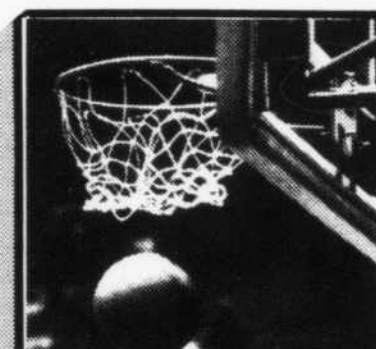




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Commission denies Ross' candidacy

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines News Editor

The ASB election commission last night denied President Mark Ross' request to add his name to the ballot as a candidate for re-election.

According to the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983, which Ross helped to draft, a candidate's name may be added to the ballot after the deadline to submit qualifying

\$680,000 to MTSU

Vote postponed

By GINA FANN
Sidelines Editor in Chief

NASHVILLE—MTSU's portion of \$10 million in funds appropriated for "Centers of Excellence" across the state will wait until April 10 for final approval by the state Higher Education Commission.

THEC members postponed a decision on distributing all funds to state colleges and universities Friday, and instead appointed a three-member committee to determine whether the "Centers of Excellence" program proposals were "rushed." The committee will report to the THEC next month.

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the commission expressed concern that there was not sufficient time to draw up funding requests for the 25 proposals, 16 of which were from the State Board of Regents system and nine from the University of Tennessee system.

petitions "at the discretion of the election commission," and the commission is required by that act to consider all such requests.

ROSS SAID he had decided to ask the commission to add his name to the ballot because he wanted the student body to have another choice in the March 14-15 election.

But in voting to deny Ross' request, commission members said they felt Ross had made his

decision for personal reasons.

Ross said that he had initially planned to run for re-election, but changed his mind when he discovered that his chief of staff and former campaign manager, Mark Miller, was running against him.

ROSS LEFT for a National Association for Campus Activities convention before the Feb. 29 noon deadline for submitting qualifying

petitions, but said that he had obtained 179 names before he left for Nashville and intended that his campaign staff turn the petition in for him.

But when Byron Smith, Ross' campaign manager, called him last Wednesday to tell Ross that Miller had submitted his petition, Ross decided to return to Murfreesboro a day early.

"I don't know if you can imagine how that would make you feel," Smith told the

commission, "especially when it's a friend of yours. Mark had to make an immediate decision—a decision he, and a lot of students, feel was a hasty decision.

"NOW HE REALIZES it wasn't the best thing for himself or for the student body," continued Smith, who said he did not advise Ross to make the decision not to run.

Ross said that because he knows how "nasty personally"

an ASB presidential election can become, he was not at first sure a campaign between Miller and himself would be "healthy" for their friendship or beneficial for the ASB, which could have been split politically by such a race.

Election Commission Member Toni Hollman said she thought Ross' decision was influenced more by personal factors than by a concern for

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Sunday noon marks start of campaigns

By JOHN-PAUL ABNER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Official campaigning for the upcoming ASB elections began at noon Sunday, Election Commissioner Kenny Summar said yesterday.

The candidates met Thursday with Summar and members of the election commission to discuss rules for the campaigning.

ALTHOUGH FEW campaign signs have yet been posted, candidates are probably campaigning by word of mouth, Summar said.

To give presidential and senatorial speaker candidates an opportunity to present their views to the voters, an ASB-sponsored speak-out will take place in the Grill Monday, March 12, at noon.

The candidates will be allotted time for opening statements, which will be

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Yea-RAH!!

Lady Raider Cyndi Allen, left, hugs teammate Holly Hoover ecstatically after Saturday's 85-64 OVC Championship win over Tennessee Tech. See page six for the story.

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Campus radio kicks off fundraising drive Fri.

By LARRY PAREIGIS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following is the first in a series on campus radio.

WMOT-FM, the National

Public Radio affiliate on campus, has set a goal of \$20,000 for its semi-annual telephone fundraiser, scheduled for March 9-18.

A by-invitation-only party featuring the Adair Soltee

Quartet and Jane Pal & Company, which will be taped and edited for future airing, will kick off the fundraiser March 9 at the Radisson Plaza hotel, Kate Chadwick, WMOT development coordinator, said.

"WHEN WE DID this six months ago," Chadwick said, "we broke the double-digit figure for the first time by raising \$10,200."

WMOT's goal for that fundraiser was \$12,000.

Listener donations are becoming increasingly important to the annual operation of the station because they are used to supplement federal and MTSU funding, which "always bears

the greatest part of the burden," Chadwick said.

ACCORDING TO THE 1982-1983 operating budget of \$159,354, which Director of Broadcasting and General

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New bookstore mgr. 'learns the system'

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

The MTSU bookstore is in good hands since Earl Harris took over last month.

Harris, who has served as book manager for 14 years, was named acting director after the recent death of 37-year director Charles Phillips.

"I'LL DO MY very best to continue in the same manner as Mr. Phillips," Harris, an MTSU graduate, said.

Harris started his work in the bookstore after teaching in the Murfreesboro City School system for several years. He said his decision to quit teaching resulted partially from conditions at the schools.

"I taught physical

education, some science, and coached," he said. "Some classes had 80 to 100 kids in them from grades one to eight. Most of the time you end up trying to keep discipline."

"WE HAD SOME good programs, though," he added. "I was just looking around for something, and a friend told me about the opening at MTSU. I came over and got the job."

When he started as book manager, Harris said, he had no previous experience.

"Once you learn the system, it's not too bad," he said.

HE ADDED That being book manager also "involved communications—so much of our work depends on communications."



Photo by Mike Poley

Fourteen years of work have been lucky for Bookstore Manager Earl Harris.

Aug., Dec. exempt May grads tested

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU students graduating in May must take exit exams in order to receive their degrees—something August and December graduates do not have to do.

The ACT comprehensive exam, a general knowledge test, is given to May graduates in compliance with Tennessee law, which requires state universities to test a representative portion of its graduating classes.

"THEY GIVE US a budget, and then take away 5 percent," Harold Whiteside, who is in charge of performance testing, explained. "If we don't test, we don't get that 5 percent. We could lose a quarter of a

million dollars."

Whiteside said MTSU is allowed to test only its largest graduating class in order to meet the Tennessee Higher Education requirements. He also listed economic and time concerns as primary reasons that only spring graduates are tested.

"It's not a sneaky thing," he said. "We've done it for a while."

Yet he said there are good reasons for the testing.

"I think the [university] president [Sam Ingram] says it well," he said. "Education in Tennessee is a great bargain; tuition only pays for a third of your education. We owe the taxpayers this to show them their money is doing something."

Campus Capsule

TODAY
THE ASB DOUGHNUT sale to benefit the emergency student loan fund will take place in the University Center basement.

WEDNESDAY
SENIORS AND GRADUATE students should visit the Career Placement Orientation at 2 p.m. in Room 324 of the University Center for help with job searches.

THURSDAY
THE CALIFORNIA Achievement Test for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on March 8 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Students taking the test must present a valid ID. There is no charge for the test and pre-registration is not required.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR Computing Machinery will meet at 5 p.m. in Room 103B at Peck Hall. MTSU Placement Office Director Martha Turner will be the guest speaker. ACM members will discuss the Area High School Programming Contest and other business.

