murphy Center at 5 a.m. in order to get a shot at one of the 4,000 tickets allotted for MTSU, which went on sale at 4:30 p.m. All tickets were sold during the mad rush Tuesday.

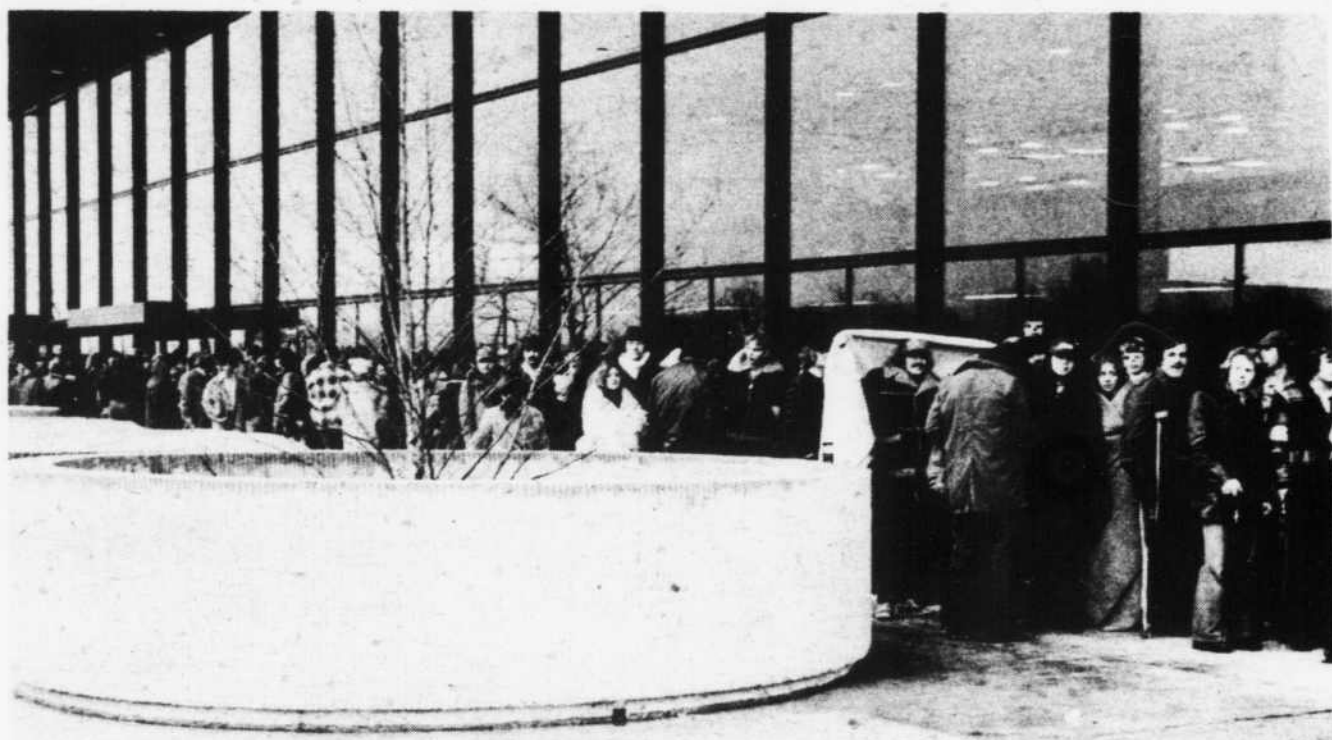


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Commager: Presidential crisis induces others

Richard Nixon's "imperial" actions have climaxed a crisis of the presidency that is causing America's "self-induced" political, moral and social crises, historian Henry S. Commager said Wednesday night.

"Nixon has usurped power that is not his under the Constitution," Commager said.

Commager, professor of American History at Amherst College, spoke here for MTSU's "Emphasis" symposium.

"The crisis of the presidency cannot be blamed on one man," he said.

"The people have not shown the political wisdom of the people of the 18th century.

"There has been a decline in political maturity on the part of the American people," Commager said.

Crises, themselves, strengthen the power of the presidency, Commager said.

"Nixon loves crises. He has already written a book 'Six Crises' and now he can add substantial chapters," Commager said.

Although "we have weathered many a storm, and the Constitution is a tough document," Commager called for systemic reforms.

The "plea of national security" should be ended or all pleas should be subjected to a judicial body, he

said.

Public financing of elections should replace private campaign contributions, and a "proper succession bill" should replace the vice-presidency, Commager said.

He asked for more respect of the law, more dignity and humility by those in public office and for a "revitalization" of the impeachment clause.

"The founding fathers knew what they were doing when they put it into the Constitution, and it de-

serves the same respect as the rest of the Constitution," he said.

Commager said he was not here to talk of Nixon's impeachment, but stated it is not necessary to prove criminal actions under the Constitution's impeachment clause.

"Impeachment is not a criminal proceeding; it is political, and high crimes, he said, are those of betrayal of the trust of the people.

It is easy in Richard Nixon's case to see violations of the Con-

stitution."

Commager enumerated several instances of presidential wrongdoing:

--Nixon waged a war in Cambodia without any "hint" of Congressional action.

--Nixon has made at least 200 treaties and 1,000 executive agreements, many of them with "secret clauses."

--Nixon has impounded millions
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Harrington: Oil firms dictate U.S. policy

by Bill Mason

The energy crisis exists not because of problems in the Middle East, but because the U.S. government has followed the energy priorities of the big oil companies rather than those of the people, noted socialist author and instructor Michael Harrington, said this week at MTSU.

Harrington, professor of political science at Queens College in New York City and chairman of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, spoke to an audience of about 100 Tuesday night in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

Oil companies have been given tax breaks for investing in the Middle East, allowing them to evade

50 per cent of their corporate income taxes, Harrington said.

Because of this policy, the big oil corporations have invested almost everything in the Middle East, leaving this country with a serious lack of refining capacity, he said.

An import quota on foreign oil was instituted in 1959 in the name of "national defense" and "economic independence" to make domestic oil equally competitive, Harrington said.

The quota resulted in a "drain America first" policy which has left the U. S. dependent rather than independent, he said. •

"What we need in America is the assertion of public and democratic

control over the oil industries," Harrington said.

