

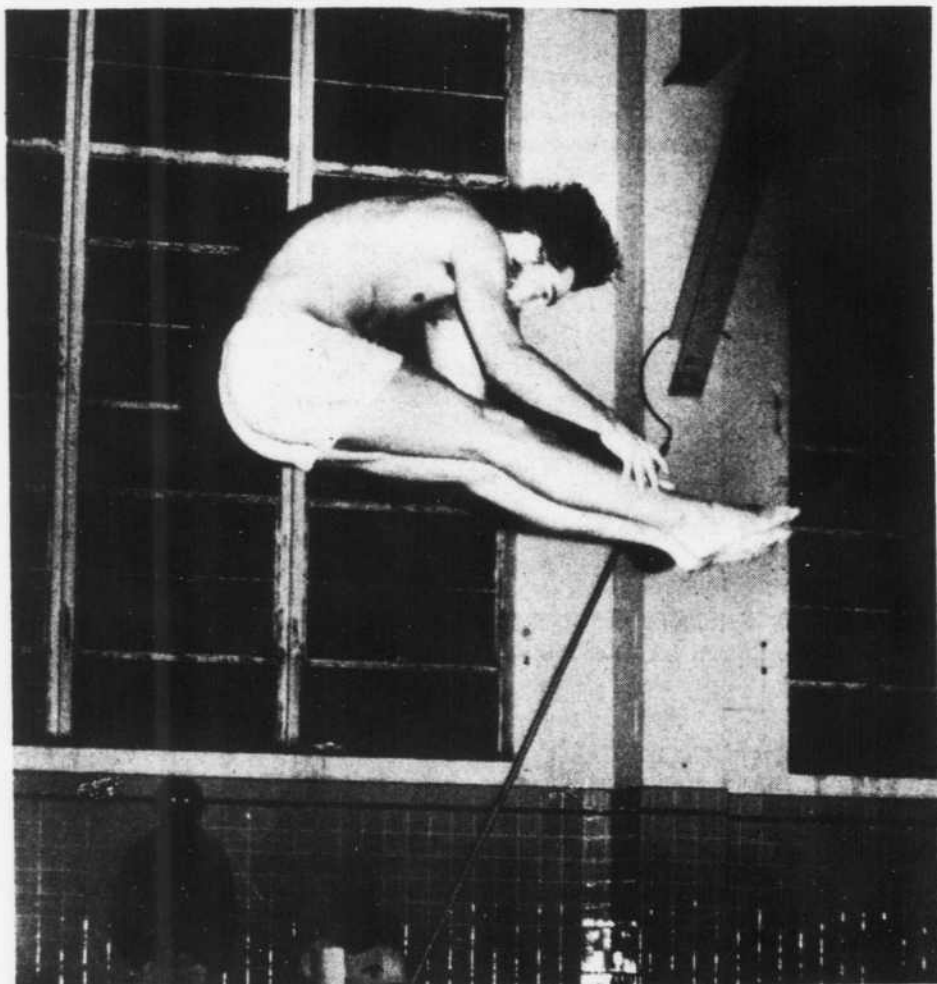


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An unidentified student tucks before hitting the water during an intramural swimming and diving competition last night. The contest continues tonight. [Cindy Hicks photo]

\$2,700,000 recommended for capital improvements

Total capital outlay appropriation has been recommended by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission [THEC] for further consideration by the state, according to MTSU Campus Planning Director Charles Pigg.

The body approved a sum of \$52,031,000 for the combined Board of Trustees' and State Board of Regents' schools, encompassing the costs of 21 major capital improvements projects between the two systems, Pigg said.

MTSU alone was recommended to receive \$2,700,000 to be utilized for three major projects, as follows:

- Construction of a music building annex, costing \$2,000,000
- Building of a vocational-agriculture complex, \$180,000
- Renovation of Jones Hall, \$520,000

Recommendations were determined in a meeting of the THEC Nov. 17 at the Legislative Plaza in Nashville.

The commission's recommendations will now be sent to the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration for further consideration and will be set in order for Gov. Ray Blanton before presenting it to the state legislature next spring, Pigg added.

6 students cited in Sims Hall raid

Six MTSU students had their ID's taken by police last night when the search of a Sims Hall room by University police turned up a small quantity of marijuana and beer.

University police received the call at 11:17 p.m. and were dispatched to Sims Hall. Dean of Men Ivan Shewmake said police officers confiscated a small bag of marijuana, various drug paraphernalia and beer.

