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Lori Baldwin, an MTSU student, stands beside her vehicle following a two car accident yesterday morning on North Tennessee Boulevard in front of the Ellington Home Economics Building.

Michael Johnson • Staff

Financial aid guidelines may change

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

If a guideline supported by the Faculty Senate is approved by the proper authorities, MTSU students will have to maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to retain financial aid.

Currently, students need to maintain a 2.0 GPA after completion of 60 semester

hours or have a 2.0 GPA in the previous semester, said Dennis Oneal, chairman of the university's Loan and Scholarship Committee. Oneal is also a member of the Faculty Senate.

"If a student had to have a two-point or lose their financial aid, it would provide motivation for students to do well," Oneal said.

Changing the policy to require the 2.0 GPA to retain financial aid is fair to incoming students and the taxpayers who fund financial aid, Oneal said.

"In reality, someone with a 1.50 cumulative GPA, but with a 2.0 the previous semester, taking three hours of indoor basket weaving could retain finan-

cial aid," Oneal said. "Suppose the student is here, and on financial aid, and by the end, 60 hours you don't have a two-point — you can't graduate with less than a two-point."

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Lack of interest for top yearbook post causes concern: publication officials

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Editor

Student apathy regarding the MTSU yearbook is once again threatening the future of the beleaguered publication, officials said.

The March 17 deadline for applications for *Midlander* editor passed with no one applying. The deadline was extended until tomorrow at 4 p.m., but as of yesterday no applications had been filed.

"If we can't find an editor, we will almost be forced to recommend that we not have a *Midlander* next year," said Chris Haseleu, chairman of the Student Publications Committee, which selects the editor of all MTSU student publications.

"We can't shanghai anyone into doing it," he

added.

"We need to try to get enough publicity to find someone who is interested in the position," Haseleu said. "If that don't work we can't get someone from the administration to do it because it really needs to be a student job."

Haseleu expressed disappointment that no one has applied for the position.

"It's really a shame that the *Midlander* could die for lack of an editor," Haseleu said.

Earlier in the year, the Student Publications Committee held meetings to decide how to handle the many problems the publication is facing. The main problems include a lack of sales and a lack of staff members.

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Bi-Racial Committee plans action

By KIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

Members of the MTSU Bi-Racial Committee agreed Tuesday that an action plan is needed this year to implement cultural awareness programs that would enhance student racial relations.

"I feel that it would be great," Harry Hosey, ASB president, said, adding that he felt such a program was long overdue. "Students need to understand cultural differences and how to cope."

"Giving the students more information, more education with this pro-

gram would help," Hosey said.

Plans to implement the programs in areas such as core requirements, University 101, and Housing were discussed.

Frank Essex, political science professor, said that in order to conclude a cultural awareness class in the general requirements or in the core requirements of each major, the committee would have to do an "unbelievable selling job" to the State Board of Regents.

He added that unless the University 101 class was mandated or required, the program would not reach all

incoming freshmen.

Mark Ross, University Housing area II coordinator, suggested the implementation of a cultural awareness program in the residence halls. He stated that the halls head "the potential for racial conflicts."

Parents are quite a bit of the problem," Ross said. "They'll come in and say 'I don't want my kid living with so-and-so' and they embarrass the student to the point that they just want them to get out the door."

"I would like to see the parent walk right out the door and start the student's

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George Walker • Staff

Associated Student Body presidential candidates Scott Hogue (L) and Doug Holder participate in a Sigma Club-sponsored debate last night. The pair will face each other in a run-off next week.

Campus Briefs

Final MTSU spot to air on Friday

MTSU will conclude its series of WTVF-TV (Channel 5) commercials entitled "The Heart of a University is a Dedicated Faculty" this Friday when the final spot runs at approximately 6:23 p.m.

The 37 spots that have run throughout the month of March have cost the university between \$50 to \$550 each, depending on what time of day they aired.

Funds granted for city pops show

Laurence Harvin, an MTSU music department instructor, has received a public service grant of \$2000 to help defray expenses for a summer pops concert he plans to organize. Additional funds will be provided by the Murfreesboro Recreation Department.

The concert will take place in one of Murfreesboro's parks in May or June.

Aerospace Chief Pilot appointed

MTSU Foundation President John Ellington has been appointed Chief Pilot, ATL, effective April 1. Ellington has worked closely with the MTSU Aerospace program for a number of years and is also chair of fund-raising for the MTSU Alumni Center project.

English professor to be published

An article written by English professor Charisse Gendron, "Spender and Hockney's China Diary," has been accepted for publication in an upcoming book entitled *Essays on the Modern Literature of Travel*. Gendron developed the piece through a Faculty Research Grant during the spring semester of 1986.

Sociology participates in conference

Faye Johnson, an instructor in the department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, was invited to participate in a conference presented by the American Bar Association's Commission on College and University Nonprofessional Studies. The nonprofessional studies component refers to groups or individuals not trained in the legal profession. "Rights in conflict: the Individual v. the State and Beyond" was the theme of the meetings held in Jeckyll Island, Ga., earlier this month.

National teacher of the year award winner to teach at MTSU next fall

By STACYE LANGSTON
Staff Writer

Terry Weeks, National Teacher of the Year, will be joining the MTSU faculty next fall, sources said.

"I'm ecstatic about coming to MTSU," Weeks said. "This is a perfect marriage for what I have to offer."

Weeks will teach a beginning course in the department of education and will supervise upper-level student teachers.

"This is the very beginning course that prospective teachers take," Robert Eaker, dean of education, said. "It's an introduction to the profession."

"Terry will be the perfect role model for the student teachers," Ralph White, of

Youth and Personnel, said. "His expertise will be applicable to the supervising position. He will teach the first course students take in the education field, and then he will be supervising them as student teachers."

The national recognition Weeks received after winning the award prompted many schools to seek him for a teaching position, sources said.

Weeks will not be the only faculty member in the education department who has received recognition for his teaching ability. Three other department instructors have been awarded the MTSU "Outstanding Teacher" award.

"I'm coming to join an outstanding team," Weeks said. "I was impressed with what MTSU has to offer." Weeks' \$31,000 salary is a little above the average,

Sam Ingram said.

"Money was not the motivation factor," Weeks said, commenting on his decision to teach at MTSU.



National Teacher of the Year Terry Weeks recently signed a contract to teach at MTSU. President Sam Ingram (L) and Ralph White look on.

Ag career day today

From Staff Reports

Approximately 30 companies and businesses have been invited to participate in the Agriculture Student Council's Career Day, taking place today from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Stark Agriculture Building.

Representatives from the participating organizations will have information

booths and displays, and will be available for one-on-one discussions about employment opportunities, sources said. The organizations will include Farm Credit Services, Tennessee Farm Co-Operative and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

The Agriculture Student Council is a Department of

Agriculture student club which serves as a liaison between students and faculty. Harley Fouch, Agriculture department chairman, serves as adviser to the club.

"The primary purpose of this event is to create a greater awareness among our students of the opportunities that exist in agricultural employment areas," Fouch said. "92 percent of the present agriculture graduates enter employment areas other than farming," Fouch said, naming marketing and merchandising specialists, scientists, and engineering as examples.

Fouch cited a recent national study of employment opportunities for college

graduates in the food and agriculture sciences which indicates that college graduates in the food and agriculture sciences will be in great demand during the 1990s.

The study states that approximately 44,000 qualified agriculture graduates are anticipated each year with more than 48,000 employment openings projected during the next five to 10 years.

Although the employment opportunities represented at Career Day will relate primarily to agriculture areas, Fouch noted that students majoring in areas other than agriculture, especially business and science, are welcome.

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Continuing Ed offers classes

From Staff Reports

MTSU's continuing education department has announced its class schedule for April.

For more information please contact the department. The schedule follows:

Creative Movement for Toddlers ages 3-4
April 4-25
Tuesdays 3:30-4:14 p.m.
Murphy Center Dance Studio B

Karate/Self Defense for Adults and High School Students
April 2
Sundays 3:30-6 p.m.
Wednesdays, Fridays 7-9 p.m.

