

Cold leaves MTSU without heat, hot water

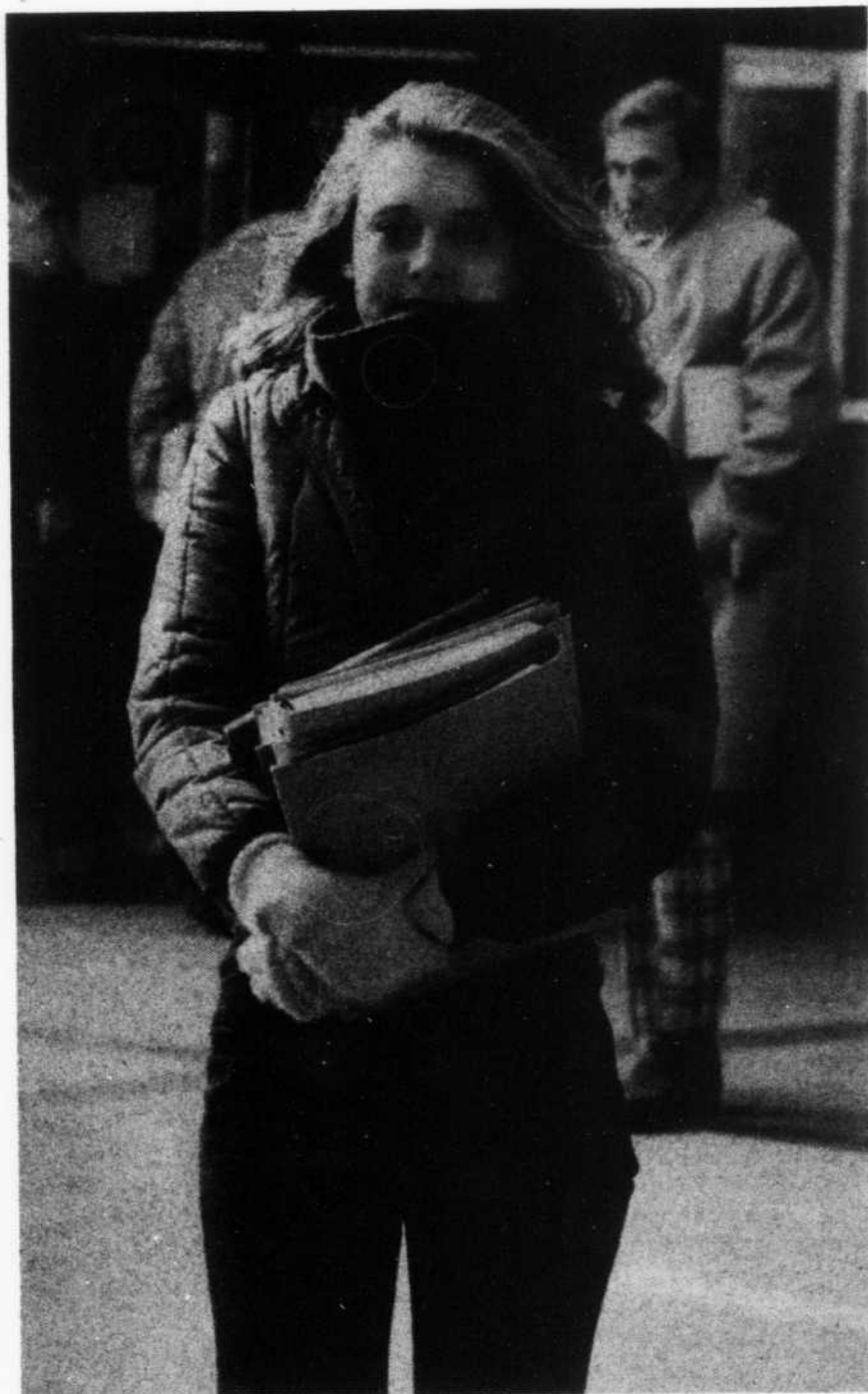


Photo by Greg Campbell

Brrr, it's cold!

Treva Tidwell takes the sub-freezing temperatures with a smile. A blanket of snow, expected tonight, will bring smiles to the winter enthusiasts.

A major cold front that is sweeping the nation and causing temperatures to plunge below zero throughout the state has benumbed the MTSU community and triggered numerous heating and hot water problems.

Many campus buildings lacked heat or hot water Monday because cold temperatures froze water in pipes and caused outside thermometers to "get stuck," according to James Staley, director of the MTSU physical plant, which supplies these services to the campus.

CORE, Beasley, High Rise, Cummings, Kirksey Old Main, Schardt, the Agriculture Building and Peck Hall were all affected by the cold snap.

"The problem is not that we can't get the heat to the buildings on campus," Staley said, "the heat is there."

"The problem is that we had outside thermometers that froze during the night, sticking some of the [heating] valves inside and shutting off heat to the buildings. That is what happened to High Rise and Cummings."

STALEY said that his office had received about 100 reports of burst water pipes, but, even with the freezing temperatures, 80 percent of the damages were repaired by 4 p.m. Monday.

"The men are really humping it out there," Staley said. "They are a small, but hardworking group."

According to Staley, most difficulties arose because the campus buildings had been virtually empty during the weekend, dropping the temperatures in the structures. When the icy weather descended upon MTSU's buildings, there

was no inner heat to protect them, so the water in many pipes froze.

Two professors in Kirksey Old Main found burst pipes in their offices early Monday morning.

Thomas D. Forrest, a mathematics professor, had water running down the walls of his third-floor office. Forrest said that this is the third time in just a little over a year that his office has been "hit" with a water problem.

ALTHOUGH Forrest said the majority of his personal papers and property were at his home due to the previous soakings, the degrees he had on the wall of his office were lost.

Forrest said he intends to request a new office.

Robert G. Colvard, an accounting professor, also was rudely shocked upon entering his office Monday morning: a pipe had burst during the night and a sheet of ice had glazed his floor.

An incident which has been inconveniencing Schardt Hall residents since the end of last semester was worsened by the onslaught of colder weather.

ACCORDING to irate dorm residents, Schardt Hall has been without hot water since the beginning of the 1982 spring semester.

"We didn't pay \$395 to have no hot water," griped one chilled coed.

Housing Director David Bragg said the problem occurred at the end of last semester when the dorm's water system "died."

After a new water-heating system was installed in Schardt Hall that was previously a success in Sims, the system

Cloudy and cold today with a 30 percent chance of snow this afternoon. High in the mid 20s. There is a winter storm watch in effect for Middle Tennessee tonight with an eighty percent chance of snow and freezing rain.

began to break down repeatedly.

