



Freshman Dave Long prepares to launch his model rocket by packing the parachute. The blast-off proved successful as the rocket soared upwards about 200 feet and floated safely back to the ground.

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## Parking tickets show 'true to form' patterns

by Brian Fyke

[Editor's note: This is the first part of a series dealing with the issuance of parking tickets on campus. Part two will appear in Thursday's Sidelines.]

Over 14,000 tickets written by campus police personnel this spring for traffic and parking violations have followed seasonal ticketing patterns "true to form," according to MTSU Police Sgt. Clair Hendrikson.

During the fall 1975 semester, a crew of six ticket writers issued between 150 and 250 tickets per day, accounting for the bulk of 18,376 tickets written then, Hendrikson said.

Fourteen regular policemen and

five persons on the lock-up and security student patrol also carried ticket books, he said.

Of that fall semester number, 678 citations have been voided, he said. Most had been issued to visitors, later auto registrants whose "last ticket we will void" and persons in which "extenuating circumstances" produced an entry of "void" in the ticket log book, Hendrikson explained.

Assuming that two tickets were issued to each violator, the Business Office would have to examine the accounts of 8,000 or 8,500 persons at MTSU on an "individual basis" to determine how many of the remaining 17,700 tickets were paid, Supervisor of Receivables Robert Hayes said.

Twelve months of ticket fines would probably total \$35,000, Hayes said. Fall ticket receipts could finally amount to \$17,000, he estimated, even though tickets may average to fines of between \$2.10 and \$2.15 each.

"The violators who don't pay tickets are the ones we're concerned with," Hayes stressed.

Program printouts at the end of the year will indicate "how many tickets were issued and how many were actually processed," MTSU Bursar Norman Martin said.

Owed balances carried over from one semester to the next must be paid to clear the student accounts, Martin said.

Usually, this "beginning balance" is assessed at registration, but sometimes errors occur in the manual operation and printouts show a deficit or a need to refund excessive fees, he explained.

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MTSU received credit for the amount of the ticket and "expects it to be paid," Martin said. When ticket fines are received by the Business Office, none are "paid" but are collected and designated to an "income account number," he said. MTSU is "held accountable by the state for these amounts, he added.

Students' accounts include balances due from month to month other than ticket fines, Martin explained.

Until tickets are either voided by campus police or the ASB court or processed and transferred to the proper account, it is "next to impossible" to estimate the amount actually collected, he said.

Hayes' estimate of \$17,000 for fall ticket fines could be "a little bit high," Martin added.

Many of the roughly 17,700 remaining fall semester tickets are "no campus permit" (NCP) citations. Five workers who main-

tain the campus ticket files allow "three or four NCP violations" to accumulate before requesting license registration printouts from the various counties, he said.

Shortly after the fall semester begins, all ticket books utilized the previous year are "boxed up" and sent to the archives, Hendrikson said. Numerous pink copies of tickets issued once or twice to single unidentified license numbers are kept there as well, he said.

"You'd be amazed how many NCP tickets are written," he said. "About five out of every hundred tickets" cite a violation of the permit rule, he explained.

Violators of the NCP category can be charged anytime an automobile is identified with an operator. For

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example, a man who graduated from MTSU four years ago found \$30 or \$40 worth of tickets upon returning from Florida," Hendrikson said.

"Once that pink copy leaves here, that's the last we see of it," he said.

Only identified pink copies of NCP citations are sent to the Business Office to be charged to a  
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## Some tickets issued for moving violations

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person's account, he explained.

But the majority of single NCP notices are "more of a hassle to identify" than to ignore, Hendrikson said.

Besides NCP violations that can be charged during any following semester, a distinction must be made between the parking and moving categories, he said.

"Possibly two per cent" of tickets issued are for moving violations, "a small percentage compared to the overall number written in a day's time," he said.

"The most common violations are people parking out of assigned areas," Hendrikson said.

"No campus permit" is the second most common, he added.

MTSU Police do not keep a "breakdown" on how many tickets are issued to student, faculty, administration or maintenance vehicles, Hendrikson said.

"A violator is a violator, regardless of the color of decal," he affirmed.

Red warning cards will be issued when a license number is charged with five to 10 NCP violations,

Hendrikson said.

Traffic and parking regulation brochures given to potential students and registrants cite five NCP violations as the minimum allowed before receiving a red warning.

"Within the department, we let them go until 10," Hendrikson stated. The previous limit increased problems in keeping the red warning list current, he said.

