

Prof to conduct minority needs survey

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

Basic differences between black students and white students have created the need for cultural education programs on campus, said a Middle Tennessee State University psychology professor.

Forrest Toms said he, in coordination with the Student Organizations and Minority Affairs Office, will be conducting a survey of black MTSU students to find out just what these needs are, and what programs are needed to meet those needs.

"Our goal is to make the university's administration, faculty and students aware of some of the issues, concerns and needs of black students," Toms said, "along with developing a more culturally sensitive and culturally supportive net-

work of services by providing more diverse services that relate particularly to the black student's family and cultural experiences."

It is "imperative" that black students take the time to fill out the surveys, he said. Research assistants will be in the University Center basement 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday to administer the survey.

"It is extremely important for black students to have a voice as to what their needs are, relative to MTSU," he said.

"What the study is about is to gain more insight into the values, ideologies and aims of black students at MTSU," Toms said.

Several questions can be answered with his research, Toms

said.

"How does this understanding or lack of understanding, negatively or positively impact the successful academic and social adjustment of the black minority in part and other

"The extent to which we gain insight into the black students' perceptions and needs, will by and large be the extent to which we gain insight into all the students needs in general," Toms said.

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MTSU psychology professor Forrest Toms

ethnic groups in general?" Toms mentioned as one question which could be answered by his survey.

Toms said he and Ted White, director of student organizations and minority affairs, will take the survey results and determine what programs will best meet the needs of the black — and white — students.

"Whatever needs we find for the black student, probably the group farthest away from the mainstream, will have implications for all students at MTSU, which is the goal of any multi-cultural institution," he said.

Toms hopes to expand his research to include the entire student

population.

"There is a probability whites have the same difficulties academically as blacks," he said.

Toms said he feels the education process should work two ways. Not only do whites need to be educated about the black heritage, blacks need to be educated about the white heritage.

"The lack of information and communication between different peoples causes problems," the psychologist said. "The programs we hope to implement will create a situation where there could be communication between the different ethnic groups," Toms said.

Multi-cultural seminars and workshops dealing with the needs the survey targets should help to

accomplish the above goal, Toms said.

A by-product of the education program very well could ease racial tensions, he said.

"A problem is we don't talk about race and cultural issues," the professor said. "We need more discussion between the cultures and races."

"A lack of understanding of the different cultures and races heritage and values creates racism," he said. "Much of what is called racism can be attributed to this misunderstanding."

Toms said he collected data on the faculty and administration perception of the needs of a black student during a seminar earlier this year.

Gore has hard road to office: Forrester

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore, Jr. has "a long, hard road ahead of him" in his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the 1988 presidential election, according to Chip Forrester, the executive director of the Tennessee Democratic Party.

Forrester presented these and other thoughts about the Gore campaign as the key-note speaker for the Nov. 10 meeting of the Middle Tennessee State University College Democrats. Reese Willis, student coordinator for the state Democratic Party also spoke at the meeting.

Forrester stressed the importance of the need for Gore supporters from Tennessee to help electioneer for the candidate in other states.

"Here in Tennessee there is a lot of enthusiasm [for Gore]," Forrester said. "Outside the state of Tennessee he is not as prominent in everybody's mind."

Forrester also encouraged Tennessee Democrats to help collect contributions for Gore because the candidate has a "long way to go in this expensive presidential busi-

ness."

Gore's campaign has currently raised approximately \$1.9 million dollars, which is "far from the amount needed if Al Gore is going to be president," Forrester said.

Even with Gore's relatively small national exposure and financial troubles, the candidate's "chances are improving daily," Forrester continued.

According to Forrester, Gore's campaign has taken an upswing because of the candidate's performance in recent debates among the Democratic contenders.

In these debates, Gore has "begun to separate himself from the democratic pack" by taking a moderate stance on national defense and calling for specific ideas on economic issues, Forrester said.

This moderate stance should appeal to the mainstream democratic voters, he added.

However, this moderation has doomed Gore to almost certain defeat in Iowa and New Hampshire, the sites of the earliest primaries.

"There is no way, given the position on defense and foreign policy

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Photo illustration by Wayne Cartwright.

Open houses promote studio, center

By CHUCK BROWN
Staff Writer

Two open houses were held yesterday to promote the Recording Industry Management department's new recording studio and the Center for Popular Music on the Middle Tennessee State University campus.

MTSU's \$300,000 digital recording studio is located on the bottom floor of the James Union Building, and the open house was given to promote it.

The studio has been in use all

semester, Chris Haseleu, the director of the Center for Recording Arts and Sciences, said.

"The students love it," he said. The studio is the central component of the Center for Recording Arts and Sciences.

The Center for Popular Music is a new research center located in the Learning Resources Center. It holds a collection of records, tapes, videos and sheet music ranging from gospel music to heavy metal.

"The collection is growing all the time, so there is no way to estimate

the dollar value of the center," Paul F. Wells, the director of the Center, said.

The Center is one of three Centers of Excellence on public campuses in Tennessee. They are sponsored by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Combining the two ceremonies last night was a concert given by three of the top bands in Murfreesboro. The bands participating were Tabloid Press, Riff Rath and Boulevard Nights. The show was free and open to the public.



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Brad Jones and Janet Dorris, two senior RIM students, run a sound check at the new recording studio on the bottom floor of the James Union Building for the open house last night.

'Music Biz' provides education

By WACINDA STRICKLAND
Staff Writer

"The Music Biz," a locally produced show, serves an educational and entertainment purpose, and it also is a part of history.

Hosted by Middle Tennessee State University Recording Industry Management instructor Don Cusic, "The Music Biz" features interviews with music industry executives and recording artists.

"The Music Biz" appears on Murfreesboro Cablevision's Channel 28 at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"The main priority of the show is for classroom use," Cusic said. "The shows are used like guest speakers."

"These interviews have been an invaluable addition to the classes here," Geoff Hull, coordinator of the RIM department, said. "Students have a chance to see and hear top names in the industry discussing major issues."

The shows are also kept for archival purposes in MTSU's Center for Popular Music.

"These shows are part of an ongoing effort by the center to acquire interviews with key people in the music industry and make them available to scholars and researchers," Paul Wells, Center for Popular Music director, said. "Such interviews provide a first-rate opportunity to learn about the jobs and the ideas of the people who share popular music."

Manager defends telephone system

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

While some students may complain about the poor long distance telephone service at Middle Tennessee State University, it is the cheapest system available Diana Reeves, MTSU telecommunications operations manager, said.

"We are always looking at the available carriers to take advantage of the one with the cheapest rates," Reeves said. "We use several different carriers. If we find a carrier which is noticeably cheaper, we will switch."

Several students polled by *Sidelines*, all of whom wish to remain anonymous, complained of being charged for calls even if no one answered, not being able to reach an outside operator and of not being able to get some of the features South Central Bell offers.

Most carriers do not have answer supervision, and this forces MTSU to purchase ring cycles, Reeves said.

"We buy ring cycles to allow sufficient time for the other party to answer," Reeves said.

She said a ring cycle is just the number of rings a caller is allowed before they are charged for a call. If the cycle is eight, the caller will be charged for the call after three rings — even if the second party does not answer.

The cycle is between five to eight

rings depending upon the carrier, Reeves said.

"If the student is not quite concentrating on the number of rings or gets distracted, they may lapse over the limit and get charged," Reeves said.

"We will suggest to the user that if they have problems going over the five to six rings they shorten it [the number of rings before they hang up] to four," she added.

Five to eight rings is sufficient time for the second party to answer, she said.

"We have provided ... ample enough time for the party to answer," she said. "You can conceivably complete the call in time and not be charged for it."