While maintenance has repaired the system several times, their efforts have been to no avail, Bragg said.

As the forecast for the next few days predicts continued cold weather, MTSU police have several suggestions. In the event of snow, drivers should not deflate their tires in the false hope that they will get better traction, and as an additional precaution, students should carry blankets in their cars. If needed, jumper cables are available in Room 208 of the University Center.

Across the state, Tennesseans contended with bitter cold Monday that stalled cars, forced school closings and resulted in a rash of home fires. The Tennessee Valley Authority served its all-time record electricity demand and reduced voltage by five percent.

Scattered power outages were reported in some areas when utility lines snapped in the cold, water pipes froze and authorities responded to an outbreak of home fires as people tried to boost heat in their dwellings to stave off the biting cold.

TVA officials anticipated a somewhat decreased electricity demand Monday evening and Tuesday morning across the agency's seven-state service area as temperatures warmed slightly. Weather forecasters said temperatures would reach the 20s Tuesday in parts of Tennessee, but warned that snow and sleet might hit West Tennessee on Tuesday.

2nd rape suspect caught

By MINDY TATE
Copy Editor

The second suspect in the Dec. 19 rapes of two MTSU students was apprehended Thursday night and remains in the Murfreesboro Jail awaiting questioning in lieu of a \$25,000 bond.

David E. Shannon, 22, of Lebanon, was apprehended at the Dutch Maid Apartments in Gallatin by Gallatin Police after they received a tip that the suspect was in the area. Murfreesboro Police transferred Shannon from the Sumner County Jail late that night and charged him with two counts of aggravated rape.

ANOTHER SUSPECT in the rapes, Marvis D. Sweat, 28, was taken into custody Dec. 20 and remains in the Rutherford

County jail without bond, due to a parole violation.

On Dec. 19, at around 5:45 p.m., two men entered an office on the third floor of Kirksey Old Main Building and surprised a student worker. At knifepoint, she was taken into another office and raped by both men.

The second rape occurred about 15 minutes later outside the Murfreesboro Little Theatre on Ewing Boulevard, about three blocks away from campus.

A YOUNG woman was walking to her car and was approached by two men who asked her for a cigarette. She was then pushed into the bushes, where one of the men began to rape her. Her screams drew the attention of passers-by, who summoned Murfreesboro Police. The arrival of the police startled

the rapists and they escaped on foot.

Two men matching the descriptions of the rapists were spotted on a downtown Murfreesboro street by Murfreesboro Detective Sam Branch on Dec. 20. Branch apprehended Sweat and the other man eluded capture.

Shannon received a three-year prison term in 1978 after he was convicted of grand larceny in Wilson County. He received another three-year term in 1980 on a charge of intent to commit robbery in Davidson County. He was paroled in November.

Shannon's preliminary hearing has been set for Jan. 25 and Sweat's hearing in Monday. If found guilty, each man could receive a sentence ranging from 20 years to life in prison on each count.



MTSU Housing Director Bragg resigns post effective Friday

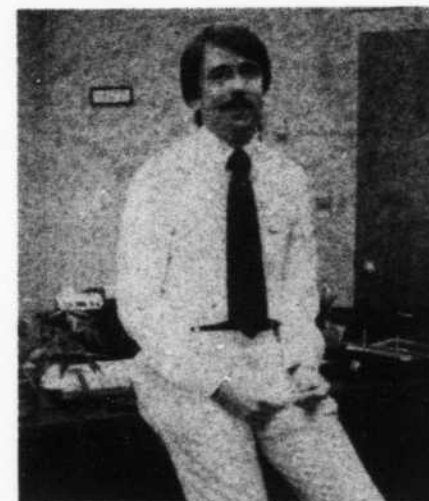
By JANENE GUPTON
Copy Editor

Housing Director David Bragg will leave his post Friday to become working publisher of the *Cannon Courier* in Woodbury.

Bragg, who has been housing director since 1979, bought the *Cannon Courier* two years ago in partnership with his brother and has been publisher since then. The paper has been "running itself," Bragg said, but the brothers decided it is time for them to take a more active role in its operation.

"I SEE this as an opportunity to run my own business—a new challenge—and something I want to try," Bragg said.

Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs will ask Assistant Housing Director Ivan Shewmake to act as interim



David Bragg
"a new challenge"

housing director until a permanent replacement can be found. Shewmake is undecided as to whether he will apply for the vacant post.

Although advertisements for a new housing director have been out since late December, LaLance has not received any applications. He expects the personnel office to send him a "package" of applications near the deadline date of Jan. 22.

A COMMITTEE of three to five members will help in screening and recommendation of candidates for housing director. LaLance indicated that he has no one in mind, but is looking for someone with experience.

In his three years as housing director, Bragg has seen the housing program become a

financially solvent operation.

"All it took was deciding what the costs were and establishing the rates to cover them," he said.

ALTHOUGH HOUSING rates have increased 51 percent in the past three years, 35 percent of the increase came because of utility cost increases, Bragg said.

The housing program now takes in enough money to pay costs and to make dormitory improvements. These additional funds have so far gone to bring the buildings up to fire codes standards, and to accommodate handicapped students, Bragg said.

But money now can go to make more noticeable improvements such as buying new furniture for dorm lobbies and buying new beds, he said.

ALSO DURING Bragg's tenure, housing related functions such as the hiring of head residents and dorm guards have become consolidated under the housing office instead of being shared with student personnel deans and police officials.

Housing director is not the first post that Bragg has had at MTSU. After receiving his B.S. in 1973 from UT, Bragg came here and was graduate assistant in residence hall programming in 1974 and 1975.

In 1976, he became the assistant dean of students under

THEC requests teacher study

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON
Education Editor

A study of the quality of Tennessee teacher education programs and their graduates was requested Friday by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission after it reviewed the study of the supply and demand of teachers in this state.

The study presented to the commission included a survey of the number of graduates from Tennessee education programs. The study showed that an unplanned decline in the number of graduates has been occurring since 1975.

THE DEMAND portion of the study indicated an oversupply of applicants for teaching positions

in Tennessee's public schools. However, in a memorandum accompanying the study, THEC Executive Director G. Wayne Brown pointed out that the study encompassed only public school systems.

For this reason, "total demand for teachers in terms of an average number of vacancies occurring annually cannot be calculated from the data of this study."

After predicting an oversupply of teachers for the next two years, the memo states: "historically, the balance of supply and demand for teachers has experienced large fluctuation."