THREE KYOGEN, JAPANESE folk plays, will be presented in the Arena Theatre of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building today through Saturday at 8 p.m. each day. Sponsored by the Japan Center of Tennessee and the speech and theatre department, the one-act comic plays are directed by theatre major Jack Pennington. Professor Kimiko Gunji of

the School of Art and Design at the University of Illinois at Champaign has assisted the production with make-up, body movements and speech patterns. Ninian Haley of the Japan Center staff is assisting the group. Admission is \$2. MTSU students with valid IDs will be admitted at no cost.

FRIDAY
TODAY IS THE deadline to turn in applications for the social work courses Beginning Fieldwork and Special Projects (for the fall semester). Students must be juniors and have taken Social Exchange Skills to be eligible for Beginning Fieldwork. Special Projects must be cleared with the instructor prior to enrollment. Applications are available in Room 309 at Peck Hall.

NOTICES
IF YOU HAVE TAKEN MTSU's scuba diving class and would like a check-out dive in Florida on March 17-18, contact Jim Chandler at 890-8638 or leave your phone number in Box 7405 by March 12.

AN INFORMATION GUIDE to MTSU's mainframe computer is now available in the University Bookstore. The "MTSU Computer Center User's Guide" gives information on the use of MTSU's computer, a Honeywell DPS 8/44D. Included in the guide are sections on the Time Sharing System, the Convert Subsystem, Jout subsystem, Text Editor Subsystem, Library Software and Batch Computing.

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followed by a question and answer period.

Although the speak-out will be the only public forum planned by the ASB, the

candidates usually plan to meet with other organizations on their own, Summar said.

Campus

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Manager John High said does not differ greatly from the 1983-1984 operating budget except for an across-the-board 6 percent pay raise granted all MTSU employees, the division of funding of actual expenditures is as follows:

- The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, with 23 percent or \$37,214;
- Private funding, with 4 percent or \$6,540;
- MTSU, with 73 percent or \$115,600.

"Private contributions have increased from less than 1 percent to 4 percent, "which offsets budget losses since 1981 and proves that we not only have increased listenership, but the listeners will now write checks to maintain the

station," High said.

"PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS for a business account" make up the biggest single "chunks," but not the largest amount of money in the private contributions column, Chadwick said.

"Over half of the money raised last time was by nickle-and-diming it from average listeners," Chadwick said.

The national average for contributions to National Public Radio stations is \$38; WMOT's average of \$42 is slightly above that, High said.

"GIVEN TIME AND a continuance of program service, we will be able to provide

more of our own operating budget," he added.

Phone bank volunteers have been "donated" by Dennis O'Neal, coordinator of the Radio/TV/Film sequence, from students in his mass communications classes.

Volunteers will be fed by Bojangles, Tennessee Grainery, Mrs. Winner's, B & L Pizza, Arby's and Godfather's, which are all donating their services.

The Adair Soltee Quartet and Jane Pal & Company are also donating their services for the March 9 reception, Chadwick said.

Commission

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the student body.

"IF HE WAS really concerned about the student body, he would have gone ahead and put in his petition," she explained.

Commission members said they wanted to vote objectively on the request and to treat the ASB president the same way they would have any other individual requesting his or her name added to the ballot.

"We have to consider any requests, whether they be from Mark Ross, Joe Blow or anybody else," Election Commissioner Kenneth Summar told the commission before discussion of the request began.

Although Ross' name will not be on the ballot, he is free to run a write-in campaign—an option he said that he is not totally against.

"I'll have to think about it,"

Ross said. "It [a write-in campaign] might force a run-off between the two candidates, and that wouldn't serve any purpose."

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CPR classes set

By TRACY JOHNSON
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's nursing program expects to initiate a program in March through which students can be certified to perform cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, Assistant Nursing Professor Patsy Forrest said.

"We're ready to go now. We just need to make the final arrangements," she said.

STUDENTS WILL rotate four or five students at a time through twice-monthly CPR courses at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Forrest said.

Currently, nursing students learn CPR techniques in their course work, but large classes and inadequate time prevent certification in class, she explained.

"Certification itself is on their [the students'] own time. We have 49 students, and we just don't have the time or enough instructors to do this in class," she said.

ALTHOUGH CERTIFICATION is ex-

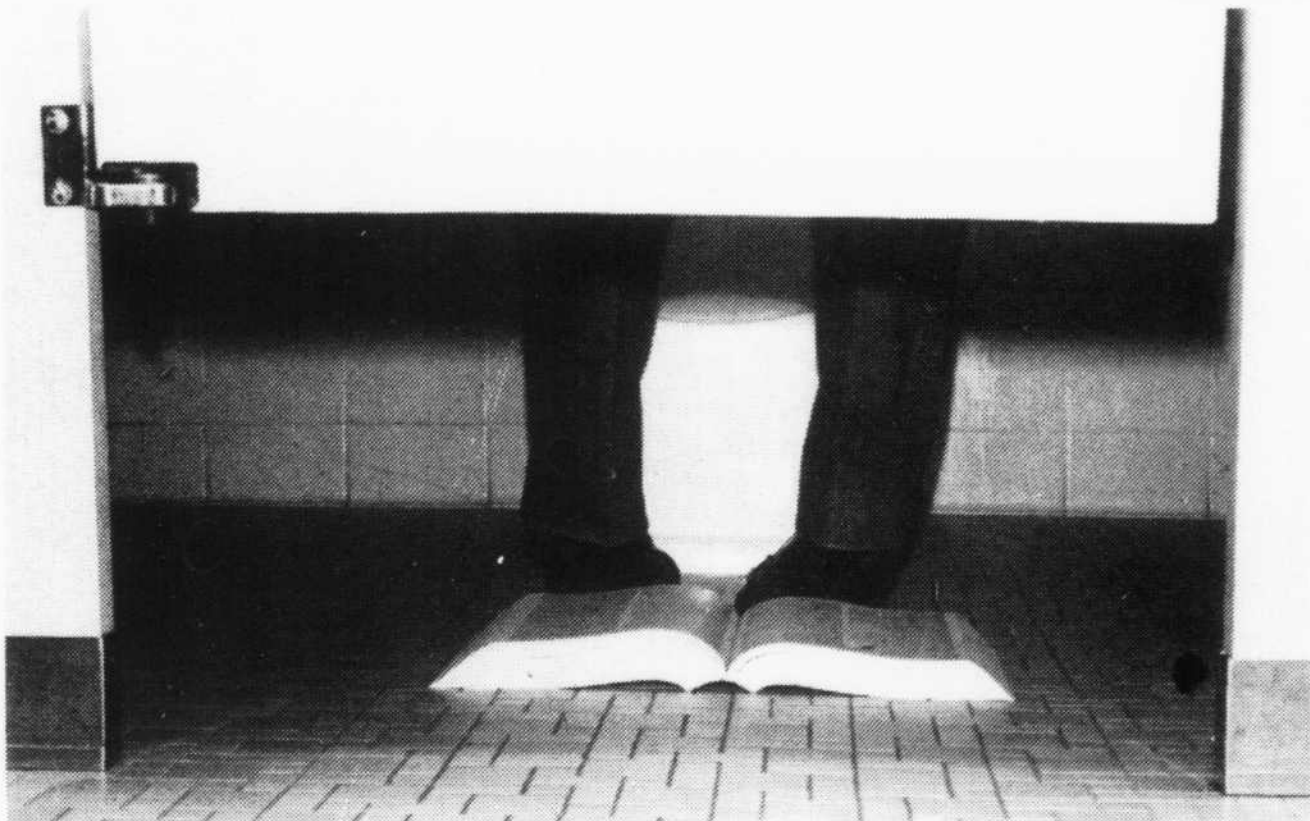
tracurricular, the nursing department has experienced little difficulty in getting students to obtain certification through off-campus instructors, she said.