Shewmake returned the ID's to the students, stating that it would be after Thanksgiving before any further action would be taken.

Student faces charges of book and clothing thefts

An MTSU student has waived a preliminary hearing on charges stemming from alleged book and clothing thefts on campus.

Cheneta Tasha Gant, 18, a Nashville freshman, was charged with two counts of petit larceny following her arrest on Oct. 21. Gant allegedly stole one textbook and attempted to sell the book to the University Bookstore.

In addition, evidence was later found to charge the suspect with the alleged theft of two blouses from another student living in Schardt Hall. She was later released on \$500 bond for each count, and an additional \$500 per charge following a Nov. 17 hearing in general sessions court.

Gant pleaded guilty outright to the charges General Sessions Judge James Buckner named of "the crime to unlawfully take, steal and carry away property belonging to another." The defendant then went to waive the preliminary hearing and go on to grand jury proceedings in February of next

year.

Buckner then volunteered pleas of "not guilty" for the defendant, stating that it would be the best course for the defendant to "protect her interests."

Gant was charged with book theft after allegedly being seen attempting to sell a reported stolen book to the University Bookstore, according to Ivan Shewmake, Associate of dean of students.

Soon after, she was allegedly seen with two blouses belonging to a fellow student, which are believed to have been stolen from the laundry room of Schardt Hall. One of the items of clothing was recovered by the owner while the other was described to university officials, Shewmake said.

Some evidence has been found that indicates a circuit of rooms in Schardt Hall have been burglarized, resulting in the loss of clothes, textbooks and other items. However, more information is necessary before charges can be made, Shewmake said.



Junior transfer Greg Armstrong [15] goes up for two of 11 points he netted last night in the Blue-Whit contest in Murphy Center. See game story and feature on pp. 8-9. [Cindy Hicks photo]



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Movie theatres may be next for advertisers

Advertisers may turn to the theater screen in the very near future, according to Paul Keckley, assistant professor of mass communications.

Keckley has been doing research for a Nashville-based firm, Cinemavision, for the past year.

Keckley, a Chattanooga native, explained, "They approached me last year to conduct a total research program aimed at the development of a nationwide network of motion picture houses which would show national advertising." Network advertising rates, which have escalated an average of 25 percent per year for the last four years, have forced "many advertisers to cut back or completely terminate their network advertising programs," Keckley explained.

Recently assuming responsibilities as Cinemavision's vice president for research and marketing, Keckley is also president of a Murfreesboro-based public relations firm, Ethos, Inc.

"My research has dealt with all facets of the motion picture and advertising businesses—from determining the cost value of the medium to finding the right products for the screen," Keckley said, adding that such information on the motion picture industry was not available before the Cinemavision research was undertaken. "According to the Los Angeles Times, we know more about the motion picture industry than anyone in the country."

This extensive research required a great deal of travel on Keckley's

part. "I've made 20 trips to New York and three to the west coast in the last six months while working on this project and teaching a full class load."

Currently, Cinemavision has 4,200 screens under contract with a projection of 7,000 screens by Jan. 1, 1978. The firm will be running ads in five markets beginning Dec. 1. They will be conducting field tests for consumer reaction and advertisement effectiveness. "We have only one competitor, Screenvision, and there are still 9,000 screens (out of 16,000) up for grabs," Keckley said.

Although reviews of the proposal have been mixed, it has become a major topic of conversation among advertising executives, Keckley said. It is generally agreed that the proposed theatre networks could become major advertising forces. On the positive side, advertising executives expect high-quality commercials on a big screen to have a high impact on consumers. On the negative side, however, rising costs are viewed as potential liabilities.

Keckley recently spoke to the Public Relations Society Convention in San Diego on the state of the motion picture business.

Robert Sturgeon, associate professor of psychology, and Allen Miller, associate professor of management and marketing, have worked on the project with Keckley. Earl Keese, associate professor of mathematics, has also been involved in the project as analyst for the statistical data collected.



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 Multi media first aid; HPERS, 6-10 p.m., AM 204
 Banquet: Tau Omicron, 6 p.m., Tennessee Room
 Film: Fine Arts Committee; "Doris Chase Multimedia Dance Film," 8 p.m., UC 322
 Recital: Music department; Woodwind ensemble, 8 p.m., LRC Multi-Media Room

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Recital: Music department, Richard Grayson Goodness and Cindy Lee, 8 p.m., Tennessee Room

Honors meeting set

A meeting for honors students and others interested in the honors program will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 in UC 316.