"IT IS possible that the

current condition of oversupply could be transformed into a situation of severe teacher

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Ruling has little effect

By PHIL WILLIAMS
News Editor

A December Supreme Court ruling that allows student groups to use state college facilities for religious purposes will have little effect on Tennessee colleges, according to Catherine S. Mizell, general counsel to the Board of Regents.

Board of Regents policy is totally in agreement with the

ruling, Mizell said. She stated that current policy permits campus to utilize most campus buildings for religious purposes if no non-students or non-university officials are involved in the activity.

HOWEVER, board policy dictates that buildings built with funds provided under Title VII of the Higher Education Act of

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Campus Capsule

MTSU'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT will continue auditions for the jazz ensemble, The Blues Crusade, through Friday. If interested, please contact John R. Duke at 898-2490 or go by Room 271 in the Wright Music Building.

THE CAMPUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT will sponsor a pinball competition Jan. 20. All groups and organizations interested in playing must sign up by 4:30 p.m., Jan. 18 in Room 203 of the Alumni Memorial Gym.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTS as residence hall programmers are now being accepted by the Housing Office. Posts are open for a male hall programmer and a female hall programmer.

The programmers will be remunerated with payment of graduate registration fees and a monthly stipend. Applications must be turned in to the Housing Office, Room 300 of the University Center by Jan. 22.

DEADLINE FOR FILING APPLICATION to graduate in May is Jan. 18. Applications must be filed in the Graduate Office.

THE DANCE CLUB will hold its first meeting of the spring semester tonight at 6:30 in Dance Studio B of Murphy Center. No experience is necessary to be a member.

MTSU BOWLING CLUB will hold an organizational meeting tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Lanes. Bowling will begin at 9 p.m.

Anyone who is interested is welcome. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be in the club, call 896-0945 and leave your name and number.

THE KUNG FU CLUB welcomes interested persons to come by Dance Studio A in Murphy Center Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. for a free lesson and information about the club.

THE TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM needs volunteers to serve as hosts and guides for either the New State Museum or its military branch in the War Memorial Building.

Library assistants are also needed as well as assistants in preparing objects for exhibition and storage. Interested persons should contact Evadine McMahan at 741-2692.

THEC study

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shortage at some point beyond two years, provided the decline in the number of graduates from teacher education programs continues.

"For these reasons, the conclusions of this study should be used with caution."

A summary of the findings of the survey of school systems' superintendents and conclusions formed from their answers states: "in the judgement of some superintendents, there is an adequate supply of certified teacher applicants, but many of these are inadequately prepared.

The commission responded to the study by requesting a further study of the quality of teacher education programs and the certified teachers they produce.

Although the survey was not designed to measure quality, "when you look at various questions and the responses, you can see that many of them were leading up to [a quality problem]" and some spelled it out," THEC spokeswoman Amy Harshman said yesterday.

The superintendents also showed a preference to hire

Court ruling

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applicants with a discipline degree and teacher's certificate instead of those with degrees in education, Harshman said.

W. Va. teacher acquitted in student's crime

BECKLEY, W. Va. (AP) — A 27-year-old high school science teacher has been acquitted of charges stemming from an student's attempt to acquire bonus grade points by robbing a grave.

Liberty High School students and teachers applauded Saturday when a magistrate court jury found David W. Dodd innocent of charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Dodd testified that he established two kinds of extra credit programs. One awarded points for watching science programs on television. The other he called the "acquisition of carcasses and skeletons," including a human skeleton, "to have an osteological comparison primarily for my Biology II class."

1965 cannot be used for "religious worship of any nature."

Mizell said the ruling would not have any bearing on this provision because the limitation is a result of a congressional declaration.

She went on to say that she felt that this provision is totally constitutional.

"If that [provisions of Title VII] had been presented to the court, I don't think the court would have ruled the same way."

Since the scope of the ruling was limited to the one incident, Mizell said universities would continue to enforce these rules.

THE COURT ruled in a case involving the University of Missouri at Kansas City that banning the use of the student center for religious purposes violated the students' constitutional right of free speech.

"The university has opened its facilities for use by student groups, and the question is whether it can now exclude groups because of the content of their speech," Justice Lewis F. Powell wrote in the majority opinion.

Finance department creates emphasis, chair in insurance

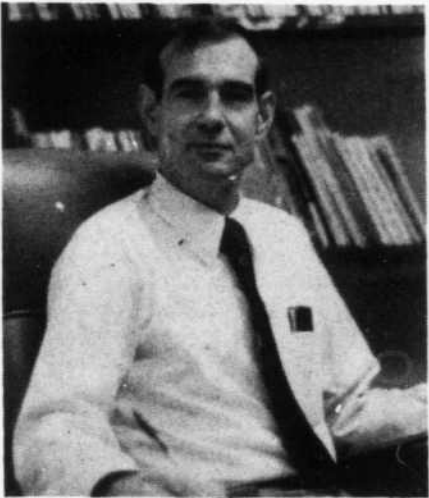
By PHIL WILLIAMS
News Editor

A new academic chair and major emphasis in insurance have been created as a result of a \$170,000 contribution by area insurance companies and individuals, according to Kenneth Hollman, head of the new program.

The Tommy Martin Chair of Insurance was created in honor of "one of the industry's most outstanding leaders in Tennessee," Hollman said.

IN THE PAST, several insurance courses have been offered, however up to this point there has not been an emphasis. The new degree created by this action will be a degree in finance with an emphasis in insurance.

"Insurance is an increasingly important and complex industry," Hollman said. "There is a growing need for college



Kenneth W. Hollman
Professor of economics and finance
graduates in this field.

"The creation of this chair will be a major step toward meeting the educational needs of insurance people in the future," he said.

HOLLMAN received his bachelor of science degree at MTSU in 1965. In recent years,

he has held a position as professor of economics and as director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Mississippi.

"So, in a sense, I am returning home," he said.

The emphasis of the curriculum will involve more than just a knowledge of operational practices of insurance agencies and companies, Hollman said.

"They must also have a broad understanding of the economic environment in which the industry operates," he added.

The interest income from the partial endowment, plus annual contributions, will be used to supplement the chairholder's salary and to provide for secretarial assistance and other expenses.



Photo by Greg Campbell

Now this is winter!

Sophomore Angela Bingham (left) and Junior Keitha Newman (right), both from Murfreesboro, appear to be well-dressed for the cold walk between classes.

Bragg

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Ivan Shewmake, the current assistant director of housing. In 1977, Bragg left the university for 18 months to work at Courier Printing Co. He returned to MTSU in 1979 and assumed his present post.