"We strongly encourage certification. It is very important and necessary to the students. This [program] will offer them the opportunity to be certified," she said.

President of the Student Nursing Association Jimmy Threatt agreed that CPR certification of students is important.

"You are held legally responsible if you touch an injured person," he said. "If you administer CPR and you are not certified, you could be sued if that person were to die."

Nursing classes are scheduled to begin studying CPR techniques in their classes the first week of April, and Forrest said she hopes students will be able to begin the new program around that time, possibly the last week of March.



Testing

Photo by A. Lovette Moore

In the midst of mid-terms, students will take advantage of every opportunity to fit in those last few minutes of studying.

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Cold weather won't 'freeze' heating costs

By JOE ESTES
Sidelines Staff Writer

Housing officials are waiting "breathlessly" for January's heating bill to come in, fearful that recent below-normal temperatures will increase heating costs, Housing Director Ivan Shewmake said.

Most housing facilities, heated with the central-heating plan, are connected to the coal plant, he said. If that plant is running, he does not expect the heating bills to rise sharply.

Shewmake said that he hopes the warmer weather in February will offset any increase in costs because of January's colder than normal temperatures.

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Wright Wing

By D. CLIFTON WRIGHT
Sidelines Columnist

No sane person really likes war. No one who is playing the game of life with anything like a full deck is thrilled by the idea of getting his tail shot off. To this extent, then, all sane people might be called conscientious objectors, if one wanted to stretch a point.

I personally have never liked the idea of conscription. Drafting someone, putting his fanny in green, ill-fitting clothes, giving him a rifle, and marching his tail off sounds to me suspiciously like involuntary servitude—a moral wrong if ever there was one.

Now that we have settled the preliminaries, let's get to the matter at hand. It seems that some folks are upset because Rep. Mayo Wix has proposed tying eligibility to attend state schools to whether or not a young man has registered with the selective service administration. Very bad, we hear. Blatantly unconstitutional. Innumerable null pejoratives. Boo hoo.

The basic issue is that many people who inhabit this great country confuse rights with privileges. Contrary to what you may have heard or thought, you *do not* have an absolute right to a state-sponsored education, nor do you necessarily have the right to live in this country. Both are *privileges*, things which you must *earn*.

By living here you make claims upon the state: security from foreign and domestic threats, domestic tranquillity, life, liberty, the pursuit of

happiness—in short, what we call “civilization.” These are reasonable expectations, because the primary purpose—perhaps the *only* legitimate purpose—of the State is to protect its citizens.

However, you should be aware of one fact: there is no such thing as a free lunch. You only get what you pay for. That, sports fans, is a law of nature; like the law of gravity, it cannot be repealed by any legislature, irrespective of how many people don't like it. That is simply the way things *are*.

You make demands on the state; the state must in turn make demands. For example, if you want roads and police protection, you pay taxes. If you want security, you must pay for it, too. And no, put up your wallet; some things cannot be bought with money alone. The privilege of living in a free nation must be bought with a willingness to serve that nation, to wear the uniform of that nation's armed forces, to fight that nation's enemies, and, if necessary, to lay down one's life for that nation.

If you are not willing to do that, then you have no claim at all upon the state. Period. You should pack your rags, get your tail in gear, hit the road and never come back. This country was founded by men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to its establishment; if you will not pledge the same for its maintenance, then get out. It is a privilege to live here; that privilege should not extend to dirtballs.

But what about religious

beliefs? Some religions forbid followers to engage in violent activities—like war. Hence, these folks avow they cannot serve in the armed forces, as such service violates their beliefs. This is what is commonly called a crock. There are numerous military jobs which are non-combatant in nature. Conscientious objectors could fill such job slots.

Furthermore, I sincerely doubt that most so-called conscientious objectors have any legitimate reason for believing their religion forbids them to serve in the armed forces. In almost all cases, the reasoning process which leads people to the conclusion that their God is irrevocably opposed to violence is convoluted, spurious and a perversion of what they might find in Holy Writ.

Ah, but surely everyone is entitled to freedom of belief? Certainly. Everyone has the God-given right to believe any nonsense they choose. Such freedom of belief is often bent into hypocrisy by those who claim the freedoms guaranteed them by the Constitution, but at the same time employ mealey-mouthed, weasel-worded excuses as to why they cannot, morally, take up arms to defend that same Constitution. That such jackals dare speak of morality is an offense to decency.

Yes, I did imply that conscription is bad. Perpetual slavery is worse, and that is precisely the threat which we as a nation must constantly be on guard against. Those who are not willing to fight to preserve their liberty do not deserve it, and they generally do not have it for long. Such unwillingness, despite whatever “moral” arguments are used to bolster it, is the pinnacle of immorality. This is especially true when one's “conscience” may doom countless others to slavery.

If such is your choice—if you are too proud, or too moral, or whatever, to fight for your country—then leave now. There are plenty of places world-wide where you can begin your slavery immediately, no waiting.

Rant 'n' Rave

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Columnist

Last Friday I turned on the television and caught the middle of Jim Bakker's PTL (Praise the Lord) show. Its motto was something like “Two weeks to world change.” The part I saw began with Bakker on top of the Heritage Hotel—which was undergoing construction—giving a report on the building's status. Then there were scenes of a fancy studio orchestra and well-dressed singers. There seemed to be little religion.

Television was to have been the great democratizer of the latter half of the twentieth century. It was to bring education and enlightenment to everyone; instead it has brought us *Three's Company* and Jim Bakker. Without television, men like Jim Bakker, Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggart, Ernest Angley and so many others would not possess the power and wealth that they now enjoy.

Television has allowed them to reach millions with their messages—which seem to translate to: “Praise the Lord

and send me the money.” For \$10 a month, you too can be Jerry Falwell's faith partner.

I watched Mr. Falwell's services this Sunday. They were about what I expected. Hidden in the guise of a sermon about love were jabs against those who believe in disarmament and interpretations of the Bible different from his own. Without those attacks it would have been a good sermon, but with them it lost its credibility.

At one point he called his church to prayer and then broke for what was basically a commercial. For about 10 minutes (or so it seemed) he asked everyone to be a faith partner with him. I felt he was selling Ginsu knives. Because if I did become a faith partner for \$10 a month I also got a special Faith Partner Bible and Faith Partner monthly magazine, and if I ordered right now I'd also receive....

With the power of television it seemed as though Mr. Falwell was right in my living room. I had felt the same way with Jim Bakker. And with this power they feel it necessary to dip into the wallets of their

followers. During his whole plea for Faith Partners, Mr. Falwell never once explained what the money would be used for—he also asked for more if I could swing it.

In the case of Jim Bakker, what is a minister doing building a hotel? Is it for profit? Where does all the other money go? It's a known fact that some of it finds its way into political campaigns—a fine example of separation of church and state—and these techniques are not limited to Falwell and Bakker: others practice them with varying degrees of success.