Frequent violations within a short period of time will increase the chances of prompter action, he said.

## Chi O wins derby

Chi Omega sorority won first place overall and Delta Zeta sorority took the Spirit Award in the Sixth Annual Sigma Chi Derby Week activities last week.

Awards for the events were presented at the Derby dance Saturday night. Chi Omega sister Brenda Carpenter won the Hot Pants contest and Beth Ligon of GDI won the Derby Darling title.

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## Bicentennial talk set today

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ium.

Thomson, who holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin, will discuss the often ignored aspect of Americans who opposed the American Revolution.



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# Depression 'put camera out on the street'--prof

by Robin Freeman

It took the Depression to put the camera out on the street and the Farm Security Administration (FSA) photographers were given the job of telling the story to the country, according to Jack Hurley.

Hurley, an economic and urban history professor at Memphis State University, told a group of photojournalism students here Friday the FSA photos were propaganda in a "pure sense." The photos symbolized the Dustbowl and showed times as they were in a real way, Hurley said.

"The success of the FSA photos was due to the director, Roy Striker," Hurley said. "He was a college professor who tried to inform his photographers and 'turn them on' to the situation in the country. As a result, the group was highly professional and knew what they were shooting."

Over an eight-year period, the FSA photographers took more than 300,000 photographs, 120,000 of

which are on file in the Library of Congress.

"The photographers were given complete freedom in interpretation and produced photographs with definite messages," Hurley ex-

plained. "And they were honest about their photography, too. When times got better, they portrayed that, too."

The FSA photographs were good because they were simple and

direct, Hurley stated. "Some of the photographers were at their best when they stopped trying to be clever. They were also concerned with racial discrimination at that time and photographed it freely with no restrictions," he added.

Hurley compared the FSA work with the work of Nazi photographers during World War II. "The Nazis were technically superior, but content-wise, the photos were full of garbage," he said. The FSA photographers were interested in the content of the United States. They never took a picture of any important person, Hurley claimed.

The professor said there were some good lessons to learn from the FSA photographers. "The more informed you are about what you are photographing (considering you have a good eye and are sensible), the better pictures you can take," he advised.

"An honest forthright camera looks better out than in," Hurley said. "Leave the looking in to the painters." He added "good photography is like good writing. It's best when it is elegantly simple. If you have nothing to say a fisheye or 1000 millimeter lens won't help."



Amateur photographer Jack Hurley emphasizes a point during his speech to photojournalism students last week. Thom Coombes Photo

## Flying team to enter intercollegiate meet

On April 28, the MTSU flying team will participate in the 28th annual Intercollegiate Flying Association meet in Daytona, Fla.

The team, led by Wayne Pinkstaff, qualified for the nationals by placing second in the regional meet this year, defeating teams from such universities as Purdue, Notre Dame and UT-Knoxville.

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## Graduate ranks filled with uneducated

Higher education in the United States, especially in Tennessee, is undergoing a real crisis as students who cannot write a complete sentence or spell common words are receiving diplomas.

Rookie faculty members are often shocked that students cannot write a simple essay or complete elementary math problems.

Much of the blame can be thrust at the elementary and secondary schools for not teaching the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic.

With the state ranking last in per pupil expenditures, one can sympathize with the situation. But lack of finances is no excuse for slighting students in the basics.

Colleges and universities must also assume some responsibility for allowing a student who cannot write or think clearly to graduate.

Too often, faculty members will promote the problem by passing a student so the pupil does not have to take the class again—even though the student has not learned the material.

Students, too, are responsible. Many students never attend class, cheat on tests when they do come or invent thousands of excuses to forget about homework, tests or classes.

Some high schools are requiring students to take a proficiency test before a diploma is issued.

If this program was implemented in higher education, over one-half of university students would fail.

Future employees will undoubtedly check transcripts and performance before hiring a prospective employee. Many of us will wish we had taken our college years more seriously.

If the college requirements were made more stringent, many students would be "weeded out."

Two ways to uplift requirements before admittance would be to raise the requirements on the ACT test and demand better high school performance.

Hopefully, a diploma will reflect four years of academic service that will train students to be professionals at graduation.



## comment

# Liberty-lovers warned against disguised tyrants

by Lynceus

Benjamin Franklin once commented, "Where liberty dwells, there is my country." However, recent trends and events have indicated that Mr. Franklin may have to move his bones to another place in the world.

If left to some of the so-called "progressives" (a term which means they do not want to admit that they are merely liberals), all individual liberty and freedom will be ended so that big government can make sure that "everyone will be taken care of." Watch thy steps, Tyrants! Or be struck down by the rod of thy master!