THE BRAGG brothers' purchase of the *Courier* in 1979 marked a return of the newspaper to the Bragg family.

Minor Bragg, Bragg's grandfather, owned the *Courier* in the 1920s and '30s. He later moved to Murfreesboro where he founded the *Rutherford Courier* which State Rep. John Bragg, the father of David Bragg, later ran.

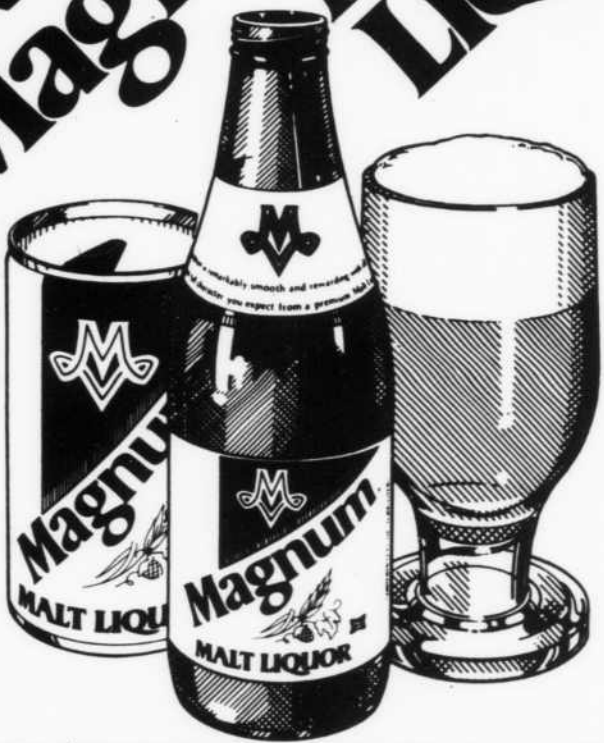
After the sale of that newspaper, the Braggs retained operation of the *Courier* Printing Co.

Interest in the newspaper business "is hereditary—I hope," Bragg said.

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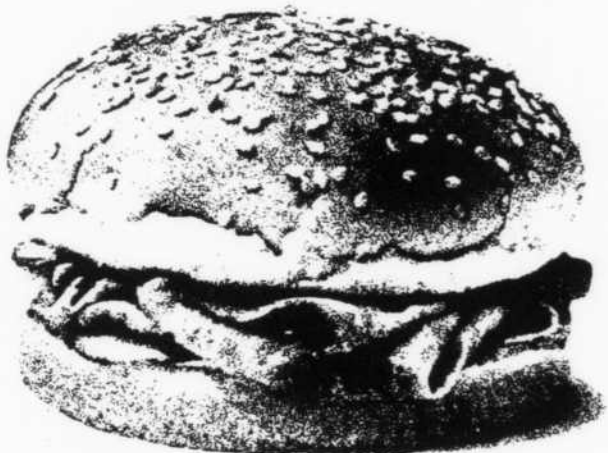


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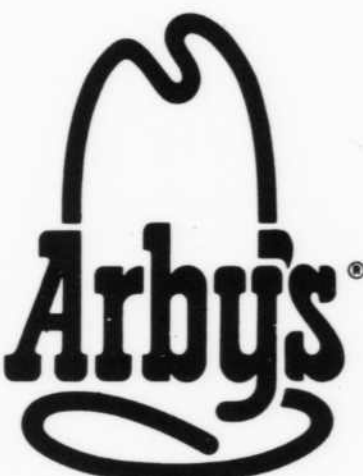
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Olney to play Noon Show

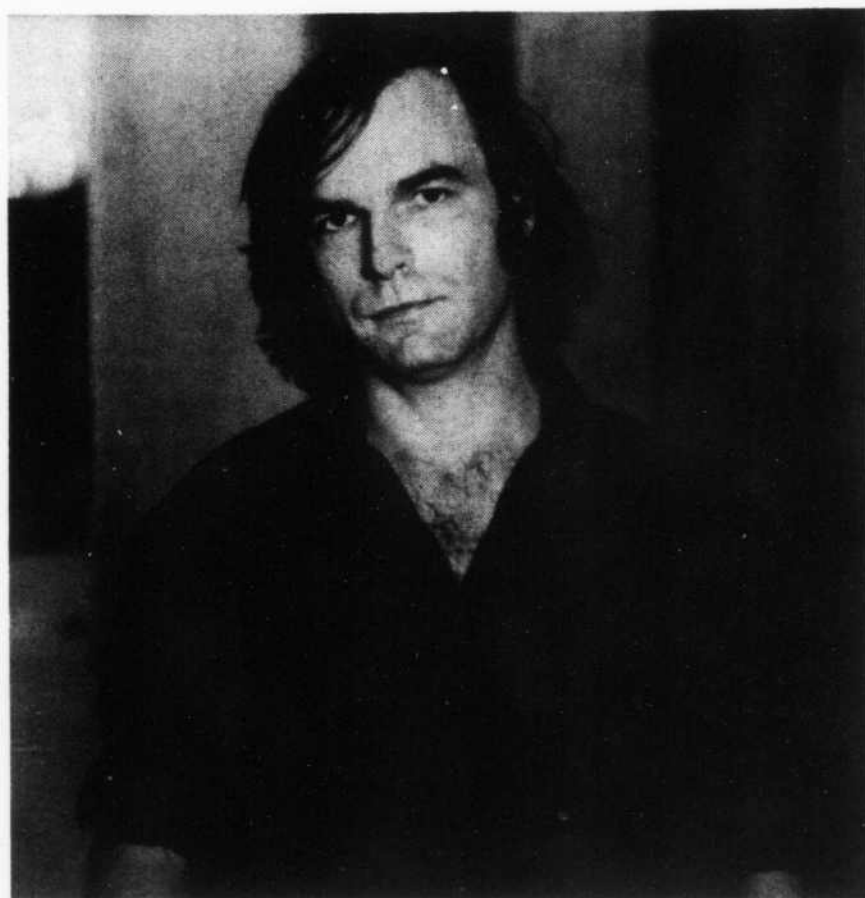
This semester's first Noon Show, featuring Dave Olney and the X-Rays, will be Thursday in the University Center Theatre.

Olney began playing the guitar in 1961. In 1967 he played his first concert and began writing songs. And in 1973, he moved to Nashville where he has been based since then.

He formed the X-Rays in 1978 and they have been touring clubs for the past three years. Olney's compositions provide most of the group's repertoire.