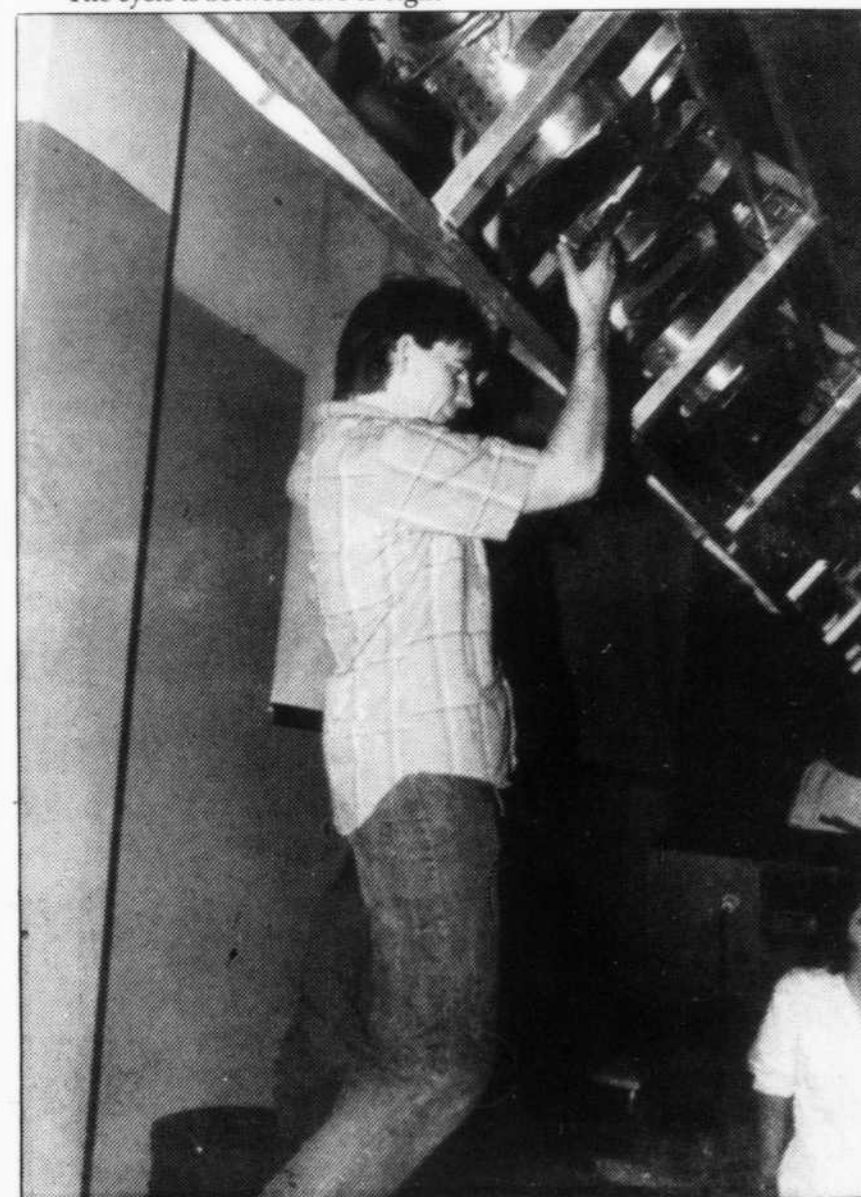
With regard to not being able to use zero-plus dialing, Reeves said that service will cause billing problems and is expensive.

"Dealing with an outside source, being billed back to the university and dealing with the third party determines how big the bill is going to be," she said.

"If it's an emergency, the student has access to 911 and security," she added. "Most of the students just want directory information, and they can get that by dialing 9-1-411."

Before each student receives their individual phone bill, MTSU

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John Faulkner, an independent lighting specialist, hangs the lights for the performances following the open houses held for the Recording Arts and Sciences studio and the Center for Popular Music.

CAMPUS CAPSULE

WMOT-FM needs student volunteers and interns. For more information come by Room 200 Learning Resources Center or phone 898-2800.

WMOT-FM will air the last part of a three-part documentary on Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. entitled "No Way Out—Teenage Suicide."

The Rutherford County Health Department will be offering flu and pneumonia shots to all city and county employees. For more information see your employer.

The MTSU Observatory is open to the public from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Tuesday in November weather permitting. For more information call Roy Clark 898-2077. The observatory is located on the east edge of campus near High Rise West.

The Student Publications Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. in Dining Room A James Union Building. The Spring 1988 Editor of *Sidelines* will be selected. The meeting is open to the public.

National Invitational Tournament tickets for the first round MTSU and Virginia Tech game will go on sale Monday at the MTSU ticket office. Student tickets are \$6 and general public tickets are \$9.

The Student Home Economics Association will hold its monthly meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 106. Guest speaker Diane Davis will speak on eating disorders.

Pi Sigma Epsilon will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. in Room 103-B Peck Hall. The guest speaker will be Ruth Sweet. She will speak on motivation.

The TSIL chairman is now taking applications for the annual event to be held Feb. 18-21. Applications may be picked up in the ASB Office, Room 304 Keathley University Center

The Fall Honors Lecture Series continues Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 107 Peck Hall with "The Scholar-Revolutionaries and the Formation of Constitutions in Latin America." The program will be presented by John Wilhite of the MTSU department of foreign languages.

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The six recipients of the Peck scholarships stand with Mrs. Virginia Peck, wife of the late Richard Peck, former chairman of the MTSU English department. Both Peck Hall and the scholarship fund is named for the couple.

Veterans honored Saturday

By M.A. BROWN
Assistant News Editor

Middle Tennessee State University will hold its sixth annual Salute to Veterans Saturday by rededicating Alumni Memorial Gymnasium and inducting an alumnus into the school's ROTC Hall of Fame.

Retired Brig. Gen. Patrick W. Harrison, USAR, will be inducted in a 12:30 p.m. ceremony at Alumni Gym. The ceremony will also include the rededication of the Alumni Gym to the memory of all

MTSU alumni who have died in the service of their country.

Harrison graduated from MTSU in the late 1940's. He was a member of the first ROTC class at the school.

During his military career, Harrison served in the Tennessee National Guard and culminated his career as commander of the 130th Armored Brigade. He retired in 1984 after 40 years of service.

Following the event in Alumni Gym, veterans will participate in a

commemoration ceremony before the Blue Raider-Murray State game at Horace Jones Field.

At halftime of the football game, Neal Wright, former chairman of the MTSU music department, will commemorate veterans by singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Wright will be accompanied by "a massive fireworks display," according to Donald Parente, assistant to the president for football promotions.

English scholarships awarded to students

By CHUCK BROWN
Staff Writer

In a ceremony held Tuesday, the Peck Scholarship Committee awarded six \$1,400 scholarships to students in the English department.

The scholarship recipients were nominated by members of the English department faculty, Charles Dean, an English professor, said.

The scholarship recipients were:

Marlene Nutt, Brian Hale, Sean Perkins, James Ridley, Patrick McHenry and Mary Ann Curtis. The Peck Scholarship Commit-

tee was originally named in honor of the late Richard Peck, a former chairman of the English department. Peck Hall was named for him after his death in 1973.

His wife, Virginia Peck, also taught English at Middle Tennessee State University. The committee honored her upon retirement by adding her name to the building and scholarship fund.

"Over the past twelve years, a total of \$79,300 has been awarded to students in the form of scholarships," Dean said.



