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Zoning out

Photo by Mike Poley

Intermediate photography students join their instructor, Harold Baldwin, outside last week to complete zone testing to calibrate their cameras. Most people use gray cards—they use the sidewalks.

Absence policy extends

By JOHN-PAUL ABNER
Sidelines Staff Writer

In the March ASB elections, MTSU students will be asked to approve a bill that would limit members of the house of representatives to three unexcused absences each academic year rather than each semester.

If House Bill 15 is ratified, organizations whose representatives miss more than three meetings without an excuse will lose their voice, or vote, in the house, Herring said yesterday.

AN ABSENCE WILL be classified as "unexcused" upon the discretion of the speaker of the house, Herring said.

The legislation, drafted by Herring, was approved by both ASB houses during the Feb. 21

joint session, and will go into effect upon ratification by the student body.

"Presently, representatives are allowed three unexcused absences a semester, which allows a representative six unexcused absences a year," Herring said.

"SINCE THE ASB only holds approximately 12 meetings a year, a representative can miss 50 percent of

penalized." Currently, approximately 30-35 percent of the registered representatives attend meetings, Herring said.

The house of representatives was created to give all organizations a voice in student government, Chief of Staff Mark Miller said.

"If they can't see fit to come to the ASB meetings, then it's pretty hard to say they're actively involved," he said.

Assistant attorney general chosen

Curtis appointed

By JOHN-PAUL ABNER
Sidelines Staff Writer

ASB Attorney General John Gilbert has appointed Todd Curtis as assistant attorney general.

Curtis' main function as assistant attorney general will be to prosecute cases before the traffic court.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S office is working in conjunction with traffic court coordinator Toni Carpenter in an attempt to make the traffic court system operate both rapidly and smoothly, and Curtis' appointment

should aid in that effort, Gilbert said.

"I was instructed by some of the deans to get the traffic court into a smoother flow," he added.

One difficulty the traffic court has experienced is that too many cases are being excused for the "wrong" reasons, Gilbert said.

"IF YOU DRIVE a car and get a ticket, chances are 10 to one that you are guilty," he said.

Thus, in traffic court one is basically guilty until proven innocent, but students are getting out of too many tickets.

Committee for Campus Radio seeks charter

By LARRY PAREIGIS
Sidelines Staff Writer

Last week's standing-room-only organizational meeting for a new campus radio station established a seven-member committee and two sub-committees to investigate chartering and funding the project.

Mark Inglis was elected chairman of the committee, and Marty Watt, Joe Altman and Randy Byrne were chosen to serve as sub-chairmen.

THE COMMITTEES will meet Thursday to discuss their findings after they examine procedures for getting a charter and raising necessary funds.

Tom Keller, assistant professor of mass communications and faculty liaison for the project, suggested that the group try to obtain student government funding, possibly through the ASB student activity fund.

"If there is enough political pressure and enough people want this station, it will be a definite item for their [the fund committee's] agenda," Keller said.

THE STATION, a "carrier-current" facility which would transmit the signal on power lines through a transmitter in each building with the service, could cost from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year to operate for 24-hour service.

Each transmitter will cost about \$250, Inglis said.

Keller said the committee's focus at this time should be on the steps needed to get the project underway.

"YOU HAVE TO present a proposal like this to the administration in a logical way, and you also have to make

them aware that the students are really interested and behind this all the way," he said.

Inglis added that the group would "like to have input in the next meeting from interested students because this is our project."

Proposed task force to analyze traffic situation

By PENNY HUSTON
and LISA ROBERTSON

MTSU may be able to solve some of its parking problems if a task force proposed by Dean of Men David Hays is appointed to aid the University Traffic Committee in making parking recommendations.

Hays said last week that the task force would analyze all aspects of MTSU's traffic and parking systems and make recommendations to the

University Traffic Committee for changes.

"WE HOPE TO show students that we are trying to address concerns with the problems," Hays said.

If the traffic committee recommends the formation of the task force to University President Sam Ingram, Ingram will then appoint faculty, students, clerical staff, student affairs and administration personnel to the group.

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Photo by Mike Poley

Mass communications major Don Davenport completes his project in a radio production course in the audio lab of the Learning Resource Center. Davenport and his fellow broadcasters may be able to use their talents on campus if a closed-circuit station is approved.

Benefits are emphasis of Foreign Language Week

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines News Editor

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on foreign education in the United States.

When former President Carter visited Poland in 1977, the Poles his desire to understand their needs, but his interpreter mistakenly told them the president "desired the Poles carnally."

General Motors was understandably perplexed when

sales of its "Nova" in Central American countries were lower than anticipated—perplexed, that is, until someone in the company realized that "no va" in Spanish means "it doesn't go."

AND THE PARKER Pen Co. once unwittingly made claims in South American advertisements that its product could prevent unwanted pregnancies.