What can be done? According to those who hold a strict constructionist view of the Constitution (and you can bet your bottom dollar that this is one point where Mr. Falwell and his ilk are strict constructionists—except when it comes to some of *your* rights) the answer is nothing. The plea for dollars shall continue over the airwaves, as will the political commentary. As long as these TV evangelists can manipulate the minds of their followers the millions of dollars will continue to flow in.

Clydelines

By CLYDE CRAWLEY
Sidelines Columnist

Is this on? *Thump. Thump.* Test. Test. Can you readers in the rear hear me? Okay. Fine.

Greetings, pleasure-seekers. Where have all of you been for the last six or seven weeks? Personally, I've been in a drug-induced coma. Many of you should remember how I agonized over selecting a proper vacation spot last semester. I found one.

Some unexplainable events have occurred since I (or maybe it was you) left. Suddenly, all our peace-keepers (strange, I thought “peace-keeper” was the name of a missile) are out of Beirut! The Soviets are no longer referred to as “the forces of evil,” but are neighbors whose friendship

is to be cultivated. They are not to be trusted, especially where treaties are concerned, of course. We, on the other hand, can be trusted. I mean, just ask the American Indians.

When you mention Grenada to anyone now, they think you're talking about a 1976 Ford. I've found out that Reagan is running for reelection.

Oh, now it makes sense. I came to in the Grill a couple of days ago. Every face I saw was strange. I thought I was at another school for awhile. It seems we have a lot of newcomers this semester. If you missed the first Clydelines of this semester, you missed my *personal* welcomes and some of my tips on being an MTSU student. But that's okay. I haven't seen any of you

bumping into rocks and trees or trying to climb the flag pole to order a burger and fries. I'd say you're doing fine.

I don't usually do interviews, but today I did one. My first one, actually. I spotted an armed guard (I forgot to ask his name) at the entrance to the “Lounge” (or “ounge,” as the sign says). I walked up to him and asked, “Are you guarding these art objects, or are you here to keep students with drinks out?”

“I'm here to guard the art objects,” he replied. I said, “Okay, thanks.” That's it. Pretty concise, huh?

But let me tell you one thing: that gun he had was real, so even though he's supposed to be guarding art objects, I still wouldn't try to take a drink in there.

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Wire Train, a group relatively unknown to the commercial pop/rock/new wave circuit, has released its first album for the 415/Columbia label titled *In a Chamber*.

Its copyright name, Very Safe Music/Discreet Trains Music, appears to mimic the songwriting on *In a Chamber*: it is very safe and very discreet, dwelling on safe adolescent topics such as romanticism, egoism and the adulation of a member of the opposite sex.

LIKE A DISCREET train, the lyrics tell a cute story—boy meets girl, boy likes girl, boy sets out to get girl—and then moves on down the tracks, not stopping, not probing, not making any lasting impressions by which to remember it after it has passed on through your town.

Kevin Hunter, vocalist and guitarist for Wire Train, co-writes the tunes featured on *In a Chamber* with guitarist Kurt Herr. Hunter has an impressive background in writing, having completed and published two novels by age 16 and studied literature extensively in France, Spain, Italy and Los Angeles, but his lyrics are unimpressive and ordinary for his touted background.

While the song "I'll Do You" has a catchy bop melody to it, the lyrics are silly and don't make much sense ("Madness comes, madness goes/I could make a horse's head of all your friends..."). This song reeks of adolescent egotism, of a boy trying to impress a girl in front of her peers. It also sounds suspiciously close to the last song on Side One, "I Forget It All (When I See You)."

MAYBE IF THE songs were placed on different sides of the album, the similarities would not be so obvious: both are bop tunes, both speak of the adulation of a girl.

Other tunes, such as "Never" and "Chamber of Hellos," also have pleasant melodies, but their lyrics also fall a little short. "Chamber of Hellos" seems to be based around this chorus: "In a chamber of hellos/Hello, hello," and the lyrics from "Never" tumble into this chamber of nothingness: "When she talks her words keep falling..."

If you like pleasant melodies to mindlessly bop to in a drunken stupor on the dance floor Saturday nights, you might like *In A Chamber*. The band has a tight sound, reminding one a lot of The Fixx, but if you want an album to listen to over and over and to have so that in the years to come you can look back and reflect on the era, don't buy it. It certainly will not be remembered as a classic album of the 1980s.

L.T.

Pretenders
Learning To Crawl
Sire Records

The Pretenders' stunning debut LP left no doubt that this was a band to watch, but after its initial success, a couple of lethargic follow-ups (*Extended Play* and *Pretenders II*), and the untimely deaths of lead guitarist James Honeyman-Scott and Pete Farndon, left many fans wondering about the group's future.

The subsequent marriage of lead singer/songwriter Chrissie Hynde (to Ray Davies of the Kinks), the birth of their daughter and the release of the 12-inch single "Back on the Chain Gang," only added fuel to the fire. And so we finally have a new Pretenders album: *Learning to Crawl*.

LEARNING TO CRAWL may not be the kind of revelation fans were hoping for, but it does go a long way toward re-establishing Chrissie Hynde as a real force in "new music"—(or whatever they're calling it these days). There just isn't anyone else capable of writing songs of the calibre of "Middle of the Road," "Show Me" and "2000 miles."

If Chrissie's performance is first rate, though, as a group The Pretenders still have a good way to go. While new members Robbie McIntosh (guitar/vocals) and Malcolm Foster (bass guitar/vocals) do a competent job, and original drummer Martin Chambers is as solid as ever, together they just don't click. Hopefully, a little more time is all that is needed to solve the problem.

More than anything else, *Learning to Crawl* is Chrissie Hynde's album. It may still badly at times, and I have to question the inclusion of both "Back on the Chain Gang" and "My City was Gone," but overall the LP is a good one—not great, but good.

T.S.

Cameo
She's Strange
Atlanta Artists/Polygram

Showing disdain for the current trends in black contemporary music, Larry Blackmon and Cameo have released a new set of tunes cast in an artistic vein.

Relying heavily on synthesized keyboards and percussion, the rhythm tracks take a backseat to melody. The main exception to this is the title track, a rap/funk tune, the Sugarhug Gang with taste.

A CURRENT FAD with rock acts of all styles, Cameo displays its talents in the reggaefield, pulling it off rather well. A tune directly titled "Tribute to Bob Marley" is tastefully performed, cataloging the band's respect for the man that popularized the musical form without benefit of becoming a commercial success himself.

"Talkin' Out the Side of Your Neck" is a trite political commentary, the music being the most danceable on the LP.

Aside from the sporadic variances in form, Cameo tends to stay in a style which reminds the listener of Earth, Wind and Fire. The emphasis is on production and, to a limited degree, the song itself.

