

Opinions vary on fraternity row topic

"The majority of students are against it," Roger Fenner, dorm president of H Hall, said about the proposed fraternity row.

"There is not enough room for students on campus now as been shown through the survey published in *Sidelines* (Jan. 22) last week. They are wanting to put us three to a room now.

On the other hand, ASB President Kent Syler said if fraternity row is built, this will provide more housing on campus for students. "MTSU

cannot at this time afford to build another dorm, so fraternity row would provide more housing at no cost to the students and little cost to MTSU," he said.

Barry Sanders, sophomore, said he approves of the fraternity row proposal. "I think it's a good idea as long as the financing does not take from the money spent on education," he said.

Gore Hall's ASB representative, Steve Love, said a major

complaint among the dorm residents is the fact that those living on the proposed fraternity will allowed alcoholic beverages.

"If the fraternities buy the land to build the houses on it will be worked out with a lease on the land, so they will own the land and the issue of alcohol will be worked out," Syler defended.

"Much of the information on the fraternity row business has been too hush-hush," Fenner said, adding that the ASB has

been "too vague" in their plans to the students.

"The ASB should be representing all students, not just the fraternities. If my dorm votes for or against it, I will vote the way they decide, but I am going to do my best in encouraging them to vote against it," Love said.

Syler went on to say that the land to be used for fraternity row is not being used now. If the land is not used for the building of fraternity houses, it will not

be developed at all. The money for the streets are trying to be obtained from the state, and there will be no cost to the students.

"I believe some of the privileges for the fraternities should be extended to students. I'm really against it," said George Adcock, president of Gore Hall.

However, Interfraternity Council President Don Taylor said a fraternity row would enhance the school spirit of

MTSU. "More students would probably stay on campus during the weekends. This would give us more school spirit — like the Greeks at UT give them more school spirit," he said.

The ASB Joint Services Commission will be passing out a survey soon asking the opinions of students for the proposed fraternity row. The resolution will also be a major issue in the upcoming election, according to Love.

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Commissioner Homer Gannon, left, listens to a Rutherford County resident expressing his grievances over the \$10 wheel tax

increase proposal. Students may also have to pay the tax if it passes during the April 15 elections.

photo by David Mudd

Students may pay wheel tax if passes in county

By JANE MIER
Sidelines Managing Editor

The possibility of MTSU students having to pay the county wheel tax was raised at the county commission's public hearing on wheel sticker tax last night.

Commissioner Homer Gannon and "Doc" Benson said that students who declare residency and registered to vote in Rutherford county may have to pay the wheel tax.

"They (the students) can set the policy this election. They can form a voting block and they ought to have to buy a sticker," Benson said.

Associated Student Body President Kent Syler, who attended the meeting, said he was "appalled" by the words of the commissioners.

students. This is designed to keep students out of local elections and can not be disguised as anything else," he said.

Syler added that today the ASB would begin going through the proper channels in the city to get a final decision on whether students would have to pay a wheel tax or not. "We want this attempt by the commission to act as an incentive to students to get out and register and vote," he said. "Students spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in this county each year and we should have a voice in the government."

The current wheel tax is \$15 for cars and \$5 for motorcycles, plus a 75 cent clerk fee. The commission is now considering a hike of an additional \$10 to the tax.

"I am appalled by the apparent lack of constitutional knowledge demonstrated here tonight, specifically the knowledge demonstrated by Commissioners Benson and Gannon," he said. "It is a fact that throughout our lives we are told to get involved and vote and when we try the same people who have been urging us threaten us with a poll tax," Syler commented after the meeting.

"I say poll tax because that is what this wheel tax would amount to if levied on the

"Rutherford County has one of the lowest tax rates in Tennessee," Gannon said. "We've been able to hold the rate down in spite of inflation. We've been as tight-fisted with money as has been humanly possible."

Tight-fisted or not, over 30 county citizens addressed the commission in hopes of thwarting the tax raise.

"People are being held hostage in Iran," one man said, "and we don't need to be held hostage by taxes in our own country."

Legislation dangerous to rights

By TERRY MEACHAM
Sidelines Staff Writer

The National Organization for Women (NOW) plans to go before the legislation today in opposition to a proposed constitutional amendment which is dangerous to abortion rights and to the entire constitution, Coordinator Wanda Noblit said at a meeting last night.

The amendment, passed in

the Senate last year, is dangerous because it will allow delegates chosen from various radical groups to form a committee who will want to change the state constitution to suit their own purposes, NOW member Rosemary Janes said.

"The topic of abortion rights will be presented to the legislators soon. We don't want the amendment passed because

groups strictly opposed to abortion may be able to be chosen as delegates, and they could use their influence to get the constitution changed in their favor.

"But abortion rights would not be the only issue affected. The entire constitution would be endangered," she added.

Rep. John Bragg recently voted 'no' in a committee

concerning the amendment. "I think Bragg will be with us because he does not want the constitution to be changed. NOW is asking representative Frank Buck and Clarence Phillips to vote 'no' also," Noblit said.

Noblit plans to take letters from MTSU students to the legislators today concerning the amendment.

All Greeks can build on proposed fraternity row

More than likely only five of the 21 MTSU Greek organizations will initially have enough money to build a house on the proposed fraternity row, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

Five groups already own, or have title to, houses in Murfreesboro, Cantrell said. "They could sell those houses and have enough money to build another house."

Cantrell said those groups will most likely be the only ones that can afford houses right away, but any greek organization able to come up with the money has the right to build a house there.

"The sororities have never been really interested in houses because they simply don't have the money," Dean of Women Judy Smith said.

Sorority houses on other

campuses have often been funded by the sororities national affiliation, Smith said, adding that "the national people" have not pushed for sorority houses.

"If we started today, we would be 10 or 15 years away from getting enough money for a house," she emphasized, adding that to build a house would take approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

Sororities are now located in chapter rooms in Cummings Hall lobby. There is no state or university law keeping them in the chapter rooms, according to Smith.

"If one of the sororities had the money to do it (build a house) tomorrow, that would be fine," she said. "They (the sororities) are cramped right now. The chapter rooms are nice, but they are small."

Lady Raiders claim first title

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Jennifer Lane, Murfreesboro freshman, takes a break as other students hurry to classes at Peck Hall.

photo by David Mudd

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Graduates receive directories

Preparations are under way to distribute an alumni directory to MTSU graduates.

"The list should run to spring of 1979 and will contain current mailing addresses of all graduates," according to Joe Nunley, alumni relations director.

The entire process started over a year ago when the Bernard C. Harriss Publishing Co. of White Plains, N.Y., started to make contact with graduates by mail

or phone. After contact was made, an order form was sent for two reasons — to make sure of the mailing address and to sell the directory.

