

photos by Larry McCormack

Tom Terry, a freshman from Johnson City, calls his girlfriend after he made a safe trip back to campus. Terry traveled about 300 miles on his motorcycle from his home.

## Over 100 students charged for not returning keys

Over 100 people are being charged for rent over the Christmas holidays because they did not check out of their dorms and turn in their key according to David Bragg, housing director.

"Charges must be paid before registration at the housing office or students cannot register," Bragg said.

Letters were sent to the students informing them they were being charged for the rent before Christmas, he said.

Rent for the air conditioned dorms was \$36.23 and non-air conditioned dorms was \$32.50. J and K apartment residents who did not return their keys were charged \$44.38.

In campus housing for the spring, Bragg said there would be close to 100 percent capacity in the dorms. People in three-to-a-room situations will be relocated.

Bragg said over 110 students flunked out who lived in residence halls last semester.

## ASB is emphasizing academics

By RENEE VAUGHN  
Sidelines Staff Writer

A thrust toward more student input in academics is one of the spring semester goals set by Associated Student Body president, Kent Syler.

Previous energies have largely been spent on "facial" type issues. This year ASB has no intentions of limiting itself to those areas, Syler said.

The Fraternity Row project, which was begun last semester to promote the possible construction of fraternity housing, will still be in consideration, Randy James, ASB speaker of the house, said. But more direct involvement from the fraternities themselves will be expected, he added.

The impressive increase in attendance for the house of representatives last semester has kept the student government from reforming unicamerally, James said. He looks forward to and encourages a continued upsurge in participation.

A bill, which originated in the house last semester and has been passed on to the faculty senate for approval, would require MTSU instructors to provide a detailed

syllabus for their students.

Paul Cantrell, dean of students, approved the measure and added a recommendation that the instructors include on the syllabus the number of absences they will allow. James and Syler promote legislation that deals primarily with academics.

Another topic of ASB concern is the proposed eight percent tuition increase. The opposition to the measure, formed last semester by Syler, will take on new resistance as other area schools are coordinated in the fight.

James said, "A coalition with other universities would provide a voice against the increase. In a time when you can not control inflation in food, housing, etc., it is hoped that we will be able to at least halt rising tuition."

The first house meeting is to take place in about two weeks, according to James. It has been delayed a little in order to let the students settle down a bit, he said.

Both James and Syler are looking forward to the new semester with optimism and excitement. "We've got the tools and foundation for a good semester," Syler said.

## Students face hearing

Three MTSU students will appear for a preliminary hearing in General Sessions Court today in connection with the Dec. 1 attack on Harry Majors in K-apartment.

Arrested were Michael K. Curtis, charged with aggravated assault, and Leamon Bratton, charged with accessory before the fact and aggravated assault.

The third suspect is Andrew Cannon, a former MTSU student. He is also charged with accessory before the fact and aggravated assault.

According to police reports, Majors was attacked early Saturday morning in his apartment

by 30 to 40 Kappa Alpha Psi members from MTSU, Tennessee State and Memphis State.

Bratton, Curtis, and Cannon are all members of MTSU's Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

The attack on Majors stemmed from a fight the previous Friday night at a Kool Club dance. Majors, a Kool Club member, was involved in an argument with members of the KAPsi.

KAPsi members wanted entrance to the Kool Club dance and when refused, a fight occurred between Majors and unidentified members.

Saturday morning, a number of KAP members from the three

schools broke into Majors' room at 109 K-apartments and proceeded to ransack his apartment.

The group hit Majors several times with bats, sticks and canes.

They also threw him through his bedroom window, requiring him to receive several stitches to his arms and shoulders.

Once Majors escaped his apartment, he ran into the parking lot. A car tried to run him down but Majors was able to avoid it. An unidentified MTSU student then helped him to the hospital.

Police report they are continuing to investigate and are trying to locate and apprehend the other people involved in the attack.

## Committee formed to allocate fees

By BILL TROUP  
Sidelines News Editor

Appropriations of student activity fee funds will begin before this month is over, according to dean of students Paul Cantrell.

Cantrell chairs the committee that will decide where the funds, totaling between 18 and 20 thousand dollars, will be sent.

The funds will be given to student organizations who apply and meet certain guidelines set up by the committee. Cantrell said a list of priorities and guidelines have been drawn up and are pending approval by vice president of student affairs Robert LaLance.

The committee will begin accepting applications from any student organization later this month. The amount of money allotted to each of the organizations which qualify will be determined by how beneficial the group or program is to the campus community as judged by the committee.

ASB president Kent Syler said that the ASB has no control over where the money goes and they would be subject to the committee's approval like every other organization before they could receive any of the funds. Syler also said any organization could apply

for funds and all applicants will be given consideration.