He presented a four-point plan to deal with the energy crisis and its related problems:

To provide income for workers displaced by the energy shortage, the federal government should give financial aid to the workers and invest in the creation of public jobs for those out of work;

The nationalization of the railroad system, and perhaps of other mass transit systems, would serve the twofold purpose of providing a useful and profitable alternative to private transportation and a number of jobs for the unemployed;

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Justice students start fraternity

Mu Tau Sigma, a Criminal Justice Association fraternity, is open to majors or minors in the justice administration curriculum, according to Les Simpson, member of the organization.

"One of the major purposes of Mu Tau Sigma is to make the police, judicial and corrections system function smoothly and correctly," Simpson said.

The organization plans to sponsor speakers who will discuss topics relating to the criminal system, Simpson said.

Anyone who has a topic idea should contact Mu Tau Sigma at Box 514, Simpson said.

'Need' underlies city magazine success

"City magazines have arisen because of the need for people to find out about themselves," according to Dennis Loyd, editor of "Nashville!" magazine, who spoke to a group of mass communications students yesterday.

The United States has become too big for any one magazine to capture the mood and feelings of the people, Loyd said. Americans have become regionally oriented, and as a result city magazines have become prominent in the periodical field.

The death of such magazines as Look and Life have largely been a result of this regional orientation, he said.

"Nashville!" magazine is totally independent of the Chamber of Commerce and

similar organizations and is a better publication because this independence motivates the staff



Dennis Loyd

to produce a high quality publication, Loyd said.

One of the greatest problems of "Nashville!" is the fact that issues must be planned out about four months in advance, Loyd said.

"There is a large difficulty in writing on a controversy in the city because we plan so far into the future," he said. "We are in no position to compete with the local newspapers."

As a result of this problem "Nashville!" publishes more "in depth" material designed to be more relaxing and entertaining for the readers, Loyd said.

'High interest' courses to open

Registration applications are available for non-credit courses in speed reading and self defense for women in the office of continuing education, Dean Jerry McGee said yesterday.

"These high interest courses are significant because this is the beginning of what we will see a lot of," McGee said.

The speed reading course is designed to improve the rate of reading while maintaining or improving comprehension, he said, and self defense for women is an introductory karate course designed to teach women how to protect themselves.

Applications for the courses may be picked up in room 216A of the Administration building through March 18, McGee said. Registration fee is \$16.

Speed reading, to be taught by Robert and Mary McCrummen of Murfreesboro, will begin March 20 continuing through May 8, McGee

said. The weekly meetings will be held Wednesday 4:45-5:45 p.m. in room 104 of Old Main.

Newton Harris and Mary Magish will instruct the course in self defense starting March 21-April 30. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-7:45 p.m., McGee said.

Open only to women, the classes will be held both in the Murphy Center and in the Alumni Memorial Gym, he said.

Have a headache?

Research study on tension and migraine headaches will be conducted at the Rutherford County Guidance Center during March and April by Bruce Dean, psychology graduate student.

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Stripping 'ravages' Appalachia

by Larry Harrington

Strip mining ravages East Tennessee's mountains, creates hardships for its people and wastes valuable coal deposits, J.W. Bradley, president of Save Our Cumberland Mountains, said Tuesday night.

Speaking on the energy crisis as part of the Emphasis '74 program, Bradley said strip mining only gets about one half of the coal deposit out of a mountain.

"But you can't go back in and deep mine that good coal that is left because of the damage that blasting and other stripping operations have done to the mountain," Bradley said.

He said it would make more sense to deep mine the coal seams and enact laws which phase out stripping.

"A study by a senate committee says that we've only got less than 3 per cent strippable reserves anyway," Bradley said.

One aspect of the inefficiency of strip mining in the face of the energy crisis is that all stripping equipment runs on diesel fuel while

deep mining uses electricity, Bradley said.

"It takes a gallon of diesel fuel to strip a ton of coal but only a pound of coal, run through a steam plant, to create enough electricity to deep mine a ton of coal," he said.

Citing a study by the Congressional Research Service, Bradley said a ban on strip mining would increase the average family's electric bill by about 15¢ a month.

"It's going to cost that much to reclaim these lands if we do it right," he said.

Bradley said deep mining would also increase employment in the region.

"The one UMW (United Mine Workers) deep mine in the state employs 300 people while in the whole state there are only 800 people working in stripping," he said.

One reason stripping continues, Bradley said, is because it produces coal that is about a \$1.40 per ton cheaper than deep mined coal. He said the average ton of coal from a strip mine costs about \$15.

"The Tennessee Valley Authority is encouraging stripping," Bradley said, through contracts TVA has with strip mine operators.

Bradley said his group has lobbied in Washington and Nashville for a bill to phase out stripping. He said efforts to meet with Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker have been fruitless.

"We've tried five times to get an appointment with Baker, but we've only seen his back once as he was walking away," Bradley said.

Patricia Kalmans, a Morgan County resident, spoke with Bradley. Kalmans encouraged students to write their congressmen and legislators asking them to vote for a ban on strip mining.

She said that only Rep. Richard Fulton, Fifth District Congressman, would listen to arguments against stripping.

Nixon's secrecy shows 'contempt'

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of dollars, thereby closing "needed" programs for which Congress had appropriated money.

--Nixon has claimed immunities for which there is "no claim" in Constitutional law.

--Nixon has "attacked" freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and due process of law.

Commager said White House bugging "belongs in 'Alice in Wonderland' and not in the sober pages of history."

Nixon has spent more on secrecy in the last five years than all government funds spent from 1789-1860, Commager said.

"Such secrecy means one has something to conceal or has contempt for the people and their judgement--in Nixon's case it is both," Commager said.

Policy draining U.S. oil?

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Two simple tax measures, one to eliminate subsidies which account for 90 per cent of the oil companies' profits and the other to repeal depletion allowances and tax write-offs, would put an end to some motivations of the oil companies to continue policies not in the best interest of the people;

The creation of a government-operated oil company much like the Tennessee Valley Authority, would provide an accurate gauge

of energy problems and would protect consumer interests.

No plan can solve the energy crisis or any other problem in America in the absence of a "dynamic political movement," Harrington said.

"The problems that are true in the energy crisis are true in all American policies," he said. "What is needed is a political movement to change the structure of American power."

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Construction starts trouble for university bookstore

Construction at the University Bookstore is causing problems which may last until the work is finished in June, according to Charles Phillips, director of the bookstore.

"Because of the expansion, a lot of dust and dirt is drifting into the store from the rear. We are having to constantly vacuum and dust to maintain appearance," Phillips said.