That a conspiracy is afoot to

deprive us of all our last remnants of liberty, so long abused by big government, was marked by the words of Hubert Humphrey a few days past. This tyrant who has long advocated big government as an answer to any and all problems decreed that men who dare attack Washington and its big over-consuming government were not people to be trusted because they were "racists" and did not care for the well-being of the masses.

Those who do desire to impose tyranny throughout the country have found this single epithet useful to defraud the people into believing that men who sincerely care for individual freedom and

want to dismantle big government are only bigots which they should ignore. Such slander should not pass unanswered!

These con men who support big government and have achieved important positions and financial considerations because of it, upon perceiving their golden idol under suspicion a few years ago, began to develop the word "racist" into a derogatory epithet by which they could brand men in the public eyes who dared challenge their positions in society. They have used the word just as McCarthy used the word "communist" in the 1950's to slander and defame the innocent.

Why are our present-day tyrants reverting to Nazi-like tactics to strike back at their accusers? They know that if the truth becomes clear, the people will see the charlatans that have been masquerading as public officials. The tyrants are calling out the word racist not to protect the poor and downtrodden, but to keep their positions of power.

Disguising their conspiracy as a plan to aid the people, the "progressives" actually plan to subjugate the masses by first making them totally dependent on big government for their livelihood and then cruelly ripping out this

meager subsistence in order to achieve a tyrannical definition of equality.

One may ask how there could be tyranny in equality. Well, my brother, the true design of our liberal masters is to decree equality by placing man in a state of automation. He will earn his living not by his qualifications and hard work, but by the color, sex or age he happens to be. Big Government will have their equality—but how meaningless would the term be. A professor of English need not have a degree as long as he is the correct color. However, the tyrants who propagate Big Government would have their definition of equality—by ending nearly all individual freedom.

We, the offspring of the revolutionary generation, should not allow such tyrants to keep control of our country. Throw off your shackles of bondage. This fall when the liberals begin their campaign of bribery to once again secure the good favor of the people, stand up and bar the door—tell all tyrants no! Mark the ones who speak out the epithets of racist and who support Big Government as potential monarchs who plan to subjugate us all in a dark design to end liberty.

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# Physical death holds no despair for Christian

To die or not die, there is no question. Physical death is an inevitable end to life on this earth as we know it. These words I write that you may have hope when death knocks at the door of your life or those close to you.

The doctors said she had from one to three years to live. My mother, age 49, had a malignant brain tumor, discovered about a year and a half ago. Death was a reality that had to be faced.

Before her initial operation, the first few days were long and tormenting. Time to make up for the bad son I'd been, in so many instances, was no longer available to me, as I always thought it would be. My heart weighed heavy with guilt.

As a believer that Jesus is the Son of God and the link between God and man, I knew I was to honor my father and mother. But under the circumstances, my parents being divorced and both remarried,

I gave little honor or respect. I was condemnably judged them. I was wrong, and the guilt of my selfish actions in past years haunted me. God made two things very real to me.

One evening sitting at home, while relatives were at the hospital, I picked up Mom's Bible. As I read those sections underlined, I realized that she was prepared to die the physical death that was predicted. Highlighted in yellow, a Bible verse stood out in I John, the fifth chapter: "And what is it that God has said? That He has given us eternal life, and that his life is in His Son. So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have His Son, does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the Son of God so that you may know you have eternal life."

The truth of these words meant more than ever before. The more I read God's word, the greater His peace became, in spite of the

circumstances. I remember a statement Jesus made to His disciples. He said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; for I have overcome the world."

Also in I John, Mom had this statement highlighted, "But if we confess our sins to Him, He can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong (And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins). If we claim we have not sinned, we are lying and calling God a liar, for He says we have sinned."

God showed me His promise at the time I needed it most. I confessed my wrong as He commanded, and He filled me with His peace as He said He would. I was forgiven and the guilt was taken away.

My mother died some months ago. I left school last semester to be with her. The truth that death has lost its sting for a Christian became a reality to me. Even though Mom had lost all her motor control and couldn't speak organized sentences, her face lit up with a smile and a twinkle in her eye that said, I fear nothing. Mom was ready to enter the promised heavenly kingdom that God established. Death had lost its sting for Mom, because of her faith in Christ.