Cantrell said there would be no limit to the amount of money appropriated to each applicant but the amounts would depend on the use of the money.

The activity fund committee consists of Cantrell and six other members made up of both students and faculty. They are Frank Ginnani, Harold Smith, Marilyn Chance, Doug Cole, Susan Denny, and Bobby Flowers.

Cantrell said that the details for applying would be released within the next couple of weeks.

## Paperback book sale needs student support; books for resale at one-half original price

The paper back book buy-back plan, initiated at the MTSU bookstore fall semester, will only be successful if the students take advantage of the half price resale, book department manager Earl Harris said.

The bookstore plans to sell used paper back books to students at one-half the retail cost after buying them from students last semester at 15 percent of the original retail price.

For example, *Historical Viewpoints*, by John Garraty, was sold new as required reading for history 202 at the price of \$7.95. The used paperback was then sold back to the bookstore at the con-

clusion of the semester for about \$1.20. The bookstore will then resell the book to students for spring semester at half of the new price, or \$3.98.

Lou Hannah, a sales clerk in the paperback department, said each of the used books which are on the required reading lists of any instructor at MTSU will be stocked with new books of the same title. The fiction, how-to or other non-required material will be held back for a special sale later on in the semester.

The bookstore will be providing a service to the students by allowing them to buy required material at a reduced rate, said Harris. The savings will really add

up over time if the practice is continued, he said.

"We tried this once before, paying the students 10 percent of the original value. We did not have many books sold back at that price and the ones we did get were not very highly in demand. The response was better this time," he said. The bookstore bought back approximately 600 paperback books in December.

According to Harris, for the service to continue, the students must take advantage of the savings by buying the half-price paperbacks. Once the response to the program is seen, the bookstore will determine whether or not to repeat the offer.

## First year 'exciting' for Ingram

By LISA HUMAN  
Editor in chief

To MTSU President Sam H. Ingram, Jan. 1, 1980 marked the beginning of a new decade and the anniversary of his first year as MTSU president.

"It's been an exciting year for me," Ingram said, who came here Jan. 1, 1979 after holding the position of commissioner of Tennessee's Department of Education.

"We've made as much progress in this year as we should have," Ingram said, explaining that his first year here was a time for getting acquainted with all aspects of MTSU.

"I expected it would take six months to a year to get acquainted with the people and the University," he said. "It's taken longer to do that than I expected, but I believe I have succeeded in becoming familiar with problems faculty and students here have."

Some of these problems Ingram said students are concerned with include housing, bugs, inflation, quality education and the possibility of a fraternity row.

Ingram, who found faculty morale to be

one of the biggest problems among the teachers, recommended a blue ribbon committee be formed to study this problem. The faculty senate appointed this committee, which has been meeting "almost weekly," according to Ingram.

While Ingram has become sensitive to these problems, he said problems were easier to define than solve.

"We'll be able to implement changes the second year," he said.



photo by Larry McCormack

Inside Sidelines today

Today in Sidelines we explore services offered by the infirmary and take a look at some of the best student photographs of fall '79. Sports takes a look at the Raiders win over NCAA Division II National Champion North Alabama Monday night.

## MTSU photo gallery has valuable picture collection

The photographic gallery has in its collection works totaling in today's selling value over \$25,000, according to Curator Harold Baldwin.

MTSU owns one of the most widely known photographs around the world. "Moon Rise over Hernandez, New Mexico" by Ansel Adams is in the gallery's collection in an 11" X 14" size which sells for \$1,500.

Adams, world famous nature photographer, has been on the cover of *Time*, in *Newsweek*, in a feature article in the *Wall Street Journal* and in *Life*. His "Moon Rise" has been shown in some of these publications. Adams' work was recently on exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

Still black and white photographer Edward Weston has

had prints that have brought the most money for a single photo. He has work valued at over \$10,000 as reported in *Newsweek* this summer.

Richard Avedon, known for his fashion approach, is probably the most expensive photographer today, according to Baldwin. "We have the Richard Avedon print of Groucho Marx in our collection which I am sure will sell for around \$2,000," he said.

"We have prints by all these people and more. We purchased the prints years ago before prices soared," he said.

Something needs to be done with this collection, according to Baldwin. "The collection needs to be on display for the students, the population of Tennessee, and area states. It has the recognition."