Along with class offerings for next semester, new options for graduating with university honors will be discussed.

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Economic Fluctuations and Forecasting will be a course to be offered by the economics and finance department next semester.

Taught by Billy Balch, the course will review the record of the US economic system and its success in providing and preserving jobs. Purchasing power will also be evaluated.

Students will prepare a forecast for the national economy and observe a model of state economic performance.

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standing and one year in principles of economics.

A representative of the Stones River National Battlefield will interview students for summer employment on Dec. 1.

Positions available at Stones Rivers include seasonal interpreters and maintenance. Other opportunities are available nationwide with the National Park Service.

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Hustler change is not 'the way'

Hustler's Larry Flynt has seen the light.

At least, that's what he says. Apparently, that crusader for flesh and freedom of the press has been "saved" and will now alter his magazine's format away from nudity and sex and deal with religious material.

We beg to protest. In February of this year, Flynt fought the courts to keep the right to publish his own brand of magazine. Now he seems to be turning against his former hard-nosed (and, we feel, constitutional) stance by totally changing his standards. It does nothing for his accountability as a journalist.

Futhermore, in a recent interview, he called the readers of his present *Hustler*—all 15 million of them—"reflective of the problems of society and most of them need help." He seems to show little respect for those readers who kept him in business.

We only hope that this is not Flynt's way of avoiding further encounters with the courts on his choice of material; but after all, he's sure to receive less flak for a religious publication.



One other thing puzzles us—what will he call his magazine now? We suggest the device used by an area newspaper—Flynt can now call it **HIS Hustler**, we guess.

Former band member praises Smith, slams pretender

To the Editor:

I have been a student at this University for six years. For five of those years, I was a member of the MTSU Band of Blue. The only reason I am not a member this year is due to a lack of the necessary time involved. I would like to make it clear, however, that I am prouder of my association with the Band of Blue and Mr. Joseph T. Smith than any other part of my college years.

For six years, I have listened to the absurd criticism of some of the students at this University, and I have said nothing publicly. However, I can no longer sit idly by and take it.

First of all, the fact that none of these critics has the nerve to use his own name is an indication of the caliber of person involved. There have been letters written by comic strip characters and fictitious

students. The latest instance seems to be a case of mistaken identity. Whoever you may be, the name is Bim Morrison, not Ben Morrison. As a friend of Mr. Morrison, I feel confident in saying that he never wrote any such letter as that which appeared in the November 18th *Sidelines*. I have known Mr. Morrison for four years, and I have never heard him say anything of the like about Mr. Smith. It is doubtful that anyone who felt that way about Mr. Smith would remain in the band for the length of time that Mr. Morrison has. I can't imagine anyone putting in the time and effort involved to be in the band if he felt that way.

Secondly, you want to get rid of Mr. Smith? Well, if you do, are you prepared to get rid of approximately half of the band? I know quite a few students who are attending this University solely because Joseph Smith is teaching here. I can assure you, you would really have something to complain about if you got rid of Mr. Smith.

Thirdly, fifth grade level music?? Are you kidding? If I had been playing the music the band plays now when I was in the fifth grade, I feel sure I would be somewhere other than here, and I would be quite a bit richer than I am at this point in my life.

Fourthly, the music in the stands. Here, I can't argue. The band does play quite a bit of music

from the 30's and 40's, but how much **good** music have you seen that's been written lately? If you want fifth grade music, try looking at most of the popular music of today. Mr. Smith has taken what little good popular music there is and put it on the field for the half-time show. And besides, much of the music I've heard in the stands this year is that same music from the half-time show which I thought nobody could complain about this year: "Star Wars," "Rocky," "McArthur Park," and "I Write the Songs." Obviously, the MTSU crowd cannot be pleased, though.

Finally, when will this University appreciate Mr. Joseph T. Smith for the fine job that he has done? Can't you people see that he is one of the finest (if not **THE** finest) college band directors in the country? Yes, I mean the entire country! I can think of no one better, but I feel that anyone who has any intelligence or knowledge of music and marching bands whatsoever should be able to see the obvious.

I feel I need argue the issue no longer. If anyone wishes to discuss the matter, by all means, feel free to contact me because I refuse to hide behind an assumed name and box number. Rather, I will proudly sign this letter:

Anne Browne
Former Member of the MTSU Band of Blue
Box 5526

Band letter falsely signed

To the Editor:

On Friday, November 18, 1977, a letter entitled "Band Director, Not Coach Rates Attack—Band Member" appeared in the *Sidelines* and was signed Ben Morrison, MTSU Band of Blue. I would like to take this opportunity to clear up some of the statements and misrepresentations made in that letter.