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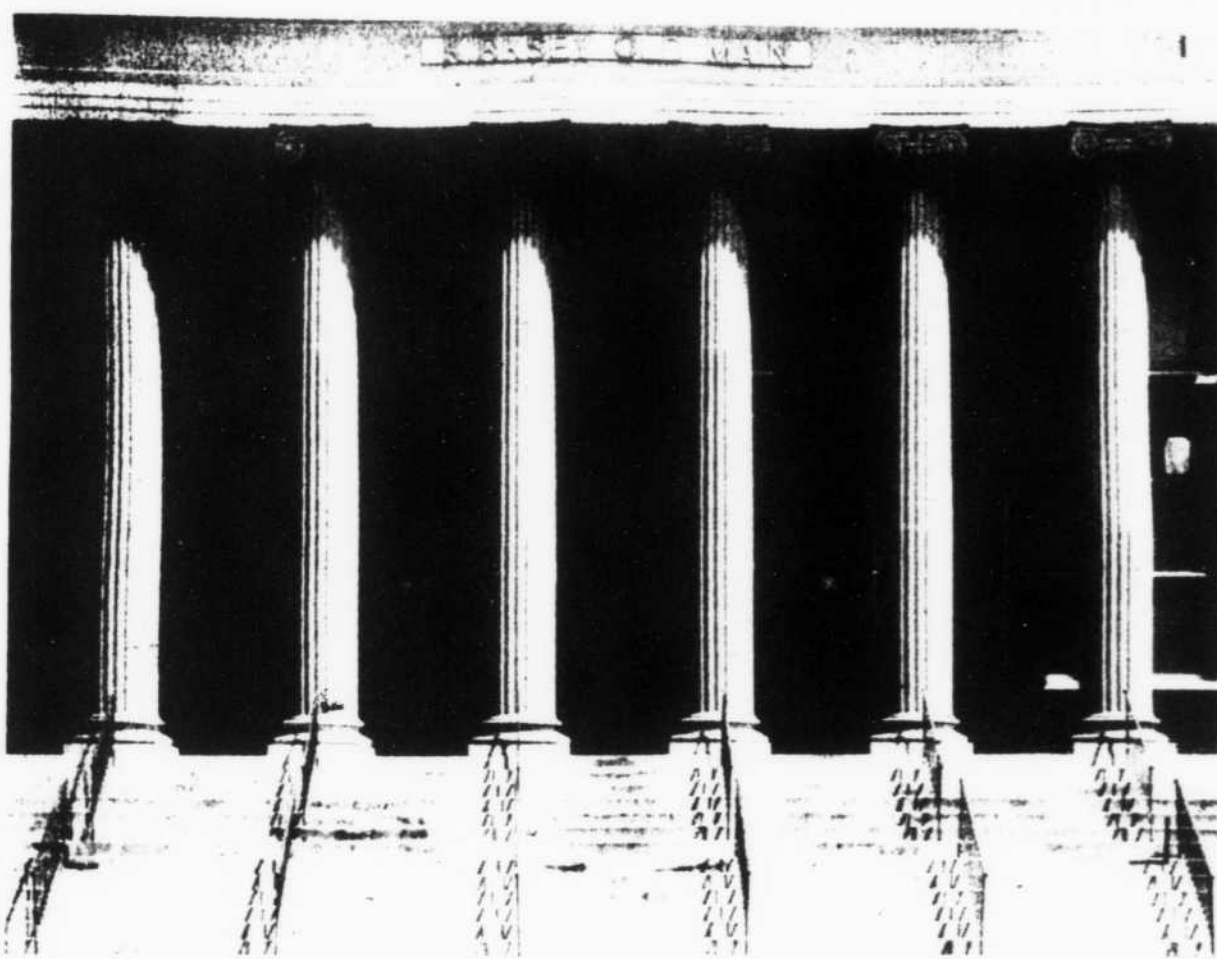


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that Al Gore is carving out that he will be able to pander to the special interests in Iowa [and New Hampshire], Forrester said.

However, the Gore campaign has made the "strategic decision" to focus on the primaries to be held on "Super Tuesday", when 13 southern states and 20 states nationally will hold primaries, instead of the early primaries in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"If he can survive [Iowa and New Hampshire]...he can come into "Super Tuesday" and do very well in the south," Forrester said.

In other issues, Forrester felt that Gore's recent revelation that he had smoked marijuana while he was a student at Harvard, an Army reporter in Vietnam and a reporter for *The Tennessean* would not seriously effect his campaign.

Forrester added that he felt that "some of the other Democratic candidates have used other drugs," and that this could become a major campaign issue.

According to Forrester, "the candidates the Democratic Party has been nominating [in recent presidential elections] have not been palatable to mainstream voters."

Gore should appeal to mainstream Democrats with his stand on defense and foreign policy, he added.

According to Forrester, Gore believes in a strong conventional military and feels that President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative "is a boondoggle."

"He believes a country with deficits as high as this country can't afford that [SDI]," he said. "He believes we should deal with the national debt and that should come at the expense of defense spending."

Gore is also taking strong stands on education and indigent and elderly health care, Forrester said.

In conclusion, Forrester added that while Gore has "a couple of rough areas" in economic policy, he is strongly against legislation designed to "close America to global markets."

Eight profs get leave for projects

By BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

Eight Middle Tennessee State University professors will be relieved of teaching duties for the spring semester to pursue projects they would not have time to do otherwise.

This is the first semester that non-instructional assignments have been given, Micheal Dunne, chairman of the Non-Instructional Assignment Committee, said. The committee recommends who will receive the release time.

MTSU President Sam Ingram authorized the non-instructional assignments so the faculty members could "work on projects designed to improve the faculty members' professional growth, improved teaching and/or scholarships in ways that cannot be accomplished under the circumstances of regular workload assignments," a letter to the faculty announcing the recipients stated.

The eight faculty members receiving the non-instructional assignments are: Kiyoshi Kawahito of the economics and finance department, David LeDoux of the art department, Larry Lowe of the speech and theatre department, Daniel McMurry of the sociology department, Hans Mueller of the economics and finance department, Roy Shelton of the foreign languages department, Phillip Vander Weg of the art department and David Walker of the speech and theatre department.

Guidelines for the assignments include tenured membership of the full-time faculty, 15 years of employment at MTSU, associate or full professorship and evidence of scholarly performance in said discipline, the letter stated.

"Projects range from book writing to undercover work on 'Street-nicks,'" Dunne said.

Kawahito's project is a book on the differences in Japanese and United States business practices and human relations, the Manchurian native said.

Dunne said LeDoux is working

on a series of paintings.

McMurry said he will complete a book on people who live on the streets.

"I'll be living on the streets with the people to get information I could not get any other way," McMurry said. "I coined the term 'Streetnicks' to describe these people."

His book will be entitled "A Hard Life on Easy Street," McMurry said.

Walker will be writing a book on "the coalition of the Reagan administration, the Rambo phenomenon and wrestling," Dunne said.

Lowe will complete a speech manual for use in class, Dunne said.

Mueller said he will do an analysis of the world steel industry.

Frank Kafka, a "dark, existentialist" German novelist, will be the subject of a book by Shelton, Dunne said.

How computers can be used to teach graphics will be the subject of Vander Weg's project, Dunne said.

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receives a long bill detailing the calls on each of the 3,100 lines, Reeves said.

"We process the call outside through the carrier ... who bills it to MTSU. We turn around and bill the student," she said. "We are passing along the charges."

However, it would be difficult to give each room a separate line outside of MTSU, she said.

"When you do that, Reeves said to pay a monthly charge in addition to long distance," she said. "In residential the charge will be \$25 to \$30 a month the students will have to pay."

Bonita Dunaway, a service representative for South Central Bell, said the monthly basic rate is \$11.50 plus tax. But the Federal Communications Commission charges a \$2.60 toll access charge. SCB charges an optional 60 cent repair charge, and it costs \$1.50 extra for touchtone phones.

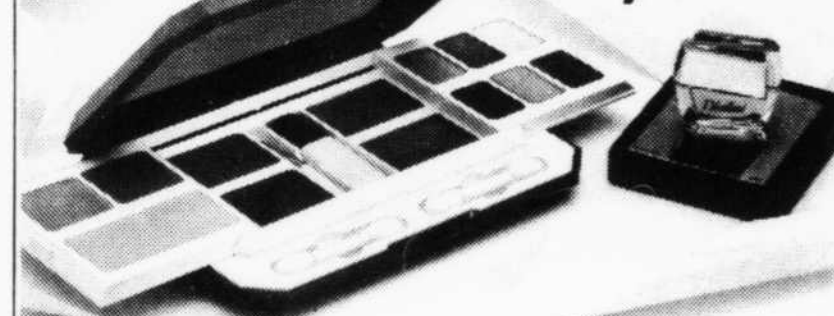
The rate for all of that will be around \$18 with tax, Dunaway said.