To die physically, well there is no question, but to die spiritually (be separated from God eternally) there remains a question. Trust God today! The Bible is true! Jesus Christ is the link between you and God. Read it for yourself, and when death knocks at your door or someone close to you, you'll have the answers to see you through.

Gary Holt

## Bible cited to help readers decide on 'gay' issue

I have read in the Sidelines the letters concerning your article on homosexuality. It seems you have plenty of personal opinions and even a psychologist's, so I won't give another personal opinion.

I will give you the facts from one of the oldest books ever written, the

Bible. Taken from the first chapter of Romans.

verse 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of the own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

verse 25 Who changed the truth

of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

verse 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

verse 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly,

and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

verse 32 Who knowing the judgement of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Is homosexuality normal, a sickness, a disease, or a punishment of God? Decide for yourself.

Mike Price  
Box 6666

## Gays exist in realist's world

Why is recognizing realities so hard for some people to accept? I am referring to the author of the letter in Thursday's Sidelines. I, for one, hear and feel much positive feedback about the article in the March 30 issue of Sidelines. Then there are those who condemn the article.

Homosexuality is a reality as much as heterosexuality is. I firmly believe that homosexuality is not a sexual deviancy. I believe that everyone should have freedom of choice to do as he wants as long as it doesn't seriously infringe on the people around him.

What, may I ask, is so horrible about reading one aspect of homosexuality called female impersonation? The article was very informative and interesting. Certainly we cannot say that Sidelines endorsed homosexuality. The author never once commented on his preferences in the matter. This is as it should be. Information should be recorded as received--openly--with the realization that people can say and do anything as long as it only affects themselves.

For one to look on homosexuality as a shameful condition and offer

hope to the "hopeless case" is totally unnecessary. Did Darla cut down the heterosexual practices now in existence in our society? No. Why should we think that just because one form of sexual preference is modal, that it is the right choice?

What makes you think that the homosexual wants "help?" What can one who has had no experience (and boy, is he glad) in a homosexual relationship say about whether or not the gay life is "miserable" or not? A problem is only a problem when it is perceived to be a problem by the person who is experiencing it. You are not experiencing it. Consequently the subject is completely out of your field. I am aware that there is a free press, but why do you use the Bible to back up your "logic?"

Does the Bible say to ostracize your fellow man (or woman)? Find that for me! That is exactly what you are doing by setting homosexuals apart as deviants. If you are so ardent in your beliefs, why is there no name on your article?

Maria Orlando  
Box 5462

## Psychology chairman refutes letter; scolds author for taking 'wild shots'

The Sidelines (4/1/76) very ignorantly made the bald statement "Psychology tries to explain away the problem of homosexuality to make it look normal and perfectly acceptable." Such utter falsehoods stated by an unsigned writer are extremely disturbing.

Perhaps the writer does not know the difference between psychology and psychiatry. The American Psychiatric Association did remove homosexuality from the list of abnormal behaviors. The American Psychological Association has not.

Further, if the writer will bother to consult his own MTSU Graduate Catalog, he will find that Psychology 752—Psychology of Abnormal Aberrations—treats homosexuality not as either normal or acceptable but as an additional aberration and further considers it from the standpoint of "Causation, Test profile syndromes and diagnosis. Theories of handling and

treatment. Prevention."

Obviously psychology as either a science or clinical art is not dedicated to "Prevention" of what it considers... "normal and perfectly acceptable."

We feel that a conspicuous apology to psychology is due to equal the lurid top half of the page 5 smear (I regret to write this because I agree with the author in his indignation about some liberal acceptance of homosexuality as normal and acceptable). Too bad his laudable overall purpose had to include wild shots "from the hip."

Willard A. Kerr, Chairman  
Department of Psychology

[Editor's note: The article in question is an unsigned letter which represents the view of the writer only. The official Sidelines position on the subject may be found in the editorial in the same issue on the opposite page.]



# Placement Office aids in job hunting

May is only a few weeks off and exams, graduation and ideas on how to spend the summer are in everyone's minds.

The MTSU Placement Office can help graduates find a permanent job, a summer position for those

who will be in summer school or a short-term job for people who need quick cash.

"Students are urged to register in advance, read employers' literature, hear cassettes on interviewing procedures and set up

interview appointments," Martha Turner, placement office director said.

"Even if a student graduates, the office will still assist in finding a job. The only difference is that all information will be mailed to the student's home address," Turner added.

## Junior selected chairman of TSA

East Ridge junior Greg Vick was elected chairman of the Tennessee Student Association during the spring convention at Tennessee Tech last week.