First of all, I had nothing to do with the writing of the letter, and I found it shocking that a so-called mature college student would write such a letter and forge my name.

I also feel that the *Sidelines* itself should change its methods of accepting letters to be printed. I feel that in order to protect the reputation and dignity of students on campus, the *Sidelines* should demand positive identification from the author of each letter.

If, in fact, Coach Hurt and the MTSU football squad did their very

best this season, all praise is due them. The Band of Blue, however, has never failed to give its best during any football season. Each member of the band is very proud of its accomplishments and growth under the fine direction of Mr. Joseph T. Smith. The band has become known nationwide as a leader in new and innovative techniques for marching band.

Not the quality of music, the manner of performance, nor the director of the band is lacking in any way. What seems to be lacking in some people on campus is a mature, appreciative attitude.

In the future, I hope students refrain from such childish pranks that could prove detrimental to individuals and that the *Sidelines* prevent such forgery by altering their methods of acceptance.

Bim Morrison
Box 5626

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ASB 'alliance' questioned

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about the alliance that seems to exist between the ASB and the Interfaith Council.

The ASB is a body representative of the entire student population of this University. That population is comprised of persons of widely varied religious affiliations and though the majority may be Christian, there are many differences which do exist among them.

For the ASB, a representative body, to become involved in a one-sided presentation that might be offensive to many of those

represented by that body is to deny the essence of democratic representation.

Please note that I do not deny the Interfaith Council the right to present such a program, but I am both concerned and insulted by the participation of the ASB.

It is my opinion that an apology should be issued by that body to the students of this University and that a much more comprehensive program be planned and presented that would serve to enlighten our student body.

Lon Nuell, Ed.D.
Chairman, art department

FREE

Survey set to determine need for day care center

Need for a day care center and the possibility of setting up a day care center as a lab for early childhood development majors at MTSU is being determined by a survey of parent and students.

Susan Hall, majoring in early childhood development, began the survey as work toward her master's degree. Mary Tom Berry, a professor in the field and one of Hall's teachers, said she believes the survey will give insight as to the need of a day care center, and will help to collect data important to early childhood development

majors.

Questionnaires are being sent to married students at MTSU. Unmarried students with children need to voice their opinion also. In order to complete the survey, unmarried parents should fill out the form found in *Sidelines* this issue and turn it in to Dean Paul Cantrell's office.

There have been moves made toward establishing a day care center on campus for at least six years. Berry said she was not sure if plans for a day care center would follow the survey.

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Shoplifting low attributed to 'college atmosphere'

The University Bookstore has suffered only a one per cent loss factor in shoplifting over the past few years, according to bookstore director Charles R. Phillips.

He attributes this small percentage to "the quality of people in a college atmosphere." He says that in large department stores serving the general public that a seven percent loss is the low average, whereas a campus store serving mostly students has only a 2.38 percent loss.

Phillips says that the bookstore has taken several precautions against shoplifting since its beginning.

When building the store, aisles were made wide and the check-out lanes made narrow. Cutting down on the amount of doors and windows in the store also deters theft, he said.

"Our biggest problem is high school students," Phillips says. "Visiting band students as well as

students on campus for various meetings really have to be watched by our employees," he added.

"The funny thing about the shoplifters we catch," Phillips continues, "is that most of them have the money on them to pay for the merchandise."

Few books are stolen compared to art supplies and cosmetics, he said.

One out of every 20 or 30 people who come in the bookstore are potential thieves, Phillips said, as compared to one out of 10 for a department store like Roses's.

Music teachers named heads of state groups

Two members of MTSU's music department, J. Earl Hinton and Jerry Perkins, have been elected presidents of state music organizations.

Hinton, director of the university orchestra, is president elect of the Tennessee Music Educators Association.

Perkins, chairman of the piano faculty, is president of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association. He was president of the local chapter before being voted president elect of the state organization. He has been teaching at MTSU since 1969.