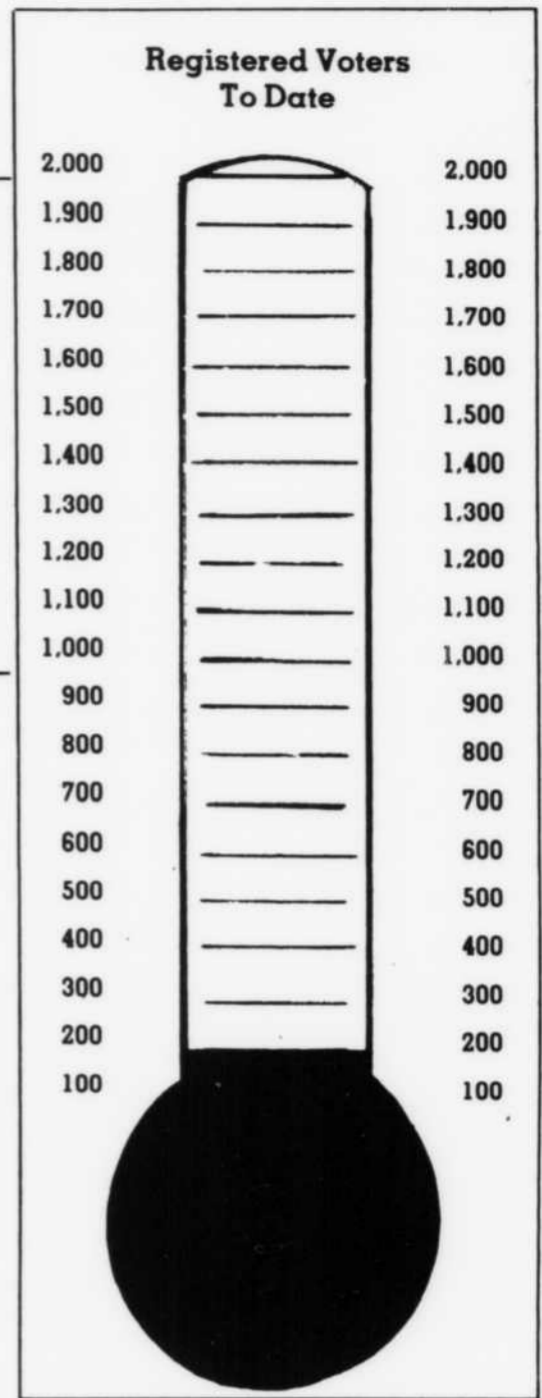
Responses were sent to the Alumni Offices here and shipped in bulk packages to the publisher. "None of the letters were opened, and we have no way of knowing who ordered a directory and who didn't," Nunley said, adding that the school or the alumni program

was not making any money from this project but the publisher was naturally making some profit.

"The company is handling the shipping of the directory is about one month behind schedule," he stated.

The directory is for sale to MTSU graduates only and the cost is about \$28.50. The book lists all graduates, degrees received, year of graduation, current field of work and business and home address. It is to be used for professional and personal use only.

The thermometer measures the number of students registered to vote in the April 15 city elections. Kent Syler, president of the Associated Student Body, is hoping around 1,200 students will participate.



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Gore favors draft registration

Congressman Albert Gore Jr. said he supports President Jimmy Carter's reinstatement of standby draft registration, but is opposed to the women being subjected to the draft.

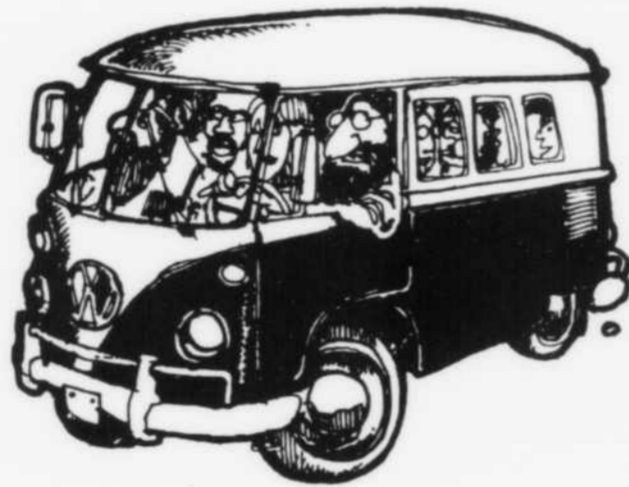
"It is important to remember that this action would revive our standby service system on a standby basis only," Gore said. It would require young men between the ages of 18 and 26 to register and would not mean

that any of them would be drafted for military service unless circumstances change dramatically.

He said the central point is to recognize that if the United States is to maintain military strength to deter potential aggressors and protect our interests abroad, we must maintain the ability to mobilize quickly.

In the event of a national mobilization, the services would need 100,000 men within 60 days. It has been concluded that these mobilization goals could not be met without a standby registration plan.

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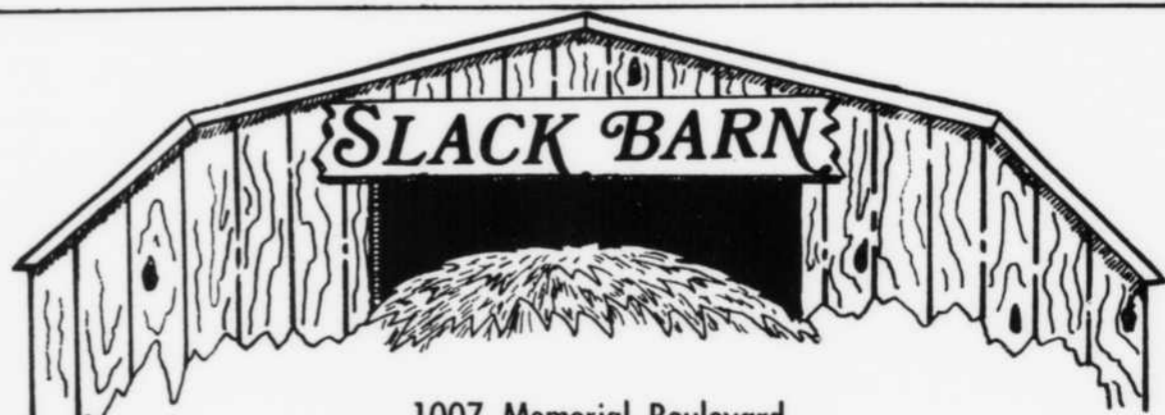
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Biology majors can research salt water

Biology majors and others who want to add to their knowledge of life forms that inhabit brackish and salt water habitats, may enroll for summer courses taught at Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL).

The GCRL is Mississippi's institute for marine science and is part of the university system of that state.

Interested students should contact MTSU coordinator John Patton for a full description of the courses, dates they are offered and application forms.

Applications may also be obtained by writing to the Registrar, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Ocean Springs, Ms. 39564.

Energy council offers car pool program

The MTSU Energy Council is offering a car pool program to students, faculty and staff here. Interested persons may call 898-2767, sent a note to the Energy Council at box 112, or stop by Peck Hall 255.

Graduate program Pat Pender and Robert Stovall are operating the program.

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'Different' type of play coming to DA

By TERRY MORROW
Sidelines Staff Writer

The MTSU theatre department will present "Back County Crimes," a new theatrical release, Feb. 14-16 and Feb. 20-23 in the Dramatic Arts auditorium.

"Back County Crimes," an original production by Lanie Robinson, is a countrified version of "Our Town," according to Anne Petty, director of public relations for the theatre department.

The play takes place in the small town of Duty in the county of Love. It has no streamline of plot; instead, the play is a series of vignettes that all connect together because they all take place in the same town. The production is basically a narrative whose stories are introduced by the town's doctor, Doc Autry.

This production seems to get the same general reaction from just about all cast members. It is a "different sort" of play from the ones that are usually seen at the DA.

"The play deals with emotions," summarized Laura Leopard, who appears in the show as Ida Scott. "It is different in that this production draws more from characterization than adventure or plot."

Leopard estimated that her character is a good example of what one might hope to see in

"Crimes." "Ida is a broken housewife in the small town. Her husband is an alcoholic and she fears for the safety of her children because of his condition."

However, Ida's problems are not the only ones that are found in Duty. Allan Barlowe, who plays the role of a farm hand in the play, related another plot of the play.