Decorating With Confidence: Window Treatments
April 25 and May 2
Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m.
Peck Hall

Statistical Quality Control Refresher
April 1
Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon

Microcomputer V: Advanced dBASE III
April 25, 27, May 2, 4
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8 p.m.
Kirksey Old Main, Computer Lab 252

Ethics and Social Issues in Business
April 5
Wednesday 8-11:00 a.m.
KUC, Room 314

Quick Landscape Painting in Oils
April 13 - May 4
Thursdays 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Emery's Art Gallery

Proofreading Made Easy
Section A: April 10
1-2:30 p.m.
Section B: April 12
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Peck Hall, Room 211

Jazz Contemporary Dance for ages 8-12
April 11-May 2
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Murphy Center Dance Studio B

Rhythm and Dance
April 11-May 2
Tuesdays 3:30-4:15
Murphy Center Dance Studio B

Computer for Beginners
April 11-May 4
Mondays and Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.
Kirksey Old Main, 206

Microcomputer dBASE III
April 11, 13, 18, 20
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8 p.m.
Kirksey Old Main, Computer Lab 252

Low Income Housing Tax Credits
April 13
Thursday 7-9 p.m.
Keathley University Center, 316

Beginning Investments
April 18-May 16
Tuesdays 7-9 p.m.
Keathley University Center, 314

Cuing Your Study Skills for students 5-12 years old.
April 4-20
Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-6 p.m.
Peck Hall, Room 219

Conversational German
April 4-27
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8 p.m.
Peck Hall, Room 211

Advanced Bookkeeping
April 4 - May 9
Tuesdays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Business building, Room 202

Karate for Boys and Girls ages 6-13
Spring session I: Beginners
April 5
Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.
Spring Session II: Advanced
April 7
Fridays 6-7 p.m.
Murphy Center Dance Studio B

Management Series 4: Stress Management In the Workplace
Wednesday, April 19, 8-11 a.m.
Keathley University Center, 314

Business Start-Up Series 4: Marketing Effectively
Thursday, April 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Baskets - Spring Flower Basket
April 24 and May 1
Mondays 7-9 p.m.
Vocational Agriculture Building

Off The Wall: Wallpapering for Beginners
April 24, 25, 27, March 1, 2, 4
6-8 p.m.
Peck Hall, 215

Management Series 5: Conducting an Effective and Legal Employment Interview
April 26 8-11 a.m. (Check-in 7:30-8 a.m.)
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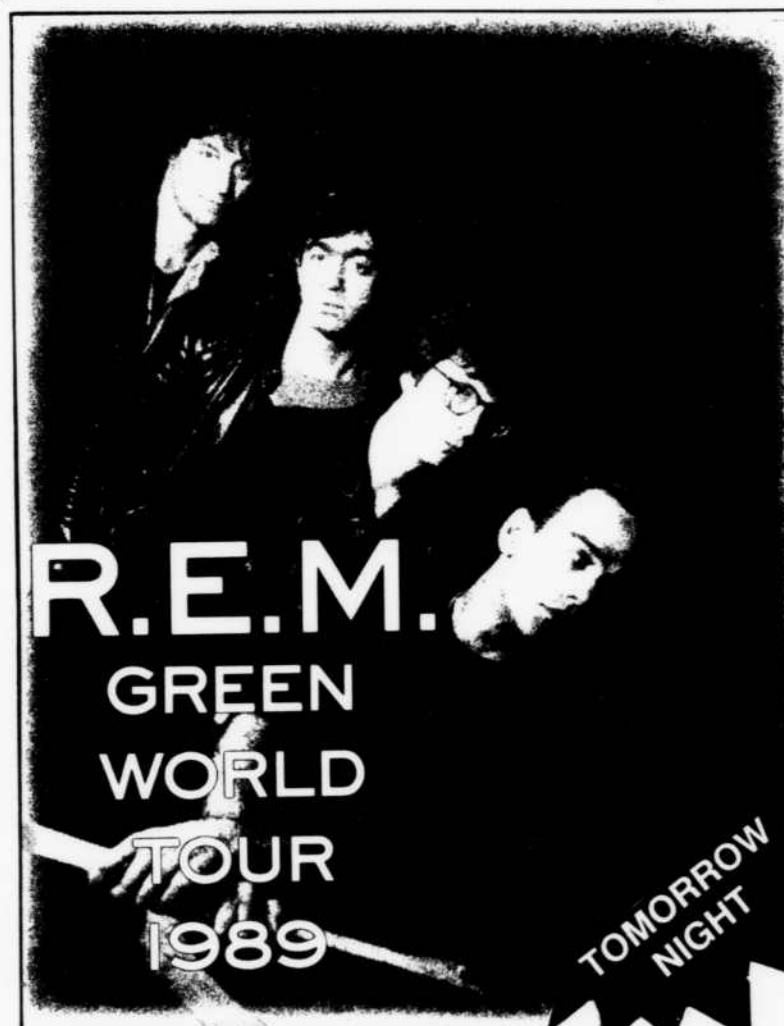
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**The Student Publications Committee
is now accepting applications for
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Applications are available in Room 306 of the James Union Building. A transcript and letters of recommendation are required. Deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, March 31. For more information please call Jackie Solomon, Student Publications Coordinator, at MTSU ext. 2338.

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Campus Capsule

Entries to Campus Capsule are encouraged from any organization or department on the MTSU campus. No staff member of the paper can guarantee publication for an entry. All entries are subject to editing in the interest of space and clarity. Deadline for submission is the day prior to publication.

Student Orientation Assistant applications for the Fall 1989 Semester are now being accepted. Applications are available in Room 130 of the KUC. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 29.

Scanning electron micrographs of biological specimens made by Ms. Amber Pond and Mr. Jeff Winfree are on display in the Biology Annex of Science Hall.

Student Orientation Assistants (SOA's) applications for Fall Semester 1989 are now being accepted. Applications are available in Room 130 of the KUC, and must be turned in no later than Wednesday, March 29, 1989.

Alpha Phi Alpha will sponsor a lip-synch contest this evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Multi-media room of the LRC.

A memorial service commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday will be held April 2 at First Baptist Church, 738 E. Castle Street at 3 p.m. The service is being sponsored by the Murfreesboro-Rutherford County NAACP youth council. MTSU English Professor Hacueline Jackson will be guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by musical specialist Sandy Alsup, and the First Baptist Youth Choir, along with other talent. A movie will also be shown. For information call Tammy Johnson at 890-5119.

Health care needs public forum and hearing will meet tonight

From Staff Reports

"Health Care Needs and Future Services" will be the subject of a public forum and hearing to take place this evening at 7 p.m. in Room 125 of the Stark Agriculture Building.

The forum and hearing is being sponsored by MTSU and the Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services.

"This program provides an opportunity for public input concerning the type of services that would be helpful to them," Ruth Elliott, holder of the Adams Chair, said.

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"The forum is designed for the general public, not just health care professionals. We hope to discover what types of continuing education programs or conferences would be of benefit to the community and their families," Elliott said.

Participants will be requested to address the need for specific health services and issues within the Middle Tennessee area. Each individual wanting to speak at the forum will be re-

quested to limit remarks to five minutes, said Elliott, who will moderate the forum.

"We need community input," Elliott said. "We want the public to know that we're here to serve them."

Any written testimony may be submitted to: Ruth Elliott, Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services, MTSU P.O. Box 81, Murfreesboro Tn. 37132.

The forum and hearing are free.

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social education right then," Ross said.

Suggestions were made towards establishing an International Student Day, in order to bring all minority students together to pre-

sent their different heritages.

"You have to be realistic," Forrest Toms, psychology professor, said. "It is unrealistic to think that you can bring all people together and have everyone happy." He then suggested

YEARBOOK from page 1

The yearbook's adviser cited a lack of awareness as the main reason for the lack of applications for editor.

"I think most people aren't aware there's a need for an editor," said Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator. "I don't know how to reach the students anymore. Sometimes they read our ads, and sometimes they don't."

"There isn't any interest on the present staff and that is where most of our editors

come from," Solomon said. "There isn't any awareness outside the present staff."

Two current staff members cited lack of interest as the core of the *Midlander's* woes.

"I think it just shows that a lot of people on this campus don't give a damn," said Mark Brown, yearbook staff writer. "A lot of people are going to graduate with only a diploma, and they will find out how invaluable the experience gained by working on something like the *Mid-*

lander can be when they are flipping burgers."

Current *Midlander* editor Ken Salter agreed.

"I think there is just a lack of interest on campus," Salter said. "I know there are a lot of people out there who could do a good job as editor. Anybody who has done a high school yearbook could do it."

"There is a big difference between high school and college newspapers, but it isn't that way with the yearbook."

Solutions other than letting the *Midlander* die exist, Solomon said.

The committee can appoint an interim editor, she said.

"If a person is interested in trying it out they should let the committee know," Solomon said.

Another option would be to once again extend the deadline for applications.

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Fraternity receives top award

By JEREMY ROLFS
News Editor

The Mu Zeta Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Incorporated International has received the Undergraduate chapter of the year award for the fifth district (Kentucky-Tennessee).

Mu Zeta earned the award for the many community and social action programs they sponsored or participated in during the past year. Programs have included National Black Achievement Week, a canned food drive, and involvement with Project Help.

The MTSU fraternity also received the award in 1979 and 1982.

"The award culminates a year in which we participated in numerous projects," Vincent L. Windrow, President of the Mu Zeta chapter, said. "We didn't do these things to win the award, but it is nice to be recognized anyway. The brothers are very proud."

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"With a finite amount of dollars, would you rather spend it on a junior with less than a two-point or on someone coming into the system who could do very well?"

Before the proposal becomes policy, it must still be approved by Oneal's committee and the administration.

Oneal said he would hope that if the proposal is approved it would be phased in over a "semester or so" to give students time to raise their averages.

About 10 to 20 students would be effected if the proposal were enforced today, Oneal said.

"We're not saying get out of school — just get your grades up and we'll talk to you again," Oneal said.

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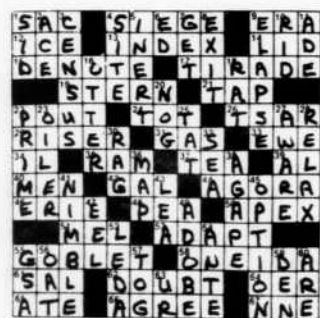
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Opinion

Midlander needs a 1989 Editor

Unless someone submits an application for the editorship of the *Midlander* by tomorrow, it is likely that the yearbook will be canceled, according to Chris Hasleu, chairman of the student publications committee. It would be sad indeed for the *Midlander* to go out with a whimper instead of a bang.