In addition, features such as call waiting, call forwarding, three-way conference calling and speed dialing are extra, Dunaway said.

"We are not offering features to students at this time," Reeves said.

If students wish to choose their own long distance company, they can, Reeves said.

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Schedule: Alternating or consecutive semesters
Place: Nashville
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Place: Huntsville, Alabama

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Schedule: Alternating
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Schedule: Alternating
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Schedule: Alternating
Place: Muscle Shoals or Decatur, Alabama
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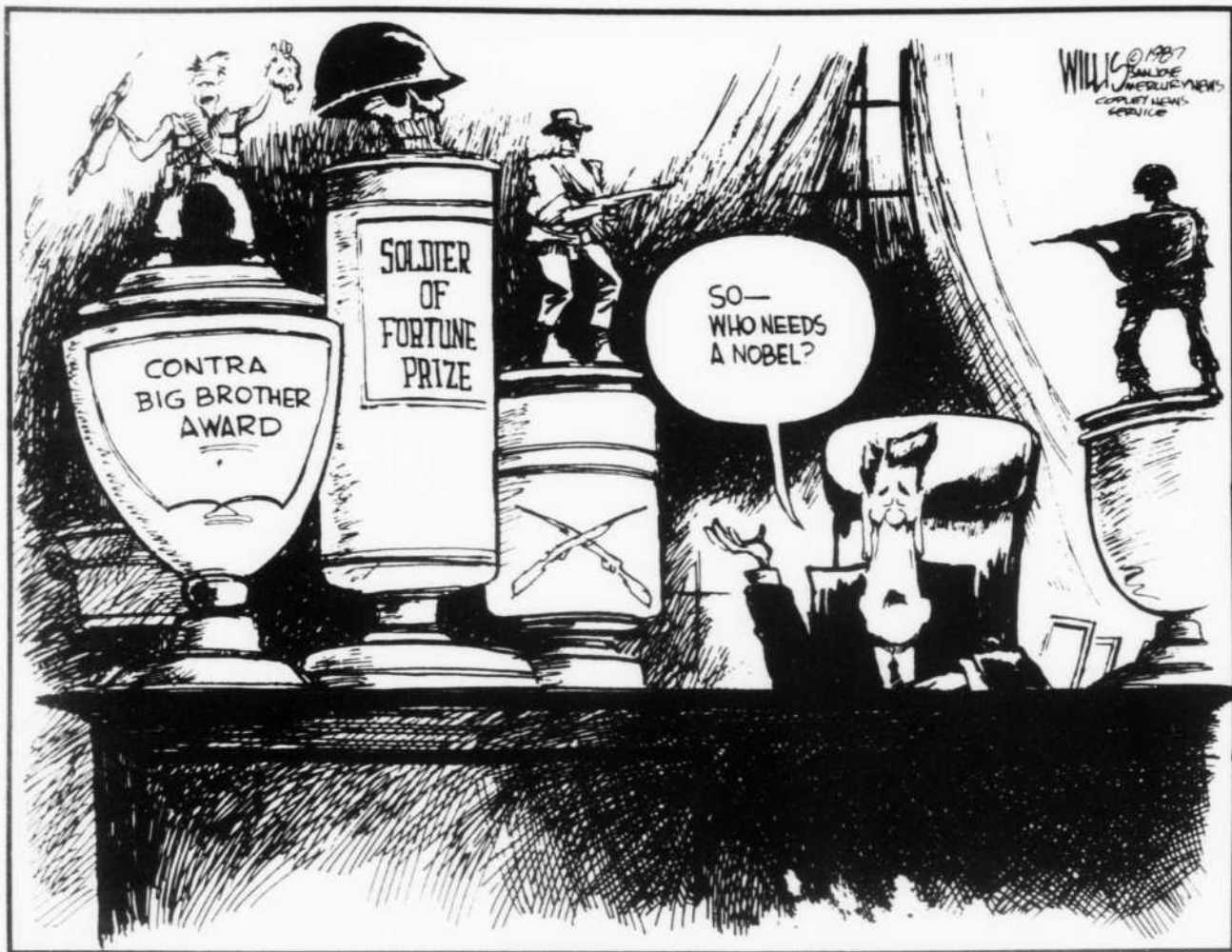
All applications for positions in Virginia or West Virginia must be completed and in the Co-op Office by Friday, Nov. 13, 4 p.m.

Other applications must be completed and in the Co-op Office by Wednesday, Nov. 25, 4 p.m.

Notes: Students who have applied and have been accepted into the Cooperative Education Program should visit or call the Co-op Office to express interest to be considered for any above positions.

Students who have questions about the above positions and/or about Cooperative Education should visit the Co-op Office, PH 101 or call 2613.

EDITORIAL



Brown bows out

I have smoked marijuana. Yes, its true. When I was in high school, I would take an occasional puff of the evil substance.

I have kept the secret of my sinful past locked in the dark recesses of my mind for several years now, hoping that no one would ever discover my youthful error.

Last week, however, my worst nightmare came true. Supreme Court nominee Douglas Ginsburg admitted that he had smoked marijuana on a few occasions, and *The Great Dope Smokers Purge* began.

I watched in horror as Ginsburg was run through a moral meat grinder by the national news media and some right-wing Washingtonians.

From that point, the whole affair snowballed. Tom Braden announced on the CNN talk show "Crossfire" that he had smoked marijuana. Presidential candidates Bruce Babbitt and Al Gore, Jr. soon

followed suit, and suddenly occasional marijuana users across the country were coming out of the closet.

The political fallout from these

younger should not be a determining factor in deciding if that person should hold public office or sit on the Supreme Court. It is simply ridiculous for the conservatives to

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confessions was somewhat amazing to me. For the most part, the American people and the majority of political leaders saw no great sin in the fact that these people had smoked marijuana.

Conservatives, however, reacted bitterly. Suddenly Ginsburg, the man who these same conservatives were championing as an excellent choice for the Supreme Court, was a vile drug addict.

Education Secretary William Bennett was calling for Ginsburg to withdraw his nomination. President Reagan, the very man who had nominated Ginsburg, was laying his blessing on the man's crucifixion.

As for Gore and Babbitt, the conservatives considered the presidential candidacies of these men to be dead in the water.

I was simply amazed. These men are not raging heroin addicts. They are simply young men who smoked a little marijuana in their lifetime.

The conservatives, who consider these men to be sinners, need to come out of their moral fantasy world.

Ginsburg, Gore and Babbitt are all "baby boomers." They grew up in the sixties when marijuana smoking became a common cultural experience, and let's face it, marijuana smoking is still a fairly common pastime for people of our generation.

The fact that someone smoked a little marijuana when they were

think that it should be. If these conservatives continue to sit on their moral high horses and attempt to rid this nation's political system of anyone who has ever smoked marijuana, they are doomed to destroy the Republican party.

In recent years a growing number of younger people have been joining the Republican party. I am sure they, like myself, have smoked marijuana before.

Recent surveys have indicated that approximately 55 percent of the voters in the 1988 Presidential elections will be below the age of 40. Once again, I am sure the majority of these people have smoked marijuana.

If the conservatives are going to eliminate anyone who has ever smoked marijuana from participating in the Republican party, they are cutting their nose off to spite their face.

Unfortunately, I am sure that most of these people will continue to view the world through their morally blurred glasses, and some day, when I begin my political career, they will discover that I smoked marijuana as a teenager. Then I will be subjected to the same ridicule they are now giving Ginsburg, Gore and Babbitt.

Oh well, maybe Doug, Al, Bruce and myself can buy some instruments and form a rock and roll band.

No slack for track in M'boro

World War III is brewing in Rutherford County.