"I find myself in love with my boss, a well-to-do widow that has hired me to help out around the farm in more ways than one," he said.

The plot in which Allan's character finds himself in is one of the few comedy releases that the entire play has. Not so funny in "Crimes" is the situation of

Miss Bird Carlton, played by Cindy O'Brien.

"Miss Carlton is your basic old-time school teacher," related O'Brien. "She is feared and respected by her students, but they love her."

Again, the "crime" in this sequence is a bizarre mixture of moral and legal proportions. Due to a strange turn of events, Miss Carlton is turned on by two of her students and her eyes are plucked out.

"The action in this is quick and unexpected," O'Brien said. "The entire play runs that way." The play has almost a

universal meaning. "People who are brought up in the south, especially in small towns, can relate to the situations in the play," Leopard observed. "If not the situations, then the characters will be someone that you can relate to."

"Back County Crimes" is a revue. Gospel songs will be incorporated as well as blue grass music and clogging. Monologues and dialogues are interchanged. It will be a show that blends violence with comedy in the vignettes. It is the consensus of the cast and crew that the show will have an impact on those who see it.

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from the editor

Draft: *You may not like it even if you love U.S.*

No matter how patriotic we may be, it's hard to feel enthusiastic about President Carter's recent proposal to reinstate registration for the draft.

Students should not feel guilty and unpatriotic if deep down inside they wish Carter had never mentioned the draft. It's a normal feeling, well circulated among those who may be called to serve.

No, we're not unpatriotic, it's just that our logic is not in tune with our emotions. A student was quoted in *Sidelines* last week as saying "Logically, I can't blame Carter, but emotionally I don't want to go."

Logically, the draft is a good idea. With young people trained and ready to fight, America is more prepared in case of an attack. In the past year, thoughts of war have been prevalent four times. Once over the presence of Russian troops in Cuba, China's invasion of Vietnam, Iranian students taking some 60 Americans hostage and now with Russia's invasion of Afghanistan. It seems wise to prepare ourselves for war the best way possible.

Emotionally, we wish the draft had never been mentioned, but we shouldn't feel as though we are unloyal citizens just because we don't want to go.

In *Webster's Dictionary* draft is defined in the sense we are discussing it as "the choosing or taking of an individual from a group for some special purpose, esp. for compulsory military service." The meaning of the word conveys the concept of being told to do something because it has to be done, not because we want to do it.

As college students, we are to the point in our lives where we are beginning to plan a future. We know basically what we want to do with the next few years of our lives, and although it may sound selfish, if we had our druthers, we'd druther not go.

Very few people could be happy about leaving loved ones and learning to take orders from a sergeant and living in a barracks with 20 others.

If our country decides to call upon its citizens to serve, those called should render their services with pride. But if they happen to feel sick at heart and weak in the knees when they register, it's not an unpatriotic feeling, it's normal.

Champs: *Inman, Lady Raiders deserve support*

The MTSU women's basketball team won the school's first OVC championship this weekend with a 70-61 win over Morehead State Saturday. They deserve the praise that goes with the honor.

Second-year coach Larry Joe Inman and his team, comprised of nine freshmen, two sophomores and a senior, clinched the title with an unblemished conference record. After overcoming the odds of having such a young team, the squad has reeled off nine straight wins.

Inman was hired after guiding Mt. Juliet High School to a state title. With a proven record in high school coaching behind him, Inman was faced with a new challenge in the competitive field of women's college basketball. A master at recruiting, the Lady Raider coach signed such excellent prospects as high school All-American Ester Coleman, junior college transfer Josephine Wright, Sherry Smith and Romanian Ileana Portik.

Both Inman and the Lady Raiders have faced the challenge in the world of college basketball. They have recorded a feat few gave them a chance to accomplish. The challenge has been met and conquered.

For the remainder of the season, their feat should be recognized by increased attendance at their home games.

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Viewpoints



the last word

Warren Denney

Watching TV 'great' way to spend time

Consider this. By the time that American children reach kindergarten age, they have spent more hours watching television than the average college student spends studying for the completion of a bachelor's degree.

Surprised? No need to be. The average American watches four hours per day to boot. It's probably squeezed in after work or after taking care of the kids.

Some say that we watch television for entertainment and relaxation. Others say that we watch it to gain knowledge and information. We probably

watch it because we are too lazy to do anything else.

What could be easier than switching on the tube and letting it do all the thinking for a few hours?

Television can even be used as a handy tool. Flip it on and plop the kids in front of it. See how their little heads sway from side to side, revealing a semi-hypnotic effect? Why, they probably can't even tell the difference between a murder and a roll-on deodorant. It sure keeps them quiet though, huh?

What about yourself? After a long, hard day do you curl up

with a good book or unwind with a game of chess? Nope, you can watch "Charlie's Angels" or the "Tonight Show." Maybe you can spot the best-looking political candidate on the news.

Ah, the news. Some of those women on the newscasts should have been on "Charlie's Angels." You wonder how those newsmen get their hair to stay in place so well after flying around in those action cams all day. What was that about the increasing crime rate?

When people approach you about the subject of the decline in the nation's moral fiber, you

just can't understand it. After all, most people spend their time at home watching television and the like. Most people spend an hour or two in church per week. Surely, kids learn enough about crime and violence in television to know it's wrong.

Consider this. The invention of television has gone down into history as one of the greatest American achievements of all time. It may also go down as the single most important factor in the neutering of the American mind.

The solution is simple. . . turn it off.

as i see it

by Chuck Keller

Death, taxes and now the draft are certain

Mark Twain once said, "There are only two things in life that are certain, death and taxes, and most people wish that they didn't happen in that order."

Having had a bad experience with the IRS when I was but a mere lad at the tender age of 19, I detest taxes of any kind, shape, race, creed, nationality or religion.

After having filed my return, the IRS decided to check my mathematical abilities with an income tax audit. After going through many, long mind-grueling hours, it was determined that I owed the government a total of five dollars and some change.

After being blamed for the spiraling rate of inflation in the country and the national debts, my choices of action were very plain — pay up or spend a few years in the city of Atlanta. Since Atlanta is not one of my favorite cities, I paid the amount due and am waiting for the budget to get straightened out.

Even though the subject of taxes just simply bores me, the thought of death does not really thrill me either. Even though things in this world may get rough, I am not ready to transfer to that "Big University in the Sky" (for those of you wondering, neither UT nor Vandy qualify for this position).

To be truthful about the subject, there have been times when I wished I were dead or would die soon (thankfully these wishes were given and taken in

jest). However, there have been times when I questioned the decisions He has made in order to determine who lives and who dies. Death is just so final and its effect seems to last forever.

However, if given a choice between Atlanta and death, I would quickly choose Atlanta.

But in the course of human events, things happen which will change all our lives. Now don't get me wrong, I do not plan to move nor do I plan to die (anytime soon). But, nonetheless, all of our lives have now been changed rather drastically.

Last week during President Carter's State of the Union Message, such an event took place. It was during this speech that the plan to re-establish registration for the draft in this country was made public. Not since Jan. 1, 1973, has any person in this country been drafted for military service, and the power to draft expired June 30 of the same year.

Now all over the country, within one year, young men and possibly even young women will be lining up to face a new third

certainty of life — selective service registration.

Now don't everyone start packing up your worldly possessions. Just because plans to reinstate selective service registration are in the making does not actually mean that the draft will follow. If situations in the Middle East clear themselves up, then there will be no need to draft anybody.