Leaving the "normal" realm of rock music with its songs of love and happiness, Olney writes "bloodcurdling" songs of assassins, jails, tortured informers and weary smugglers. His lyrics express the will to survive, revenge, faith and hope.

Variety has put Olney in a class with '60s groups like Credence Clearwater. Others have said that he had a tough appearance and followed in the



David Olney and the X-Rays will be appearing Thursday at the University Center.

style of '50s singers Buddy Holly, Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent.

One thing is certain—from

the titles of his songs such as "Will to Survive" and "Wait Here for the Cops," Olney is not a typical rocker.

Montreux Festival broadcast on WMOT

For the remaining Saturdays in January, WMOT, 89-FM, will be airing a special segment of shows—"The Montreux Jazz Festival" from 7 to 9 p.m.

The programs will focus on the 15-year-old Swiss jazz festival. The first event was a three-day celebration centering around a European jazz group competition.

SINCE THEN, the festival has expanded to cover 16 days,

and has added American and Canadian high school and college bands as well as European bands. While jazz is still the focus, the festival now includes jazz fusion, rock, blues, reggae and soul music.

In addition to music the show now features instrument clinics and workshops, jazz films, free open-air concerts, boat trips and record swapping and buying sessions.

WMOT to air black music 10-part series

"From Jumpstreet: A Story of Black Music," will air every Sunday at 6 p.m. on WMOT during the month of January.

The 10-part series will begin with a survey of jazz and development of the black musical tradition. From there it will move on to a musical overview of modern jazz, a look at blacks in film and theatre and it will conclude with a study of the marketing of black American music.

Scorchers play K.O. Jams tonight

By AURORA DANIELS

Staff Writer

Tonight at K.O. Jams, Jason and the Nashville Scorchers will be appearing.

Leading the band on vocals, guitar, and harmonica is Jason, a hog farmer's son who worked on a railroad labor gang before quitting to pursue a musical career.

Although Jason is the leader, the Jason and the Scorchers is not a one-man show. Every member of the group has front-man experience and adds a distinct personality to the group. Jason and the Scorchers have found their own blend of rockabilly, honky tonk, country and hard-driving rock and roll.

The band has not released an album—yet, but has signed with a recording studio and plan to record an LP soon.



Jason and the Nashville Scorchers will be appearing at K.O. Jams.

News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has rejected Taiwan's request for a new line of jet fighters, but cleared the way for sale of other military items for its self-defense, the State Department announced yesterday.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CBS newsman Mike Wallace, interviewing a San Diego bank official for a "60 Minutes" segment, made a racially disparaging remark that was videotaped by the bank without his knowledge, it was reported Sunday.

The Los Angeles Times said Wallace was taped saying that complex lien-sale contracts — agreements to buy goods on time

— were "hard to read ... if you're reading them over the watermelon or over the tacos."

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Geologists surveyed this storm-devastated area Sunday to determine whether rescue crews could resume the search for at least five people still missing and feared killed by last week's mudslides.

Three more bodies were pulled from the ravaged area of Ben Lomond during the weekend, pushing the storm death toll to 29.

ATLANTA (AP) — Prosecutors opened the third week of Wayne B. Williams' murder trial yesterday by trying to discredit the story Williams told on the

morning he was stopped near a bridge over the Chattahoochee River.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — America's NATO allies agreed yesterday for the first time that U.S. sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union had "significance," and that they would consider actions of their own to press for an easing of repression in Poland.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the chill in East-West relations resulting from the crisis in Poland, strategic arms control talks between the United States and the Soviet Union are resuming on schedule today in Geneva.

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On this date in 1729, orator-statesman Edmund Burke was born in Ireland. "A great empire and little minds go ill together," he wrote in 1775, adding: "The use of force alone is but temporary. It may subdue for a moment; but it does not remove the necessity of subduing again: and a nation is not governed which is perpetually to be conquered."

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Rape: a repulsive crime

Rape, a most heinous crime, is a scary one as well. Rape is scary because any woman is a potential victim of this violent act, and for no other reason than her gender. There is no easy solution to the growing epidemic of rapes in the United States, but extremely high bonds, swift trials for suspects and stiff sentences for those convicted would be a good start.

The viciousness and unpredictability of rape hit home on Dec. 19 when two MTSU coeds were raped. The women were raped in separate incidents, both occurring within one half-hour. Two men, Marvis Sweat and David Shannon, have been arrested and charged with aggravated rape.

THE FIRST RAPE victim, a 20-year-old student worker, was typing in a third floor office of Kirksey Old Main. The suspects, at least one armed with a knife, apparently planned to rob the woman and, finding she had no money, raped her.

Only minutes later, a second student was raped outside the Murfreesboro Little Theatre on Ewing Boulevard, a few blocks from campus. Apparently the coed, 23-years-old, was accosted by the men and pulled into some bushes, where one of the men began to rape her.

A passerby notified Murfreesboro police of trouble outside the theatre. Murfreesboro Detective Sam Branch quickly arrived on the scene and pursued the men, who eluded him.

HOWEVER, THE next day Branch spotted the suspects on a downtown street and apprehended Sweat. Shannon remained at large until Thursday night, when he was arrested by police in Gallatin.

Whereas the Dec. 19 incident is the first reported rape on campus in at least two years, the incidence of rape is not isolated in the campus vicinity. On Sept. 7, 1980, an MTSU coed was accosted at her driveway near campus as she was walking home. She was raped. On Sept. 30, 1980, a 22-year-old student was riding a bike down East Lytle Street to visit a friend when she was accosted and raped. On Nov. 8, 1980, an MTSU student reported she was raped at the apartment of a young student she was dating that night. On Nov. 15, 1980, an MTSU coed was shopping at Mercury Plaza Shopping Center when she was pulled behind a building and raped. Thus, several rapes have occurred recently near campus, if not on the campus proper.

Officer Anita Davis of the Murfreesboro Police Department, who investigates all rapes in the Murfreesboro-Rutherford County area, said she has worked on about 20 rape cases in the past year.

IN THE NASHVILLE area, the last Metro police report showed a decline in most crime areas. Rape, however, was up significantly. One recent case, in which a

woman was kidnapped for hours, raped, beaten, and finally run over by an inmate on work release stands out as particularly vicious. This terrible crime took place on Christmas day.

"Reported" is a key word in trying to gauge the rape epidemic. Women, for a variety of reasons, often don't report being raped. Fear of the assailant, shame over the incident (even though it is an act of violence over which the victim has little or no control), and knowledge of the grueling and often fruitless ordeal a victim faces in court against her attacker are some of the reasons.