I'm not talking about Commies vs. Democracy. This is on a much greater scale. The question, should pari-mutuel betting be allowed here in the heart of Tennessee?

Claude Cockrill, a spokesman for

one-way plane ride to Armageddon.

As a resident of Rutherford County for 15 years, I am in favor of pari-mutuel betting. I plan on voting for it Nov. 17. However, the proverbial snowball has a better chance of survival.

track. His criminal record will destroy that.

Their fears of mafia influence are unfounded. If the track were built, the mafia will not come in. The racing commission will force the new track to join a watchdog organization to prevent that possibility.

Now, to look at the economics of a race track in this locale.

The proximity of the Turfway Club in Birmingham is one negative factor. The club there is going broke. The owners are trying to sell.

Rutherford County's track will suffer a similar, if not worse, fate.

We are too far away from Nashville, and there is not a large enough market for a track. A facility in Nashville would do well because of the large population and many tourist attractions of the city.

However, this county is too far away from the Music City proper. Not enough people will drive 30 to 50 miles to bet on a horse.

Another factor is the vote in Shelby County (Memphis). It passed there.

The racing commission is expected to approve a track for Memphis. For all the reasons a track in Murf-town will fail, a track in Memphis will succeed.

Of course, the chances of the track passing following Cockrill's frivolous lawsuit against the *Daily News Journal* is almost nil.

I would like to see Rutherford County pass the referendum. However, the chance of this area becoming modern is about as great as that of the aforementioned snowball.



Brian Conley
Sidelines Staff Writer

the pro-track forces, says yes. A horse track will bring in \$500 million in jobs and taxes and make everyone happy.

The ministers say no. Horse racing will bring in the mafia, drugs, make the poor poorer, the rich richer and send this county on a

The pari-mutuel betting referendum may pass, but the state racing commission (who must approve any track) will never put it here for economic reasons.

First of all, the ministers have nothing to worry about. Cockrill will NEVER be approved for the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reviews receive review

Dear Editor,

I was extremely pleased to find reviews of both last Saturday's Elvis Costello concert at Vanderbilt (*Elvis Costello performs...*, 11/10) and the new collection of writings by the late rock critic Lester Bangs (*Bangs' book hit*, 11/10) in last Tuesday's *Sidelines*. The fact the reviews brought both Costello and Bangs to the attention of MTSU students was equally pleasing.

Bell's analysis of Costello's music and performance was sharp and thoughtful. Although I admit I fail to see how an audience that demands four encores of a performer can be classified as "ticked-off." I thought Bell's admirability recreated the mood of the performance, which I felt was simply the finest, bravest and ultimately most moving I have ever witnessed. Elvis Costello's show at Vanderbilt, ignored as it was by the *Tennessean's* near-sighted and incompetent music writers, was part of a tour that has drawn national attention. Bell's coverage of it was informative, much more so than it would have been if the *Tennessean's* Robert "Fearless Bob" Oremann had covered it. My only problem was with the poor copy editing, but let that pass.

Bell also conveyed his excitement about Lester Bangs. Well, I know more than one person who was moved to look for the book by Bell's review. A dose of Bangs' passionate amphetamine theorizing would counteract all of the consummate blandness characterizing MTSU's RIM texts (and some of its graduates). From his review I get the idea that Bangs' writing changed Bell's life the way Costello's changed mine. If this is what is categorized as "marginal concerns," so be it. All I know is that for the first time since I've been at MTSU, I read *Sidelines* and felt it was talking to, and for, me.

Jim Ridley
Box 8190

Reader advises Reed to 'give it up'

Dear Editor,

In November 10 issue, your so-called editorial columnist Mike Reed referred to "Smokers as slob." Well, I will refer to him as self-centered, egotistical and actually someone who does not need to be writing for a college newspaper.

Who is he to say who is a slob

and who is not? Besides the fact he drinks from a Pyrex 250 milliliter beaker, he is more than likely on the mentally incompetent side of life. I myself do not smoke often, but because I have a cigarette occasionally does not make me a slob. As a matter of fact, I'm an athlete and a very clean person. I have many friends who smoke on a regular basis, and they are not thought any more or less of because they smoke.

Give it up Mike. You're killing us with you over exaggerated and frivolous writing. If you do not know what frivolous means, do some research. Apparently you did not do any for this article.

One more thing: we don't care if millions of people are breaking one person's heart, one person is breaking thousands of MTSU students' hearts with your worthless writing.

Mike Weiss
Box 5562

Reader sympathizes with non-smokers' woes

Dear Editor,

I can honestly sympathize with [columnist Mike Reed's] feelings

about smokers. Once I was in a popular fast-food restaurant eating the "meal-of-the-day" when nature called. I arose from my seat and went to answer the call. When I returned to my seat, I was appalled to find a cigarette butt and a pile of ashes on top of my sesame seed bun.

I was enraged at the thought of my meal being destroyed in such a tacky manner. Later, I discovered the culprit doing the same thing to a friend of mine. I told my friend what I had seen. We fixed [the culprit's] meal the following Monday at lunch in the school cafeteria with a bottle of tabasco sauce. He got mad between gulps of coke and hot sauce mixed.

It's not a nice world out there, but it could be if people would be just a little more considerate of others.

P.S. I really enjoyed your article about your vampire roommate! It

sounds like he's a fairly nice guy, even if he is undead.

Ray Harris
Box 5617

Library Committee supports automation

Dear Editor,

The Library Committee recently sent the following letter to Middle Tennessee State University President Sam Ingram and wishes to make the university community aware of its concern over this issue.

Dear President Ingram,

We, the Library Committee, urge you to support the Library Automation Project. The Library is the heart of the University and we believe TOP PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN to this project at this time when MTSU is making a campus wide push toward increased

academic excellence as seen in: the many departments seeking accreditation from national agencies; the development of a four year nursing program; the housing of several centers of academic excellence; the establishment of funded chairs; the increased emphasis on faculty research. All these programs require the support of an up-to-date library that is able to provide a broad range of research services in an efficient manner. As the third largest university in the state we must insure that our institution maintains the level of excellence we have worked so hard to achieve. An automated Library is essential.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jan Hayes
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ENTERTAINMENT WEEKEND

Pinter leaves pause for thought

By TERRY BANKER
Staff Writer

"Make sure the sandwich does its thing tonight," the stage nemesis, while wandering around the cold arena theatre that seems more an extra room in a small warehouse than a stage, blasted out in between lines of two of her actors. With her hands buried in her pockets, she motions with her feet to the actors to get in their proper ending positions.

"Blackout."

"Coke? You want a coke or coffee?"

"What? I'll have a coke." I said to him with a disrupted thought.

It was during the middle of rehearsal of Harold Pinter's "The Caretaker." It's the Buchannon Players' next show due to open on

Nov. 17.

With the break in the acts, I took the liberty to talk with the cast.

"Why do you want to do a Pinter show?" I asked director Deborah Anderson. I knew that doing a Pinter show was quite a challenge for a director and a cast. It's even more difficult for an audience to watch.

"The Caretaker" is Pinter's best show — in my opinion," Anderson replied. "I decided to do it because this school needs to be exposed to more naturalism. Recently, someone around here said that there are poor people because they want to be poor. They don't want to be poor, they're stuck being poor. Pinter shows the inescapable route of some of these people."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Some of these people are trapped. Like everyday people — trapped in some way or another. The language they use reflect their everydayness. Just like in the Pinter show. Last night we were discussing some of these situations, and we began talking about hot dogs. Just plain old hot dogs. But what we were saying to each other didn't necessarily seem to amount to anything. It was more like 'yah, yah, hot, you know dogs.' The words didn't mean anything, but what we were saying through our meaning did. This is what a Pinter show is about — not action, but meaning."

The show itself seems to be paced with a broken metronome. The actors rehearsed in a style that might seem, to an unexperienced

theatre goer, to be unrehearsed. The lines are sometimes slow and sometimes fast. You can find yourself wondering if an actor missed a line. However, it's the same way in real life.