If a show of American military force is necessary, then the man (and woman) power will be available. But, if no military force is used, the registration will still supply the much needed reserves for an unsure future.

Now if you still desire to travel across the beautiful border of Canada think about this before you go — if you do not want to live in this country under selective service registration, then why come back after you leave?

In any case, roll over Mark Twain, wherever you are, a new item has been added to your list of the certainties in life. And we all hope and pray that it will soon be removed.

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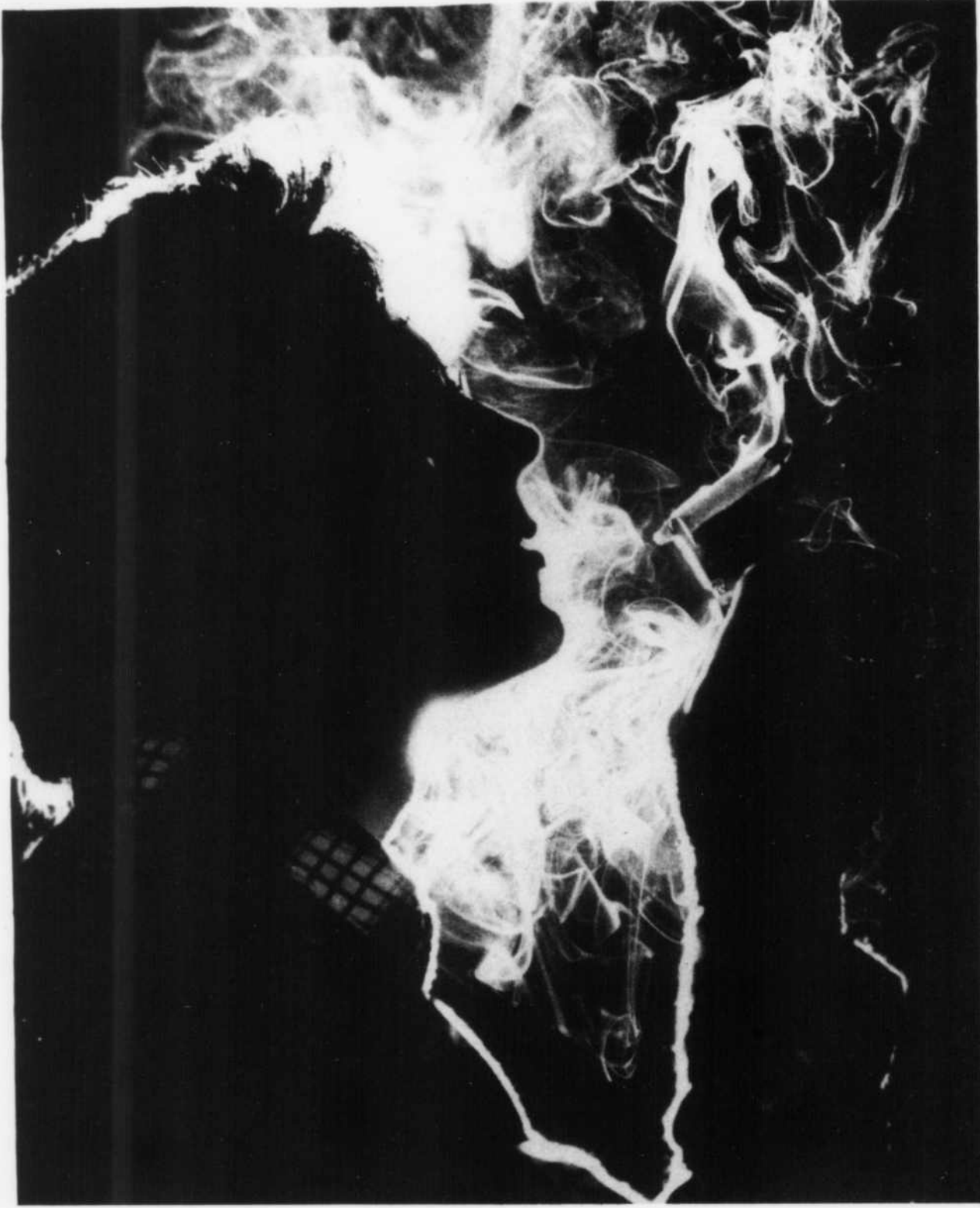
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Pot - penalties, people, paraphernalia



Users relate experiences

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Jeremy (not his real name) has been smoking marijuana for about a year.

"I smoked it once about two or three years ago and it didn't do anything for me so I quit," he said. "I really didn't like it."

He "hung around" with a group of people who smoked marijuana frequently. They were always pressuring him to smoke it and Jeremy tried it again at a concert.

"It still had no effect on me. Later, at a birthday party, I had a piece of cake that had pot in it. It hit me really hard so I started smoking. I don't smoke regularly, maybe once every two months," Jeremy related, adding that it does not take much marijuana to get him high.

"I don't really like smoking it," he said. "It scares me cause I never know how I'm going to react. Sometimes I feel very happy and other times I become very paranoid and I study the littlest things."

Becoming paranoid was also mentioned as a drawback of smoking marijuana by Elizabeth, an MTSU senior.

"I began smoking about a year and a half ago," she said. "About half the time I smoke it, I feel great and happy but sometimes it makes me depressed and feeling very paranoid."

"Once I ate several cookies that contained some pot and became very obnoxious and hyper. Then my obnoxiousness turned into paranoia and I grew very depressed. I even had

suicidal thoughts."

Elizabeth, who uses marijuana about once every two weeks, believes that pot smoking is alright. "I began smoking it because I wanted to; I was curious. I don't feel that there is anything wrong with it."

Bob started smoking marijuana while in high school because, as he puts it, "I was hanging around with a wild crew."

He used it occasionally, then used it more when he entered in college. "A college environment is more relaxed and pot is more available."

"Marijuana relaxes me much the same as beer or liquor does for other people," Bob explained.

Act may outlaw equipment sales

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Area stores are becoming worried over a new act that is being introduced to the Tennessee legislature.

This act will provide that the manufacture, delivery, sale or possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver certain drug paraphernalia is unlawful. "Certain drug paraphernalia" includes cigarette rolling papers when not accompanied with tobacco

or any other utensil designed for the exclusive use of smoking, inhaling, sniffing or other manner of use of a schedule VI controlled substance.

"For sure it will hurt us," Sabrina Turner, assistant manager of World Bazaar in Nashville, said.

The main company has decided that World Bazaar can sell only items that it approves of, Turner explained.

"We used to carry pipes, roach clips and other things but

our main company told us to get rid of all of it," she said. "We had a sale and now all of our stuff is gone except some brass hookahs from India."

"I think this was more of a moral deal, however. I believe the head of the stores thought it was bad for our character," Turner reflected, adding that business would go down some now that World Bazaar is limited in its sale of smoking paraphernalia.

A Murfreesboro store, which asked not to be named, claims that current legislation has not affected its business. "We do very little business with our smoking paraphernalia, anyway," a spokesman said.

Mary Jane's, a Nashville smoke shop, declined to comment when contacted by *Sidelines*. "We've been instructed not to talk to anyone right now," the manager said.

Almost a month ago, Port O'Call, an area record store and Sound Seventy ticket outlet, stopped selling pipes and bongs.

"The attitude of the customers was our main reason for halting the sales," the manager of the store explained. "We have a diverse age group coming in here all the time and many of our older people were upset that we were selling such equipment. We want to protect the store's reputation."