Plans for the upcoming year include working with the state legislators, Board of Regents, Board of Trustees and legislative interns; having direct contact with state ASB/SGA presidents; sponsoring more regional workshops and forums and initiating an information bank at TSA headquarters to disseminate news to state schools, Vick said.

Bills and resolutions from each school will be filed and a bi-monthly newspaper will be published, Vick said.

"As chairman, I will try to improve relationships between colleges across the state," Vick said.

Other officers and their position are Randy Eaves (UTC), vice chairman; Russ Stoddard (UTM), four-year coordinator; Jeannie Ring (Motlow), two-year coordinator; Steven Hale (Memphis State), western division coordinator; Jordan Beers (Austin Peay), middle division coordinator; Ron Eastes (Tennessee Tech), eastern division coordinator; and Terri Bowling (Tennessee Wesleyan), private school coordinator.

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# Publications chairman slams cowardice charge

by Trina Jones

Members of the MTSU Committee on Student Publications voiced displeasure Friday over recent publication of a column criticizing some of the committee's actions.

"It was unfortunate that an article was published in *Sidelines* calling the council 'cowards'," board chairman Reza Ordoubadian said at the committee meeting.

The column in question, which appeared in the April 8 issue of *Sidelines*, said in part "it can be considered nothing but plain cowardice on the part of the

committee for their refusal to pass the resolution." The column's writer criticized the board's refusal to support a resolution expressing dissatisfaction with an amendment which cut off state funds to university yearbooks.

"What distresses me is the (author's) choice of words," Ordoubadian said.

"I see this (the column) as a slap at me, and I'm not going to take slaps myself," faculty committee member James Hutchinson said.

"As a member of the publications board I can either support or not support the publications."

Maintaining that the publication of criticism of the board is justifiable, student board member Michael Gigandet said, "we are subject to criticism because we are part of a body dealing with public matters."

"The column represents the opinion of the writer, not necessarily of the publication itself," mass communications professor Bill Herbert said.

Herbert added that in the committee members' expressions

of displeasure over criticism he was reminded of the saying "if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

The publications board selected Tony Daughtrey as summer editor of *Sidelines* and named Jan Ellis as 1976-77 editor of *Collage*. Daughtrey, a Dayton junior, is a psychology major minoring in mass communications. Ellis is a Pleasant View junior majoring in commercial art.

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## Armed forces exhibits slated

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The vans started touring the country July 4, 1975 and will be on the road through December 1976. The theme of the caravan is "The History of the American Armed Forces and Their Contributions to the Nation."

This Defense Department project is made up of 16 vans, four from each service. To accomplish its mission, the project has divided the country into four zones, roughly along time zone lines with a four-van caravan covering each area. The vans will visit both large and small cities and display in conjunction with local Bicentennial activities.

Audiovisual and multi-media exhibitry is used along with artifacts to assist each service in telling its own history. The services will not only list their contributions to America's winning and defense of freedom, but also list contributions to the civilian sector in the areas of technology, economics, education, environment, social services and other areas where significant contributions have been made.

The Army, Marine Corps and Navy vans are walk-through museums while the Air Force van features a mini-theater.