It takes courage and fortitude to relive a rape during a trial, to be asked pointed personal questions about one's sexual past, to deal with innuendos from callous lawyers. The way our courts handle rape cases can be emotionally shattering to a victim who has already suffered a great deal emotionally and physically.

IN TENNESSEE, rape is a Class X crime. This means that, once convicted, the rapist is not eligible for parole. Mandatory sentences, which vary from case to case, are on the books. Raping a person under 12 years of age calls for death by electrocution (although, given the current status of capital punishment in Tennessee, this translates to life in prison). For raping an individual older than 12, the sentence calls for from 10 years to life imprisonment, depending on the circumstances (use of weapons, degree of violence besides the rape, etc.).

Because Class X criminals receive mandatory sentences, rape convictions are now harder to obtain. This is unfortunate. To curb the frequency of rape, changes must be made. Harsh and mandatory sentences must remain, perhaps with the minimum sentence being raised. Limitations certainly should be placed on lawyer's questioning of rape victims if the topic does not relate directly to the rape in question.

Police departments, social agencies, and friends and family members should all help rape victims cope with their mental anguish rather than reacting in ways which make the victim feel guilty.

CERTAINLY, RAPE is not a clear-cut, black and white social phenomenon. The reasons for, and effects of rape are too complicated to explore in this space. And, rape is not always a case of a woman being attacked by a strange man. There is homosexual rape. There is incest. Frequently a rape victim is acquainted with the attacker.

But, whatever the circumstances, rape is a violent, ugly and repugnant act. We, as a civilization, should be repulsed by the uncivilized act of rape. If we don't take steps to deal with this social disorder, the number of victims will continue to grow. And bit by bit, we will all become victims of rape's affront to human dignity.

—MICHAEL TOMPKINS



Christian majority in America not end of church-state separation

By PHIL WILLIAMS

News Editor

At various times during the Christmas holidays, I was reminded how steeped in religious tradition this season really is. Yet in a country with so many diverse religions, such a national holiday has some interesting political implications.

On a Nashville radio talk show last month, listeners phoned in to express their "inherent" right to erect nativity scenes on public property. The conversation soon broadened to separation of church and state. A general consensus of the callers expressed the sentiment that, since Christianity is the religion of the majority, banning public prayer and erection of religious shrines is a violation of their rights.

THIS ATTITUDE is precisely the type that the writers of the Constitution sought to control. (Many immigrants had come to the New World in search of religious freedom—freedom from a state religion.)

Furthermore, if the great period of racial unrest in this country taught us any kind of lesson, it should be that the

privileges of majority rule were never meant to infringe on the constitutional rights of the minority.

But for a moment, let's assume that the Supreme Court had *not* upheld the separation of church and state. What would be the consequences for those who would favor such a move?

FOR EXAMPLE, what of those who advocate the placing of nativity scenes on the Nashville's Centennial Park lawn? Would they be opposed to the erection of a statue to Buddha? After all, it is just as much their property also. (An argument frequently heard in the reverse situation.)

Chances are, those same people would probably be picketing the area day and night.

Take another example: What of those who would favor allowing teachers to conduct public prayer in the classroom? Would they be opposed to a teacher leading their children in a prayer to Satan?

AGAIN, THOSE same people would lead the fight to have the

instructor dismissed from his position.

Maybe these examples appear extreme, but take into consideration an actual example of this religious hypocrisy that occurred last month.

In Nashville a group of area citizens purchased a vacant Baptist church to convert it into a Buddhist temple. Neighborhood residents began circulating a petition designed to prevent the group from assembling in the area.

WHAT RIGHT did they have to oppose a religion coming to their neighborhood?

French philosopher Voltaire has been attributed with making the following statement: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Likewise with religion, I may not share your beliefs but I must defend your right to hold those beliefs, because the methods used to prevent you from practicing your ideas may ultimately be used against me and my beliefs.



Doodles



OLD FOLKS



Raiders win 73-56; Western Thursday

By BOB GARY
Sports Editor

Following Middle Tennessee's 73-56 thrashing of Youngstown State at Murphy Center Saturday night, this writer and a couple of his colleagues were standing patiently outside the Blue Raider locker room awaiting audience with the victorious coach, Stan Simpson.

While waiting for "Ramrod" to make his appearance, a conversation arose out of an attempt to answer a question which was very fundamental to each writer present.

"What do you write about a game like this?" is how one phrased it, not inaccurately.

FOR THE RECORD, the Blue Raiders won their ninth game in a row and ran their overall record to 11-2 with the triumph. MTSU's record in the Ohio Valley Conference now stands at a rather impressive 5-0.

Coach Dom Rosselli, in his 38th year at the Penguin helm, brought one of the youngest teams in the OVC to Murphy Center, but they came out of the blocks like seasoned veterans, taking an early lead and holding it for much of the first half with occasional ties.

YSU came into the contest leading the league in field goal percentage, and it was their torrid shooting in the first 10 minutes that built their early edge. Art McCullough was especially hot, going six for

seven in one stretch on his way to 15 first half points.

MTSU, on the other hand, got off to a slow start. In fact, the Raiders were held scoreless until Rick Campbell nailed a jumper with just over 17 minutes left in the half for the home team's first points. The Raiders hung tough despite the Penguins' hot hand, and managed to stay within three to six points through the first 10 minutes of the half.

Then, at the 11:05 mark in the half, Jerry Beck cut loose with a powerful rebound-slam dunk that woke up the crowd of 4,500 and apparently the ballclub as well. The Raiders began to heat up, Youngstown began to cool off, and with 3:15 to go before halftime, MTSU took the lead for good on two Buck Hailey free throws. Two Dwayne Dorsey

jumpers lengthened the margin to 29-24 before another McCullough bomb made the halftime score 29-26 in favor of MTSU.

The second half began as if it were a completely different game. MTSU ran up 13 straight points in less than four minutes, capping a 16-2 spurt in the first seven minutes of the second half and taking a 45-28 lead. Youngstown never got closer than 12 points again.

THE STORY was told in the shooting percentage for Youngstown State. They had come into the game shooting 50.2 percent, the best in the league. Of players that shot more than five times for the Penguins, only McCullough shot as much as 50 percent (9 of 18). Youngstown shot only 40 percent (24 of 60) for the game, and MTSU's Simpson was well aware that it was no accident.

"I was very well pleased with our defensive effort tonight," the

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Kenny Beck rips down one of many Blue Raider rebounds against Youngstown State this past Saturday night at Murphy Center. MTSU won their ninth straight game by a 73-56 count.