Marijuana since 2700 B.C. used for ceremonies, pleasure

By LIBBY WILLIAMS

Sidelines Staff Writer

Made from dried leaves and flowering stalks, marijuana was used as early as 2700 B.C. by the Chinese. And, in India people used it for ceremonies as medicine and for pleasure before 10th century.

However, in the United States, Canada and many countries, marijuana's use, sale or possession is illegal.

Americans began to use marijuana in the 1920's even though many people denounced the drug because it was associated with crime and violence.

In 1937, the United States

government outlawed its use, sale or possession, except for approved experimental research. But during the 1960's, many young Americans of all social groups began smoking the drug.

In 1972 the National Commission of Marijuana and Drug Abuse, a United States government advisory group, called for the abolition of laws that forbid the possession or use in private.

Oregon became the first state to remove criminal penalties for the private possession or use under the revised Oregon law convictions for such offenses result only in a fine, rather than a jail term, according to Year Book Encyclopedia.



Paraquat contaminated pot one of many health hazards

By CHUCK KELLER

Sidelines Staff Writer

Many who have smoked marijuana know about the high received after a few joints. But, what about the health hazards?

Not too much thought was given to the health problems posed by marijuana until Mar. 12, 1979, when Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano released the following press statement: Marijuana from the country of Mexico has been contaminated with the herbicide paraquat. Individuals smoking three to five heavily contaminated cigarettes daily for a period of several months may develop permanent lung damage.

According to May 1978 issue of *TIME* magazine, the fields were sprayed with paraquat to destroy Mexico's marijuana supply to the United States.

Smoking marijuana contaminated with paraquat can lead to a scarring of the lungs. After this, an irreversible condition of pulmonary fibrosis will form, according to a *Parent's Magazine* article.

Paraquat is not the only

health hazard presented by marijuana. It was reported in a May 1978 study that prolonged use is not only psychologically destructive, but can also cause physical damage to the brain, lungs, immunity system and reproductive organs.

Pregnant women who smoke marijuana run a danger of genetic damage and possibly even genetic mutation to the unborn child.

Marijuana is currently being studied for treatment of those with glaucoma, asthma, epilepsy, anxiety, insomnia and nausea caused by chemotherapy. And, last week the American Cancer Society advocated the use of marijuana, as treatment, for cancer patients. Currently, New Mexico, Florida, Louisiana and Illinois are legally using marijuana for therapeutic use.

Marijuana used for medical purposes and research must be as close as possible in potency. For this reason, the federal government has granted permission to the University of Mississippi to grow, harvest and produce a five-acre crop of marijuana.

Penalties individually determined

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Copy Editor

Decrease in marijuana sales could be partially attributed to a wearing down of the fad and the fact that marijuana has become more expensive in recent years, Capt. Larry Nixon, university police, said yesterday.

Penalties for on campus students possessing marijuana will be restricted from living in dorms and will be suspended from school, according to Ivan Shewmake, dean of students, men.

Also if marijuana is found in a car on campus, the case will go to a hearing in most situations, he said.

Shewmake explained there is always a probability of a hearing and the outcome is individually determined.

"If any hard drugs or enough marijuana is found for resale, then the case is taken up town to the city police," he said.

He noted there had been very few cases in the last year and one half. "Just three or four have been prosecuted that were found on campus," Shewmake added.

Detective David Dinkins of the Murfreesboro City Police, who has been a police officer for

six years, said he has noticed the laws regarding marijuana are becoming more liberalized.

He said he feels this is good for everyone because the police are concentrating more on who is selling the drugs than just charging someone with possession.

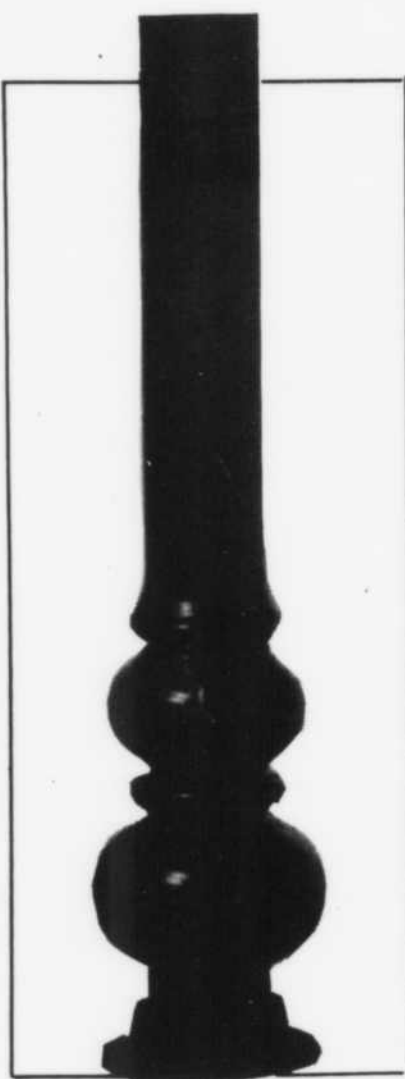
Dinkins said possessing one half ounce or less involves a fine and is classified as a misdemeanor. "If it is the first offense, the sentence will generally be suspended."

On a charge of possession for over one half ounce or possession for resale incurs a prison sentence and a felony charge. "It is

usually three to five (years) on being convicted of a felony," Dinkins said.

"There are two ways that drug cases are investigated. One is made from information given by an informant," he explained. "That leads to obtaining a search warrant from a judge who deems the informant reliable."

"The second way employs undercover police agents who buy narcotics on a regular basis to know dealers. The information is then taken to the grand jury and hopefully we will get an indictment."



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'Old Blue' may take over job

"Old Blue" is hot on the heels of the "Blue Raider" and may take his place as mascot of MTSU teams, according to Judy Smith, dean of women and cheerleading sponsor.

"We want a more popular figure that the crowd will respond to better," Smith explained.

The new mascot, a dog, was created and sponsored by the "Raider Roadies," a group of interested fans that support both the home and away games of MTSU teams. New mascots have been making their debuts at other OVC schools recently, Smith added.

A "Nathan Bedford Forrest" figure was one of the first representatives of MTSU teams.

When controversy caused it to be discontinued there was no mascot for several years. The "Blue Raider" was established by a committee about six years ago and has never really been a success, Smith said.

"Old Blue," a possible replacement for the Blue Raider, doesn't look too old as he dances around Murphy Center with a cheerleader.

photo by Don Harris



Enjoy a 'Fantasy' Wed.

By TERRY MEACHAM
Sidelines Staff Writer

Earth, Wind & Fire; the Commodores; Billy Joel; Barbara Streisand; Stevie Wonder; Blood, Sweat & Tears and Phoebe Snow will all be performing in Phi Mu Alpha's 14th annual stage band show, "Fantasy," Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Building.

Consisting of guest performers from Nashville — and eight singers, 'Fantasy' will be presented Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m. in the DA.

Instrumentation for the show includes trumpets, trombones, percussion, baritone, guitars, saxophones, two synthesizers and a grand piano.

"This is a show we are all proud of. The whole show is built around the singers and songs. I hope there will be a lot of people there to see it," Chris

McDonald, arranger and director, said.

"It will be a very big production with the large band, singers, setting and lights. The audience will enjoy sitting back and listening to the show. For one song, Billy Joel's 'Scenes From an Italian Restaurant,' the setting will be a table at an Italian restaurant, and there will be a featured singer backed by the band," Phi Mu Alpha member Chris Arrowood said.

"We have been working on this show since September. There is a lot of work involved in putting the sets together and getting the lighting effects right. Several people have put this show together which took a lot of time," Setting Coordinator Kenneth Goff said.