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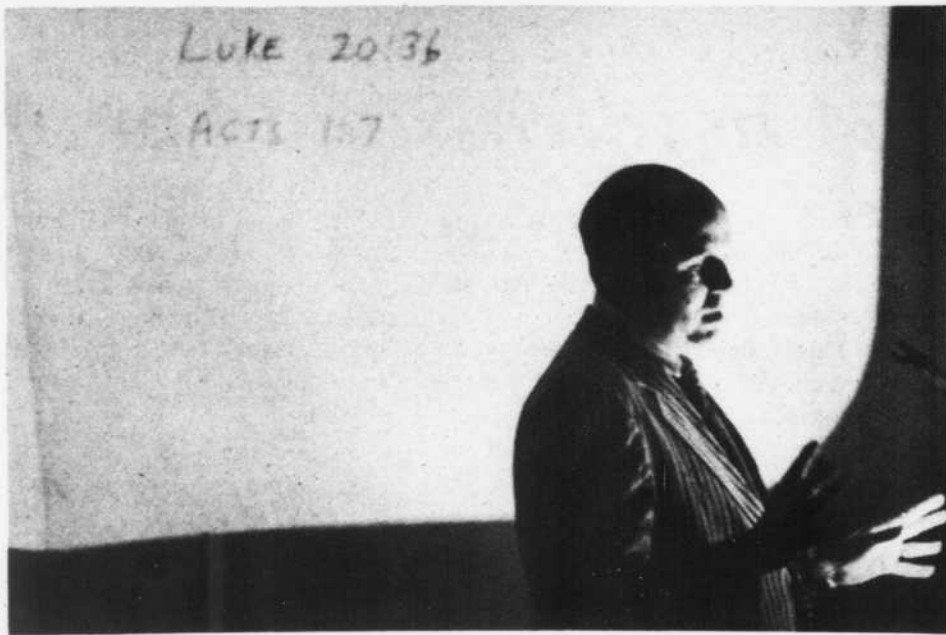
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December grads can order 1978 Midlanders now

Seniors graduating in December who wish to receive a copy of the 1978 Midlander should reserve a yearbook before leaving MTSU next month, said Byron St. Dizier, coordinator of student publications.

December's graduates can get a copy of the yearbook for \$3.50. The book is free to all students enrolled full-time for both fall and spring semesters, and students enrolled for one semester are given the book at a discount (\$3.50), St. Dizier said.

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Blue team triumphs 78-54 in intra-squad match

by John Pitts

Veteran Raiders Greg Joyner and Sleepy Taylor combined for 42 points to lead their Blue team to a 78-54 win over the White squad in an intra-team scrimmage Monday night in Murphy Center.

Joyner, a junior forward, hit 11 of 14 shots from the field for 22



Bob Martin and John Sauer fight for a jump ball in last night's action. [Cindy Hicks photo]

points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead all players in both categories. Taylor, a senior who sees action as both a forward and guard, hit 9 of 15 from the field and a pair of free throws to add 20 points for the winning cause.

The first half of the game saw the Blue team (comprised of likely starters for the MTSU team) rush past the White squad (reserves) by a convincing 42-24 margin.

In the second half, with some of

the players frequently changing sides, the Blue team had little chance to expand on that lead.

James Riley, a junior forward who transferred here from Jamestown (N.Y.) Community College, hit nine of 10 field goals and a technical foul shot for 19 points in an impressive effort for both sides. He pulled in six rebounds.

Other scorers in double figures included senior guard Julius Brown (12), junior point guard Greg Armstrong (11) and senior post man Bob Martin (10).

In all, 16 Raider basketballers saw action for one or both sides, shooting 56.1 per cent in a game where an incredible 32 layup shots were made.

"We've got to get back to the basics," head coach Jimmy Earle complained after the game noting a couple of things he wasn't pleased with: defensive play and rebounding.

"We made good defensive efforts at times, but we just didn't sustain it," Earle said.

He cited the offensive play of Riley and the defensive efforts of center John Sauer as highlights of the game. Sauer, a 6-9 transfer from Joliet (Ill.) junior College, pulled down six rebounds and hit on 4 of 14 shots from the field for eight points.

Forwards Leroy Coleman and Clint Dennison scored eight points apiece in the scrimmage.

Armstrong, who transferred here from the University of Florida in 1976, will not be eligible until the third game of the season.

Earle says the play-making job could go to either senior walk-on Sam Burrell or Hendersonville freshman Curtis Fitts.

This might be a blessing in disguise to give those two some experience this early in the season," Earle said. "They might get baptized...and they might get drowned," he added quickly.

The game was viewed by a disappointing crowd of only about 500, but at least one of those in attendance was a scout for one of the Raiders' opponents Oral Ro-

berts, eager to learn all he could about the team that has been picked by at least three major publications [Playboy, Street and Smith, Game Plan] to finish first in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

Earle's team gets its first test next Monday night against Oral Roberts University, coached by former Austin Peay skipper Lake Kelly. The game will be a road trip for MTSU, as the Raiders must venture to ORU's Tulsa, Okla., home.