It seems student apathy is the reason behind the possible failure of the *Midlander*. On a campus of over 13,000 students, only 1,800 *Midlanders* were sold this year. Out of 13,000 students, only nine worked as staff members for the *Midlander*, an extremely embarrassing figure when you realize these are *paid* positions.

Since people are not buying the book or working on its staff, there is obviously no student interest in it. Since MTSU does not practice "zen capitalism," and since it is impossible to produce a yearbook without staff, current trends spell the end for the 63-year-old tradition.

However, simply letting the deathship *Midlander* sink slowly in the east leaves a void that must be filled. It provides several functions, including providing a permanent historical record of the year's events, a training ground for students interested in media careers, a source of information about MTSU for prospective students and a portrait of the past for alumni. If the *Midlander* is discontinued some way must be found to continue these services.

What then, would take the yearbook's place? Some sort of regularly published magazine or magazines would best serve these purposes.

A general interest magazine published on a monthly or quarterly basis could be produced using the offices and equipment of the



yearbook. The magazine would cover a variety of campus activities, from athletics to art to academics, and could pay for itself from advertising if properly managed.

Other alternatives also exist, ranging from the university administration totally funding and producing a yearbook without student aid or input, to a series of special interest magazines published by each academic school.

When the student publications committee meets in April, it should consider these and other ideas. Whatever is selected, some sort of action must be taken by the university to ensure that even if the *Midlander* dies, its traditions will live.

Murf-town does not sleep when students go away

Spring Break has come and gone and to be quite frank, I am glad. I don't think I could take much more of that "feel-so-good-I-gotta-find-me-a-valium" kind of fun. I can hear you thinking, you're saying "Mike, where did you go last week? It rained for five days while I was in Florida!" Well, to be quite honest, I didn't go anywhere. I stayed right here in the heart of Murf-town.

Murfreesboro, more specifically MTSU, looked like chapter 15 of Stephen King's *The Stand*. Not a soul to be seen. If you did happen to stop by campus on your way to Daytona, Ft. Lauderdale, or wherever one finds an MTV VeeJay, you would have seen me wandering about collecting information for this piece. What I have compiled is a list of things that happened while you were on the beach attempting to attract the attention of some member of the opposite sex by throwing a frisbee at them or discussing Dante's

Inferno rather loudly at a bar. What follows may change your mind about going away for Spring Break '90, so Clip and Save.

Temperatures were in the high to mid 80s all day, every day. It seems that someone figured out how to package weather and

covered every tabloid in the spectrum from *The National Enquirer* to *Highlights for Children* (found in every doctor's office in the country). This was a tender story about wartime in some nowhere place called General Mills. Oprah starred as a big bowl of



Mike Reed

Tales of the Velvet Elvis

started testmarketing it in Murfreesboro. This sly character probably wants to manufacture weather in Alaska and sell it to third world countries. The poorer countries will only get fog while the richer ones will get their choice of sun, rain, or perhaps a natural disaster like flood, hurricane or Channel 33.

Oprah Winfrey's mini series *The Winds of Breakfast Cereal* aired this week. Its running capped off an advertising campaign that

Cream Of Wheat. Geraldo did a cameo appearance as a flake, who wrestles Oprah in a wading pool filled with apple sauce (perhaps I shouldn't have given away the ending like that). Look for this piece of celluloid on Beta soon.

Jerry Thompson, columnist for the *Tennessean* wrote "Thompson's Station" for the Metro/State section as usual. To save you the trouble of reading all those issues to see what words of wisdom he gave a

panting public, I have compiled the *Jerry Thompson Tote Board*® this is a list of what he mentions and how often he did so.

Recycling — 3
Yuppies — 3
Corona Beer — 3
Ponse deLeon — 3
Catherine Darnell — 2
Grama — 2
Matt (his son) — 2
Ronny (his brother) — 2
Linda (his wife) — 1
Robertson County — 1

The Beatles got back together and did a free show on the roof of the courthouse. It seems that John Lennon was not shot at all. On that fateful night, he and Yoko switched places because it was "somethin' kooky to do..." The concert was pretty so-so. It became apparent to this re-

porter that Ringo has all the talent in that group. Guns 'n Roses opened for them with a howling rendition of

Mozart's *Requiem*. Said Axl, "Wolfgang is such a cool name, we just had to cover his tunes."

Sadly, Axl was leaning back to kill a beer (a cool can of Schaeffer Light) when he fell off the roof and landed on a fan. "The only damage was to his throat," the doctor said. "His voice is shot, but I don't think anyone will notice."

Seven preschoolers were arrested for playing "one-potato, two-potato" last week. It seems that such games as this and "eanie meanie miney moe" are considered lotteries and are illegal in Tennessee. In re-

sponse to this, some 200,000 toddlers crawled to Kentucky to hold a veritable sin-o-rama playing such games as "Duck, duck, goose" and "Thimble, thimble, whose got the thimble."

National Teacher of the Year, Terry Weeks, was hired to teach at MTSU. He

will be teaching several courses which include: Fundamentals of Speech, Analytical Chemistry, Differential Equations, Rhythmic Activities for Children, Advanced Geology, Intermediate Systems Analysis for Small Business, Developmental Math, Advanced Swahili and Sandscrite, Conversational Portuguese, and Introduction to Recording Industry Management. His salary? He asked for nothing except an MTSU representative tie which Dr. Ingram reluctantly gave him.

Well, that is not all that happened, but as you can tell by these highlights, I had way too much free time on my hands. I got a lot of reading done, had my car fixed (unfortunately not in time to attend my cousin's wedding reception in Shelbyville — Congratulations, Lori and Shannon) and generated enough column ideas to get me through the rest of the semester. So, until we meet again: *Boom Shanka!*

Letters to the Editor

Channel 33 irresponsible

To the Editor:

My friend, Ron Spilker, and I were recently invited to be guests on your campus TV station. My friend is an alternative health technician, and I am an astrologer. In the past few years we have been grouped together with other practitioners of non-traditional techniques, in a loosely woven catch phrase, the "New Age."

Unknown to Ron and me was a third guest, a campus minister. Without Ron's and my knowledge, this third party was there to argue against the "New Age" and its philosophy. And, to add to the fracas, there was an audience comprised mostly of Christian Fundamentalists.

Almost immediately at the start of the hour-long program, the minister interrupted my friend's conversation with an attack. My friend and I were both attacked repeatedly and insulted, not by fact, but by ignorant theory and conjecture. To add insult to injury, his arguments were based on a theological text! In the course of that hour we were subjected to insults from the minister, confusion and lack of support from the show's hostess, and caustic, insulting questions from the audience with such questions as "What do you worship?" and "What makes

you think you're a Christian?"

This sort of cheap sensationalism at the expense of those of us who are experts in our fields does not belong on a campus, but in a wrestling arena, at best. When I was a college student, my studies encouraged alternative thought. What has happened to America's young minds? I came away disgusted and gun shy of ever again offering my time or my services to any student group. Why, if I had been willing to be insulted or attacked without ample opportunity to fully respond, I would have at least offered my time and services to one of the three network stations in Nashville.

Your campus TV station has treated its guests like the foulest of humanity. Even a common murderer should be treated with adequate respect and be given the most basic avenues for voicing his/her ideas and messages that offer insight. May I suggest that in the future, your campus TV station stick to topics that will not offend, from convenient guests who do not have to go out of their way to appear and who will have milquetoast personalities so they will not offend. Best of all, I suggest they invite those who have little or no experience so they cannot have their minds influenced by

fact or experience. In this way, no one will really be put out, no one will be disillusioned by the real word, no one will be set back by an untrained or lazy staff, and at least the students will not be exposed to ideas that might offend their narrow viewpoints. In this way the students who are working toward education in communication will not learn the techniques of abuse and insult to well-meaning guests as part of their curriculum.

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Article inaccurate

To the Editor:

Your issue [March 16] was again plagued by careless errors and questionable word selections.

The lead on your page-one piece about the Freedom of Information debate was totally inaccurate when it said that the debate was held by the "Freedom of Information Organization." The program was sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. The editor of your newspaper, Brian Conley, is president of SPJ. How can he possibly have let this glaring error occur?

In the same article, master of ceremonies, or panel moderator, Geoffrey Hull is referred to as the "chairholder." I have no idea what that referred to — perhaps the writer thought he oc-

cupied the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies — but in any event, Hull occupies no chair except the one he sat in during the debate.

I also was disturbed to read in Campus Capsule that Fletcher Clark, the

scheduled speaker at SPJ's next meeting March 28, was referred to as a "giant in the journalism industry." I don't know if that was sarcasm or just stupidity, but in any event it had no business in the paper. Opinions in news are to be attri-

buted or omitted!

You people simply must do a better, more responsible job than you have been lately if you expect your readers to take you seriously.

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Frontside Grind gets a tan

Yes fans, I'm back! I managed to make it through spring break without my vital organs ceasing to function, and I had such a gas of a week that I feel I must share my 168-hour withdrawal from reality with my die-hard followers.

My break started out on the right foot when I found out that my ride to Daytona Beach left Murfreesboro just five minutes before I arrived back from Nashville.

My friend Curt Minton was pressured into leaving at 4:30 (even though he said we would leave no earlier than 6) because the girls he was driving down wanted to arrive in Florida hours before they were supposed to check in.

This was no problem for our fearless hero, however, because I immediately got on the phone and got a ride to Lake City, Florida, with an ex-girlfriend from Gatlinburg who was on her way to Fort Myers.

Special thanks to Lee Holmes, Mike Palmer,

Matt Rubin, and Jon Crisp for the use of the "mission control" phone.