Noise hampers conversation between employees and customers and makes telephone calls difficult, he said.

The possibility of shoplifters

among the construction workers presents another problem to the bookstore.

"While I certainly have no reason as of yet to accuse a worker of stealing, they do have access to the store, and this means our employees must keep an eye on the men," Phillips said.

The addition to the bookstore, which is part of the overall expansion of the University Center, is expected to add 3,000 sq. ft. of floor space to the back of the store.

"The additional space will be used solely for textbooks" Phillips said.

Dirt Diggers set benefit

Dixie Dirt Diggers, a local motorcycle club, will sponsor a motocross race for the benefit of the United Cerebral Palsy Fund at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Epps Matthews farm in Walter Hill.

Admission to the event is \$2 per person. Proceeds will be awarded to the cerebral palsy fund chairman during a statewide telethon March 9-10, according to Steve James, president of the cycle club.

Five classes of competition will be run in the event: 100 cc, 125 cc, 175 cc, 251 cc and an open class for cycles larger than 251 cc. There will also be a mini-bike class.

A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each class, and Sloan's Cycle Sales will present a large trophy to the best overall rider of the day, James said.

One of the highlights of the event will be a celebrity race, James said. Nashville sportscasters Paul

Eells and Dave Sanders of WSM television will be featured guests. Other noted personalities are expected to enter this week.

Dixie Dirt Diggers is a small club of about 30 people interested in dirt bike riding of any kind. Eight MTSU students are members of the organization.

Criminal law major receives cash grant

A \$44,445 grant for the MTSU Criminal Justice Administration degree program was approved recently by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Agency.

"The money will be used to improve library resources and audio-visual resources in criminal justice," according to Frank Lee, program director.

Deadlines near for local voters

Students wishing to vote in city and county elections this spring should register with the Rutherford County Election Commission in the courthouse, according to Linda Jenkins, registrar-at-large.

Murfreesboro city elections will be held April 16, and the county Democratic Primary will take place May 2.

Deadling for registering for the city election is March 18. Regis-

tration for the county primary must be completed by April 13.

In the city election, three councilmen at-large and a mayor will be chosen.

In the May 2 primary, Democratic nominees will be picked for county judge, sheriff, school superintendent, circuit court clerk, county court clerk, trustee, registrar, general sessions judge and circuit court judge.

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Campus impersonator makes TV debut

by Mike Rucker

MTSU senior Dexter Dodson, well-known on campus for his impersonations, became a TV "star" when he appeared on WLAC's Tennessee Traveler Report Monday night.

The appearance came as a result of Dodson's being coaxed onto the Dramatic Arts stage Jan. 31 by a crowd of about 700 attending the annual Biology Club Stunt Night.

The crowd continuously chanted, "We want Dexter." WLAC's Tennessee Traveler, Andy Johnston, who was master of ceremonies, finally asked, "Who in the heck is Dexter?" Dodson stood up, and went up on stage, to perform his act.

"I want to do a story on you, Dexter," Johnston said, after hearing his impersonations.

So last Wednesday afternoon, Johnston met with Dodson on Campus for the televised interview.

"Dodson was somewhat withdrawn and quite nervous at first but with a little judicious editing and about two hours of work, we put together a comical, human interest story," Johnston said.

"In fact, of the 200 human interest stories dealing with young people that I've done in the past, this one was one of the best. I try to make the interviewee 'the star' not me," Johnston added. "And may I add that Dexter was certainly a star."

"I had my doubts about going on television," Dodson said. "I was certainly nervous, but Andy persuaded me to go ahead and try it, and I'm glad he did."

"Andy and I had fun, even though we had a few difficulties that needed to be cut out of the

Powers to speak Tuesday night

Gubernatorial candidate Jim Powers will speak at 7 p.m., Feb. 26 at Rutherford County Courthouse, according to Matt Murfree, chairman of the local Democratic Executive Committee.

Powers, mayor of Waverly, will be the fourth in a series of prominent Democratic candidates to appear in Murfreesboro, Murfree said.

The event is sponsored by the Democratic Executive Committee and is open to the general public.

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Dexter Dodson, Whitwell senior, mimics the style of John Wayne while Andy Johnston, WLAC-TV's "Tennessee Traveler" records the campus impersonator's performance in the foliage surrounding the New Classroom Building.

film," Dodson continued. "Andy is a very likable fellow."

Dodson grew up in Whitwell, Tenn., a small town near Chattanooga. He began impersonating famous people while a high school student. After coming to MTSU in the fall of 1970, he started to perform for high schools, banquets, and several organizations and clubs.

"There are times when I really get tired of doing them," Dodson said. "But the thing that keeps me going is the sound of laughter from people. I love to see people enjoying themselves."

Dodson played defensive tackle on MTSU's football team for three years. But his aggressiveness was put to a halt last February when he tore cartilage and a ligament in his leg, and had surgery.

Since then, Dodson seems to put a little more time into his hobby. He often can be found in the grill or in the library entertaining his

friends.

Dodson can imitate about 25 personalities. Some of his favorites are Elvis Presley, Gomer Pyle, Paul Lynde, Humphrey Bogart, Al Jolson, Walter Brennan, John Wayne, James Stewart, President Nixon and even MTSU Coach Bill Peck.

Dodson gets some of his material from television shows and from other impersonators, but he just "thinks up" most of his material.

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The MTSU Walking Horse Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Womack Stables on the Woodbury Hwy. Interested persons should attend or call 893-3575.

Tau Omicron, a university honor society for women, will host its annual all-sing at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The bicycle club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in U.C. room 324-B. Bike owners and persons interested in cycling should attend.

Beginning today the Wesley Foundation will sponsor "The Teahouse of Wesley Noon" each Friday at the Foundation center on 216 College Heights Ave. The teahouse will serve lunch from noon until 2 p.m. each Friday for \$2.25 and afternoon tea each Friday from 2 until 4:30 for \$1.25. Homemade soups, sandwiches and pastries will be featured. All proceeds will go to the Wesley Foundation building fund.

The Baptist Student Union will sponsor a conference Feb. 25-27 at their center on 721 N. Tennessee Blvd. The topic is "Alive-Bible in Life Conference."

The Black Students Association will sponsor a beer blast after the basketball game Saturday afternoon at the Pizza Hut. Donations will be 50 cents per person.