Tech rally dumps Raiders; Ends Hurt's worst season

by Eddie Gossage
Assistant Sports Editor

Someone in the pressbox said after MTSU's 21-9 loss to Tennessee Tech that it was poetic justice.

Others said it was a fitting end to a disappointing season.

The Blue Raiders gave the 7,800 fans their money's worth all season long, though, and the Tech game was no different. MTSU led the entire game until the last five minutes of the final quarter when the Golden Eagles edged ahead to stay.

"I'm sick our seniors didn't win because they played so hard," Head Coach Ben Hurt said. "We played a good football team. As far as I'm concerned, Tech is the best team in the OVC."

The loss ended the worst season

in Hurt's head coaching career. His previous two campaigns here posted identical worksheets of 4-7. This year's record dropped to 3-8.

Place kicking specialist Michael Robinson accounted for all nine MTSU points on three field goals. All three were long field goals, and one, a 54-yarder, set a new school record.

Another Raider record breaker was running back Mike Moore. Moore, who gained 88 yards against the Golden Eagles, became the first MTSU player to gain 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons. Moore also broke Tech's Larry Shreiber's record for carries in a season with 295.

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Lady Raiders fall to Kats in tipoff tournament

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

Kentucky's Lady Kats overcame a four-point deficit in the final minute of play to defeat the Lady Raiders 82-80 for the championship of the MTSU Thanksgiving Tipoff Tournament Saturday at Murphy Center.

UK tied the game at 80-80 with 38 seconds showing on the clock, then 6-4 center Elizabeth Lukshu laid the ball in with six seconds remaining to give the Kats the victory.

Memphis State blasted Mississippi State 103-77 to take third place in the tournament.

MTSU downed Mississippi State 73-60 in the semi-final round to get to the finals, while Kentucky earned its way with a 78-75 win over Mississippi University for Women.

Lady Raider coach Pat Sarver felt the tournament, slated to become an annual event, was an over-all success. "I think it was an excellent tournament as far as talent is concerned," Sarver said Monday.

"I think Kentucky is the strongest team we will face before the University of Tennessee." The Kats were ranked sixth nationally in pre-season.

Sarver also was generally pleased with her team's performance. "Over-all we did a good job defensively," she said. "we turned the ball over too many times offensively, but I was satisfied with our shooting percentage."

"We try to attack both offensively and defensively," Sarver continued. "Any time a team is attacking it is going to have turnovers. Some of the chances that you take will pay off and some will cause turnovers."

Sarver cited her team's quickness and balance as its greatest assets. "I feel that we had one of the quickest teams in the tournament in terms of changing from offense to defense and vice versa, and I think we showed our over-all strength in our even scoring."

Five Lady Raiders averaged in double figures for the tournament, and a sixth averaged nine points per game. MTSU dominated the

all-tournament team, with Kathy Riley, Jan Zitney, Sherry McKinney and Liz Hannah all being selected.

Karen Carter paced the Raider attack in the finals with 21 points, while Patrice Amos pulled down 10 rebounds against the taller Lady Kats. McKinney netted 20 points against Mississippi State to lead the team and Riley added 18.

Riley also swept the glass for nine rebounds in the semi-finals.

"I thought we played Kentucky pretty well," Sarver said after the finals. "We probably won't face another team that tall, and they also made a good percentage of their shots."

"I am just pleased to have the opportunity to play the caliber of teams that were here," Sarver added. "We are not overly concerned with the loss. We are mainly concerned that the team shows over-all improvement as the season goes on."

"There will be some teams in the national tournament at the end of the year with seven or eight losses," she said.



Jan Zitney

The Lady Raiders have a two-week layoff before Alabama invades Murphy Center Dec. 3. The rest is welcome, according to Sarver. "It was a rough game against Kentucky," she said. "We have lots of bruises and soreness. It was a pretty physical game."

"We have plenty to do before the next game," she added.

Eligibility in sight for junior netter

by Chuck Cavalaris

Seconds after the annual Blue-White clash was over last night, Jimmy Earle stood on the ramp leading to the Blue Raider dressing room and fielded the inevitable question.

Earle didn't seem surprised when quizzed. He knew it was coming...didn't even try and duck it.

"You tell me who the starting point guard will be against Oral Roberts," Earle replied. "Right now I just don't know. It looks like a two-way race between Sammy Burrell and Curtis Fitts."