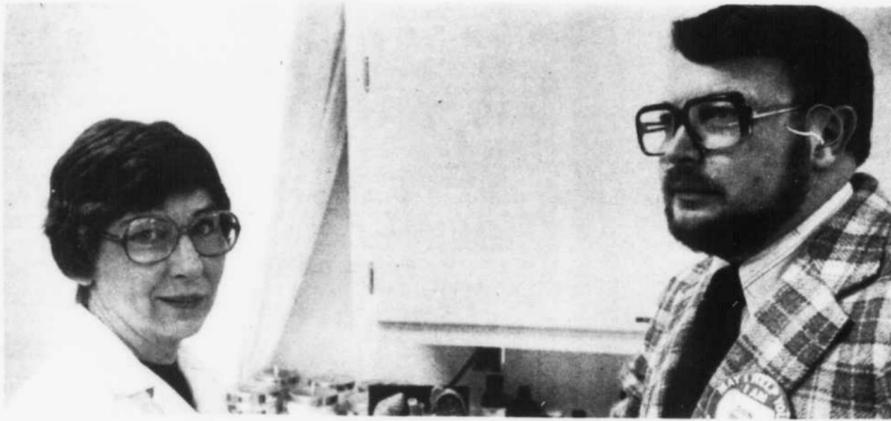


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Don Young, physicians assistant and Barbara Martin, RN, work over at the infirmary during the week. The hours of are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Services are free to full-time students.

## MTSU financial aid can deter cost of school

The high cost of college tuition can be deterred somewhat by the MTSU Financial Aid programs.

MTSU ranks second throughout

the state in the number of Tennessee Student Assistance Awards given to students and also in the total dollars spent in all state

programs. Last semester 850 grants were awarded.

"The majority of students here are well aware of the financial aid sources available to them," Winston Wrenn, director of student financial aid, said.

More than 2,200 applications for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) were submitted before the start of the fall semester and about one-half of the students enrolled receive some type of financial assistance.

Other financial aid programs include College Work Study Program, Nursing Scholarships, Law Enforcement Education Program, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and others.

Applications for student aid will be available at the financial aid office starting today.

## Health care is available

With the start of the new semester, many new students at MTSU may not be familiar with the services available to them. One such service is the campus infirmary.

The infirmary is provided by the Health Services Department and is located directly in front of Cummings dormitory. It is open from 8 a.m. 4 p.m., Monday through Friday each semester. No appointment is necessary.

Dr. Robert H. Hackman is the university physician. Hackman's hours on campus are from 2-4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The staff also consists of Don Young, physician assistant, three RNs and one LPN.

The infirmary provides free medical treatment to all full-time students. Part-time students, those taking 11 hours or less, are also eligible for treatment, but those students must pay an activity fee at the Business Office before the infirmary can offer them services. According to Barbara Martin, Nurse Administrator, the maximum fee would be around \$15 and the student would be eligible for services the entire semester.

The infirmary does not have the facilities and/or equipment for lab work and x-rays. Therefore, students have to pay for those services.

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Students are urged to take advantage of services rendered by the infirmary.

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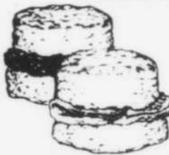


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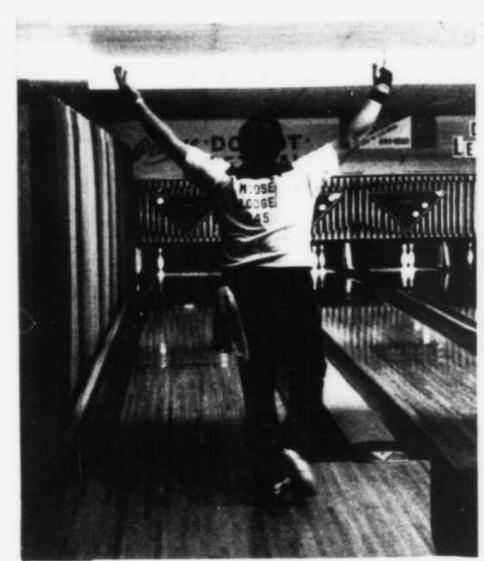
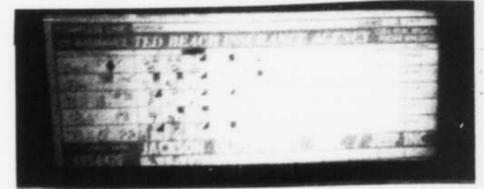


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a weary pilgrimage,  
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doth fill the stage  
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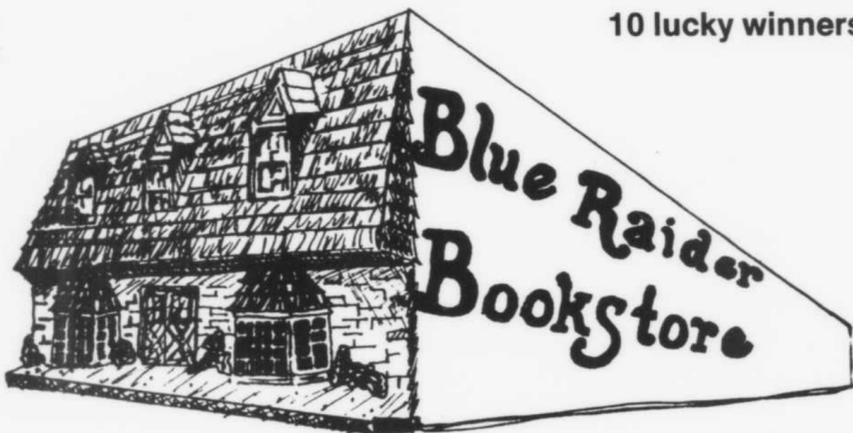


These photographs were selected by MTSU photography instructor Jim Norton from his photojournalism class as some of the best photographs by students for fall 1979. Students submitted around 200 photographs in portfolios as their final projects.