"A Hatful of Rain," will be shown tonight at 8 in the UC theatre. Admission is free to the full-length film, sponsored by the MTSU Wesley Foundation

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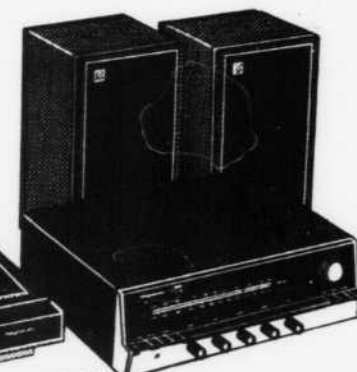
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Editorials

Television camera will record our spirit--or lack of it

Regional television will broadcast the Blue Raider-Murray State University basketball game live tomorrow beginning at noon, giving MTSU students, faculty members and administrators a chance to show everyone that they back the "Big Blue."

Hopefully, all will go well with Coach Jimmy Earle and his minions as they attempt to defeat Murray on our home court for the first time in 11 years. A Murray defeat would also sustain Raider hopes of capturing the Ohio Valley Conference basketball championship for the first time in history.

Because of the "all or nothing" aspect of this upcoming game, and because of the television exposure we will enjoy, it would seem that the Murphy Center would overflow with an excited, yet responsible partisan crowd.

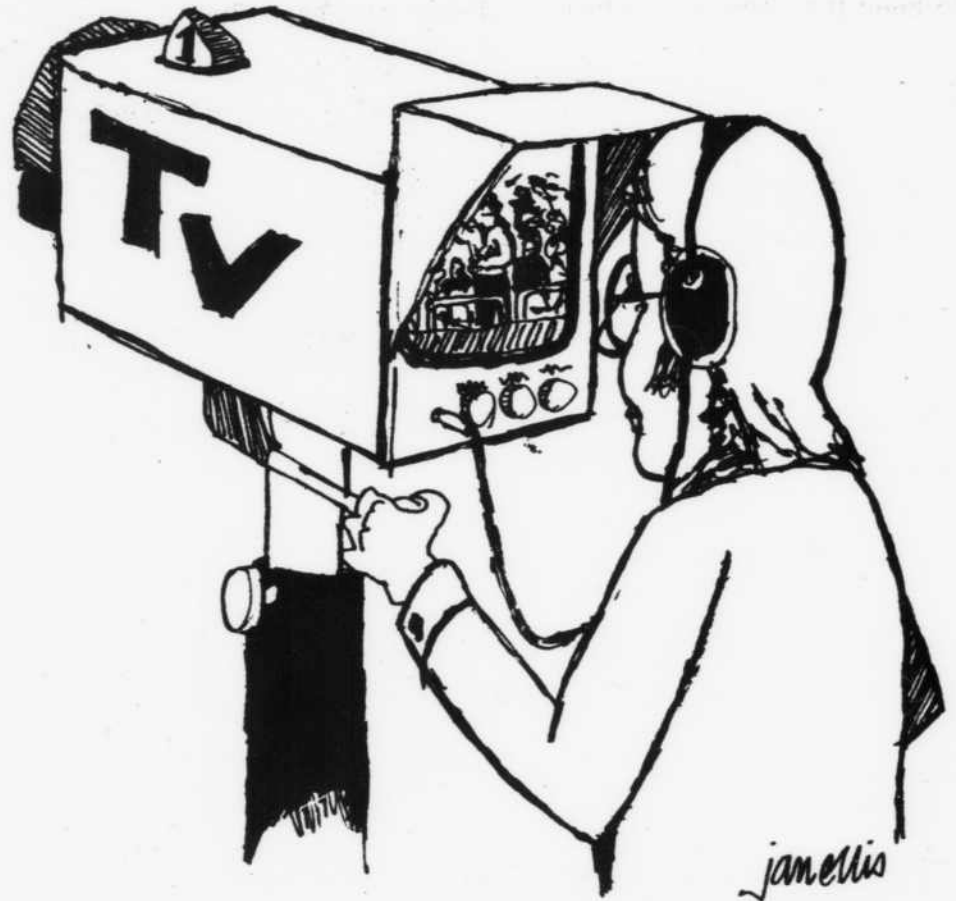
Tomorrow is certainly not the day to witness a flashback to other home games this season, when sparse audiences seemed to cast a gloom of despair upon local basketball enthusiasts.

It is certainly not the time to pelt players, coaches and game officials with the flootsam and jetsam of popcorn boxes, wads of paper and discarded soft drink cups.

Nothing could be worse for MTSU as an institution of higher learning than for the "all-seeing" camera eye to pan across rows of empty seats or an occasional paper missile aimed toward the court.

Enthusiasm and mannerly behavior are the signs of a winning school, irregardless of what the scoreboard may say at the end of the game.

Tomorrow is our chance to show our team and the countless homes the game will reach that MTSU is a winning university.



CAMERA NUMBER ONE...ZOOM IN ON THAT REDNECK THROWING THE CUP

Readers' views

To the editor:

This law firm has been representing Davis Food Land for a number of years, and have been consulted by the owners concerning the recent series of articles and misrepresentations contained in the MTSU Sidelines.

Davis Food Land has been in operation at its location for approximately twenty years, and has always attempted to deal with the student population as well as their many other clientele in a fair and honest manner.

Although confronted with a serious shop-lifting problem from the MTSU students, the store has always adopted a policy of avoiding as much embarrassment for the student shop-lifter as is possible, and has gone out of its way to reduce the temptations of shoplifting.

In spite of this attitude towards the students, it has become apparent that there are certain students in charge of the Sidelines which apparently harbour a deep and abiding grudge against the store. The newspaper has, over the last five months, adopted an increasingly distorted view of the condi-

tions at the store.

On September 7, 1973, an article appeared comparing prices between Davis and six other stores frequented by students. For some reason, out of twenty-two staples whose prices were compared, the prices were erroneously reported in ten of the twenty-two categories, leading the paper to the conclusion that Davis had the highest overall prices. After much protest by the store, the Sidelines finally, in a small filler paragraph, retracted the story even though much damage had already been done.

On February 1, 1974, the paper printed an article by Bill Mason complete with four pictures concerning alleged conditions at the store. We will not attempt to recount the many allegations contained in the article, but suffice it to say that the pictures, as the text, were distorted by showing only items which had been marked down, and the text itself showed an absolute disregard for both the clientele of the store and the store itself.

Statements were made with clear implication that the alleged condition existed at Davis and no other

store. However, a cursory inspection of other stores disclosed the existence of identical conditions.