When I got to Lake City I decided to hitchhike the remaining stretch of land to Daytona Beach.

After skating on the shoulder of the interstate for about a mile with no sign of actually thumbing down a ride, I finally got a clue and skated back to Lake City to catch a Greyhound bus.

This bus (and all the morons who rode it) took at least 12 hours to cover the 170 miles from Lake City to Daytona (including two four-hour layovers in Ocala and Jacksonville). If I ever ride a Greyhound bus again I hope someone will hang me by the toenails and pummel me into subconsciousness with a wet carp! GO GREYHOUND!

Despite all of these obstacles, I managed to reach the beach exactly 24 hours after my friends, only to find out that we would be stuffing 10 people into a

condo containing two beds, a bathroom and a TV.

We thought we could solve the problem by stuffing

four of us in Tab McNab's van, but our friend Biff (nobody knows his real name) spoiled that by sealing up the van like Fort Knox and staying there with his "prize catch" for



Brice Minnigh
Frontside Grind

the remainder of the week.

Biff also made our stay more pleasant when he knocked a bucket of shrimp off our balcony because he was mad that his feet got sunburned.

We got him back, though. I smoked his last menthol cigarette and Breezy Wynn ate his last can of Beanie Weenies.

One day six of us drove 15 miles up the coast to Flagler Beach and fished off the pier all day. We managed to catch about 10

fish (including my two-ounce catfish) while consuming a couple of cases of barley products.

We even saw a fight between two old sea salts who were showing us who was the coolest by arguing over the proper method of putting a squid on a hook. I made the mistake of getting in the middle and smarting

off and they yelled "throw the surfer to the pelicans!"

Speaking of pelicans, the biggest events of the day were when my friend Rob Barnett (the Grizzly Adams of the group) was bitten by a pelican and fished by a whitefish.

Flagler's waves KILL Daytona's!

Our days consisted of lying on the beach like barrier reefs and passing out in the sun with no sunscreen on, playing frisbee football, bodysurfing, talking to babes, and making fun of each other.

Breezy became a popular

figure with his neon green "Wild Gecko" shorts.

Chris Blevins got hazed by some nerdy SAE's from New York when they told him to kiss some ugly girl (he didn't) and drop to do 20 push-ups. I told them what they could go drop.

Shalako Horton and I got into a swimming race in our condo's pool which turned out more like a wrestling match.

Our nights were filled with \$15 cover charges, Penrod's Punch, and 4:30 a.m. trips to McDonald's with me driving John MacIntosh's Suzuki Samurai.

An unofficial fraternity named "Sigma Bri" was formed in honor of yours truly. It has its own unsecret handshake, and code of rules to be broken. Almost all of our 25 members went through the straw hat initiation and posed for the picture.

By the way, Sigma Bri's Ann has big plans in order (pig roast, etc.) and needs your addresses because she's sending out newsletters.

I saw hundreds of hodads on the beach who would

have been perfect examples for my "Land of Tackydom" column and got a ton of ideas for a new tacky column. Look for an "Our Adidas" type column by the rock-climbing Rob Barnett (also known as Grizzly Adams) and myself.

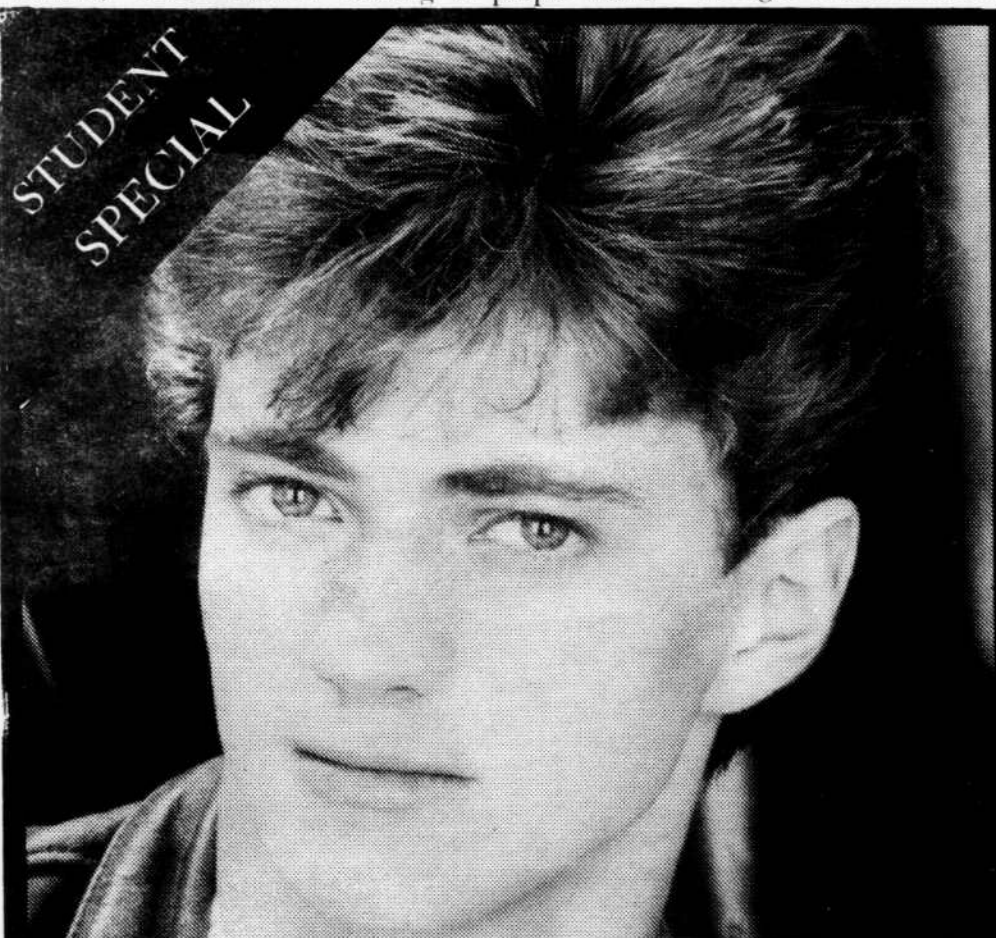
Our sleeping arrangements became even more comfortable on the last night when we stuffed four more girls in our room (is that a record?) because they got evicted from their room. These girls also got the back window of their car broken out and \$200 stolen from them.

The trip ended on a low note when Biff didn't come to the condo when we were ready to leave and we had to wait a couple of hours. I took a heavy slam on my skateboard, and we finally were forced to leave our comrade in Florida.

Not to worry folks, Biff got back via some other MTSU geeks, but I've heard through the grapevine that he's on the warpath.

To Biff we extend a collective, "I'M SORRY."

Closing note to Ashley Booth: Curt has your tequila bottle full of sand!



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Lifestyles

WMOT celebrates anniversary



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WMOT disc jockey Joe Sims searches through the stacks for a record. The MTSU campus jazz station is celebrating its 20th anniversary next month.

Picture relates principal's fight

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

Principal Joe Clark's work in reforming a tough, crime-infested East Side High School in New Jersey has made him one of America's most famous teachers.

Now this pioneer — famous for his bullhorn and baseball bat — will become better known to moviegoers through in the new motion picture "Lean On Me."

The movie opens in 1967 when Clark was a teacher

at Eastside.

The story focuses on what many consider miracles in Clark's reformation of a high school closely resembling a jailhouse into a real institution of secondary education; a school.

As in real life, the movie features Clark (portrayed brilliantly by Morgan Freeman) being sent in by long time friend, the superintendent of schools, Frank Napier (Robert Guillaume) to clean up the school and raise state required proficiency test

scores.

Clark faces many obstacles in his way: angry teachers, resistant parents, government officials and his vice-principal, Ms. Levias (Beverly Todd).

This is Freeman's movie from start to finish — but he is well supported by fine performances from Guillaume and Todd.

"Lean on Me" is one of the best films of the spring season and a good bet for next year's Oscars.

This film earns ★★★ out of four.

'Fletch' sequel lacking

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

This must be the age of "the unsung sequel."

Unlikely sequels are being made for films which many would have thought inappropriate for continuation.

One example of this was "The Fly II." The original "Fly" was a classic horror film which was remade in 1986 and starred Jeff Goldblum. Although the original was highly acclaimed among horror movie mongers, its unlikely sequel did little to further its quality.

Another good movie which probably shouldn't have a sequel is "Fletch." Nonetheless, the continu-

ing adventures of investigative reporter Irvin Fletcher are being chronicled in "Fletch Lives."

In the sequel, Fletch, again played by Chevy Chase, inherits a southern plantation in Louisiana from his deceased aunt.

Immediately after arriving at his plantation, he is implicated in the murder of his lawyer.

Naturally he encounters many shady characters during his investigation — including a healing televangelist, the televangelist's daughter (played by Julianne Phillips) and a greedy real estate agent trying to take over the mansion so he can dump toxic waste on it.

The script, written by

Leon Capetanos, works mainly as a showcase showing Fletch at his best: fast lines and many disguises.

The plot is somewhat predictable and shallow. The support acting is stilted and does not flow well with the comedic talents of Chase.

Without Chevy, "Fletch Lives" would fall flat on its face in shame. Chase miraculously carries this film with his penchant for delivering unfunny lines in a manner which warrants a laugh.

This Fletch flick does not compete with the original, but is somewhat entertaining and Chevy Chase fans won't be disappointed.