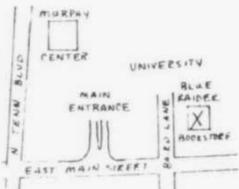
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## from the editor

### Newspaper's role is redefined as a new staff takes over work

Each semester *Sidelines* experiences changes due to editorial staff turn-overs, but the role of the student newspaper remains the same. Since many people are uncertain as to what role *Sidelines* should play at the University, we found it necessary to redefine it.

Basically, our job is to gather news that is of interest and importance to students and faculty and to report it fairly and accurately. We must use our judgment in deciding what is the most important news and what should not be printed. We feel that is the task of most newspapers, but *Sidelines* is different from "most newspapers" in two major respects.

1. *Sidelines* is a part of the University and is owned by the state of Tennessee.
2. *Sidelines* is run by students.

Although *Sidelines* is owned by the state, we do not feel obligated to function as a public relations outlet for the University. While *Sidelines* will not hesitate to compliment the University when compliments are in order, we also feel obligated to report events not favorable to the State or University. This includes playing watchdog to the student government.

As *Sidelines* staff members, we are also students, not professionals. Operating a paper is a learning experience for us. However, we consider ourselves dedicated journalists, and will not excuse ourselves from our mistakes simply because we are students. We do not want our readers too either.

It is our goal and responsibility to operate our student newspaper like a professional paper. With these goals and responsibilities in mind, the *Sidelines* staff is looking forward to reporting to you this semester.

### Harvard elite model our style; down jackets are the new fad

Students at Harvard University are wearing down jackets and windbreakers in order to look like MTSU students, according to a Dec. 4 *New York Times* article, and we think that is a compliment.

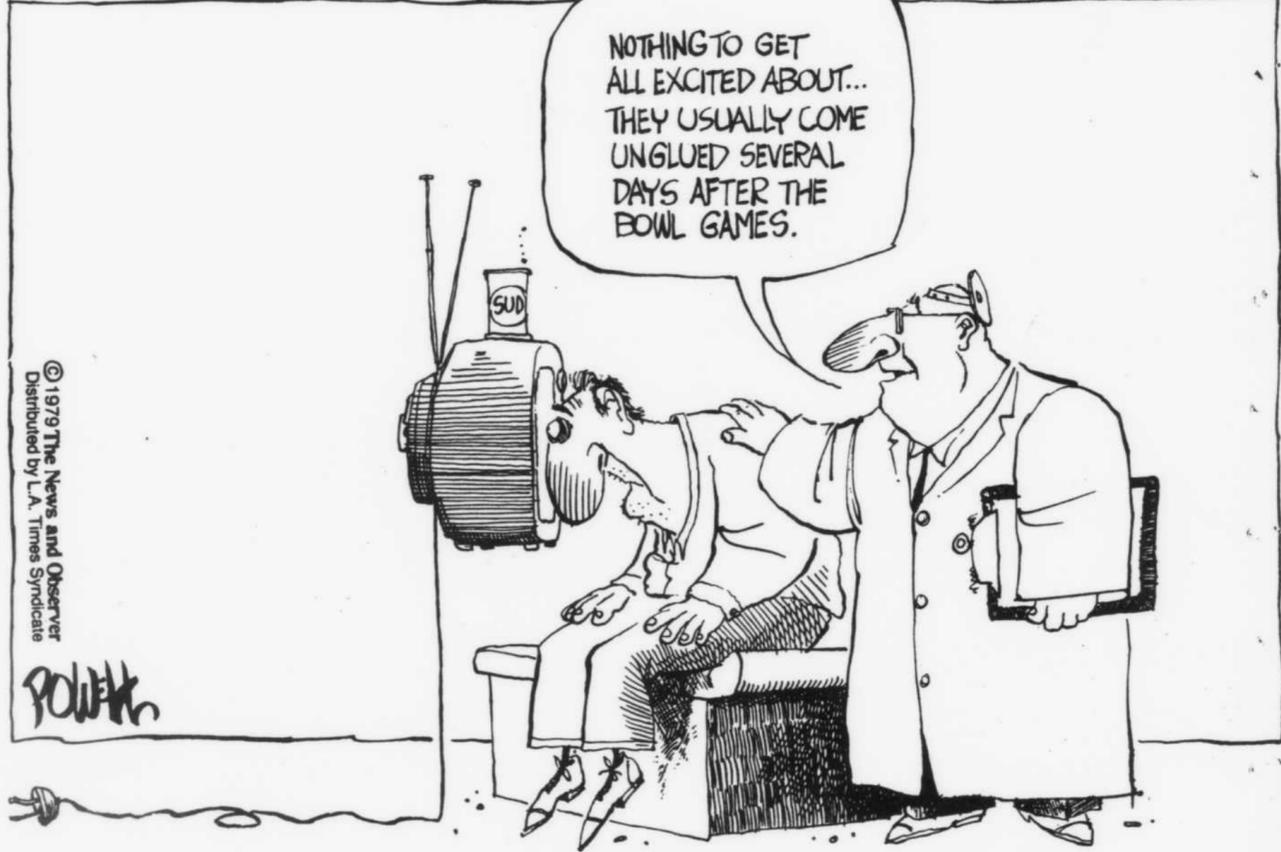
Following is an excerpt from the *Times* that was sent to *Sidelines* anonymously. "The ubiquitous windbreaker or down jacket would seem to proclaim neither rebellion or conformity, but simply a fervent if not totally genuine disavowal of an elite status. 'The object is to look as if you were going to Middle Tennessee Collage,' one professor said."