Other statements in the article indicated that special inspections had to be provided by the State of Tennessee. The records of the state reflect that other than the normal inspections, only once prior to this article in the recent past had the state conducted an extra inspection. Results of these inspections are generally consistent with results of other comparable stores in the community.

Davis Food Land is interested in providing quality service for the students at MTSU and applauds honest efforts on the part of the Sidelines to point out possible problems. However, Davis Food Land believes that the haphazard and irresponsible journalism shown towards the store by the article indicates an attitude of malice or ill-intentions towards the store. It is hoped that future articles, if any, will be more objective.

Richard F. LaRoche, Jr.
Attorney of
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LaRoche

To the editor:

This letter is concerning the mistreatment of a customer at the Davis Food Market. This is the true story of a recent episode occurring at the market.

Two of my friends needed to go to the store to purchase an item. Due to the nearness of the Davis store, we (stupidly) decided to go there.

The two guys went in and found out that Davis did not have the needed item. So logically, they left, being that they didn't need any other products. As soon as they walked out to the car, an employee of the store followed them and took down MY license number.

I naturally wondered why he did this so I proceeded to go in and ask why, only to find out that the person had gone out the back door to re-check my car.

I got out and confronted him with the question. He then asked me why my friends had walked out without buying anything.

I told him that they didn't have the needed items, but anyway, it was our prerogative to leave.

After he asked me some har-
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State Republicans prepare for primary

by Ray Notgrass

Republicans are tuning up for a wide-open primary to see who will try to keep the governor's chair under GOP control.

Like the Democrats, the Republicans have several possible candidates making campaign noises. The three profiled here are like Winfield Dunn in that all have been active in politics for many years, but until a race for the state's highest office, none have been an active candidate.

The only announced candidate thus far is Nashville attorney Lamar Alexander, the youngest of the GOP candidates at 33. Prior to announcing his candidacy, Alexander served as chairman of



Lamar Alexander
the Tennessee Council on Crime and Delinquency.

He worked as an assistant to Senator Howard Baker, and to

President Nixon in the early days of his administration. He has been involved in a number of church and charitable activities.

Having served on the Crime and Delinquency Council, this area is of particular interest to Alexander. He has pointed out the close connection that alcohol and drugs have with criminal activity. He urges stiff penalties for drug pushers and programs for volunteer work with first offenders.

He has come out against a state income tax and any increases in other taxes. He has also suggested consideration of "ways to expand medical educational facilities," which could not inconceivably be construed as support for a new state medical school.

Although Dr. Nat Winston says any formal announcement of his candidacy is about four or five weeks away, he continues to tour the state, meeting people, making speeches, and undoubtedly playing his banjo. Winston's name has been bandied about in Republican circles for some time. He was Bill Brock's campaign manager in 1970, and helped Robin Beard in his 1972 sixth district Congressional race.

He was Commissioner of Mental Health under Governors Clement and Ellington, and thus has firsthand knowledge about this vital area of concern. He was at one time a practicing psychiatrist. He has been kept busy of late with the state cancer crusade and Christmas seal drive, and is vice-

president of Hospital Affiliates, Inc.

Winston is aware of the social problems the state faces from crime, child abuse, welfare, unemployment, and other people-oriented problems. But he does not



Nat Winston

believe the answer can be found by turning to the federal government. He feels the governor's chair should be used to lead the fight for improving the quality of life for Tennesseans.

Considering that the governor's office has of late been populated by a doctor (Dunn) and other real operators (Ellington, Clement), Dr. Winston stands a good chance.

1974's answer to businessman Maxey Jarman is businessman Dortch Oldman. He was formerly president of Southwestern Publishing Company, and serves on the Board of Directors of several

large corporations. He has been a fund-raising whiz for Brock, Dunn, and Baker.

It goes without saying that Oldman is interested in the economic aspects of state government. He would like to make state government more efficient while increasing necessary services. He would also like to continue the prison reform progress under Mark Luttrell, and try to get more physicians to practice in the state.

Thus far Oldman's candidacy has been in the formative stages, but he could do quite well in the



Dortch Oldman

August Republican primary, if any parallels to Jarman's 1970 candidacy can be drawn.

These are the three most prominent names on the Republican side. More individuals will certainly surface as the year progresses. It'll be interesting.

Readers' views

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questions, another person affiliated with the store came up and increased my agony.

Then, they asked me the million dollar question. "Do you work for the Sidelines?"

I said no but I was an ASB representative, even though that had no relevancy whatsoever upon the situation.

One turned away and said, "That figures."

On that snide remark, I left.

My first complaint is the mistreatment of a customer by the Davis store employee.

My second and far more superior complaint is that I cannot understand why the recent Sidelines article about the filthiness of the store, which is totally true, should make the Davis employees downgrade students entering the store.

I write this in hope that the students will take heed and be extremely careful upon entering the Davis Food Market joke!

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ASB spawns governmental 'misery'

by Lisa Marchesoni

Once again, both the executive and legislative branches of ASB are conducting business in a way which has become rather traditional.

Two weeks ago, ASB officials said 12 projects were currently being sponsored.

One project, a WDCN-TV program about MTSU, was in the final stages. Since nothing has been done about the program, what does "final stages" actually mean?

Adding to the executive and legislative misery, the budget for the fiscal year is almost depleted.

Therefore, the professor evaluation survey may have to become a pilot program for the next administration.

And study of a carpool system in Murfreesboro has seldom, if ever, been mentioned since.

Ditto for the food committee investigations and the student discount system.

So much for the executive branch. But the legislative branch has

leaped into the circus of mass confusion.

The proposed grading scale, which will effect every MTSU student if approved, was passed by the illustrious House of Representatives with no discussion and no debate.

Were the House members so omniscient that they needed to ask no questions?

How can any representative cast his ballot without knowing or even caring about the legislation being discussed and considered?

In other legislative business, House and Senate members are working on revising the general sessions court and a St. Jude fund drive.

In addition, senior superlatives were chosen and student directories were sold.

With these prestigious credentials, our student leaders will trot up to the ASB office next week and start a new campaign for higher political power.

And the cycle continues.

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Students united on food complaints

by Natalie Andrews

"As long as I have been at this school, I have never seen it as unified as it was at the beginning of the year over the food situation. For once, there was a common topic of conversation, and everyone had something to contribute."