When you think to yourself, "I should have said this better," or "did I really say what I thought I said?" Then you can understand how Pinter wrote his plays.

"We've got a problem here," someone spoke out.

"What is it?" I asked.

"Instead of three coffees and a coke, we got four coffees and no coke. How about coffee?"

"That's great," I said.

Besides the meaningful meaninglessness of words in the play, it is also structured around the delicate subject of being human. The human body can be a beautiful sight, but it can also be very grotesque. The characters that live in the play are examples of the grotesqueness and emotion-charged situations of our society.

How do we as humans deal with our problems? How do we try to avoid our problems? Pinter shows our humanness. What an audience will see at the showing of "The Caretaker," will reflect the disturbing awakenings of our own lives. That's why we need to be exposed to more naturalism — to force us to wake up!

An audience will not get a typical play from Pinter. They shouldn't expect it.

"What do you do when the bucket's full?"

"Empty it."

Don't forget about the "Fleetwood Mac, when dinosaurs walked the earth, trivia contest." Entry blanks were in Friday Nov. 6 paper. Please put all entries in the designated box on the Entertainment Editor's desk.

Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov 12, 1987. For additional entry blanks, stop by the *Sidelines* office, Room 308 James Union Building. Two free tickets await the winner!

Remember, the contest is open to all Middle Tennessee State University students. Faculty members and the staff of Student Publications are ineligible.

Go back down memory lane, and enter the contest today.



Jack Ross
Tim Meadors, Daniel R. Webster and Stephen C. Morgan make up the three-man cast of Pinter's "The Caretaker" opening Nov. 17 in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building's arena theatre.

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SPORTS

MTSU playing for pride against Murray State Saturday

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

When Middle Tennessee State's football team knocks heads with Murray State Saturday afternoon at 1:30, it will be a contest between two teams that are playing for one thing — pride.

At the beginning of the season Murray and MTSU were picked to finish second and third, respectively in the Ohio Valley Conference race.

After each team experienced heart-breaking road losses last week, they are now tied for third place in the league with 2-2 records.

MTSU enters the game with a 4-5 record and must win the last two games in order to capture their seventh consecutive winning season under Head Coach Boots Donnelly.

Murray State is also having a disappointing season. The Racers are 5-4 on the season under new Head Coach Mike Mahoney.

The Racers have practically everyone back from a team that shared the league title with Eastern Kentucky last season and competed in the Division I-AA playoffs, losing in the first round. But the chemistry hasn't been there for the Racers, or the Raiders, for that matter.

The best that either of the teams can hope for is a share of the OVC championship. The loser of Saturday's game will be officially eliminated from the title chase.

For the winner to have a shot at a share, Morehead State would have to upset both Youngstown State and Eastern Kentucky in their last two games.

"The wheels would really have to fall off at Eastern Kentucky and

Youngstown State for us and Murray to get back in the picture," Donnelly said. "That doesn't seem likely."

A share of the title for either team is not impossible, just improbable. For that reason, the Raiders are playing for pride and hoping to salvage a winning season.

"[Pride] is basically what both of us will be playing for," Donnelly said. "With both us and Murray having suffered our second conference loss last Saturday, there is no practical reasons for talking about the championship picture anymore."

The Raiders will be trying to escape the doldrums of a three-game losing streak against a very talented Murray State team.

MTSU's last three losses have been by a combined total of seven points. The Raiders lost to

Winston-Salem 11-8, Youngstown State 17-16 and Morehead State 7-3. Four of the Raiders' losses have been by four points or less. The only exception was the 28-16 loss to Western Kentucky.

The Blue Raider defense has played good enough to win, according to Donnelly, but the offense has been lacking consistency.

"We've got to find a way to get some offensive consistency and put some points on the board," Don-

nelly said, "or we'll be in bad shape against Murray."

"They are a solid football team with fine capabilities on both offense and defense."

"They will strike you, and they are as quick as cats," Donnelly added.

The Murray offense is led by quarterback Michael Proctor, who has completed 122 of 225 passes for 1,930 yards and 10 touchdowns this season.

Proctor has one of the top receivers in Division I-AA as his favorite target. Stanley Howard has caught 27 passes for 630 yards and five touchdowns.

Fullback Willie Cannon and tailbacks Michael Davis and Rodney Payne split time in the Racer backfield.

MTSU quarterback Marvin Collier missed the Morehead game with ankle and knee injuries, but is expected back Saturday.

Clark conquers injuries to play volleyball

By TRACY BOYD
Sports Writer

If there's a will, there's a way. That is the philosophy of Lady Raider senior volleyball standout Vickie Clark.

Clark, who hails from Greenbrier, Tenn., was red-shirted last season due to an Achilles' tendon injury.

Following surgery last November and then again in March, it was doubtful if she would ever play volleyball again.

"The doctors didn't think I would ever be able to play again," Clark said. "It was a big accomplishment for me just to play this year."

Not only did the doctors doubt her return, but Head Coach Diane Cummings did also.

"I had told everyone that it would be medically impossible for Vickie to play this season," Cummings said. "She has more determination and guts than anybody I know. She refuses to give up."

Clark's injury has still presented problems for her this season, and

she will probably have to undergo total reconstructive surgery on her heel following the season.

She was unable to fulfill her goal of playing on the front row, but according to Cummings, Clark has utilized her other skills to contribute to the team.

"Our defense has improved, and Vickie is a big part of it," Cummings said. "She has done a great job defensively for us."

Clark attributes much of her success and her comeback to the support she has received from her family.

At first, her parents did not want her to play this season for fear that permanent damage might be done to her heel. But now, Clark says, they are behind her "100 percent."

Her mother aided her comeback by helping her set up a volleyball net in their back yard over the summer and chasing the balls as Vickie practiced serving.

Clark's brother, Mike, was a major factor in her decision to attend MTSU. The older Clark was

an all Ohio Valley Conference tight end in 1985, when the Blue Raiders finished 11-1, losing to Georgia Southern in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. He was a member of the Blue Raider from 1981-85.

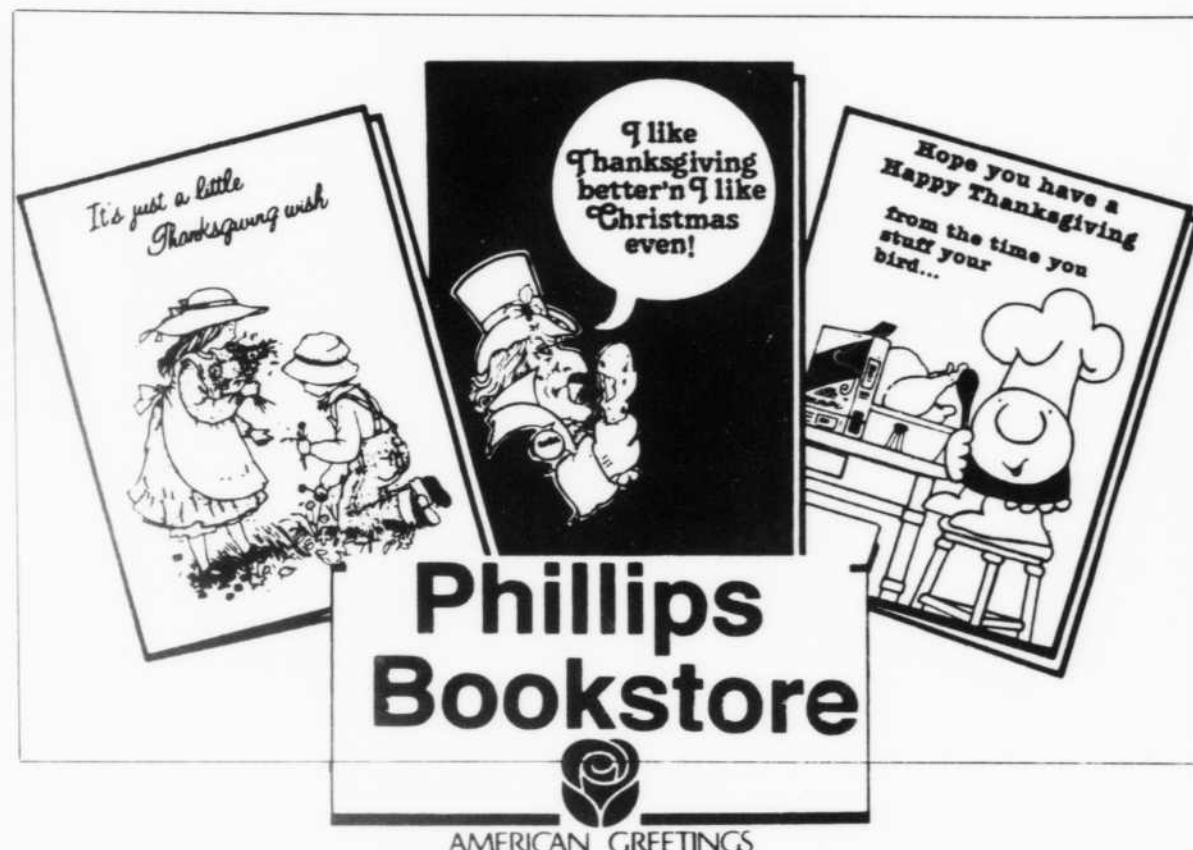
"His great attitude, heart and determination have been an inspiration to me," Clark said of her brother.