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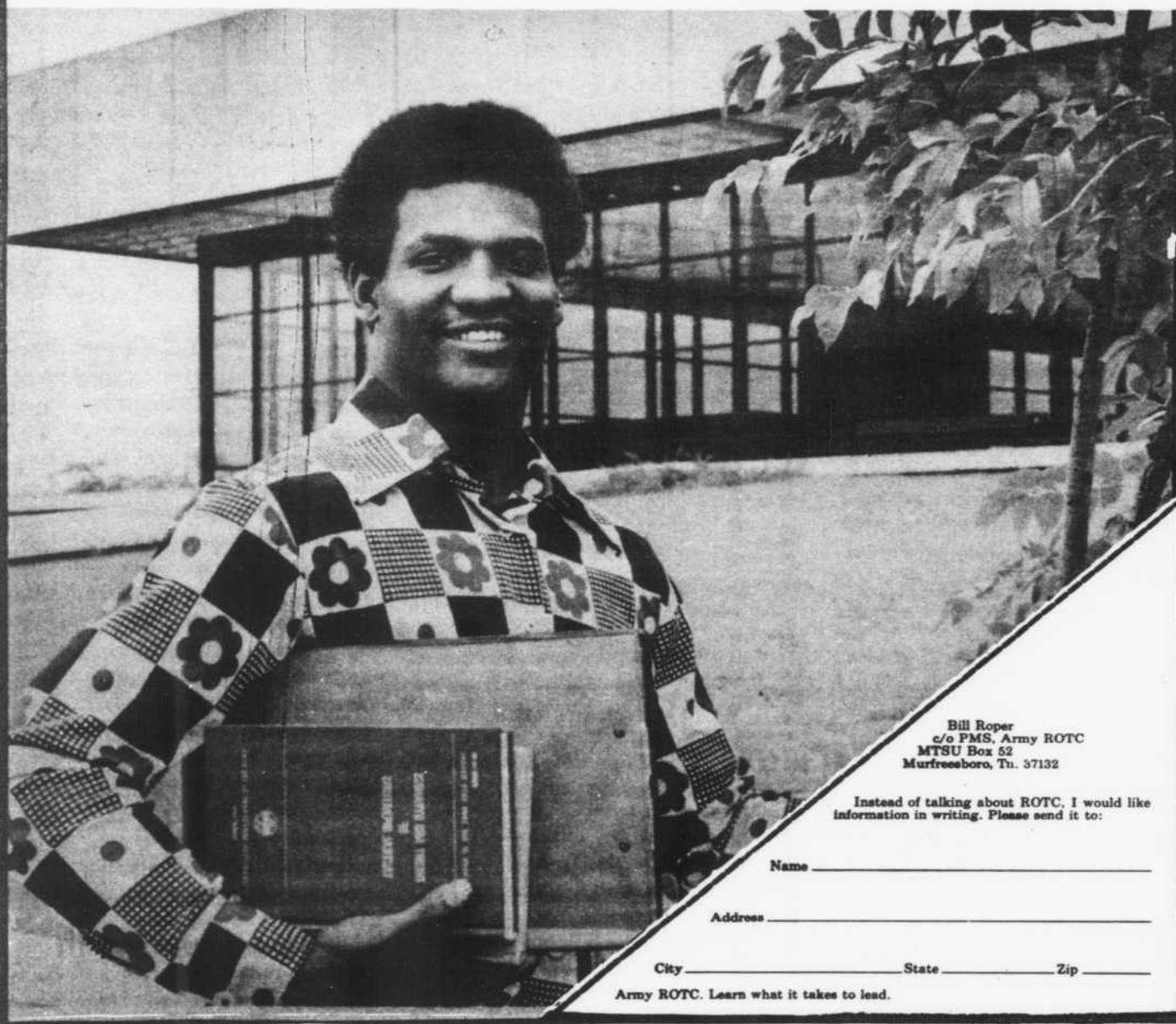
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# Can a Racer become a cat?

## Diamond Raiders chase OVC championship here tomorrow

Remember that comical Saturday morning version of "Tweety-Bird" that used to be on the "Bugs Bunny Show?"

You know, the one where the cat is forever trying to make the bird his next dish of cat-nip.

### Chuckwagon

by Chuck Cavalaris  
Sports Editor



Perched high above the floor is "Tweety-Bird." The door to his cage is barely cracked, but he just rocks on his swing with not a worry in the world.

He does this while the cat—licking his lips and stalking below—lurks around trying to figure a way to get just one paw into the cage and grab a stranglehold on the bird.

The crusty feline may be making a staircase out of boxes or constructing a catapult. Either way it doesn't matter.

The bird always spies these actions in the nick of time and mutters something about seeing a "puddy-tat" and escapes danger.

That same situation exists today for the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division baseball chase.

Striking Middle Tennessee is perched atop the division with a

sparkling 7-1 slate.

The only obstacle to an OVC divisional championship is second-place Murray State with a 5-3 record in division play.

The two teams will clash in a crucial doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the baseball field.

"We have to win them both," veteran Murray Coach Johnny Reagan said over the phone yesterday. "We have always found Middle tough. I cannot remember going down there and walking over them," Reagan said.

"I don't think it is ironic that Middle is on top because they have an awfully good club," Reagan said. "We just try to struggle along with what we have," the Murray coach for 18 years said.

Murray must have something. The Racers have won all but two of their last 22 games and stand at 29-7 overall. MTSU is now 23-13.

"We are far from having the championship wrapped up," MTSU Coach John Stanford said yesterday. "We are gonna lay it on the line tomorrow and it's going to be our best pitching against their best pitching," Stanford said.

"We have a senior-dominated squad and I expect we will be fully ready to play the Racers," Stanford said.



FLY

Will he see an OVC crown next?