Photo by Greg Campbell

Rick Campbell drives for a bucket against Youngstown State. MTSU will try to make it six straight in the OVC Thursday night at Western Kentucky.

OVC Standings

Team	Overall			Conference		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Middle Tenn	11	2	.846	5	0	1.000
Western Ky	6	6	.500	3	1	.750
Murray State	9	4	.693	3	1	.750
Morehead St	6	4	.600	3	2	.600
Youngstown	4	7	.363	3	3	.500
Tenn Tech	4	8	.333	2	3	.400
Austin Peay	3	11	.272	1	3	.250
Akron	4	9	.307	1	5	.166
Eastern Ky	3	9	.250	1	4	.200

Sports Brief

From wire reports

North Carolina, which survived a stiff challenge from Virginia last week in a battle of the nation's top ranked teams, again was the near unanimous choice as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press college basketball poll yesterday.

The Tar Heels, who overcame a nine-point second-half deficit in edging then-No. 2 Virginia 65-60 last Saturday, received 58-of-59 first-place votes.

MTSU's Lady Raiders take third place in Dial Classic

By DON HARRIS
Sports Writer

When Middle Tennessee's Lady Raiders went to Oxford, Miss., last weekend to compete in the Dial Classic, Murphy's Law went right along with them.

Larry Inman's Babes in Blue finished third in the tourney, but for all practical purposes, Inman felt MTSU finished first.

IN MIDDLE Tennessee's best team effort of the year, the Lady Raiders lost a heart-breaking overtime game to the nationally-ranked Ole Miss Lady Rebels 67-66. MTSU bounced back and trounced South Alabama 72-55 in the consolation game.

"We had the best team there," Inman said. "In the overall dominance [against Ole Miss] we were in control. We whipped Ole Miss everywhere except the officiating. The officiating was pretty bad."

The Lady Raiders balanced scoring attack was led by sophomore center Holly Hoover with 15, followed closely by frosh Jennifer McFall with 14. Junior Guard Eva Lemeh canned 10 points, Robin Hendrix tossed in nine, Daphne Newsome added eight and freshman Maria Salas had six.

MTSU SUPRISINGLY out-rebounded the Lady Rebels 46-29.

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Sports Stuff Tuesday

by Joe Fisher

Just as reading the Sports Stuff Tuesday column will be a new experience for you, writing it will be a new experience for me. I've spent the last five years writing sports for radio and TV, so I welcome the chance to express my opinions and hopefully give you some inside information on what's happening in local and national sports.

I've decided to dedicate my first column to making some observations and predictions for what may lie ahead in sports in 1982. After you read them, I think you'll have some idea of how my mind works (when it works at all), as well as some thoughts to either agree with or laugh at. At any rate, I'll give it my best shot and who knows—I may get a couple right.

THE OBVIOUS PLACE to start with predictions is the upcoming Super Bowl. It's almost a shame to have to pick a winner, because both teams deserve to be champions. Both teams have an explosive offense, a decent defense, and an excellent head coach. Cincinnati deserves the championship for beating San Diego in weather with a minus 59 degree chill factor. San Francisco deserves the title for keeping the Dallas Cowboys out of the Super Bowl.

At any rate, this should be the first Super Bowl in several years to live up to its name. And although both teams deserve to wear a Super Bowl ring, I think Ken Anderson and the Bengals will pick up their first championship in the history of the franchise. Now that I've jumped out on a limb, let's move on.

Our own Blue Raider basketball team takes a nine-game winning streak into Bowling Green, Ky., Thursday night to take on Western Kentucky. No matter the outcome of the game, the Raiders appear to be the class act of the Ohio Valley Conference, and I think you can plan to purchase your tickets for the OVC Tournament which will be held at the home of the regular season conference champion, MTSU's Murphy Center. Once you're out on the limb, you might as well keep jumping on it until it breaks.

STAYING WITH BASKETBALL, and contrary to the beliefs of our distinguished sports editor, Tennessee coach Don DeVoe is one of the top college coaches in the country. He's proved that with convincing wins over Alabama and Kentucky without the services of Gary Carter and Ed Littleton. The Wildcats should win the SEC regular season title, but look out for the Vols in the conference tournament. And don't even bother to vote; give the SEC Coach of the Year title to Don DeVoe.

Jumping to baseball, I think 1982 will turn out to be a milestone in the history of contract negotiations—that is if the major leaguers make it to the diamond at all. Not all of the problems were resolved during the 1981 baseball strike; some were just put off until 1982. But hopefully, there's enough time between now and April to resolve the differences.

Back to the subject of contracts, Montreal Expos all-star catcher Gary Carter has reportedly asked for a new seven-year contract for the astronomical sum of \$2 million a year! Now Carter is the best all-around catcher in the game today, but no player is worth \$2 million a year, and I think the Expos feel the same way. If they can't get Carter to reduce his offer, look for one of the big trades of the season in Montreal.

WHILE WE'RE ON the subject of trades, I look for Reggie Jackson to head back to the West Coast, but not with the Oakland A's and Reggie's best buddy Billy Martin. Look for Reggie to don the halo for the California Angels and put them back into contention in the American League West.

And finally, a look ahead to Blue Raider football. After a couple of years of waiting, the Raiders put it together somewhat in '81. And the bright spot is the fact that almost everybody returns for next season, with the notable exception of running back Sammy Bryant. I look for a 7-4 season for MTSU, and all of us that screamed to get rid of Boots Donnelly after the two bad seasons will be begging him to stay and turn down the coaching offers he may get from other places.

Enough of predictions! One comment on our upcoming basketball game in Bowling Green on Thursday night. I and a large group of friends made the trip to Kentucky last year and got separated in the seats because we didn't know where the MTSU section was. We tried to prevent that problem yesterday. Our Sports Information Director Ed Arning called the Hilltoppers ticket office to find out where we should sit, but they didn't know where our section is either!

So for those of you planning to make the trip, my friends and I plan to get there a little early so look for a big patch of blue waving in the stands; that will be us. Hope you make it Thursday night to witness number 10 in a row!

Lady Raiders

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"It's really sad," assistant basketball coach Sherry Coker said. "The team did everything we told them to do, but the score just didn't fall our way. It [the Ole Miss game] was our best team effort of the year."

Against South Alabama, the Middle was paced by McFall with 17 points and Hendrix with 14. The Lady Jaguars shot a

miserable 28 percent from the field as every member of the Lady Raiders got into the scoring column.

"I BELIEVE the trip definitely will help as a confidence builder," Inman said. "They'll use it to their advantage."