We received the article with these words scrawled across the top: "What better way to avoid an elitist appearance than to adopt the disguise of a Middle Tenn. loser???"

We realize the article was probably not meant as a compliment, but we took it as one. Why the professor in the article mentioned MTSU instead of another Southern school, we don't know, but there is one thing we do know.

It is commonly believed that in order to attend Harvard, you must belong to the elite upper-class of society. Members of this group are constantly setting standards which society, as a whole, may ignore or follow, but those of the elite status must follow without question. Standards may include manners, style of speech, style of dress, what to eat, and with whom you may be seen in public.

Maybe Harvard students are wearing windbreakers in order to look like us, but more than likely they finally wised up and decided it was smart to stay warm and comfortable like students at MTSU, even if it doesn't follow elite standards.



## between the lines

by Jeff Ellis

### Resolutions are given to the holiday weary

It's that time of year again — the first of it. And that means that it's time for (shudder) New Year's resolutions.

For some people resolutions come in quite handy. They can be a crutch for those emotionally crippled folks who really get into tradition and need the security of a stated goal. But other emotional cripples are even further upset when they can't adhere to the new rules they've set for themselves.

Still others don't make resolutions because they haven't the time to sit down and really think things out. Therefore, in order to save these harried individuals some undue sweating and straining, I have come up with resolutions for them.

I'll admit that this practice borders on invasion of privacy, but since I have more free time now, I feel it's the least I can do. I like to think of it as a service to humanity. (All right, so I have a tendency to overreact.)

Since no one is quite sure where Idi Amin is at present, we're unaware of any possible resolutions he may have made. But I feel certain that he reads *Sidelines* religiously, so for Big Daddy the resolution of the season is: "I will not kill innocent women and children (and political enemies) during the first nine months of the year." Massive slaughter is considered gauche before Labor Day (like wearing white shoes after Labor Day).

Steve Rubell, owner of the New York mecca for discoers — Studio 54 — has suffered from bad publicity in the past year. A conviction for income tax evasion is not child's play, so Steve's resolution is: "I will get a new, smarter and craftier accountant."

The champion of rights for the non-liberated woman, Phyllis Schlafly, should have a change of heart and throw her support to the fight for passage of the equal rights amendment. Her resolution: "I will invite Gloria Steinem and Betty Freidan over for a Tupperware party, as long as they bring the dip."

Although a Moslem (and I'm not sure if they believe in making resolutions), the Ayatollah Khomeini definitely ranks as one of those celebrities (and near-celebs) who needs a resolution made for him. Tolly's (as his close friends call him) resolution: "I will attempt to find a surgeon to re-attach the hands of those people who had their hands chopped off for crimes against the Iranian government." Certainly this joker should resolve several other matters, but in the sake of diplomacy, I'll not touch them with a ten-foot pole.

Phyllis George Brown, the pregnant first lady of Kentucky and former Miss America, resolves: "John Y. and I will stay together for the sake of our unborn child, who will begin training for the Miss America pageant at the age of six."

Private citizen Richard Nixon, a former president of the United States, will likely nix (get the pun) the idea of starring in a Broadway-bound musical based on Dante's *Inferno* and resolve instead: "I'll visit my friend, the deposed shah of Iran, to rehearse our guest appearances on *Love Boat* and *Fantasy Island*."