In the first meeting between the teams three weeks ago the Raiders won the opening game 1-0 and dropped the nightcap, 5-4. Murray scored all five runs in the bottom of the final inning to gain a split.

You could say that in years past Murray has been to OVC baseball

what the Bruins of UCLA have to basketball nationwide. They have dominated.

Fact: Murray won the OVC championship in 1975—their ninth in 18 years—while MTSU sat home and watched Monday Night Baseball.

If Murray sweeps the twinbill the OVC race would be deadlocked. The Racers would have a definite edge in hosting Western Kentucky Saturday while the Raiders would have to travel to Austin Peay.

If MTSU sweeps the two game set, the divisional crown would rest in the Murphy Center trophy case next year.

It seems clear the Raiders will have the role of the bird, but can a Racer become a cat?

PARTING SHOT: Congressman John Duncan from the Second District was nice enough to send this office a flag for use at the MTSU baseball games that flew over the nation's capitol on March 29, 1976.

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# Thinclads take a breather in Dogwoods; ready for 'toughie'

by John Shires

Harrison Salami's sixth-place finish in the discus was the highlight of Raider thinclad placing in Saturday's Dogwood Relays at the University of Tennessee.

"We only took 14 or 15 team members to Knoxville," MTSU track Coach Dean Hayes said.

"I figured Dogwood was something we didn't have to win a lot in," Hayes said of the meet which was based on individual performances rather than team scores or standings.

Hayes mentioned that he thought he would rest his team and give those with injuries a chance to heal.

The Raider thinclads might need all the rest they can get for this Saturday, however, because they will take on three schools in a quadrangular meet that could, along with MTSU, "get the top four spots in the OVC finals," Hayes said.

Western Kentucky, Austin Peay and Murray State will form the opposition.

Salami, who holds the MTSU

record in the discus at 169'9", had a toss of 160'.

"We ran a few relays but other than that we didn't do too much," Hayes said.

"I figured we'd take it easy after three meets in a row," Hayes said in reference to the two home quadrangular meets and Florida Relays.

"It'll probably be our field events against Westerns' distance runners and Austin Peays' speedsters," Hayes predicted.

MTSU features the "Grasshop-

per Gang," a group of jumpers composed of Sheikh Faye, Jimmy Washington, John DoDoo and Marvin Hill, who have played a big role in the Raiders' previously unbeaten outdoor track record this year.

Hayes mentioned that "Gang" members Jimmy Washington and Marvin Hill, along with runners Bill Moore and James Key, will be making their final showing at home because they are seniors.

Saturday's meet will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Horace Jones Field.

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1:30 twinbill tomorrow

# Front-running Raiders eye Murray showdown

by Ed Arning  
Assistant Sports Editor

Behind the four-hit pitching of freshman righthander Mike Graham, MTSU downed Trevecca Nazarene College 4-0 yesterday afternoon, upping the Raiders overall record to 23-13.

The Raiders next home appearance is tomorrow at 1:30 against Murray State in a doubleheader.

Head Coach John Stanford is going to call on two veteran pitchers, Danny Neal and George Ploucher, to hurl against the Racers.

Trevecca was not a pushover for MTSU as the Raiders were able to muster only three hits in the game.

But, Denton Peters smacked the big blow of the day, in the fourth inning, when his only hit of the game landed beyond the rightfield fence for a two-run homer that provided the Raiders with the first runs of the game.

MTSU pushed across two insurance runs in the seventh inning to provide the final margin as Graham picked up his second victory in three decisions.

Non-conference foe Bellarmine split a doubleheader with the

## Raider netters upset 'Toppers

"It was the most satisfying win of my career as a player or a coach," Middle Tennessee tennis Coach Clyde Smithwick said yesterday.

He was talking of the Raider netters 4-3 upset Saturday of OVC tennis power Western Kentucky.

MTSU stands at 2-10 for the year while Western Kentucky suffered the third setback in 12 matches.

"The win was one of the first times in the history of MTSU that the school beat Western Kentucky," Smithwick said.