Watching her brother play football, receiving a scholarship and being close to home all contributed to Clark's decision to attend MTSU.

Her highpoints at MTSU came this season when the Lady Raiders defeated Tennessee Tech in three straight games for the first time ever and won the Christian Brothers College tournament in Memphis.

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Blue Raiders prepare for Big Apple NIT

MTSU battles Ft. Hood in exhibition roundball

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

Middle Tennessee State's Blue Raider basketball team will host the Fort Hood Tankers in an exhibition game Monday night at 7:30 in Murphy Athletic Center.

The exhibition game will give Head Coach Bruce Stewart a chance to see his Raiders in a game situation before their season-opener against Virginia Tech. The Raiders play Virginia Tech in the opening round of the preseason Big Apple National Invitational Tournament.

"The exhibition game will give us an opportunity to play someone besides ourselves," Stewart said. "The exhibition game will be a tune-up for us going into the season."

Fort Hood is expected to bring one of the better service teams in the country into Murphy Athletic Center. This should give MTSU a chance to play against some quality

competition.

The Tankers will play Western Kentucky Saturday night before tipping off with the Raiders.

"This is the best exhibition team we have scheduled since I have been here," Stewart said. "Last year Western Kentucky only beat them by five, and Western made it to the finals of the pre-season NIT. I think they will bring their best players with them."

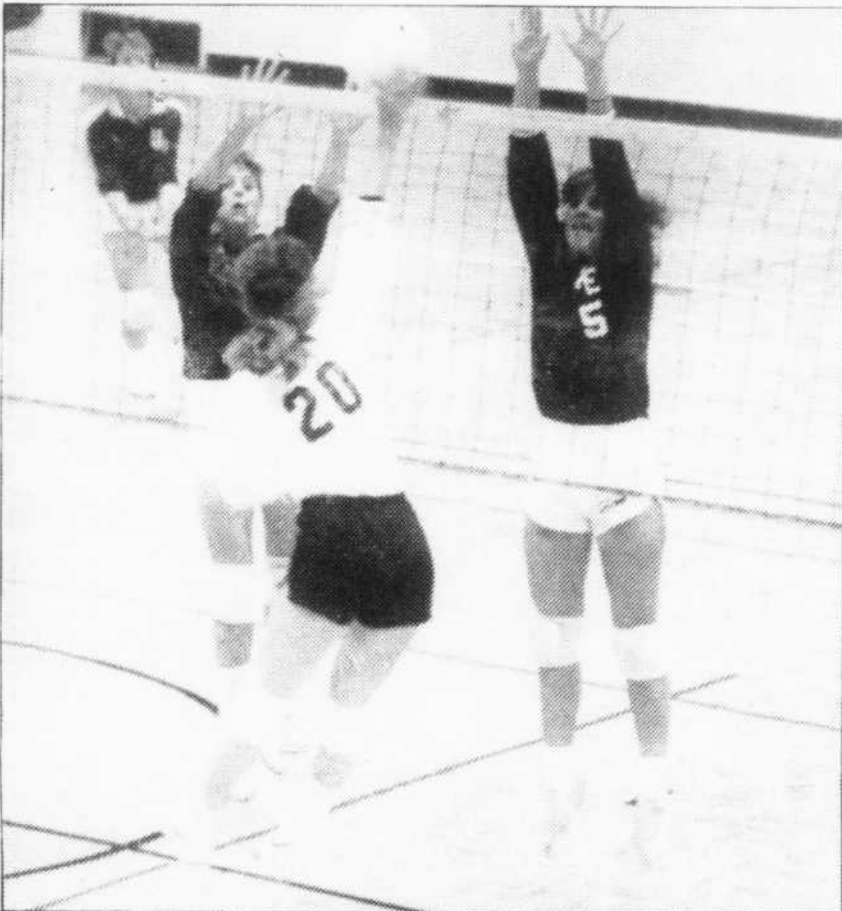
Stewart will be looking to see if the things the team worked on in the fall have fallen into place.

"I hope to see if we execute, play good defense, block out and rebound," Stewart said, "the fundamentals that it takes to win."

According to Stewart, the Raiders have made a tremendous amount of progress during the pre-season.

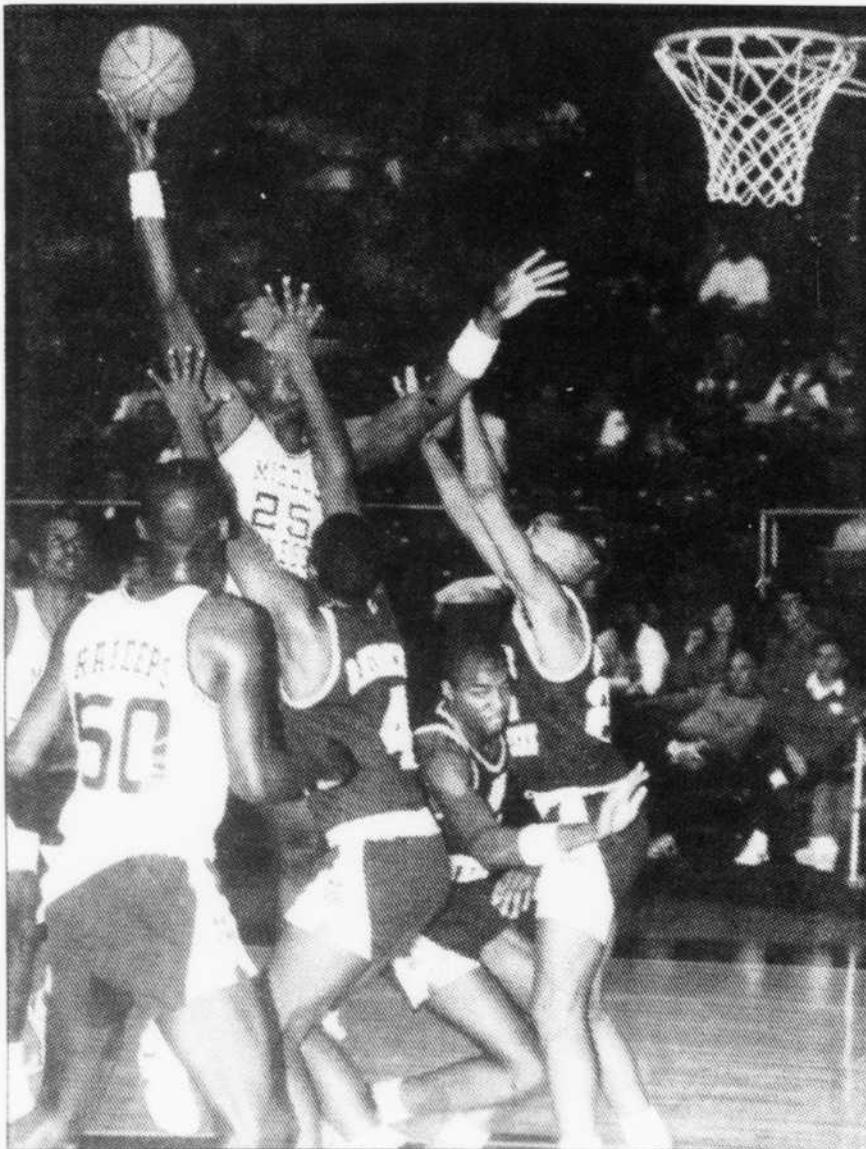
"I think we've made more progress in the preseason this year than any since I've been here," Stewart