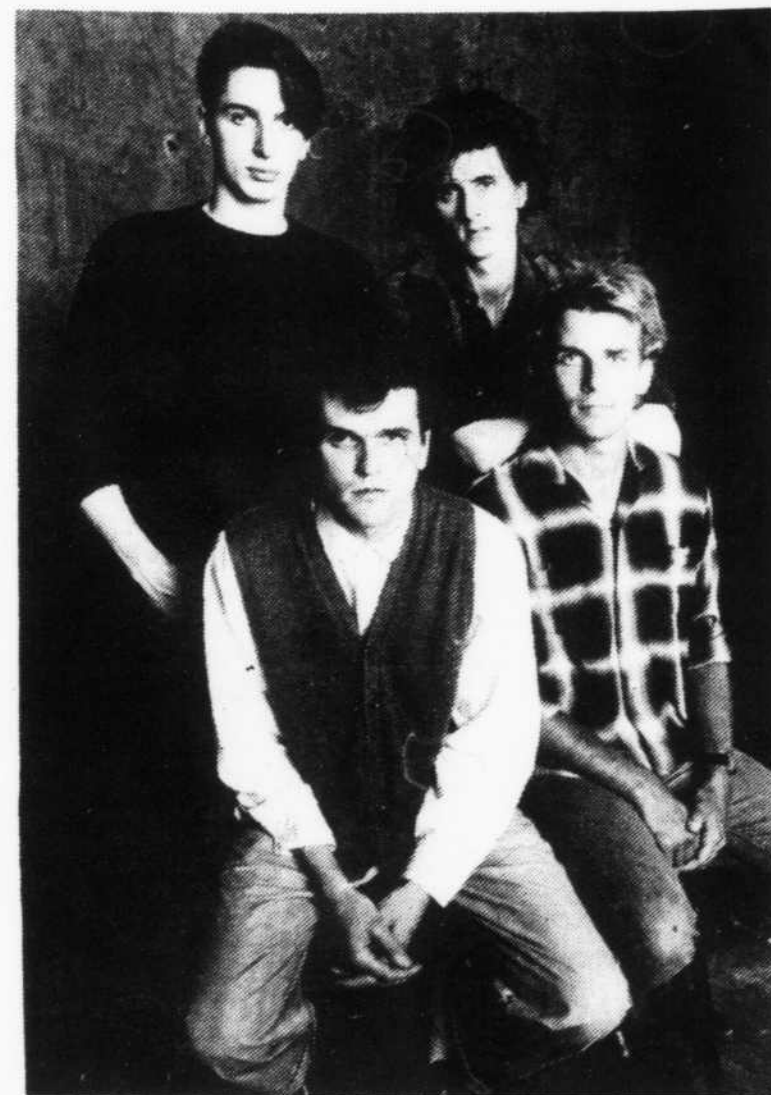
Horns are used without blare, guitars chink the rhythm, keyboards and vocals interweave through the melody.

Production, handled by Larry Blackmon, is Cameo's strong suit. The average quality of the songs and musicianship are disguised by strong production and arrangements.

M.S.

David Gilmour
About Face
Columbia/CBS

With his second solo effort, Pink Floyd singer/guitarist David Gilmour breaks the dismal mold cast by Roger Waters on *The Final Cut*.



The members of Wire Train, Federico Gil-Sola, Kevin Hunter, Kurt Herr, and Anders Rundblad (clockwise, recently released their debut album, *In A Chamber*, on the 415/Columbia label.

Yes, Pink Floyd does have another songwriter in the band. It seems that *About Face* is more a collection of tunes rather than a "theme" album, songs collected over a period of time.

SOME OF THE cuts are "down," but the overall blend of material does not leave the listener on the brink of suicide.

Unlike the multitude of band members who release solo albums, Gilmour's material does not sound like a Pink Floyd album. Certainly a delicate scent of Floyd is present, chiefly due to his distinctive guitar work.

"Until We Sleep" is Floydian in nature in regards to the music, yet the lyrics are a celebration of life. "Out Of The Blue" also sounds like a Waters composition in its musical style, Gilmour opining the holocaust will come without warning.

ALL OF THE songs on the album were composed by Gilmour with two prominent exceptions. "Love On The Air"

and "All Lovers Are Deranged" are collaborations with Pete Townshend, the ex-Who guitarist writing the lyrics.

Both of these tunes sound like they would be more at home on a Townshend solo release than on a Who record, Gilmour's guitar adding an unusual feel to the crispness of Townshend's lyrics. The rock world would appreciate an entire set of these songs.

The lone instrumental on the LP is entitled "Let's Get Metaphysical." This obvious spoof of Olivia Newton-John denotes Gilmour's value system, a heady, educated man expressing himself with guitar and song.

A COMBINATION of greats and unknowns, the musicians assembled complement Gilmour. Drummer Jeff Porcaro of Toto provides an excellent rhythm track along with bassist Pino Palladino. Also guesting on the LP are Jon Lord, Ray Cooper and Steve Winwood.

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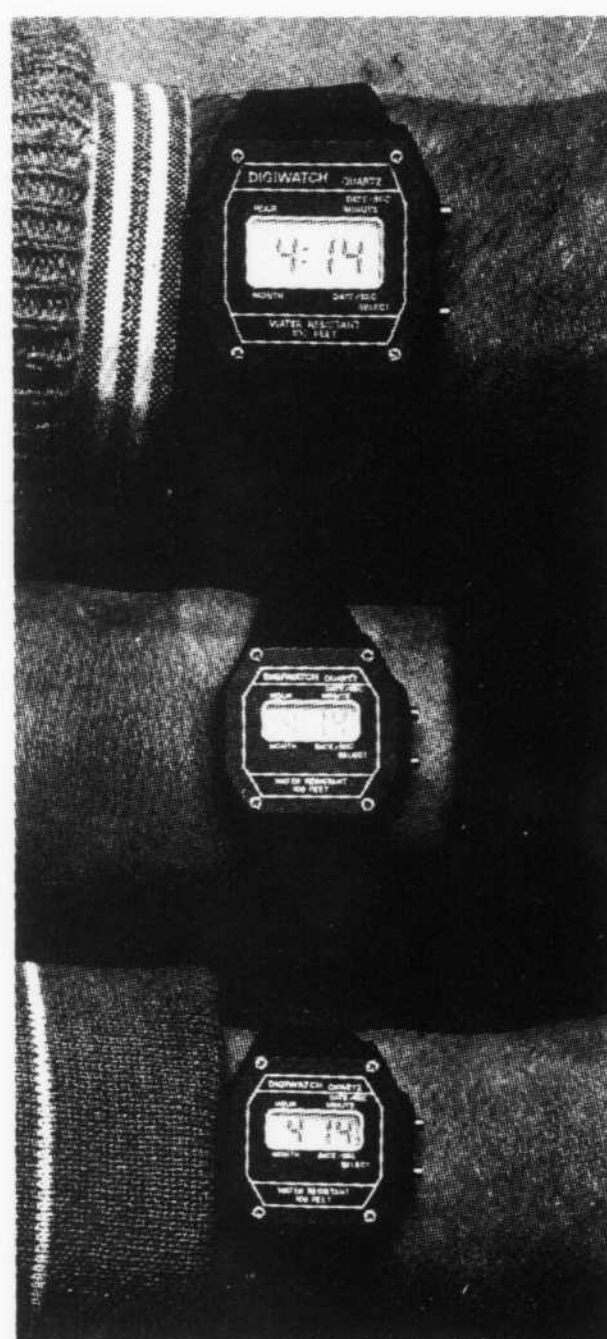
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Sports

OVC tourney on tap for Lady Raiders

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's Lady Raiders will face Morehead State's Eaglettes tonight at 9:15 at Murphy Center in the opening round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Tennessee Tech battles Eastern Kentucky at 7 p.m. in the other opening round game.

MTSU HEAD COACH Larry Joe Inman said that his troops may be facing a Morehead team which is emotionally ready for the game.