This deserves ★★ out of four.

By WENDY GRIFFIN
Lifestyles Editor

WMOT will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year with a nomination for best jazz station in the country by a prestigious trade publication.

Jazz 89 was one of five nominees for 1988 Jazz Station of the Year by *Gavin Report*, a trade magazine. WMOT was the only college station nominated for this award.

While the station did not receive the top award, the WMOT news team was the recipient of seven awards in the last Associated Press Awards ceremony.

"The employees of the station have worked hard for several months and are excited about the celebration of the station," said Laura McComb, WMOT public relations manager.

On April 9, 1969, WMOT signed on the airwaves as a 780 watt FM station. In 1969, with studios located in the Dramatic

Arts Auditorium, the station broadcast educational, informative and entertainment programming.

Since that time, WMOT has undergone many changes, including increasing power to 50,000 watts, McComb said. In 1975, the studios were relocated to the station's current home on the second floor of the Learning Resource Center.

Adopting an all jazz/news format in 1982, WMOT continues to be affectionately known as "Jazz 89."

WMOT is a member of National Public Radio and broadcasts two award-winning NPR news programs,

Morning Edition and *All Things Considered*.

Events scheduled in celebration of WMOT's 20th Anniversary include an open house on Friday, April 7 and a reception on Sunday, April 9. The open house will be held from 4-9 p.m. at the WMOT studios.

On April 9, WMOT will celebrate the 20 year anniversary at Mere Bulles Wine Bar, located at 152 2nd Avenue North, Nashville, from 6-9 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Jerry and Marlene Tachoir.

WMOT seeks DJs

From Staff Reports

WMOT Radio is currently taking applications for disc jockey positions, station officials said.

Applicants must have some type of radio experience, or have taken production courses before apply-

ing, John Egly, WMOT director of operations, said.

DJs will need to be enrolled in summer school to qualify for the job.

The position pays minimum wage. For more information, contact Egly at 898-2800.

Disney re-release pleasant

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

Animated movies are now enjoying one of their most popular periods.

Audiences seem to enjoy watching fictitious characters more lately. This is evident from the success of last year's box-office smash "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and two Christmas animated features, "Oliver & Company" and "The Land Before Time."

Every year Walt Disney enchants us with a classic animated film. This year Disney is re-releasing 1977's comedy/fantasy entitled "The Rescuers."

The movie is adapted from the books "Miss Bianca" and "The Rescuers" by author Margery Sharp. It stars the voices of Bob Newhart and Eva Gabor as Bernard and Bianca, members of International Rescue Aid Society.

This unlikely pair of mice is sent to rescue a little girl named Penny when they receive a message from her requesting their aid in an

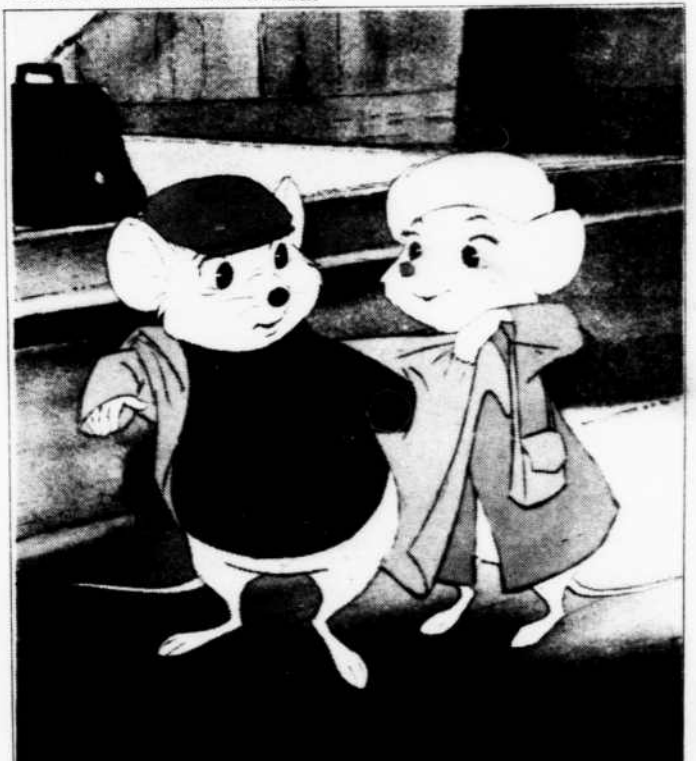
escape from the evil Madame Medusa.

This movie has all the features of a great cartoon: the cute mice, the evil villain and her assistant, and a cast of cute animals — like an air-charter albatross named Orville and a boat

propelling housefly named Evinrude.

This deserves ★★★ out of four.

"The Rescuers" is now showing at the Cinema Twin located on South Tennessee Blvd.



Bernard and Bianca (voices of Bob Newhart and Eva Gabor) are the stars of Walt Disney's classic "The Rescuers."

Coming Up

March 30

Mel and The Party Hats will perform at City Limits.

March 31

REM, a popular Athens, Ga. based progressive rock group, will appear in Murphy Center at 8 p.m. for one show only during their *Green Tour*. Tickets are \$17 for reserved seats and \$16 for general admission. Good seats are still available. For more information, call 898-2551.

Also on March 31, *Next Exit* will perform at City Limits.

April 7

A one-man play, "The End, The Beginning of Life: The Prison Experiences of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" will be sponsored by the Wesley Foundation. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation which is located across from Gore and Clement Hall. Tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. To reserve tickets, call 893-0469.

April 11

The Mr. MTSU Contest, sponsored by Chi Omega sorority, will be held in Murphy Center at 7 p.m. The cost is \$4.

April 13

"All Sing" will be held in Murphy Center at 7 p.m. Many organizations will participate.

'Leviathan' offers nothing new for sea horror flick fans

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

It seems like everyone is going to the sea these days.

Since 1976's "The Deep" and the "Jaws" series, not too many movies have been made about monsters lurking under the depths of the ocean.

Now movies about monsters in the sea are beginning to roll in like a tidal wave.

First came "Deepstar Six," and coming this summer will be "The Abyss" but up to the diving board for

now is "Leviathan" from the producers of last year's surprise hit "Die Hard."

"Leviathan" is set in a mining operation 16,000 miles under the Atlantic Ocean. The crew, headed by Beck (Peter Weller), discovers a Russian ship and becomes infected with a chemical formula that causes "monstrous" results within the bodies of two crew members.

The movie, written by David Peoples and Jeb Stuart under the direction of George P. Cosmatos

(Rambo II and Cobra) is very familiar, maybe too familiar to fans of horror movies like "Alien" and "Deepstar Six."

While "Leviathan" is professionally made and does not lack in production quality, it is the same soggy story.

"Leviathan" gets a generous ★★ out of four.

"Leviathan" is now showing at Carmike 6 at Jackson Heights Square.

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Sports

Raider quarterback declared ineligible

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

An already muddled situation at quarterback for the MTSU Blue Raiders became a little more cloudy recently when redshirt freshman quarterback O.J. Smith was declared academically ineligible.

Smith, a former star for Smyrna High School, was ruled ineligible until he could retake his American College Test [ACT] after questions arose concerning scores he had previously received on the college entrance exam.

According to sources, Smith failed to score a 16 on the test, the minimum score required of in-state students wishing to enter MTSU, the first time he took the test.

Upon retaking the test, Smith scored eight to nine points higher, the source said.

When a testee scores a substantial amount above their original score on a retake of the test, the ACT may require that person to retake the test to ensure that the gains made were legitimate, a source familiar with the procedure said.

"If it's five points they [the ACT] usually won't bother with it, but if the jump in the score is substantial, they will check it out," the source said. "If the ACT didn't pick up on the score differential, someone at MTSU did, probably Cliff Gillespie."

Gillespie, MTSU's dean of admissions, was unavailable for comment yesterday. However, *The Daily News Journal* reported that he had no comment on the situation, other than "several students take their ACT or SAT [Scholastic Aptitude Test] several times."

According to people who knew Smith while attending Smyrna High School, the 5-11, 170 lbs. quarterback was a good student, and Smith said he achieved a 2.8 GPA in his first college semester while carrying courses such as English, biology, history and mathematics.

"I feel I was definitely singled-out just because I am an athlete," he said. "But everything will work out, and I'll be back in the fall."