Queen Elizabeth II, monarch of Great Britain, who has endured some trying times lately, will also take the television route and go on *Tic Tac Dough* to raise money for the royal family. Her resolution: "I will deliver a swift kick to Wink Martindale's rear in order to wipe that constipated grin off his face."

Geez! The list goes on and on, but there are space limitations in a newspaper, so brevity is the key to survival in this journalism game. Thus, in an effort to cut short a rather long-winded discourse, one last resolution:

Meryl Streep, star of stage, screen and television (as Ed Sullivan used to say when speaking of Topo Gigio, the mouse of decidedly ambivalent sexuality, who made frequent appearances on his show), should resolve to get a divorce and marry me.

I'd drink her bathwater — ten weeks old.

## from our readers

### Greeks need to re-evaluate their present system

#### To the editor:

This letter is in response to the current controversy surrounding the decision of the Inter-Fraternity Council concerning open parties, in the hope that perhaps a few points can be made which will make this move better understood.

The new rule was constructed with the following goals in mind:

- 1) Improve the image of

fraternities. The Greek system at MTSU has become too well known for partying and not nearly enough known for the major benefits of fraternity life. Fraternities are not simply "drinking clubs," but are rather another form of education.

- 2) To prevent trouble and vandalism. In recent years there has been considerable damage done to nearly all of the houses at MTSU

and numerous fights, etc. have occurred. It is hoped that by limiting parties to Greeks, girls and invited guests, much of this can be prevented.

- 3) To improve interfraternity relations. By limiting open parties to Greeks, girls and special guests, it is felt that a stronger Greek system can be built by interacting socially among the fraternities.
- 4) To improve Greek rush. By

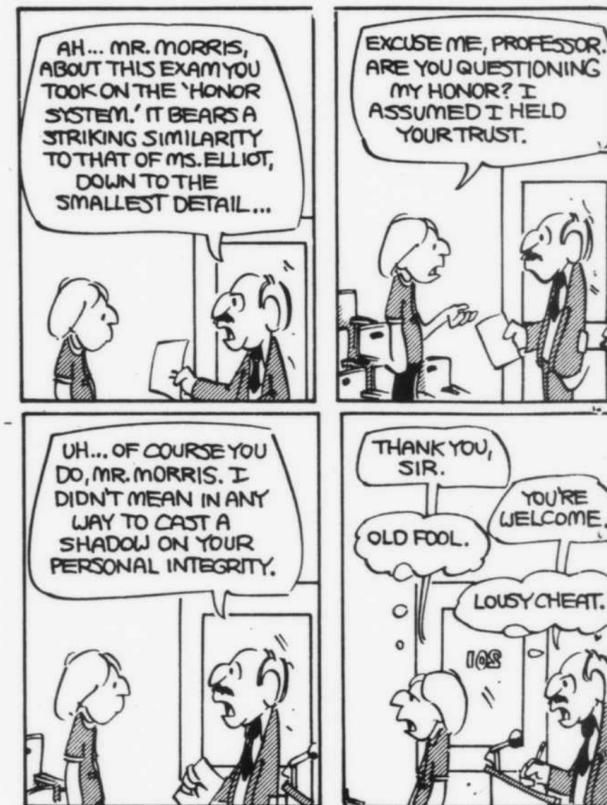
inviting special guests, it is believed that potential rushees can become better acquainted with the active members than is possible in a huge party atmosphere.

- 5) To encourage men to pledge a fraternity if they wish to enjoy the benefits of the Greek system, including Greek social life.

A few other points should be made regarding the rules. Rush and special events, such as charity fund-raising events, are exempt from the rules. In addition, each fraternity is allowed one "campus wide" open party a semester. As can be seen by reviewing the purposes and goals of the rules, girls were not one of the problem areas nor part of the goals which we as Greeks are attempting to meet. For this reason, their status as far as parties was not a question.

I hope that this letter has helped to clarify the situation, and I feel that the goals outlined here are in the best interest of both the Greek system and MTSU.