"We've got to be concerned

with Morehead State," Inman said. "We were emotionally up for Tech Saturday night. Also, this may be Coach Wells' [Morehead's Coach Mickey Wells] last season, and they are going to be up for us."

The Lady Raider mentor feels his team can forget Saturday's win over Tech and concentrate its efforts solely on Morehead State, a team the Raiders split with during the regular season.

"I THINK OUR being ready for the game is a matter of our players' mental discipline," Inman said. "They've risen to the occasion so many times this

Tonight's games

7:00 Tennessee Tech vs. Eastern Ky.

9:15 MTSU vs. Morehead State

year that I think we'll be all right."

With both teams sporting a good bench, Inman said that his depth should play a role in his team's success in the tournament. The coach said that his substitutes have a good

attitude about their role.

"Our players are ready when we call on them," Inman said. "The players understand that only five players can start and they [the substitutes] play off the bench real well."

FRESHMAN CENTER Kay

Willbanks, who came off the bench to tally 17 points in Holly Hoover's absence, is one of those players who understands her role on the team.

"We try to play her about equal time [with Hoover]," the coach said.

Wells has, in past tournament contests, employed a trapping defense.

With Morehead being one of the taller teams in the league, this makes the trap even more difficult to handle. Inman remains unconcerned, however, saying that his offense is designed around the trap.

"OUR OFFENSES ARE patterned whether we're facing a 'man' or a zone," he said. "Our offense is designed so that we can take what the defense gives us."

The Lady Raiders should have an advantage, as they have won eight games in a row, 13 of their last 14, and they have not lost a regular season conference home game since the middle of the 1981-82 season.

Inman invited the student body to attend the contest.



Photo by Keith Tippitt

MTSU's Kim Webb, left, swats the ball away from Tennessee Tech's Tammy Burton during the Lady Raiders' 85-64 stomping of the Golden Eaglettes. Both were named to the All-OVC freshman team last week.

It just didn't happen for Ramrod's Raiders

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

Stan Simpson best summed up the 1983-84 campaign for his team Saturday night after the Blue Raiders' nail-biting 68-66 loss at the hands of tourney-bound Tennessee Tech.

"Nobody can reach out there and get it and say 'I'm gonna make it happen,'" Simpson said of his squad after the contest. "I'm not saying we aren't trying. It's just not happening."

IT'S BEEN THE story of the season for the Blue Raiders, different players coming to the forefront at different times during the season. It was the foundation of frustration for Simpson and his coaching staff, even though they rebounded MTSU to win two of their last four games, giving the Blue Raiders a 11-16 overall mark, 4-10 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

And while the Blue Raiders couldn't make it happen on the court, despite a valiant second-half charge, MTSU's fans couldn't make it happen in the stands either.

Tech fans rolled in for the women's contest and wound up staying for the men's contest, at times throwing debris on the floor and generally wreaking havoc, while Raider faithful sat dormant until the closing moments of the game. The onslaught of Tech zealots, which filled about four sections of Murphy's arena, gave the structure its largest crowd of the season, around 6,000 fans.

BOTH SIMPSON and Tennessee Tech head coach Tom Deaton agreed that Saturday's contest could have gone either way, but the game may have provided proof that there are people on MTSU's squad who had the power to go out and "make it happen."

Leon Isaac, the 6-foot-3 point guard who transferred from Howard County Junior College in Texas, took control of the game during the 23 minutes he played, scoring 15 points and grabbing two rebounds. In the second half, it was Isaac's determined play that forged MTSU's comeback after the Blue Raiders fell behind by 14 at one time.

Russell "Slim" Smith, the 6-

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Ladies level Eaglettes; senior trio leads way

By MAT WILLIAMS
Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders wrapped up their second straight Ohio Valley Conference championship with a 85-64 thrashing of intrastate rival Tennessee Tech before 2,000 fans at Murphy Center Saturday night.

The Lady Raiders will host Morehead State tonight at 9:00 in the second game of the OVC tournament here at Murphy Center. Tech and Eastern Kentucky will battle in the opening contest at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME was the last regular season outing for three MTSU seniors—Holly Hoover, Pat Bandjlich and Bobbie K. Hamilton—and the trio went out in fine fashion.

Hoover, the Ringgold, Ga., native who has helped put MTSU on the women's college basketball map, scored seven points and hauled in eight rebounds, but made the biggest contribution with her leadership against a tough Tech team.

Bandjlich, of Bridgewater, N.J., played perhaps her best game of the year, coming off the bench to toss in seven points and yank down six rebounds.

HAMILTON DIRECTED

the show from her point guard spot with confidence and steady ballhandling ability as she constantly dribbled around the hounding Tech defense.

But perhaps the two stars of the game were a couple of freshmen—Kim Webb and Kay Willbanks.

Webb scored 18 points and dished out six assists, while Willbanks took control in the second half with some aggressive offensive play to finish with 17 points and six rebounds.

OVERALL, IT WAS a total team effort from the Lady Raiders, head coach Larry Joe Inman said.

"I can't say enough for this group of people," Inman said after the victory. "We've improved that much as a team [since the start of the season]."

It does indeed appear that the Lady Raiders have improved since the first game of the year, a 75-67 loss to Florida State. Eleven games later, MTSU was 4-8 and appeared to be going nowhere fast.

BUT STARTING WITH an 87-59 romping of Youngstown State Jan. 19, the women have won 13 of 14 games, sandwiched with a lone loss to Vanderbilt.

"We had a lot of injuries and

sickness, inexperience and our older kids were going through a complacency period," Inman said in reference to the early season difficulties.

MTSU displayed no sickness or complacency against the Golden Eaglettes, especially in the second half, when the score began to widen.

WILLBANKS DOMINATED in the early portion of the second half, scoring seven points during a three-minute stretch that saw MTSU jump to a 50-35 advantage. The Lady Raiders never looked back.

Tech, which was led by Christeen Moye and Tonie Edwards, who pumped in 20 and 15 points respectively, is now 16-10 overall (10-4 in the OVC) as it moves into tonight's battle with Eastern.

MTSU improved its record to 17-9 overall and finished with a conference mark of 12-2.

Inman said he is glad the tournament will be at Murphy Center, where the Ladies have compiled a 9-2 record this year.

"I'm very happy that we've got it [the tourney] here," the coach said. "I feel like the people of Murfreesboro have a chance to see some of college basketball's best."

Baseball team splits two during weekend action

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's baseball Blue Raiders opened their 1984 home campaign with a Friday afternoon 11-3 loss at the hands of Trevecca, before bouncing back Saturday to trounce Tennessee Wesleyan 15-5.

The weekend split gave MTSU a 2-2 record. Yesterday's scheduled battle with Belmont in Nashville was rained out. MTSU hosts Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Mo., in a doubleheader tomorrow at 1 p.m.

TREVECCA JUMPED on the Blue Raiders their first time at bat as second baseman Troy Hadel tagged MTSU starter Marty Smith for a three-run homer. They added another run in the top of the fourth as MTSU could get nothing going off Trevecca's Alan Thomas, who picked up the win.

The Trojans added four more runs to their total in the fifth, prompting MTSU coach John Stanford to lift Smith in favor of John Barbato in the middle of the inning.

In the top of the eighth, Trevecca got its second round-

tripper of the day, with Marty Wood launching a three-run shot off MTSU's Byron Sheehan.

MTSU GOT ITS only runs in the game during the bottom of the eighth when Alan "The Jugbeast" Colburn doubled, scoring three runners.