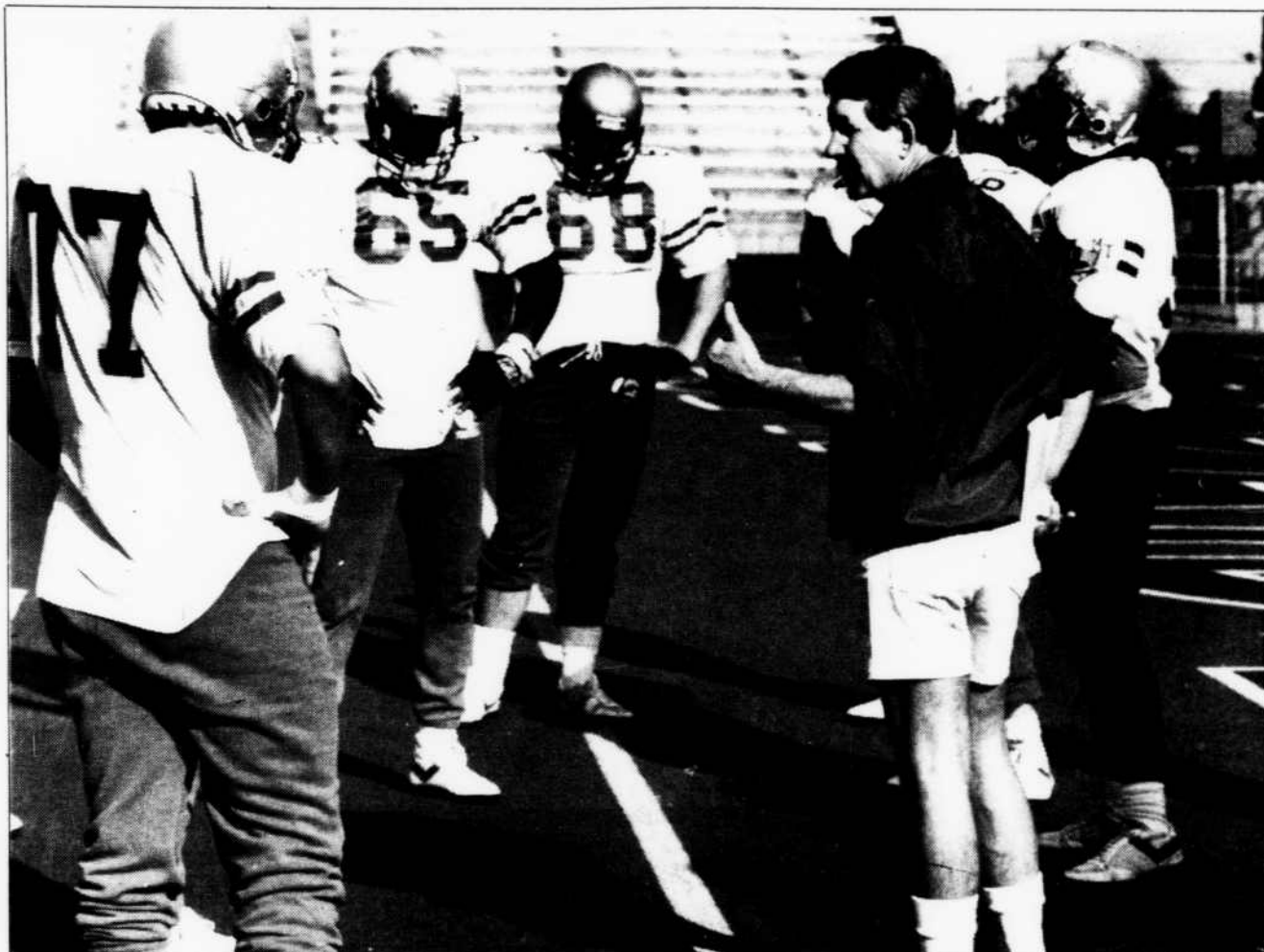
Head coach Boots Donnelly said that Smith had already retaken the test and was simply waiting for his score to return before a decision on his eligibility could be made.

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Michael Johnson • Staff

MTSU basketball coach Bruce Stewart



Frank Conley • Staff

MTSU offensive coordinator Charlie "Wildcat" Butler instructs members of the Blue Raider offensive line during spring practice Tuesday afternoon at Horace Jones Field.

Moving on? Stewart's future with MTSU uncertain

BY M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor
and
KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

Murfreesboro's hottest topic for coffee shop debate lately has been whether or not the sight of Bruce Stewart with his arms raised in triumph following the Blue Raiders' NCAA Tournament victory over Florida State will be the last the city will see of the five-year MTSU coach.

On Tuesday, March 21 University of Tennessee head coach Don DeVoe announced his negotiated resignation from his post amid a furor of rumors that he would be fired by Athletic Director Doug Dickey.

Almost as soon as DeVoe left, Stewart and a bevy of other coaches began lobbying for the Vols' vacant top spot.

Stewart quickly emerged as a possible finalist for the job, amongst bigger names such as Louisville assistant coach Wade Houston, Oklahoma State head coach Leonard Hamilton, Florida State head coach Pat Kennedy and Evansville head coach Jim Crews.

Several other possible long shots for the post have also applied, headed by former Vol stand-out and current New York Knicks commentator Ernie Grunfeld.

"If I'm hired by UT it is no bad reflection on MTSU," Stewart said yesterday. "Anyone who got an offer to triple their income would take it. I've got two kids and another on the way."

Stewart and Dickey met in a Nashville restaurant Tuesday afternoon for what the Blue Raider mentor called "a get to know you meeting."

"It lasted about an hour and fifteen minutes, and it went well," he said. "Coach Dickey is very intelligent, and he was well prepared."

As far as the possibility of being hired is concerned, Stewart said he has done all he can.

"I've worked hard the past few years and that speaks for itself," he said. "I've talked to the man responsible for hiring the Tennessee basketball coach and now I just have to wait."

"Right now I'm employed by MTSU. For five years I've worked hard and attacked the job with 100 percent enthusiasm, and we're already working for next year."

While Stewart's uncertain future with the program has been felt by the community, it has also had an impact on the returning players.

"We would hate to see him go," freshman Mike Buck said. "His record here proves that he is a great coach, but I'm sure if he were offered the job, he wouldn't turn it down."

"We don't want him to leave, but you've gotta do what you've gotta do," fellow freshman Quincy Vance said.

However, Vance felt confident that he would be playing under Stewart next season.

"I don't think he'll leave," he said. "He built a good foundation here and has a lot of talent coming back."

Stewart, on the other hand, said he felt the players would survive if he left.

"Whoever is coach will be a good one," he said. "It certainly wouldn't break their hearts. They've all broken up with girlfriends before, and I'm sure they loved them more than they love me."

But, if Stewart does leave MTSU, Vance said some players, including himself, might be willing to make the trip to Knoxville with him.

"I wouldn't ask him to go, but if he did offer, I would probably go with him," he said.



Frank Conley • Staff

Senior forward Randy Henry goes up for a rebound with Virginia's Jeff Daniel during action in the second round of the NCAA tournament of Saturday, March 18.

Blue Raider seniors extend careers after tourney loss

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

Although their MTSU career came to an end with a 104-88 loss to Virginia in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the basketball playing days of the Blue Raiders' senior trio may not be over.

Forward Randy Henry and center Kerry Hammonds will be playing in an invitational tournament for the top 64 seniors in the nation next week, while at least two professional teams have expressed interest in guard Chris Rainey.

Henry and Hammonds will take part in the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament in Portsmouth, Va. next Wednesday through Saturday, which is sponsored by scouts from the NBA, the Continental Basketball Association and several overseas leagues.

Head coach Bruce Stewart announced during his media luncheon yesterday that two professional teams, the Illinois Express and the Miami Heat had expressed interest in Rainey.

The Express are a member of the World Bas-

ketball League, a league consisting of players 6-4 and under, while the Heat were one of two expansion teams allowed in the NBA this season.

"The Express called me this morning and said they were interested in making Chris their second or third pick in this year's draft," Stewart said. "The Heat have also said they were interested."

Henry said the Portsmouth Tournament consisted of 64 players divided into eight teams of one center, two forwards, two swing men and three guards.

"It's set up like a tournament," he said. "The worst a team can do is play two games."

The 6'9, 205 pounder said he was not sure who all the other invitees were or who he or Hammonds would be teamed with.

He also said that several press conferences would be held, and that a luncheon featuring former Utah Jazz head coach Frank Layden was also scheduled.

Several NBA clubs, including the Milwaukee Bucks, Portland Trailblaz-

ers and Sacramento Kings have previously expressed interest in Henry, and he said he hoped to do well in the tournament.

"I'm going in and giving it my best shot," he said.

Stewart also said that he hopes his former players perform well, whatever their future may be.

"If it all works out — that's great," he said. "If not, we hope they will get their degrees and be productive citizens."

"They've always worked hard on the basketball court, and I know they will work hard off it."

The coach also added that the three had always been successful, perhaps in many ways that had gone unnoticed.

"It been well documented in all the papers where these guys rank in career points, rebounds and assists," he said. "But what's most important is where they rank in the win column."

"These three guys have been successful in everything they have done, and I'm sure they will continue to be successful."

Raider netters hit hard times

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's tennis team suffered one of its worst defeats of the season Tuesday, losing 8-1 to Vanderbilt.

"I was extremely disappointed in our effort, we got down early and acted like we didn't care when we got to the doubles," Coach Dale Short said. "We had a

decent crowd show up, but we sure didn't look good in front of them. It was embarrassing."

At the start of the season, the Blue Raiders were having aspirations of being a title contender. But since a road trip to Florida in which they played in six matches, they have gone 3-4 to drop the overall record to 9-7.

Craig Haslam was out with the flu, while Nick Sheumack and Jeff Raper had a touch of the flu but were able to play.

Number six division player Chris King got the only win of the day, 3-6, 6-0, 6-0, over Fletcher Lance.

The Blue Raiders leave out this weekend for Kentucky to take on Louisville on Friday. They then face Ohio Valley Conference foes Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, and Morehead State on Sunday.

"Haslam, Sheumack, and Raper might be sick and unable to travel," Short added. "If we are healthy and play much better than we did on Tuesday, we should have a good weekend."