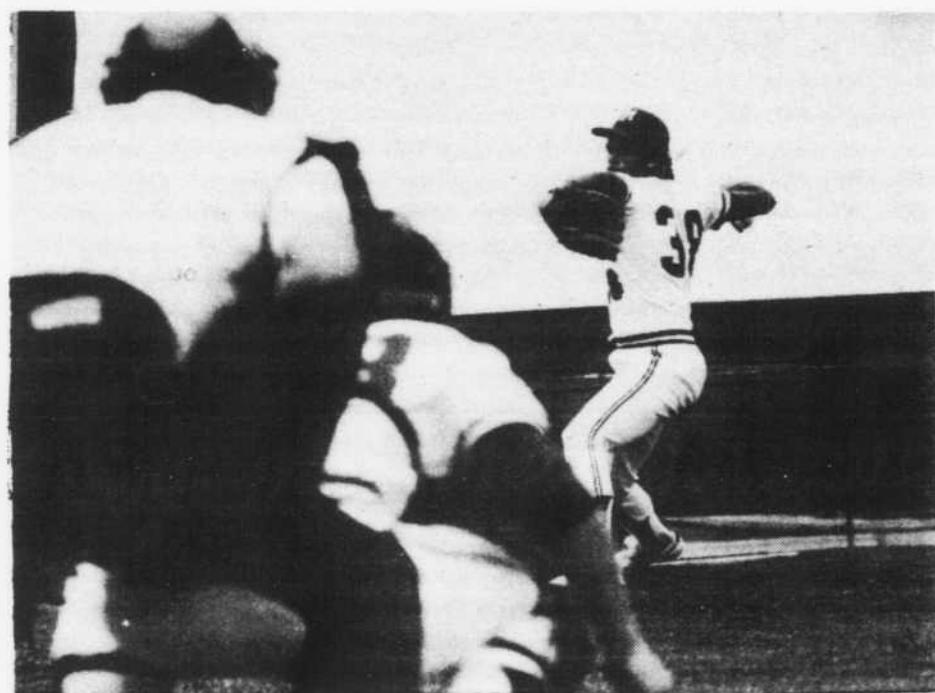
Pete Pihko, number three player, was the clutch player for MTSU, Smithwick said of the 5-7, 6-3 and 6-3 MTSU win the third match.

"He certainly came through at the right time," Smithwick said, "and it was by far the winning point."

Bob Butterfield, Pihko, and Lassee Durchman were singles winners for MTSU, but the match wasn't decided until the number one doubles match was over.

The next match is Wednesday at 1 p.m. when Murray State invades MTSU.

"We ought to beat Murray handily on Wednesday," Smithwick predicted.



Freshman hurler Mike Graham fires a strike to the plate under the watchful gaze of the umpire.

visiting Raiders Sunday afternoon in Louisville, winning the first game 6-4 and falling to MTSU in the second game 7-6.

Tony Richardson's and Kenny Dyer's clutch hitting in the top of the seventh inning of the second game gave the Raiders the victory.

Sweeping Western Kentucky 3-0 and 4-3 in a Saturday doubleheader at Bowling Green, the Raiders held their grasp of first place in the OVC's Western Division with a 7-1 worksheet.

Bob Hardin tossed a two-hitter in the first game as he upped his record to 4-1 on the year and kept his ERA at a team leading 1.86.

Peters led the offense for MTSU as he connected for two hits and plated two RBIs in the first game.

MTSU's Neal pitched his way to a team leading 6-1 record as he

went the distance in the second game.

The Raiders pushed across two runs in the top of the seventh inning of the second game to break a 2-2 deadlock and provide the winning margin.

MTSU devastated Sewanee in a twinbill Thursday afternoon by lopsided scores of 10-0 and 15-0.

Pitching to a home crowd, Tommy Anderton hurled a one-hitter in the first game and Graham followed with a three-hitter in the second game.

Centerfielder Danny Moore, batting in the number two spot in the Raider lineup, is closing in on the record for most hits in a season by a MTSU player.

Moore has 44 hits going into the

Murray twinbill tomorrow and the school record for one season stands at 47.

Four of the baseball Raiders currently sport batting averages above the .300 mark: Moore (.364), Peters (.362), Ricky Cheshire (.326) and Ricky Wheeler (.333).

Neal is the leading moundsman in record (6-1), strikeouts (49) and innings pitched (59). Reliever Bob Hardin is tops of the staff in ERA at 1.86.

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Between games of the MTSU-Murray twinbill tomorrow there will be a softball throw for a free keg of beer.

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All contestants should be at the baseball diamond at the beginning of the first game for clarification of the rules.

## Golfers end 'half-way'

Middle Tennessee's golf team "finished about half-way up the line of schools," according to Coach E.K. Patty, in the Southern Junior-Senior Collegiate Invitational at Willow Point, Ala., Sunday.

Auburn fought off Troy State for top honors.

"I don't know how we did individually," Patty said.

The Raider linksters were at Sewanee yesterday. No results were available at press time.



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