Middle Tennessee takes their 6-2 record, 2-1 in the OVC, on the road this Thursday when

they travel to Bowling Green, Ky., to take on the Lady Hilltoppers.

"They're [Western] big, strong, and aggressive," Inman said. "They have the best talent in the league. I expect to see a powerful inside game and a lot of 'run and gun.'"

The Lady Raiders, who are tied for first place in the OVC

with Morehead State, will be looking to avenge two losses to Western last year. WKU has been picked to finish first in the league, but stands one-half game behind Middle and Morehead at 2-2.

"They were picked tops in the OVC, but haven't proved to be top," Coker added. "I feel like they have a lot of ability, but haven't shown it yet."

Raiders

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Raider head coach commented. "I thought the inside people did a good job, especially the job Chris Harris did on Williams (Troy Williams, the 6-7 center for Youngstown)."

"Overall, our defensive effort, on the boards especially, was great," Simpson concluded. "Pancakes (Perry) got good pressure on the ball at the perimeter early in the second half, which was what enabled us to start that run."

YOUNGSTOWN Coach Rosselli agreed with Simpson's comments on the Raiders' defensive performance.

"They took our inside game away early," the feisty Rosselli said. "Their big people really did a good job. McCullough was outstanding for us, I thought, but he can't do it himself."

MTSU's scoring attack showed balance and diversity. Jerry Beck led the way with 17, followed by Rick Campbell with 12, Harris with 11 and Maury Mapes with 10.

Other scorers for the Raiders were Hailey with eight, Perry with six, Dorsey and Kenny Beck with four apiece and Wardell Perry with one.

Youngstown, dropping to 4-7 overall and 3-3 in the OVC, was led by McCullough with 23. He was the only Penguin in double figures.

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THE RAIDERS' next contest is indeed a big one. Western Kentucky is next on the MTSU itinerary, this coming Thursday night at Bowling Green.

The Hilltoppers have an uncharacteristically poor (for them) overall record of 6-6, but it must be remembered that two of those losses have been in overtime, plus another loss to nationally-ranked Louisville by only a five point margin.

Against OVC competition, Coach Clem Haskins' club has a 3-1 mark, including two

regionally televised wins over Murray State and Eastern Kentucky, and an upset loss to Morehead on the road.

COACH Simpson is well aware of what the dance in Bowling Green Thursday means.

"Of course, all games, especially in the league and even more especially on the road are important. We just have to go up there loose, relaxed and ready to play," the top Raider said.

"I feel like the game will boil down to our quickness and their size," Simpson said.

Western is led by all-OVC center Craig McCormick, who currently averages 14.9 points and 6.5 rebounds per contest.

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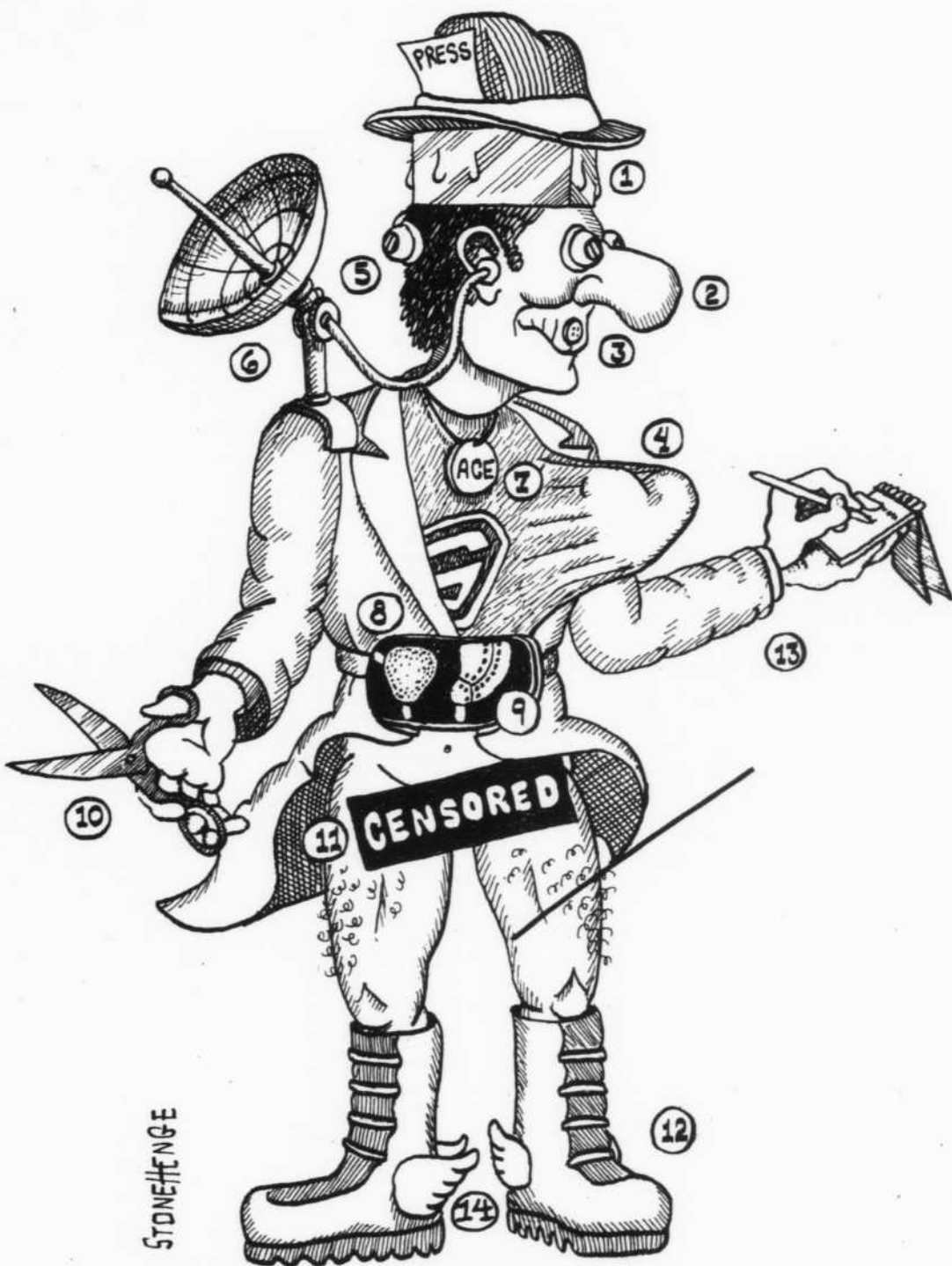
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