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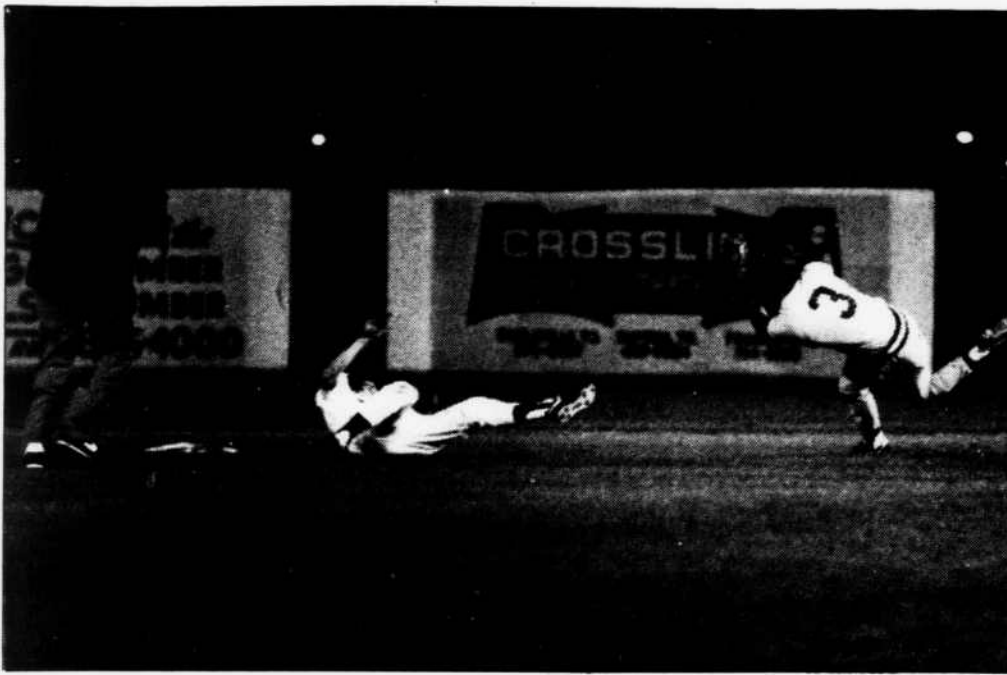
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MTSU outfielder Scott Duff takes out an unidentified Trevecca player during Tuesday night's 11-3 Blue Raider victory over the Trojans.

Disloyalty not main issue in possible loss of Stewart

Commitment.

That's a word that draws a variety of reactions from a variety of people.

However, in Murfreesboro — especially at MTSU

when you tell him he will play in a town full of bright lights and big shows.

Then imagine telling a kid that he can play in fabulous Murfreesboro, Tn. Big difference, huh?

and a smattering of fans elsewhere (normally all of them sitting sedately).

Perhaps these people who want to play jury and decide on Stewart's loyalty should turn their judgmental eyes on themselves.

Stewart has been extremely dedicated in his time at MTSU, and every ounce of success this program has attained has come almost directly from his own hard work.

If these people want Stewart to stay with the Blue Raiders, perhaps they should be a little more committed themselves.

And maybe they should remember, "Judge not and be ye not judged."

The Words I View By M.A. BROWN



— the meaning of the word is apparently extremely muddled, to say the least.

When University of Tennessee head basketball coach Don DeVoe resigned his post on March 22, MTSU head basketball coach Bruce Stewart immediately expressed interest in the job.

Stewart has since applied and interviewed for the position, and suddenly a number of people at MTSU and in the local community have begun to suspect the coach's loyalty to the Blue Raider athletic program.

Perhaps these people are upset because they felt Stewart would spend his entire coaching career in Murfreesboro.

I myself must admit that I had dreams of seeing Stewart do what Jerry Tarkanian has done with UNLV — take a program in what is considered to be a mid-major conference and build it into a perennial national power.

But it's time we were all realistic.

First of all, Tarkanian has one major recruiting advantage that Stewart will never have at MTSU — his school is located in LAS VEGAS.

Can you imagine how easy it must be to sign a kid

Secondly, Tarkanian has another thing that Stewart has yet to receive at MTSU.

A true commitment from his university administration and athletic department and from his community.

Since coming here five years ago, Stewart has taken a down-and-out program and reeled off four straight 20-win seasons, including three trips to the NCAA tournament and two to the NIT.

I happen to know for a fact that his paycheck in no way reflects the success he has brought to Blue Raider basketball.

Secondly, can you imagine what would happen if the UNLV athletic department told Tarkanian the Runnin' Rebels couldn't host their conference tournament because the Nevada Girls State Basketball Tournament was being held in his gym?

I'll tell you one thing, Tarkanian's boys wouldn't be the ones moving to another city to play ball.

Thirdly, watch a UNLV game and what do you see? Stands full of screaming fans.

Go to an MTSU game and what do you see? A fairly full student section

Zimmerman busts Trojans with two powerful strokes

By KEN SALTER

Senior Staff Writer

MTSU's hit three home-runs and got a strong pitching performance as they beat Trevecca College 11-3 Tuesday night.

The win raised the Blue Raiders record to 9-11-1.

MTSU jumped out to the lead in the first inning as designated hitter George Zimmerman hit a 3-2 delivery over the right-center field wall with two runners on.

Zimmerman gave the crowd of 325 an encore of his first inning power outburst in the third as he hit another homerun over the right-center field wall.

"They were both good pitches," Zimmerman said. "I just took advantage of their mistakes."

Zimmerman is now tied with Jay Owens for the team lead in homeruns with five.

Pitcher John McCormick recorded just the third complete game of the season for the Blue Raiders as he went the distance for the first time this season. He gave up 11 hits and struck

out seven.

"I gave up a lot of hits," he said. "I just did what I had to do when I had to do it."

Coach Steve Peterson felt McCormick's performance was key to the Raider's victory.

"When we get good pitching, we play good baseball," he said. "McCormick had good performance tonight."

Second baseman Darryl Steakley and Owens each had three hits.

Steakley hits included his first homerun of the season and a triple, while Owens had a pair of doubles.

After jumping out to a 4-0 lead, Trevecca cut the lead to 4-2 on a two out

single by Kyle Poole in the sixth.

The Raiders, however, answered in the bottom of the inning as they sent 10 men to the plate while scoring six runs.

The key blows in the inning were a two-run homer by Steakley and a two-run double by Owens.

The Raiders will host Tennessee State University Saturday for a doubleheader at 5:30 p.m.

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MTSU freshman forward Mike Buck protects the ball from Florida State All-American George McCloud during the Blue Raiders 97-83 comeback victory.

Buck stops Florida State

By M.A. BROWN
Sports Editor

The spectacle of the NCAA Tournament rolled into Nashville Thursday, March 16 as eight teams began the Southeast Regional at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium.

The day began as honorable mention All-American Randy White led his Louisiana Tech Bulldogs past the LaSalle-Explorers 83-74.

Then the powerful Oklahoma Sooners, the region's number one seed, held off a raid by the hard charging Buccaneers of East Tennessee, who had hoped to carry off the booty of a first round victory.

In the first game of the second session, Virginia's Richard Morgan rained jump shots to the tune of 33 points as the Cavaliers excommunicated the Providence Friars 100-97.

And in the finale, just as the final curtain was about to fall on the MTSU Blue Raiders, Mike Buck stole the show from them all.

Buck, an unheralded freshman from tiny Clar- krange, led one of the greatest comebacks in NCAA Tourney history, scoring 26 points as the Raiders stormed back from a 17

point second half deficit to send the Florida State Seminoles skulking home with a 97-83 defeat.

The 6-5, 190 lbs. guard/forward entered the game hitting 42 percent of his shots from the floor and 82 percent of his free throws.

However, on this night, Buck's performance could only be summed up by one word.

Perfection.

The slender 19-year old connected on every shot he took against the Seminoles — 7-of-7 from the field, including 6-of-6 from three point land, and 6-of-6 from the line — as he spurred his team to victory.

Even now, two weeks after the game, the player many scouts felt was too skinny to play major college ball said his accomplishment didn't seem quite real.

"It's still hard to believe," he said. "It seems kinda like a dream, but it was an outstanding night."

To say the least.

But contrary to Buck's, and perhaps many spectator's beliefs, it was no dream. It was all there for everyone to see.

It all began as the first half buzzer was about to sound, and the Blue Raid-

ers trailed 51-41.

From the left corner, Buck heaves up a three pointer.

Swish! Nothing but net!

Then with 9:27 to play, number 20 goes for three from the right side.

Give it to him!

Two minutes later he's on the left side going for another three.

Bottom!

Play goes on for two more minutes, until, once again from the left side, Buck goes for another trey.

It's good!

Thirty seconds later Buck nails a lay-up.

Then, less than a minute later, Buck goes for the shot of the night.

With the Raiders trailing 83-81, and a Seminole hot on his trail, Buck launches another trey from the top of the key.

Face job! The Raiders lead 84-83, and would never trail again as they blew away the stunned Floridians 21-0 over the game's final 5:00.

"I'm very sure that Florida State didn't know who I was," a smiling Buck remarked after the game. "But they'll remember me."

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Tourney dream ends for MTSU

MTSU's NCAA Tournament dream came to an end Saturday, March 18, however, as they fell 104-88 to the hot-shooting Virginia Cavaliers.

The Raiders led only once in the contest at 5-4 with 17:23 remaining in the first half.

After that point, the Cavaliers were in complete control of the game, building a 49-39 bulge by halftime.

MTSU made several runs at the Cavaliers, but were

able to come no closer than six points at 55-49 with 17:54 to play.