"The only comment I have on the game is that we got no hitting at all and not much pitching," Stanford said after the loss.

"Their guy had a good game, but he might not throw again this year," Stanford said of Thomas, who pitched eight innings, giving up only eight hits and striking out three.

FOUR DIFFERENT MTSU pitchers gave up 13 hits on the day. The Blue Raiders were also guilty of three errors. In hitting, MTSU was led by leftfielder Stan Hovater, centerfielder Gary Cathcart and first baseman Jeff Nix, who each had two hits.

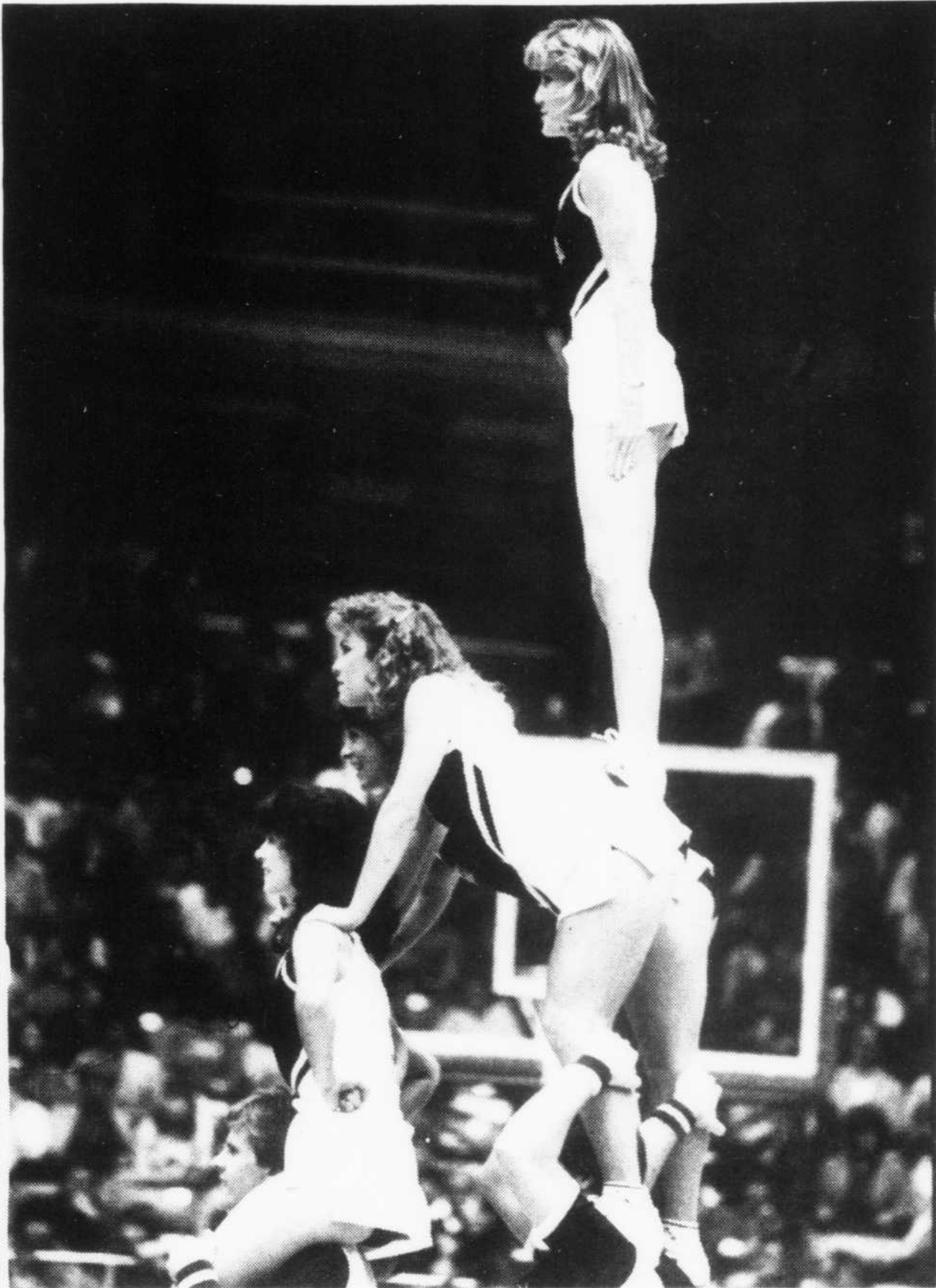
The Blue Raiders rebounded Saturday against Tennessee Wesleyan, picking up 13 hits, including home runs from Hovater and Nix in the 15-5 rout. The only blemish on the

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Photo by Keith Tippitt

Blue Raider sophomore LaRae Davis goes high for a layup against Tennessee Tech.



Members of the MTSU cheerleading squad show their school support during the Blue Raiders-Golden Eagles game Saturday night at Murphy Center.

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Trevecca next for men

Injuries, no matches hurting LaLance's netters this year

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

Injuries and a lack of action against outside competition have caused a nightmare for Blue Raider tennis coach Dick LaLance.

MTSU was forced to pull out of the Big Gold Tournament Thursday after arriving late while yesterday's scheduled match with West Virginia was cancelled due to the weather.

THE BLUE RAIDERS defaulted over half of their singles matches before arriving at the tournament at Hattiesburg, Miss., prompting the withdrawal.

LaLance accepted the blame for his team's late arrival which he partly attributed to lack of communication. The tournament had begun on Friday in recent years, rather

than on Thursday.

"It was an oversight and nobody feels over the top about it," LaLance said in his office yesterday. "It was just an unfortunate mistake."

"IT WAS A REAL disappointment to me as well as to the guys."

The Blue Raiders are scheduled to play UT Chattanooga, Pittsburgh and Trevecca here this weekend but the weather is threatening to wreak havoc then as well. The long range weather forecast is predicting temperatures to be in the teens by Friday, which will not help LaLance's troops.

"We're in bad need of playing," the tennis coach said. "At this rate, the season will be over before we get to play any matches."

DESPITE THE unexpected

layoff, injuries continue to plague the squad.

"Paolo Toffolo, who's earned number one in the lineup, has a calcification on his right inside wrist," the Blue Raiderskipper said. "Right now, it is unknown when he'll return to play."

"Ken Ventimiglia had a severe ankle sprain he will be out on Saturday and he will be out at least a week."

"What I'm looking for is [to] get a Blue Raider tennis team out there, I don't care who it is, to play some matches," LaLance continued.

Should the weather hold up, MTSU will open its season Friday at 2 p.m. against Trevecca on the tennis courts north of Murphy Center, with the matches against UTC and Pitt scheduled for Saturday.

Last Chance Meet

Hayes' runners wait for NCAA selections

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU hosted the 10th annual Last Chance Invitational Indoor Track Meet Saturday in Murphy Center to give athletes a final opportunity to meet the qualifications for the NCAA Championships at Syracuse, N.Y.

MTSU was one of 30 schools participating in the meet, and seven Raiders met the NCAA qualifications either Saturday or earlier during the season. However, the seven are not guaranteed a spot in the championship meet and will not know definitely until this afternoon.