Admission is \$2.50 and tickets may be purchased today and Thursday in Room 308 of the University Center or at the door.



HPERS scholarships available

Two scholarships of approximately \$150 per semester are open for women in the physical education department for 1980-81. They are made possible through bequests made by Tommie Reynolds, who taught in the department for many years, and her sister, Leona Drake

Applicants must be enrolled at MTSU during 1980-81, possess a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and plan to take a degree in

the HPERS department and work in this field of study after graduation. Other considerations are professional interest, character and need. The Tommie Reynolds Scholarship is restricted to a sophomore who does not smoke or drink.

All applications are available from Buleah Davis, room 126, Murphy Center. Deadline is Feb. 14.

Journalist to tell truth of Biko's self-imposed exile and death

Once a leading journalist in the Republic of South Africa, now living the life of an expatriate in London, Donald Woods knows the details surrounding the death of anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko.

Woods will offer an insight into that mystery Feb. 11 in the Multi-media room of the LRC.

"If I could speak to every person on this globe, I would speak of my friend Steve Biko, who died naked on the floor of a prison cell after suffering torture and torment at the hands of men who represent an especially horrible form of evil—the evil of racism, which inflicts hatred and rejection upon its victims for being born with dark skin," Woods said.

Biko, long considered dangerous by persons in South

African government, was the leading black exponent in the fight for racial equality in that country. Woods utilized his lectures for a searing indictment of the apartheid system, condemning it as an affront to humanity.

Returning to South Africa, Woods was banned by the government in 1977. He became a non-person, a "silent bystander." He was kept under constant surveillance, his phone conversations and mail were subject to interception and his car was bugged. He was barred from journalism, forbidden to write anything — even in his personal diary.

Sponsored by the Ideas and Issues committee, Woods lecture will be a part of Brotherhood Week on campus.

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Lady Raiders win conference crown

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

MOREHEAD, Ky. — There was no way Middle Tennessee's Lady Raiders could lose.

The 70-61 victory over Morehead State, which clinched the league championship, was sealed in the dressing room before the game in the form of a written guarantee.

Freshman floor leader Sherry

Smith, who plays like she was raised in the Ohio Valley Conference, handed head coach Larry Inman a piece of paper with the words "Don't worry about nothing" inscribed on it.

With only 11 seconds left in the game and the Lady Raiders up 70-59, Inman unfolded the piece of paper and held it out toward Smith who was on her way to the foul line. She looked

over with a big smile on her face and said "I told you."

Of course the win, which gave MTSU their first women's title in school history, was no cake walk by any means.

The Lady Raiders bolted out to a 6-0 lead before Morehead got on the board with 17:15 to play in the half.

Early foul trouble threatened to put MTSU under when senior

Josephine Wright went to the bench with three at the 15:21 mark and was followed later by Lisa Justice who sat down with three with 6:57 left in the half.

"Our bench was a big key tonight," an elated Larry Inman said after the game. "We've got a lot of depth this year and the kids on the bench really want to get in the game."

And as Inman would agree to later, the real key to stopping Morehead is to stop Donna Murphy. Murphy, who is leading the conference in scoring, hit only four points in each half for a total of eight — 10 below her average.

"I think true championship teams don't have just one player that you can key on," Inman said. "That's the best thing about our team this year, we've got several players that can score a lot of points."

The Lady Raiders led the whole game except for one minute in the first half, and stretched their 37-33 halftime

lead to ten before Morehead even scored in the second half. From that point the lead was never lower than seven and stayed at 11 and 13 most of the time.

Two important keys in the win were MTSU's tenacious full court pressure defense, which is

Women's OVC Standings

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| *MTSU | 5-0 | 1.000 |
| Austin Peay | 4-2 | .667 |
| Morehead | 3-2 | .600 |
| Tenn. Tech | 3-2 | .600 |
| West. Ken. | 2-3 | .400 |
| East. Ken. | 1-4 | .200 |
| Murray | 0-5 | .000 |

quickly becoming their trademark, and the free throw line.

The Lady Raiders converted on 31 of 41 free throws which offset a four field goal deficit by Morehead. The Lady Eagles were 17 of 18 from the charity

stripe but managed only 22 of 64 from the field for 34.4 percent.

Ily Portik put in a four-star performance for MTSU hitting 20 points and pulling down 10 rebounds to lead the team. Smith followed with 15 while Wright added 12, Ester Coleman had 10 and Justice pumped in eight. Lindi Dye only scored six points in her 30 minutes of playing time, but put in two straight buckets in the second half to kill Morehead's last comeback.

Irene Moore led the Lady Eagles with 20 while Murphy, Robin Harmon and Dorothy Burk chipped in eight apiece.

The win was MTSU's eighth in a row and brings their record to 14-6 and 5-0 in the OVC. The women do not play a complete round robin schedule so only the first six conference games count. Every team in the league has at least two defeats so even if the Lady Raiders lose their next game they still have the championship.

Blue Raiders lose third OVC game to Morehead

By SCOTT ADAMS

Sidelines Sports Writer

MOREHEAD, Ky. — The carnival came to Weatherby Gymnasium here Saturday night but Middle Tennessee State didn't leave with any prizes.

What they did leave with was a 68-66 OVC loss, their third in a row, which could have started nailing the lid on any hopes of a top four finish in the conference.

The whole big top atmosphere was present in the crackerbox gym, their concession stand even sold cotton candy.

Morehead State, still buzzing from the Thursday night thumping they put on inner state rival Eastern Kentucky, started off the game a little sluggish. But they soon warmed to the task of going after a share of the league lead.

Blue Raider head coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson was dissatisfied with his team's performance from the outset. He started shuttling players in from the bench with only two minutes gone in the game searching for the right court combination.

The Eagles led by as many as eight points several times during the first half but could never put together a streak to open it up.

"Pancakes" Perry got things going offensively for MTSU scoring nine of the teams last 11 points in the half while the Raiders held Morehead to five points for the last six and a half minutes. Perry's last basket with :25 left tied the score at 32 which marked the first tie since a 4-4 deadlock earlier in the game.

Morehead worked the ball for the last shot and got it to their scoring machine, Glen Napier who drilled one at the buzzer for a 34-32 halftime advantage.

"They seemed to be able to come up with the big play all night long," Simpson said shaking his head after the game. "I guess it was just their night."

The ballgame turned into a classic OVC thriller in the second half with the lead changing hands eight times and being tied three times.

Leroy Coleman (7-17) and Jerry Beck (6-15) were suffering through one of their cooler shooting performances of the year, but managed to get hot long enough to keep the Raiders in the contest.

Morehead, who's biggest

Men's OVC Standings

| | W-L-Pct. |
|----------------|----------|
| Murray State | 5-1-.833 |
| W. Kentucky | 4-1-.800 |
| Morehead State | 4-1-.800 |
| E. Kentucky | 3-2-.600 |
| Middle Tenn. | 2-3-.400 |
| Tenn Tech | 1-5-.167 |
| Austin Peay | 0-6-.000 |

advantage was five during the second stanza, took the lead for good with 7:57 to play on a jumper by Greg Coldiron. Coleman quickly countered with a tip in and Curtis Fitts sandwiched two baskets in around two jumpers by MSU's Charlie Clay.

And just when it looked as though the basket swapping would become a habit, the play of the night happened.