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## Faces Centenary tonight

## Raiders top UNA, carry five-game win streak

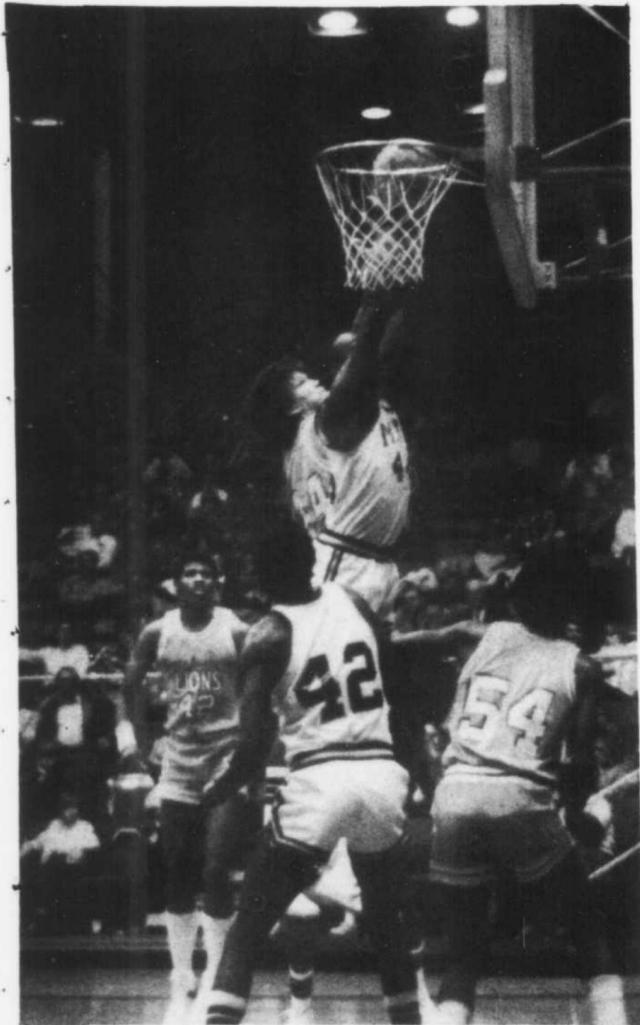


photo by Philo Jennings

Jerry Beck puts the ball on the glass during first-half action against defending NCAA Division II National Champion University of North Alabama Monday night. The Raiders won 67-60. Getting into position for MTSU is Leroy Coleman, 42.

## Tech coach takes leave

By Eddie Gossage  
Sidelines Sports Editor

Tennessee Tech basketball coach Cliff Malpass has taken sick leave and will be away from coaching for an indefinite period due to personal and physical problems, TTU officials disclosed Monday.

Links between Malpass' actions at a recent basketball tournament, the Choo-Choo Classic in Chattanooga, and his leave of absence have been made, but Tech Sports Information Director Randy Stacy said that was not the case.

"There's nothing to that at all," Stacy said in commenting on the rumors that Malpass had been removed from the post by the university. "Coach Malpass requested the leave because of personal and physical problems. He felt he could not contribute to the team while in his state, so he requested the leave.

"This is a temporary leave," he emphasized. "Nothing else has been discussed or considered."

Malpass was ejected from a tournament game last Friday night after picking up three technical fouls. With 42 seconds remaining in the game, Malpass returned to

remove his team from the court.

When the team returned to Cookeville after playing in the consolation game on Saturday night, Malpass went to Athletic Director Don Wade's home and requested the leave of absence. Wade granted his request.

Tech has struggled recently, winning only its first game and losing the last eight prior to last night. Malpass, 40, seemed to have things well in hand last season as his team beat MTSU twice and gained respectability.

A similar situation occurred last season when Malpass became extremely volatile on the bench and received some technical fouls. Malpass went before the university's athletic review board and was formally reprimanded for his actions.

Tech officials insist, however, that such is not the case this time.

In the interim, assistant Ben Ledbetter has assumed the head coaching duties in Malpass' absence.

Tech will be MTSU's first OVC opponent Jan. 10 in Murphy Center.

By Eddie Gossage  
Sidelines Sports Editor  
MTSU basketball coach Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson's New Year's Eve party was a piece of cake.

Er, ah, Pancake, that is. Edward "Pancakes" Perry led a vicious second half rally in front of approximately 1,000 party guests in Murphy Center Monday night as the Blue Raiders topped defending NCAA Division II National Champion University of North Alabama 67-60.

Perry, the cat-quick freshman point guard, canned 21 points to lead the games in the scoring department. But, more than just the point production, Perry provided MTSU with a spark and was the catalyst in the second half that showed just how powerful and explosive the Raiders can be.

Several times throughout the half Perry drove in under the basket flipping in magical lay-ups against opponents a foot or so taller. He was, indeed, the turning point in the game.

While Perry turned out to be a nemesis to the UNA team, he also turned out to be the darling of the crowd, which was perhaps the

most vocal of all Murphy Center crowds this year, despite its size. However, with students returning from the holiday break, Simpson said he expects it to get bigger and better.

After the win Monday, Simpson said, "I think that if we can continue to give the team effort and

to a lead that stretched to as many as eight points. The UNA attack was spearheaded by a sticky press that forced the Raiders to make several turnovers.

And then Perry took control. After some fancy assists by Perry, the Raiders cut the lead and

Center and once on the road.

On Dec. 15, MTSU topped Mercer 63-62. With the game tied, Leroy Coleman was fouled at the horn and calmly went to the line and sank the shot to capture the win.