An unusually large number of complaints about the food service this year evoked that comment by Ivan Shewmake of the student personnel office.

"We have received between 200

and 300 complaints, most of them at the beginning of last semester," Shewmake said. "If it could be complained about, it has been — quality of food, quantity of food, prices, conditions in the cafeteria, the attitude of cafeteria personnel. You name it, we've heard it," he said.

Most boarding students realize that there were food problems at the beginning of the year. Saga representatives even speak of the "crisis in September." Though it has been difficult for some to

understand, there were explanations for the problems.

One of the major problems at the beginning of the year was the lack of a trained staff.

"When ARA Slater pulled out on August 25, 1973, they took most of their skilled people with them," said Greg Magill, MTSU food service director for Saga. Thus, when school opened, Saga was just beginning to train new employees to work in Woodmore Cafeteria, High Rise Cafeteria and the grill.

What has perhaps been Saga's

greatest problem this year has been that of soaring food prices. Contractual agreements have kept Saga's guaranteed income at a fixed level, while food costs have risen inordinately.

Magill maintains that rising food costs have not affected the quality of food served on campus.

While food quality has not been cut, the high prices have necessitated the removal of some foods from the menu. Serving sizes must also be carefully watched.

Morris Bass, vice president for finance and administration, explained that the \$170 paid by most boarding students averages out to \$10 for each of the 17 weeks of the semester.

"Of that \$10, the university gets \$3 for maintenance and utilities. That leaves \$7 per week to feed each student 15 meals," Bass said.

Complaints about food were heard as soon as school started. They were so numerous by Labor Day that a food committee was organized to investigate the problem. This committee, consisting of five members and a number of student reporters, gathers complaints and suggestions for improvement. It filters the complaints and picks out the valid ones.

"Some of the suggestions we receive are economically unsound. Saga has to show a profit to stay in business," said Terry Thomas of the food committee. "But those complaints that can be corrected and all feasible suggestions are taken to Magill. Then we check to make sure that something has been done."

"There are always going to be complaints about any food service, but Saga is doing what it can to make things better. They have spent much time, effort, and money to make improvements in the cafeterias," Shewmake noted.

When students complained that they could not understand where to go in the cafeterias and grill, Saga had signs painted. A new shop with baked goods, sandwiches and ice cream has been built in the grill. When students asked for a meal program that gave them unlimited seconds, it was offered to them at Woodmore Cafeteria this semester.

The new meal program at Woodmore serves only 160 students. High Rise Cafeteria is overcrowded because Woodmore will now serve only those students participating in this program. Discontent is reportedly high among male students who live near Woodmore but must eat at High Rise (Sidelines, Jan. 19).

Students who have complaints or suggestions should take them to the food service office in Jones Hall.

"Our greatest problem now is that we don't have the time or opportunity to be with the students. There is a definite lack of communications — we don't know what is bothering the students unless they tell us, and we can't ever get together with them to hear what they have to say," Magill commented.

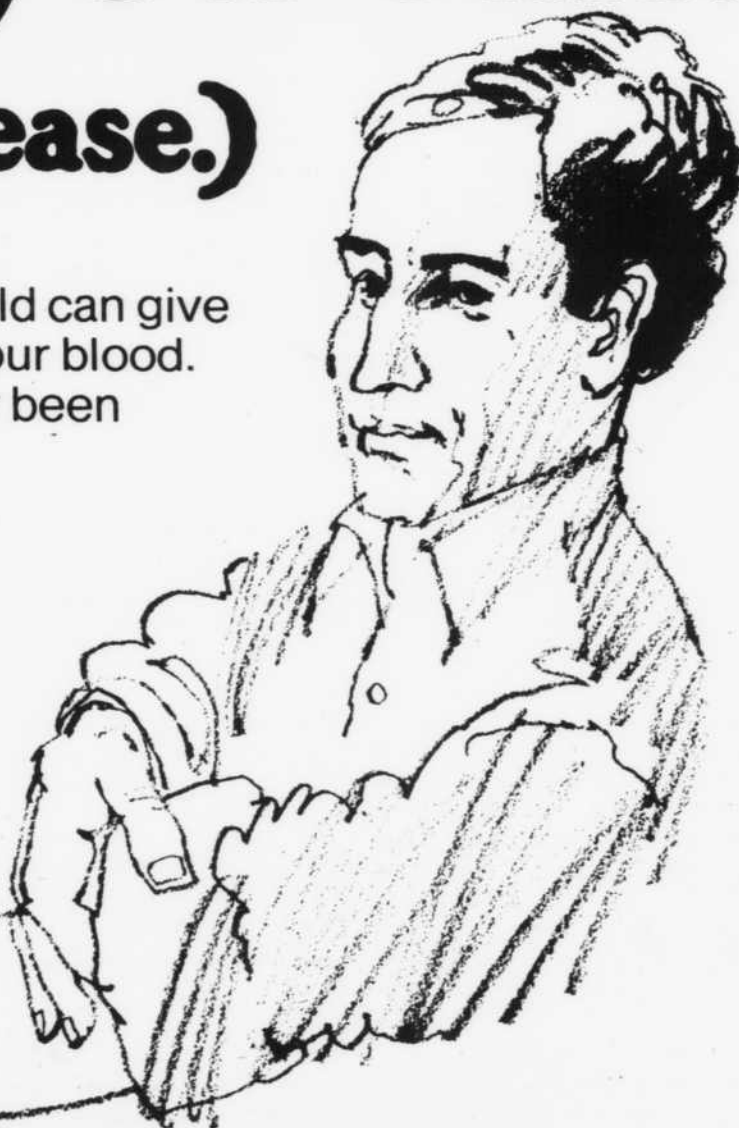
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Rinse water reaches standards

by Gina Jeter

Eating utensils used in High Rise West cafeteria are now being rinsed at temperatures that should be acceptable to state health inspectors, according to Greg Magill, Saga food service director.

"The temperature of the final rinse is fluctuating between 170 and 190 degrees," Magill said.

A representative of Economics Laboratories Inc., which checks all campus dishwashers monthly, recorded the acceptable temperatures last week, Magill said.

Sidelines began investigating final rinse temperatures last month after student inquiries about the re-use of plastic utensils.

The High Rise machine fell below the 180 degrees required by state regulations in the final rinse cycle and also below the 170 degrees state restaurant inspectors in Nashville say they will accept on a thermometer.