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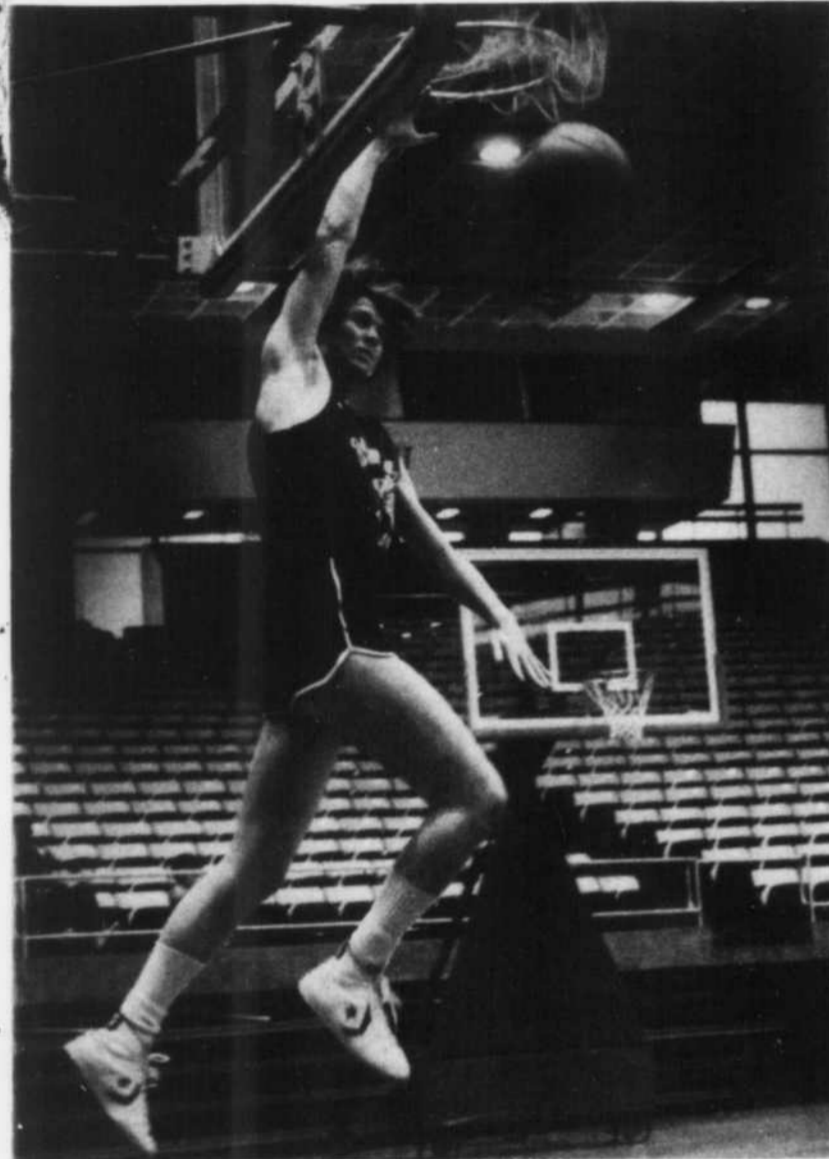


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Ray LeComte, a 6-8 freshman, works out at yesterday's Blue Raider practice session. MTSU dropped its third straight OVC game to Morehead Saturday night and is working on getting back on track against Eastern Kentucky Thursday night.

Basketball games set for cable television

MTSU basketball on television is now a reality.

As of 10 p.m. last Thursday night, the Blue Raiders made it on the tube as cable station channel 12 aired the MTSU — Western Kentucky game on a taped delayed basis.

Steve Sawyer, of the LRC television studio and mass communications intern at the

studio, videotaped the game while interns at WMOT supplied the play-by-play and color commentary.

Three games remain on the Raider's home schedule. They are Eastern Kentucky, Jan. 31; Morehead State, Feb. 2; and Murray State, Feb. 14. Those games will be delayed broadcast on cable television.

Sports

Tuesday, January 29, 1980

Raider tracksters second in Illinois

MTSU swept to an impressive second place finish Saturday in the Illinois Invitational indoor track meet in Champagne.

The University of Illinois won the meet with 122½ points while MTSU took second with 80½ points.

"I'm satisfied, it was a good team effort," Coach Dean Hayes said. "Everybody did well in the meet and things appear to be shaping up for the OVC indoor meet next month."

Junior Greg "Dr. Leap" Artis led MTSU with first places in the long jump and the triple jump. It was Artis' first double win. Artis' long jump was 24 feet, 5½ inches. He leaped 51 feet 8 inches in the triple jump — his lifetime best.

"I guess the biggest thing about Artis this year is that he can do well in both events on the same day, something he hasn't been able to do in the past," Hayes said. "That's been the key. He knows he has to do the job himself."

Ed Stegall won the 440-yard dash with a time of 48.9, while MTSU's mile relay team took first place with a time of 3:17.63. The team is made up of Stegall, Barry Gambrell, Pete



Dean Hayes

Williams and David Robinson.

Pip Kirnes picked up a second place finish in the long jump and the high hurdles. Kirnes also took third place honors in the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.43.

Dana McCutcheon was third in the 1,000 yard run while Jim Fitch's distance of 50 feet 10½ inches was good for fourth place. Pete Williams was fifth in the 600 with 1:12. Kevin Hale tied for sixth in the pole vault with 13 feet 8½ inches.

The Raider tracksters will be in action this weekend at the Indiana Relays in Bloomington.

Inman, team happy with conference title

By EDDIE GOSSAGE

Sidelines Sports Editor

THERE was no cheering throng to greet the MTSU women's basketball team when it rolled in to Murphy Center around 3 a.m. Sunday morning. No champagne, no banners, no anything.

Instead, the girls shook off their slumber, gathered up their belongings from Murphy Center and made their way home.

Unglamorous? You bet. Seems like some type of celebration is in order when you win an OVC championship.

But crowds, or the lack of them, are something you get used to when you play women's basketball.

"It (the lack of a crowd) bothers me personally because I know how hard the girls have worked," coach Larry Inman confessed yesterday. "I don't get caught up in it, though."

"But if the students have any value for their school and their winning team, I think they ought to come out Thursday, at 5:15, and show these girls they appreciate it," he continued. "The girls have given the students something to be proud of by winning the OVC championship."

The conference title slipped up on MTSU. Few realized that a win over Morehead Saturday evening would clinch the crown, the first ever for MTSU. No one realized it — except Inman.

"I realized a week or so ago that we could clinch the title by beating Morehead, but I didn't tell the team," Inman laughed. "They are young and I didn't put the girls under a lot of pressure. I simply told them that they could either share the title or win it outright."

Prior to the game, the team was under the idea that in order to claim the championship, they would have to defeat Morehead and Eastern Kentucky this Thursday. However, with everyone else in the league except Morehead with two or more losses, a win would assure Middle Tennessee the title. A tie could result in either losing the championship or being co-champion.

"Our love for each other, working as a family, dedication of the team and a leader in senior Josephine Wright have been the keys to the team," Inman said. We have a lot of outstanding individual players on this team that sacrificed individual achievements. They set team goals above their personal goals."

"This team is about the best team anywhere," Wright said, nodding towards the practice floor where the team was working out. "If we play the way we are capable of playing, we can beat anybody. I really mean that. Anybody."

Wright is the only senior on a team that includes nine freshmen. Just when did Inman realize that the squad was shaping up to championship caliber?

"I guess I really realized the team had come together around the first of January," Inman said. "I really didn't know what this team could accomplish. We had a lot of good talent, but I didn't know how long it would take for them to catch on."

The put it lightly, the coach is pleased. So is his boss, women's athletic director Pat Jones.