Three days later, Jerry Beck led the team to an 87-39 blowout of

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hustle, we will be an enjoyable team, fan-wise. This is the kind of team our student body will appreciate."

"Our students can be an asset to us," he added. "They can turn some games around for us."

MTSU and UNA fought tooth and nail throughout much of the first half, going to the lockerroom at the half tied at 27 apiece. The highlight of the first half belonged to Jerry Beck who thrilled the crowd with two back-to-back dunks.

UNA came out at the first of the second half and quickly jumped out

regained the momentum. UNA called timeout after a Perry lay-up at the 12:36 mark and Murphy Center shook with the sound of the crowd.

Following the time-out MTSU came out playing aggressive offense and defense, and controlled the tempo of the game to coast on in for the win. The victory raised MTSU's record to 7-3 while the Lions of UNA fell to 4-3.

The win also made it five in a row for the Blue Raiders since a loss to Tennessee State Dec. 10. Since the loss, the Raiders have beaten Mercer twice, once in Murphy

Bluefield College. Beck tied an OVC record, hitting on 13 of 14 field goal attempts, a 92.8 percent average.

Two days later, MTSU trounced Rio Grande College 77-45. Five Blue Raiders reached double figures, led by Beck with 19.

Middle met Mercer again on Dec. 22, this time in Murfreesboro, and the Raiders came away again with a victory, 81-63.

Tonight, MTSU battles Centenary as they go on the road. They also face McNeese State Saturday night away.

## Lady Raiders fall in Christmas tour nament action

The MTSU Lady Raider's record fell to 5-5 following three losses and one win in holiday competition, but the overall outcome, record-wise, is a bit misleading.

MTSU faced four tough teams during the holiday season, including one ball club that was ranked as high as fourth in the nation in one pre-season poll.

The "Ladies in Blue," as they have been dubbed, competed in the prestigious Mississippi University for Women Christmas Tournament in mid-December and placed fourth in the tough field of teams.

In the Lady Raiders' opening contest, MTSU dropped Ole Miss, the team ranked fourth, by a score of 69-63. Freshman Ester Coleman, a high school All-American, led MTSU in scoring, canning 26 points.

One of the brightest spots in the game for Middle Tennessee was the play of point guard Sherry Smith, a freshman from Bethel Springs. Smith, who went into the game leading the OVC in assists, had 10 points and 12 assists.



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MTSU advanced to the second round against OVC rival Tennessee Tech, ranked 14th in the nation. While the score was tied at the end of regulation play, Tech came on in the overtime period to claim the win, 71-68.

Ileana Portik led MTSU in scoring, tossing in 17 points and snaring nine rebounds. Coleman was a close second with 16 points while Smith added 10 points and six more assists.

Following the loss, MTSU met Central Missouri, with the winner claiming third place. MTSU lost another breath-taker, however, coming out on the short end, 72-70.

Freshman Lisa Justice had 18 points while Portik tossed in 16 and Coleman 14. Smith had her biggest night of the tournament assist-wise, picking up 13. That gave the hustling guard 31 assists in three games, averaging just over ten per tournament contest, almost twice as many as she was averaging prior to the three games.

Stephen F. Austin, a nationally-ranked team, captured the title in the MUV Christmas Tournament while 14th-ranked Tennessee Tech grabbed second place. Central Missouri took third and MTSU finished fourth in the eight-team tournament.

Following the three tournament games, MTSU was hosted by Southern Mississippi University. MTSU lost 77-65. Smith didn't play up to the level of the three tournament games and did not even play in the second half after becoming sick at halftime.

Tonight, the Lady Raiders face host Northern Kentucky University in the Northern Kentucky Invitational at 9 p.m.

Monday, the Lady Raiders travel to Johnson City to face the Lady Bucs of East Tennessee State University. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.



Bill Neal (left) and Paul Abernathy compete in a friendly game of racquetball at the Murphy Center court yesterday. The racquetball courts, along with the other Murphy Center facilities will be open to students following this week's registration.

## Connell, grapplers back to mats tonight against Southern Illinois

It's back to the mats for MTSU's Blue Raider wrestling team as they host Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in Alumni Memorial Gym on Friday.

The Raider grapplers have never beaten SIU but head coach Gordon Connell said if his team can stay injury free until the match, this could be the year.

"We worked out twice today and we've got a few guys who are questionable," Connell said, "they could probably wrestle if they had to, but I hope it doesn't come down to that."

MTSU's last outing was at the

Midland Invitational Tournament in Chicago, Illinois where they had five members of the squad participating. Connell said the Chicago tourney was the most prestigious in the nation, even more so than the NCAA finals, because it was an open tournament and former NCAA champions could participate.

Senior Mike Kuziola made it through three rounds before losing and was the top finisher for the Blue Raiders.

Friday's match is scheduled for 2 p.m. and there is no admission charged.

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