"We have had to practice for two seasons," Earl continued, referring to the fact that junior transfer Greg Armstrong, generally considered to have locked up the starting playmaker role, will be ineligible until the third game.

Armstrong, a cat-quick 6-3, 190 pounder from Columbia, flipped a game-high six assists last night and dropped in 11 points in nearly 30 minutes of playing time.

"Greg is going to be a player," Earle predicted while members of the team satisfied a corps of young (and old) autograph seekers. "He has that uncanny knack for hitting

the open man and plays an intelligent game."

Armstrong had a lot of time to study Earle's coaching theory. Last year Greg sat out in accordance with NCAA rules after transferring from the University of Florida.

Greg smiles and says he did miss some of the games.

"It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to," he admitted. "It's so hard trying to fill Louie's (Mack) shoes. Just being here last year helped. Coach Earle still let me practice. And the fellows treated me like a member of the team—not a transfer. That helped."

Bitter memories bring a scowl on Armstrong's face when he talks about the two years at Florida. "'Gator Alley' ain't nothing compared to Murphy Center," he

grinned.

"Florida had too many problems. It was a football environment. There were a bunch of small team problems," he added.

Nonetheless, Greg started seven games as a freshman and carried a starting berth until February of his sophomore year. Suddenly, Coach John Lotz benched Armstrong. Florida kept losing and Greg finally left.

He's been watching ever since, sitting helplessly in the bleachers wondering if he could help. Armstrong spent an eternity waiting for a year to pass.

"If Dec. 5 ever comes, it will all be worth it," Greg said of the day MTSU hosts Georgia College and the day he gets to officially rejoin the college basketball world.

MTSU matmen place three in 'Bama invitational meet

Middle Tennessee's Pat Simpson led the Blue Raider wrestling team in the Alabama Invitational Wrestling Tournament this past weekend.

Simpson grabbed the championship in the 126-pound division with a pin. "He (Simpson) looks very strong and is wrestling very well," said wrestling coach Gordon Connell.

Junior DeRoy Collins grabbed third place in the heavyweight division of the tournament and Mike Kuziola took fourth place in the 150-pound division.

"We got very good experience which helped us prepare for the Southern Open this weekend," Connell said.

The Raiders will be in action this weekend at the Southern Open in Chattanooga. Among the teams which will be represented are Oklahoma State, the number one team in the nation, and several other teams which are also in the top ten in the nation.

"It (the Southern Open) is the toughest tournament in the nation this time of year," Connell said.



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locker room at halftime leading 6-0. The Raiders came out after the intermission and managed to put three more points on the board in the third period. Then came the final quarter.

As for the first three quarters, MTSU did hold the finest offense in the OVC scoreless. "There was no fluke about it," Hurt said. "The defense played exceptional."

But it was the fourth quarter that did the Raiders in. Hurt blamed the fourth quarter letdown on turnovers. The Eagles first and third scores came following a fumble and an interception which gave Tech the ball deep in MTSU territory.

The Golden Eagle's first touchdown came on a four-yard dive by Kevin Tillman following a fumble by quarterback Mike Robinson which gave Tech the ball on MTSU's 20.

Following a mixup on the en-

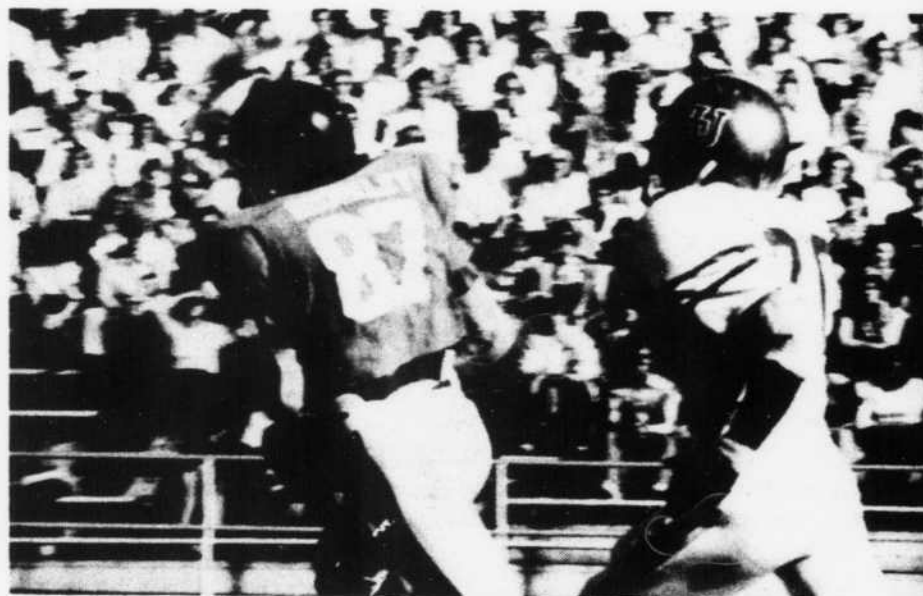
suing kickoff, Middle Tennessee had the ball deep in its own territory and had to kick the ball away on fourth down. Eight plays later, Tech's Jesse Dorsey rambled across for the score from two yards out. A key play in this drive was a 32-yard pass from Milton Jenkins to Craig Rolle.