"Everytime they made a run, with responded with a good shot and made it," Virginia guard John Crotty said. "That demoralized them, and kept the crowd out of it."

The Blue Raiders agreed that the Cavaliers handled their comeback attempts well.

"They kept their composure and that kind of broke our back," guard Chris

Rainey said.

"Everytime we got a run going they answered," forward Randy Henry said. "They took our crowd out of it and got their crowd back in it."

Henry and Rainey led the Raiders with 23 points each, while center Kerry Hammonds chipped in 22.

Virginia was led by Richard Morgan with 33 points, while freshman Bryant Stith scored 26 and Crotty added 25.

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Netter captain continues to succeed following early-season turnaround

By KEVIN SPAIN
Assistant Sports Editor

In the previews of the 1989 tennis team, team captain Chris King was described as a player who, if he could keep up his confidence level, could be a deciding factor in the team's success.

And in the beginning of the season, it appeared as if his confidence was shaken, going 1-4 in his first five matches.

But the senior from Marietta, Georgia didn't allow his shaky start to dictate his season. He has since gone 11-3 to improve his singles record to 12-7.

"When you lose some tough matches, you can lose your confidence, you just

have to play out of it," King said. "If you can edge out some of the close matches, it can get you on a roll. Tennis is a mental game. If you feel like you're rolling, you are very tough to beat."

King is coming off a good season last year, losing in the finals in the OVC tournament, and according to Coach Dale Short, he could contend for the title in his division.

"The way Chris has been playing, he has an excellent chance to win the conference. His ability to handle the pressure of being a team leader has helped him improve his game," Short said. "We've been struggling as a team lately, and will rely on leadership from Chris to

pull the team together and hopefully turn its season around like he did to his own game."

The responsibilities of a team captain go beyond winning matches. He is a liaison for players and coach.

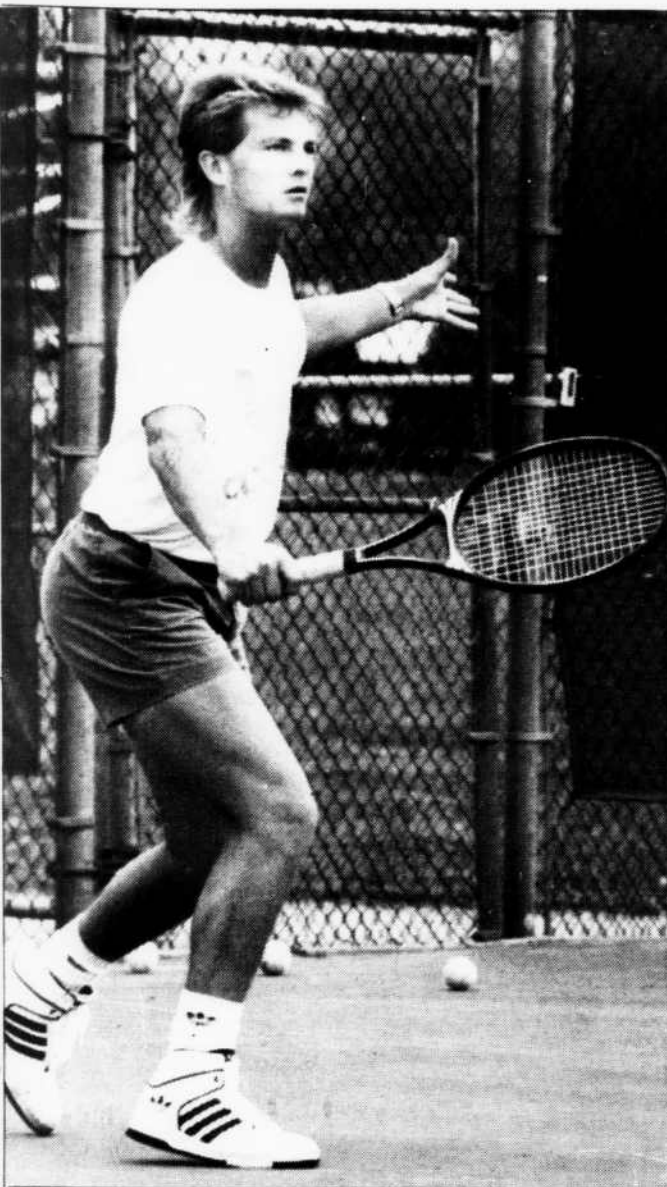
"Since I am a senior, I try and help out the new guys coming in to familiarize them with the system," King said. "I have to be able to get along with everyone and give feedback to players and coaches."

Chris is playing under his second coach here at MTSU. Coach Short is in his second season at the helm, while Dick LaLance was coaching during King's first two seasons.

"Coach LaLance was a real laid back coach, while Coach Short is more enthusiastic," King added. "The big difference in the two was Coach Short was a player and knows what it's like from the inside. His experience has made him a good teacher."

This weekend, the team travels to Kentucky for an important road trip, so good team play is essential.

"This trip can make or break us," Coach Short added. "Positive leadership from Chris is vital. If the team can play as well as he has, we will still be alive in the conference, if not we're in trouble."



Frank Conley/Staff

Tennis team captain Chris King has bounced back from a rough early season to amass a 12-7 record.

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"O.J. has taken the test [again], and it's just a matter of time before he gets his score. It's not a big deal," the coach said.

However, for the time being, Donnelly finds himself left with only two candidates — Phil Ironside and Jeff Taylor — competing to replace graduated Marvin Collier at the helm of the Blue Raider offense.

"We're not even counting on O.J. We're more concerned about what he does in school," Donnelly said. "This is just something that took place, and we're not going to worry about it.

We're going to practice with the ones we've got."

Taylor, however, said the loss of Smith was a major blow to the team.

"It definitely hurts our team because he adds a dimension Phil and I don't have. He's an excellent runner. He's got great speed," he said. "Now we don't have anyone to compete against, it's just Phil and me."

Smith said he felt sure he would be back with the team this fall.

"I've been running and stuff to keep in shape," he said. "I know all of the plays. So the lay-off won't hurt me too badly."

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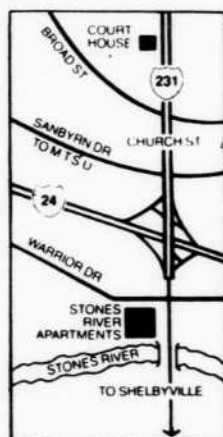
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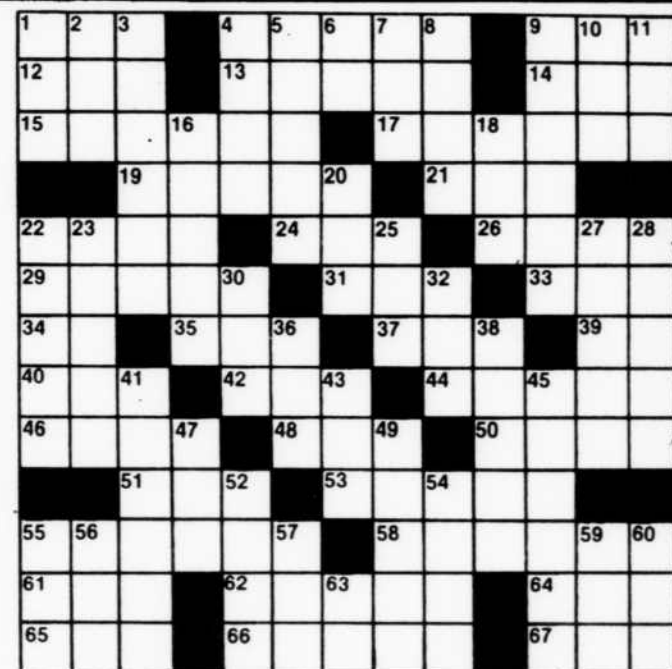
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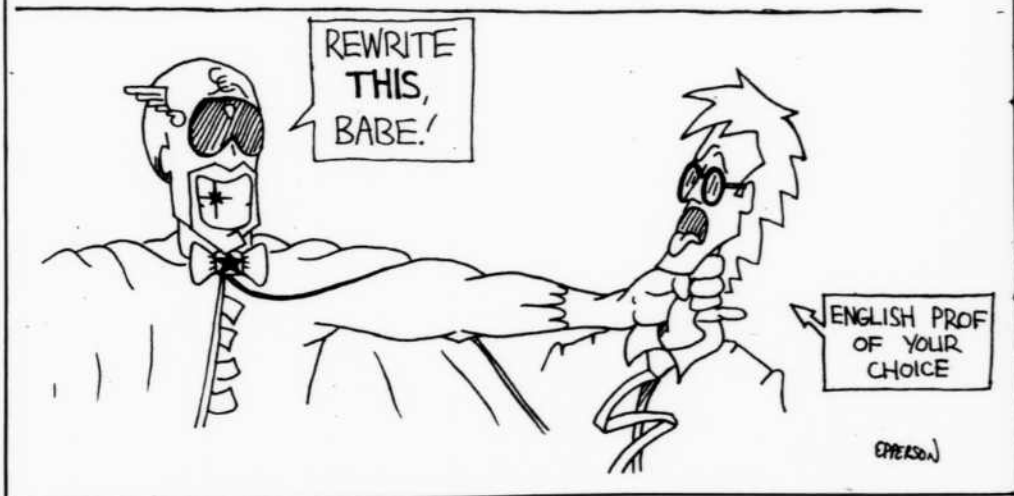
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