"The man from Economics Lab said the fluctuating temperatures means something is wrong with the steam valve," Magill said. "If it goes to 200 degrees, there's too much steam and no water."

Harold Jewell, maintenance director, said Wednesday his department had not repaired the steam valve.

"It appears we'll have to put in a pressure reducing station to get

the pressure where it belongs," he said. "We'll have to order parts, so I can't give a definite date when we can fix it."

The repair job will not guarantee that temperature fluctuation will stop, Jewell said.

He did not indicate the temperature might be too high, but said that it might be dropping too low.

Because of an increase in students eating at High Rise recently, the dishwashing load at that cafeteria has about doubled, Jewell said.

"It's hot enough when it starts but not when it stops," Jewell said. "The machine can't keep it (the temperature) up."

Dever to give archaeology talk

Archaeology in the Middle East will be the subject of a color slide presentation and lecture by William Dever at 8 p.m. Monday in the University Center theatre.

Dever, formerly an instructor at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and the Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, is presently director of the Albright Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem.

He has played an important part in excavations at such sites as Shechem and Gezer, both mentioned in the Bible.

Dever's appearance will be sponsored by the MTSU religious studies program.

Petitions available Tuesday

Petitions for candidates for student elective offices will be available Tuesday in the ASB office in the UC, Bill Bennett, election commissioner, said yesterday.

Bennett said the petitions must be filled out by prospective candidates and signed by eligible students in order for the candidates' names to appear on the spring election ballot.

"All petitions are due in the ASB office by 5 p.m. March 7 in order for a candidate to qualify," Bennett said.

The offices of student body president, speaker of the ASB house of representatives, speaker of the senate and sophomore, junior, senior and graduate senators will be filled for a one-year term in the campus elections, which will be held the last week of March.

"The election commission will check each petition to see that the names and social security numbers appearing on it are valid," Bennett said. "If a petition is rejected because of improper signing, the candidate will be allowed 24 hours to correct it."

The election commissioner said social security numbers are being required this year in order to insure that bogus names and multiple signings do not occur.

Students may sign the petition of only one candidate in each race in which they are eligible to vote, he said.

"For instance, a sophomore may sign the petition of only one candidate for the presidency, even though four or five persons may be seeking that office," he said.

Bennett said single petition rule also applies in senatorial races.



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Three Raiders to play last home game

by Wayne Kindness

Three seniors will make their final home appearance on the basketball court tomorrow at noon when the Blue Raiders host Murray State.

Jimmy Powell, Forrest Toms and Mason Bonner will don the white uniforms at Middle Tennessee for the last time.

All three expressed the pleasure of playing at MTSU, especially on this year's Ohio Valley Conference title contender.

"Winning is everything," Powell said. "I'm glad to be a part of a championship team."

"Winning adds to your life," Bonner added.

"The winning attitude--it's why we've come as far as we have," Toms said. "We didn't have it before, but we've got it now."

Powell has received the widest

acclaim of the trio in his two years here.

A transfer from Iso Thermal Junior College in North Carolina, Powell was an All-OVC selection last year, his first season with the Raiders.

This year Powell was placed on the Pizza Hut Basketball Classic all-star ballot, and is currently near the top in the voting.

He led the 1972-73 Blue Raider team in both scoring and rebounding with 17.7 and 6.8 per game averages respectively.

"Last year I concentrated on offense," Powell said, "but this year I've put my talents to good use and contributed to the team on both ends of the floor."

Going into tomorrow's game, the 6-5 forward from Morganton, N.C. is averaging 14.7 points per game (second on the team) and

6.6 rebounds per game (third on the team).

"Jimmy is one of the best forwards to play for MTSU," Head Coach Jimmy Earle said. "He has sacrificed for the team to win. A pro prospect, he has not gone for the points."

"He is the most improved defensive player on the team," Earle added, "and that is mostly unseen by the average fan."

Toms, a transfer from Spartanburg Junior College in North Carolina, started for the Blue in half of the games in the 1972-73 season. He was the team's fourth leading scorer, and his shooting accuracy of 50.9 per cent from the floor was fifth best in Blue Raider history.

Named captain of this year's team, the 6-4 Shelby, N.C. native has been invaluable as a reserve guard or forward.

"Forrest has made a great contribution here," Earle said. "He has provided a lot of leadership. He is a very unselfish player and has a great attitude."

Calling himself "the old man of the group," Bonner is the only one of the trio to play four years at Middle Tennessee.

In his first year at MTSU, Bonner paced the frosh team in scoring with a 24.0 average. In his starting

role as a sophomore, Bonner became the team's quarterback, leading the Raiders to 15 wins.

The 5-11 guard from Tuscaloosa, Ala. was a starter again last year. In both his sophomore and junior years he led the team in assists. Until an injury sidelined him midway through this season, he was still the team's leader in assists although playing in a reserve role.

"Mason is a highly motivated person," Earle said. "He is a great ball-handler and a good defensive player. He has a lot of heart and is one of the most intelligent basketball players I've ever coached."

Through the years, Bonner has amazed the crowds with his passing and ball-handling, and has drawn standing ovations this year when he entered games as a substitute.

Nearly back to full-strength after treatment for a calcium deposit on his thigh, Bonner should see action in the remaining games this year.

"It has been a real learning experience," Bonner said. "I've learned about competitiveness--about life--while playing here."

"It has been a true honor to have coached these three seniors," Earle concluded.

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Reservations are \$2 and should be made before 4:15 Monday at the Blue Raider bookstore. The bus will leave the store at 5 p.m.

Scott's spot

'You've got to believe' to be a Big Blue fan

by Scott Elliott
Sports Editor

In mid-season during the 1973 baseball campaign, the New York Mets were struggling along trying to win as many games as they were losing. Then something happened.

Tug McGraw, one of the premiere relief pitchers in the National League, started a now legendary motto that gave the Mets new life, enabling them to win the pennant.

He said, "You've got to believe!"

It's a different team in a different sport in a different time and place, but, essentially, McGraw's motto is the trademark of the 1974 Blue Raider basketball team.

MTSU started their season winning over St. Bernard 108-73 but lost their next two games by a combined total of six points.

The talk started--"Well, it's going to be another one of those years for MTSU basketball." This was the contention of the average Murfreesboro fan.

Then a highly unusual thing happened--Jimmy Earle's team won its next ten games, a record.

Although Earle's boys were cutting down folks like nationally ranked UT-Chattanooga and Tennessee State, the biggest change wasn't in the basketball team. It was the fans who had undergone an amazing metamorphosis.