"I knew when I hired coach Inman that he was capable of producing the caliber team he has," Jones said of the second-year coach. "I knew it would come and felt that he could do it this soon."

"Certainly, we are very pleased with what he has done," Jones added. "These freshmen have three more years to go, so just imagine how tough they are going to be. We definitely have a nucleus for a nationally-ranked team."

In the meantime, though, Inman is concerned with preparing his team for the rest of the season, one that has at least another month and a half to go.

Not to overlook the achievement, a banner is about to be ordered

proclaiming MTSU the 1980 OVC Women's Basketball Champions. The banner will be the fifth to hang in Murphy Center — the first for the women.



Larry Joe Inman

Coach of OVC champions

Thornton sees MTSU as second chance

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Writer

IT'S GREAT to have a second chance.

At least that's what transfer Sally Thornton, newest member of the Lady Raider basketball squad, believes.

Thornton has the usual athletic success story. Played junior high ball and was selected team MVP and All-County, started MVP and All-County, was named All-County as a junior, won team MVP, All-City, District, Region, All-Valley in District, and Honorable Mention All-State honors as team captain

her senior year, etc.

When the Chattanooga-Hixon star graduated in 1976, she received several college offers, finally accepting a full grant from Tennessee Tech. In the early season of 1977, she was used in a reserve role, eventually breaking into the starting lineup after outstanding games against Tennessee and Memphis State. That same year Tech made it into the national tournament.

That's when the real story begins.

Thornton was elected captain of the Golden Eaglettes for her

sophomore year, but ended up sitting out the season as a red-shirt. Problems with a rare disease in her legs required an operation on both of them.

A determined athlete, Thornton next year on coming back the next year and finishing an exciting career at Tech. So success prevails, right?

Wrong. During the summer Thornton took a bad fall through a glass door, severing an artery and a nerve in her wrist. At that time she felt her college career was over.

"I couldn't use my right hand at all; I was trying to shoot with

my left hand. I went ahead and tried to practice and I damaged the nerve in my hand more. I couldn't play so I just quit," she recounted.

"At first I guess I did feel like it was my whole life," she said. "Maybe it was good that I did get hurt. It made me stop and realize there were other things to life besides playing basketball."

Now Thornton feels that she's been given a second chance. After a two year lay-off and a period of recuperation, she decided to play college basketball again. She contacted

Coach Larry Inman, tried out for the MTSU squad, and is now a full-fledged Lady Raider.

"I'd been hindered by two operations and two accidents but I felt like I was given a second chance and that I needed to do something about it," she explained. "I had heard that Coach Inman was a good coach and now that I'm here I'm really happy."

Although Thornton has dressed out for two games so far, she has yet to see action. But that doesn't mean she isn't in the Lady Raiders' plans.

"I think she's a very dedicated athlete right now. She possesses a great deal of leadership characteristics that we're looking for," Inman said. "She has a great deal of athletic ability. It's just a matter of how bad she wants it, how hard she wants to work, how much time she wants to spend with it for the next year and a half or so."

Only the future knows whether Sally Thornton will pick up at MTSU where she left off at Tech. But if her past says anything, it's a sure bet that she will give her all just for getting that second chance.

OVC Roundup

MSU takes OVC lead

By Associated Press

Western Kentucky's offense ignited in the first half but sputtered in the second as the Hilltoppers came within two points of tying Murray State atop the Ohio Valley Conference basketball standings.

After leading Eastern Kentucky 46-41 at intermission, the Hilltoppers let the Colonels tie the contest 59-59 as James Tillman hit a bucket from the corner.

A half-minute later, Tillman, who scored 31 points, put the Colonels ahead for good Saturday night in Richmond, Ky.

Western Kentucky's Trey Trumbo scored on a layup with eight seconds to go but the Colonels came out on top 84-82.

Eastern Kentucky jumped to 8-6 overall and 3-2 in conference while the Hilltoppers dropped to 11-5 on the season and 4-1 in conference.



Leigh Morel

Morel bolsters women netters

By TOMMY HARDIN
Special to Sidelines

When MTSU's women's tennis team began workouts following the holiday break, head coach Sandy Neal was happy to see a new face among the group.

Leigh Morel, a sophomore who transferred to MTSU from Mississippi State, seems to be in top form following an off-season knee operation that kept her out of competition this fall.

Morel, a native of Franklin, was ranked as high as fourth in the state in 1978 in the 18-year-

old division. As a senior at Battle Ground Academy, Morel finished third in the Tennessee high school state tournament.

"I am really pleased that Leigh has been able to come back and go through workouts at full speed," Neal said. "She seems to have fully recovered from the surgery and is playing strong."

With the addition of Morel to a team that lost only one player from last year's OVC runner-up team, this season looks to be a

very exciting one for the Lady Raiders.

As Neal looks to her squad's season opener with Vanderbilt in Nashville on Feb. 23, she sees Morel making a large contribution to this year's team.

"Leigh is a very hard worker and with the determination she has, she could easily move into the upper part of the lineup," Neal said. "She is a different type of player than we have ever had at MTSU as she is able to put a heavy top spin on the ball which makes her very effective."

Neal has five other players back from last year and has added freshman Jenny Orr to her squad. Orr came in and played at the number six spot for the Lady Raiders during the fall, but with the addition of Morel, Neal can count on having a lot more depth than she enjoyed last season.

The Lady Raiders open their home schedule on March 4 with Michigan and host such national powers as Purdue and Tennessee, in addition to all the OVC schools.

In a nonconference game in Statesboro, Ga., Mont Sleet and Gary Hooker poured in 16 of Murray State's first 18 points and the Racers ran up an 18-4 lead before defeating Georgia Southern 75-68.

Sleet finished with 24 points and Hooker had 20.

Murray held a 37-32 lead at halftime and upped its margin to 15 at 51-36 midway through the second half.

Murray bettered its overall

mark to 13-5. The Racers are 5-1 in the OVC.

In Cookeville, Tennessee Tech went to its bench for some offensive fire power as Terrence Roberts, Jeff Harris and Carlton Hendrix combined for 34 points to lead the Golden Eagles to a 75-73 win over McKendree College of Illinois.

Roberts and Hendrix scored 12 points each while Harris contributed 10 in the non-conference contest.

Blue Raiders

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With the Blue Raiders 65-62 with 1:51 to go, Beck took the ball in the lane and was quickly surrounded. The ball was knocked away and in the ensuing scramble one of the Raiders was called for a three second violation.

Three seconds would have been a good call if Beck would have been standing in the lane in control of the ball. But at the time of the whistle the ball was being knocked around by five or six players.

The call proved to be the last nail in the coffin as Eagle reserve Rocky Atkins broke away for a

layup on the following inbounds pass to make it 67-62.

MTSU did make it exciting in the final seconds when Beck put in two free throws with :20 to put the score at 67-64. They then forced a turn over and Perry followed with a 15 foot jumper to cut the lead to one with six seconds remaining.

Adkins got the ball for Morehead on the next inbounds play and was fouled. He hit the front end of the one-and-one with one second to go but missed the second. But, Beck's desperation shot sailed into the rafters to end the game.

Beck led all scorers with 17 points followed by Perry with 15, Coleman with 14, and Chris Harris added 10.

"We're going to have to really struggle to get into the conference tournament now," Simpson said. "Seven and five might get in but we've got a tough schedule ahead of us."

The Blue Raiders open a two game home stand this week with Eastern Kentucky on Thursday and a return match with Morehead on Saturday. MTSU plays five of their last six games on the road.

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