MTSU RUNNERS who might run in the NCAA meet include:

• Dwight Johnson, who qualified in the long jump last month in the Five-Way Indoor Meet with a jump of 25-3½;

• Eddie Loyd, who will be participating in his last track meet as a Raider and qualified for the triple jump in January in the Triangular Indoor Meet with a leap of 52-11;

• Sixty-yard hurdlers Kenny Nesbitt and Ron Davis, who met the NCAA qualifications in January during the Illinois Invitational Meet when they both ran a 7.29 in the event.

The mile relay team will also be participating in the meet. The team, consisting of Gary Mitchell, Tim Johnson, Kenny Nesbitt and Perald Ellis, met the NCAA qualifications during Saturday's meet when it ran a 3:10.19.

"LAST YEAR THEY [relay team] ran the third fastest time in the nation," coach Dean Hayes said. "This year their time is just three-tenths slower and they might not make it, the competition has gotten that tough."

The Raiders will be participating in the Domino's Relay on March 16-17. Domino's Pizza will donate 25 cents for every pizza bought from its Murfreesboro location between March 5-11 to help send the Raiders to the meet in Tallahassee. Domino's will also be giving \$500 scholarships to the top performers of the national competition.

Hayes thanked Gary Houseman of Domino's Pizza Inc. for his assistance in the Raiders' effort.

Marquette next opponent

Lady Raider tennis team rolls; Girle, Newberry pace victory

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The MTSU Lady Raider tennis team played nearly flawless tennis Friday against Mississippi University for Women at the Murphy Center tennis courts.

Linda Long was the only Lady Raider to lose a set, 3-6, for coach Sandy Neal's team

before she rebounded to win 6-4, 6-1.

OTHER WINNERS for MTSU were Michelle Girle, 6-1, 6-1; Suzie Newberry, 6-1, 6-4; Renee Giroux, 6-0, 6-3; Lynn Swindell, 6-3, 6-1; and Marty Henry, 6-2, 6-1.

MTSU was equally effective in doubles competition.

Girle-Giroux won 6-1, 6-3;

Newberry-Henry took their match 6-2, 6-2; and Swindell-Henry completed the sweep 6-1, 6-0.

Neal expressed pleasure over her team's performance, adding that it played substantially better than expected for this early in the season.

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Coaches tab four Lady Raiders

Four MTSU Lady Raider basketball players have been recently named to the Ohio Valley Conference coaches' All-OVC first and second teams.

The team was announced at halftime of Friday night's contest between Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

JENNIFER McFALL, a junior from Columbia, was

chosen to the first team by the coaches. McFall averaged 14.9 ppg, 7.2 rpg and led MTSU in minutes played and assists.

Second team selections included senior Holly Hoover, of Ringgold, Ga., and freshman Kim Webb, of LaVergne.

Hoover averaged 13 ppg, 8 rpg and led the team in blocked

shots with 37, while Webb averaged a team-high 15.4 ppg, 5.4 rpg and led the team in steals with 56.

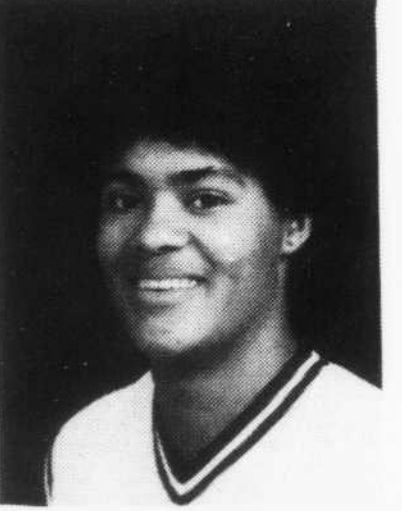
THE OVC all-freshman team included Kay Willbanks of Ringgold, Ga., and Webb. Willbanks averaged 9.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg, and shot 54.1 percent from the field.



Holly Hoover
senior
Ringgold, Ga
left



Jennifer McFall
junior
Columbia, Tn.
right



Kay Willbanks
freshman
Ringgold, Ga.
left



Kim Webb
freshman
LaVergne Tn.
right

Baseball team splits two

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day for MTSU was a grand slam home run given up by Blue Raider pitcher Bill Triplett, who was the winner.

MTSU rocked to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the third, picking up five runs on the help of four Wesleyan errors and hits from Hovater (double), rightfielder Jimmy Petty (single) and shortstop Gary Emerson (double).

NIX ADDED TWO more

runs in the bottom of the fourth with a two-run homer after Colburn reached on an error on the Wesleyan first baseman.

Tennessee Wesleyan had its big inning in the top of the fifth, as a run scored on a bases-loaded walk was followed by a grand slam from Bulldog catcher Troy Fugatt. Triplett, who had pitched well up until the slam, was replaced by Steve Sonneberger in the next inning.

MTSU scored four more runs in the bottom of the eighth on a Hovater home run after catcher Tim Goff and third baseman John Selitto singled. They added another when Petty singled home Colburn, who reached after being hit by a pitch.

Hovater led all hitters for the Blue Raiders with three RBI on a double and a home run. Nix had two RBI on a homer and single. Petty had two singles and a double.



Lady Raider seniors, from left to right, Holly Hoover, Pat Bandlich and Bobbie Kay Hamilton present Leigh Ann Morton and Alisa Ford necklaces in appreciation of the work the two have done for the women's team this season.

It just didn't happen

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foot-7 forward, had been the "take-charge" man during most of the season, but was held to only four points during the Tech game.

SENIOR FORWARD DOUG Lipscomb scored 11 points, while the only other senior on the squad, guard Maury Mapes, hit four points in their last games as Blue Raiders.

The lead changed hands several times during the first half, but Tech pulled away to a 37-31 halftime lead.

In the second half the Blue

Raiders were met by their old nemesis, rebounding. Tech hammered MTSU on the boards 43-26, with Tech grabbing 23 second-half rebounds to MTSU's eight.

"IT WAS THE key, especially in the second half," Simpson reflected. "The past couple of months, I don't know what's happened to our rebounding. It's always been one of our strong suits."

While the Raiders were lax on the glass, Tech fumbled its lead away in the final 20 minutes with 10 second-half turnovers to MTSU's one.

"We can't be particularly satisfied with our performance," Deaton said. "I just hope we got all the bad play out of our system tonight and won't have to put up with it in the tournament."

"WE DIDN'T HANDLE the ball very well," he added.

The win advanced Tech to its March 9 OVC tournament date with Youngstown State. The winner of that game faces the winner of the Morehead State vs. Murray State clash for the right to an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

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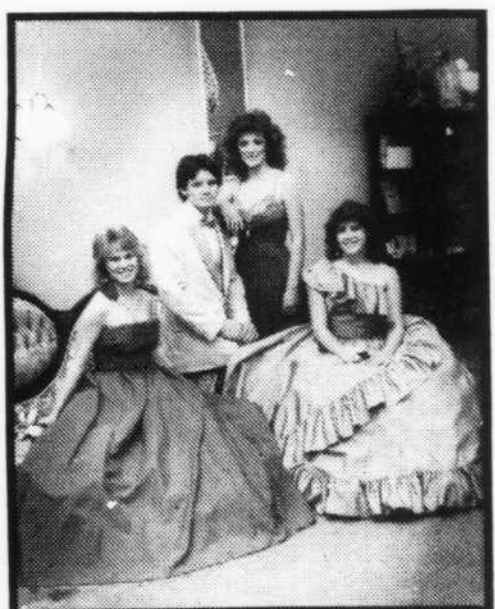
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