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FRANK CONLEY

MTSU's Melissa Arms spikes the volleyball in a game earlier this year against the University of Evansville. The Lady Raiders beat the Lady Aces Tuesday night at Evansville, Ind. in three straight games.



WAYNE CARTWRIGHT

MTSU center Dwayne "Bam-Bam" Rainey takes the ball to the hoop during last night's blue-white scrimmage. The senior scored a game-high 26 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

OVC coaches select MTSU to regain title

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

NASHVILLE — Based on their experience and depth the Middle Tennessee State University basketball team was selected by league coaches to repeat as conference champions at the OVC media day on Thursday.

MTSU edged Austin Peay with 46 points, while the Governors received a total of 44 points.

Several publications across America selected Austin Peay as the team to beat this year, however, MTSU was pegged as team to beat in this year's race, according to the coaches.

"With the experience they have coming back, I think that is a proper selection," APSU Head Coach

Lake Kelly said. "We are an unknown identity right now."

"I think the people in the league feel that experience is a big factor, and it is something that you have to contend with," Kelly added. "I think an experienced team is better able to go through a conference race than a young team. Their selection is fine with us, we are not concerned with that."

Blue Raider coach Bruce Stewart wasn't so sure that his team de-

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Blue-White scrimmage ends preseason preparations

By TONY STINNETT
Sports Co-Editor

Dwayne Rainey scored 26 points and pulled down 15 rebounds last night as the white squad downed the blue squad 84-61 in Middle Tennessee's last intra-squad scrimmage of the preseason.

Rainey appeared to have reco-

vered from off-season arthroscopic knee surgery as he put on a scoring clinic for the 900 partisan fans that turned out in support of the Raiders.

Rainey refused to comment on his individual performance, he instead gave credit to the team.

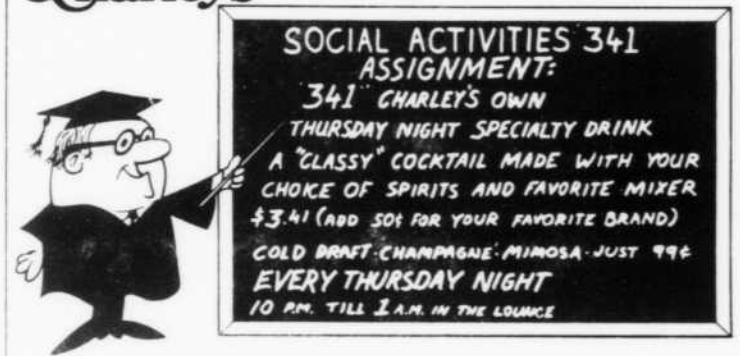
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served the ranking that they received.

"With Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky, I don't see how we can be picked ahead of them," Stewart said. "We have mellowed in respect to these type of picks because it doesn't matter where you are picked in the preseason. All that really matters is where you finish."

"We certainly want to finish first, but we know that it is going to be

a dogfight and something that we are going to have to work very hard for," Stewart added.

MTSU and Austin Peay each received four first place votes from their fellow coaches, but MTSU received two second place votes and APSU received two third place votes.

Eastern Kentucky was picked to finish third with 39 points overall. The Colonels received four second place votes and three third place votes.

EKU was followed by Tennessee State, who will be competing as an official member of the OVC this season, with 26 points. The Tigers received three third place votes, one fourth place vote, two for fifth and one for sixth place.

Murray State, Tennessee Tech, Youngstown State and Morehead State were picked to finish fifth through eighth, respectively.

Points for the balloting were awarded on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 scale with coaches not allowed to rate

their own teams.

OVC coaches also voted on their Preseason All-OVC team, with the Raiders placing one person on the team.

Dwayne Rainey was selected at center, Tilman Bevely of Youngstown State was the choice at one forward and Jeff Martin of Murray State was the choice at the other forward position.

Earl Wise, from Tennessee Tech was the pick at one guard position and Jeff McGill was named as the

other guard.

The second team consisted of Don Mann from Murray State, Andre Harris from Austin Peay, Anthony Avery from Tennessee Tech, Anthony Mason of Tennessee State and Barry Sumpter from Austin Peay.

The one thing that all the coaches agreed on was the balance of this year's conference race.

Every coach stated that there wasn't any one team that didn't have a shot at challenging the con-

tenders for the title.

"I've been in this conference for a long time," Kelly said. "This is, by far the most balanced it has been since I have been in the OVC."

Max Good of Eastern Kentucky agreed with Kelly.

"There are going to be two or three here going today that won't even be mentioned," Good said. "But by the end of the season, those teams will have something to say about who wins this conference race."

said. "There are still some things to work on, and I hope to be more consistent this year. Overall I think the team is coming together pretty good."

Randy Henry finished the game with 16 points and Phil Snell was impressive with 11 points including three three-pointers.

OVC preseason predictions

Nashville — The Ohio Valley Conference released its coaches' preseason predictions and All-OVC teams for the 1987-88 season.

- Men**
1. Middle Tennessee
 2. Eastern Peay
 3. Eastern Kentucky
 4. Tennessee State
 5. Murray State
 6. Tennessee Tech
 7. Youngstown State
 8. Morehead State

ALL-OVC FIRST TEAM: Tilman Bevely, YSU; Jeff Martin, MU; Earl Wise, TTU; Jeff McGill, ECU; Dwayne Rainey, MTSU.

- Women**
1. Tennessee Tech
 2. Murray State
 3. Middle Tennessee
 4. Morehead State
 5. Youngstown State
 6. Eastern Kentucky
 7. Austin Peay
 8. Tennessee State

ALL-OVC FIRST TEAM: Dorothy Bowers, YSU; Shelia Smith, MU; Kelly Stamper, MO; Tawanya Mucker, MTSU; Melinda Clayton, TTU.

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said. "We feel very good about our players' ability to learn and improve."

All news is not good news out of fall camp. Senior forward Kerry Hammonds, suffered a broken foot in a recent scrimmage and will be sidelined for approximately six weeks. He is expected to be back in action for the UT-Chattanooga game.

Hammonds was having a sizzling pre-season before he sustained his injury. He was 10-for-10 from the floor from the scrimmage in which he was hurt.

"It will be mid-December before we get him back," Stewart said. "With Kerry out, we have a depth problem inside that could hurt us in the early going."

"However, his injury could prove to be a blessing in disguise. That foot has been giving him trouble for quite awhile and it's possible he

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"We had come close several times," Clark said. "But we had never won a tournament."

Clark is majoring in physical education. She wants to teach and coach on the high school level. She hopes to eventually coach on the college level.

A high school friend got her interested in playing volleyball. She began playing the game competitively as a freshman at Greenbrier High School.

While at Greenbrier High, Clark led her team to four district championships, three regional championships and three state tournament appearances. She was named all-district and district tournament "most valuable player" on one occasion.

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