Murphy Center was a wild place to be in--fans yelling to the top of their lungs, a pep band playing, and Earle being carried off the court on an occasion or two.

Only one question loomed in the

minds of Raider fans at that time--could the Big Blue win on the road?

After two consecutive road losses to Morehead and Eastern Kentucky, the question was answered for the usual pessimists.

Batting .500 in the conference, the Raiders squared off with defending league champion Austin Peay.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game, MTSU was down by ten points. One of the most dramatic comebacks in the history of Raider roundball forced the game into overtime, and MTSU won.

The Raiders have won five games since then, seventeen in all with no conference losses at home, but nothing really matters except Saturday afternoon's game with Murray. If they win, MTSU is still alive for the OVC crown--losing means second place.

This game will be a real test for Blue Raider fans. You see, it's on television, and it'll take a little more effort to get to Murphy Center by noon.

But like Tug McGraw said, "You've got to believe." I believe the Raiders can beat Morehead and I believe in the student body at this university.

Nothing like this has ever happened in Raider basketball-- a real chance to be champs.

I don't know about you, but I'll say this--I want to be a part of it.

So, don't go home to your girl or folks this weekend. Stay here and be a part of something great--the Blue Raiders.



Photo by Fred Carr

The fan has been a big part of the Blue Raider basketball success story this season. As one can see, the MTSU roundballers have caused a lot of excitement.

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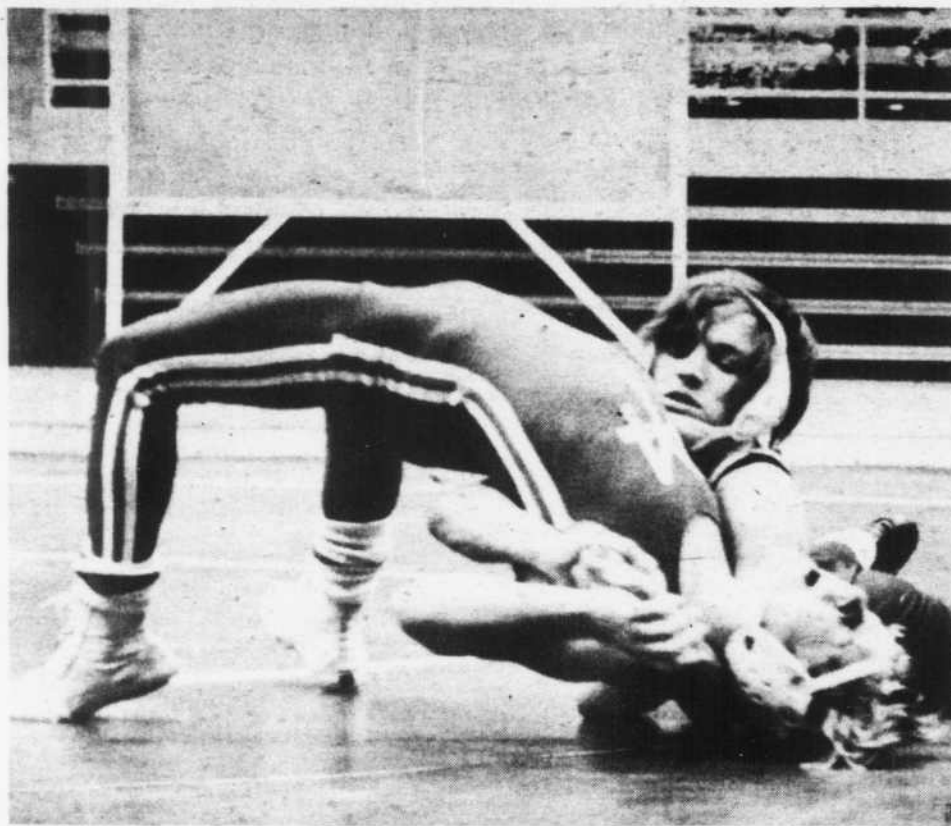


Photo by Scott Elliott

An MTSU wrestler arches in an effort to free himself from his opponent's hold. The Raiders completed a winless season Tuesday at Eastern Kentucky.

Blue loses 13th

EKU downs grapplers

Completing a winless year, the Blue Raider wrestling team was swamped by Eastern Kentucky University 60-0 Tuesday night in Richmond, Ky.

Every MTSU grappler was pinned by his opponent in the worst showing of the season for Chip Langley's crew.

Five weight classes were forfeited by MTSU, running the season's total forfeit losses to 37.

"The forfeit brothers sure won their letters this year," said MTSU wrestling statician Skip Viall. "It's a shame to lose points that way, but we just didn't have enough people this year."

The Raiders' loss to Eastern brought their season record to 13-0. MTSU's best performance was against Maryville with a dozen team points.

Tom Wright, 2-2-1 on the season,

and Allen Barry led the Raiders in pins this year with two each. Barry garnered the team scoring title with 14 markers for the year.

Viall, "the voice of the Raider wrestling team", said an effort was being made to upgrade the program by Langley.

"He's been working hard at recruiting," Viall said. "Coach Langley has been in contact with several wrestlers from the Chattanooga and Nashville areas."

"I think Coach Langley has done a good job this year despite of the team's record," he added. "We've had some hard working wrestlers who have lost some close matches."

The Raiders are scheduled to compete in the regional tournament March 1, but Viall speculated that the team would not participate in the tournament.

Tritons take IM swim title

Led by John Davis and Janice Chenoweth, the Triton Club swept to divisional championships in the Intramural swim meet yesterday at the campus pool.

In the men's division, the Triton Club outdistanced its nearest opponent by 53 points with a net score of 73. The Bros edged ATO for second place 20-19.

The Triton women held off a strong challenge by Chi Omega to win the female crown 58-41.

Davis virtually dominated the men's competition, winning the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

Chenoweth captured the 50-yard backstroke and the 100-yard backstroke, while independent competitor Jean Claiborne took the 50-yard butterfly and the 100-yard freestyle.

Gordon Rodgers, Jim Rhodes and Linda Kite were other first place finishers in the annually held meet.

The Tritons took first place in three team relay events, while Chi Omega had one team victory.

Women to host meet

The district two tournament for women's intercollegiate basketball will begin tonight at Murphy Center.

MTSU's Raiderettes, coached by Karen Ledford, will play in the second game against Austin Peay at 7:30 p.m.

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