Middle had the ball following the kickoff on its own 20 and four plays later Robinson threw an interception to Tech's John Geary. Quarterback Jenkins ran in for the score from 10 yards out for the Golden Eagle's final score of the game.

The Raider's dream of winning and regaining Harvey had ended.

"We totally dominated. I'm disheartened," Hurt said following the game.

The loss was the Raider's eighth in 11 outings and the fourth in seven starts in the OVC while Tech finished second to Ausin Peay in the conference with a 5-2 conference record and 9-2 over-all.



Wide receiver Jeff Shockley [87] outpaces a Tech defender in Saturday's match against MTSU's arch rivals. [Cindy Hicks photo]

MTSU has now lost five consecutive times to arch rival Tennessee Tech.

When questioned concerning his

position following the season, Hurt refused to comment, saying only that he and his staff were already concentrating on recruiting.

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OVC Wrapup

Austin Peay captures first ever conference title

by Frank Vickers
Sports Editor

Austin Peay erupted for 17 points within 24 seconds late in the first half Saturday and held on to defeat East Tennessee 24-10 and claim the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

With the victory, Peay finished the season 8-3 overall and 6-1 in conference play to win its first conference title ever.

The Govs finished a game ahead of Tennessee Tech, whose win over MTSU gave the Eagles a 5-2 league worksheet and a 9-2 overall record. Peay's 8-3 mark equals the best record in the school's history.

Despite the 8-3 record posted by coach Boots Donnelly's team, however, the Govs failed to receive an invitation to the NCAA Division II playoffs. Final playoff bids were extended Sunday.

ETSU jumped out to an early lead on a 19-yard run by Greg Wilson and Bobby Neff's 32-yard field goal.

Then the dam broke. Phil Todd hauled in a 21-yard scoring strike from reserve quarterback Steve Brewer to make it 10-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Bucs' George Fugate took the ball at the two, backed up and downed the ball in the end zone, giving the Govs a safety.

Three plays following the kickoff, Peay took the lead on a 10-yard pass from Brewer to Steve Bullard. The two-point conversion put the Govs on top 17-10.

Quarterback Randy Christophel hit Keith Wright on a 25-yard TD pass in the final period to provide the final margin for the Governors.

Murray 21
Western Kentucky 13

Murray State scored three first half touchdowns, then hung on in the second half to defeat Western Kentucky 21-13 Saturday at Bowling Green.

In the final game of the season for both teams, Murray raised its record to 6-5 overall and ensured

itself of a first division finish in the OVC with a 4-3 conference mark. Western fell to 1-8-1 on the season and 1-5-1 in league play.

Austin Perine opened the scoring for the Racers on a one-yard plunge in the first quarter. Mike Dickens added a four-yard touchdown scamper and then hit David Thomas on a 13-yard scoring pass. Hank LaGoce added all three extra points to put Murray in front 21-0 at intermission.

Hilltopper quarterback Doug Bartholomew threw touchdown passes of nine and 13 yards in the third quarter to pull Western within eight, but with Murray punter Wes Ferguson booting the ball for a 46.6 yard average, the Hilltoppers were kept out of scoring position in the final period.

Eastern Kentucky 42
Morehead 13

Eastern Kentucky assured itself of a first division OVC finish Saturday with a 42-13 rout of Morehead.

Eastern took a 21-0 lead in the first half and coasted the rest of the way. Quarterback Ernie House connected with Jim Nelson for two touchdown passes to lead the Colonels.

EKU improved its record to 4-3 in the conference while Morehead dropped to 2-4-1. Eastern had been picked in pre-season polls to win the OVC.

Dale Patton also scored two touchdowns on runs of two and seven yards to pace the Colonels.



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