But a greater knowledge of foreign languages in the United States could decrease

the potential for such embarrassments, June McCash, chairman of MTSU's foreign language department, said last week.

"Things like that can be so easily avoided with just a little effort to the part of employers to hire people with the language skills to save them from bloopers like that," McCash said.

MAKING AMERICANS more aware of the usefulness of foreign language skills is the objective of National Foreign

Language Week, March 4-10, she said.

Bordered by a French-speaking neighbor in the north and a Spanish-speaking neighbor in the south, the United States is finding itself in the position of having to communicate more and more with people of other nations—and often being unable to do so, she said.

"We can no longer be isolated," she added.

GERMAN PROFESSOR Ortrun Gilbert agreed, noting

areas within the United States with large foreign language-speaking populations.

"In New York City, you can hear 20 different languages within one city block," Gilbert said.

Gilbert, along with the Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers Association, sent a request to Gov. Alexander earlier this year, urging him to join President Reagan in proclaiming Foreign Language Week.

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Kappa Delta to host 24-hr. dance-a-thon

By LINDA BRYANT
Sidelines Staff Writer

Students who want to enter a 24-hour fundraising dance marathon, sponsored by Kappa Delta sorority for the National Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse, may sign up tomorrow in the University Center.

The Dance-A-Thon will begin at Daddy Rabbit's on Friday, March 2, at 5 p.m. and will continue through 1 p.m. Saturday.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS may enter an unlimited number of contestants, at a cost of \$10 per couple. All proceeds from the entry fee will go to the NCPCA.

The grand prize will receive the grand prize of an undisclosed amount of cash at the close of the marathon Saturday. Door prizes, donated by Murfreesboro businesses, will be given away every hour during the dance.

KD members will be collecting donations through Thursday, March 1.

Thursday first day to receive new photo licenses

Effective March 1, 1984, the Tennessee Department of Safety will begin issuing photo licenses at the Murfreesboro Driver Testing Center, new Highway 96 at Old Fort Park between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Campus Capsule

TODAY
THE PSI CHI HONOR Society and the Psychology Club will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the University Center. Dr. Morris will be the speaker.

WEDNESDAY
TODAY IS THE deadline to turn in petitions for candidacy for the ASB offices of president, speaker of the house and speaker of the senate, as well as senior, junior and sophomore senate positions. Petitions are available in the ASB office (third floor, University Center).

THE SDX FLEA Market, located in the University Center basement, will last from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MONDAY
THE KAYPRO CREATORS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Baptist Student Center. Rosalind Akin of the Internal Revenue Service will speak on "Deducting Your Personal Computer."

NOTICES
THE CALIFORNIA Achievement Test for admission to teacher education will be given at 4 p.m. on March 8 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Students taking the test must present a valid ID. There is no charge for the test and pre-registration is not required.

THE SOCIAL WORK Program is sponsoring a forum on "Blacks as Providers of Child Welfare Services" in Room 321 from 1-3 p.m. on Feb. 29. Speakers for the event, which celebrates Black History Week, are Dr. Lou Beasley, Nashville Branch UT School of Social Work; Bobby Halliburton, Supervisor, Juvenile Services, Tennessee Department of Corrections; and Barbara Brannon, Supervisor, Franklin County Department of Human Services.

SENIORS AND GRADUATE students should visit the Career Placement Orientation on Wednesday, March 7, at 2 p.m. in Room 324 of the University Center for help with job searches.

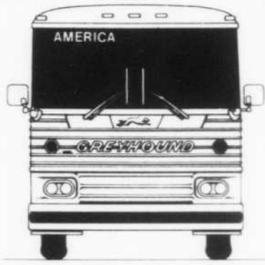
IF YOU HAVE TAKEN MTSU's scuba diving class and would like a check-out dive in Florida on March 17-18, contact Jim Chandler at 890-8638 or leave your phone number in Box 7405 by March 12.

AN INFORMATION GUIDE to MTSU's mainframe computer is now available in the University Bookstore. The "MTSU Computer Center User's Guide" gives information on the use of MTSU's computer, a Honeywell DPS 8/44D. Included in the guide are sections on the Time Sharing System, the Convert Subsystem, Jout subsystem, Text Editor Subsystem, Library Software and Batch Computing.

Orchestra to feature soloist Orval

Internationally known Belgian horn soloist Francis Orval will be featured with the University-Community Symphony Orchestra Sunday, March 4, at 3 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Some aspects to be studied by the proposed task force include the number of parking spaces, towing procedures, training ticket writers and color codes.

"WE FEEL WE need to look at all aspects for the study to be effective," Hays said.

Because members of the University Traffic Committee may already have teaching and community responsibilities, Hays feels the task force should be separate from the University Traffic Committee.

The proposed task force would make its recommendations to the University Traffic Committee, which in turn makes recommendations to Ingram.

The University Traffic Committee will study Hays' proposal of a task force at its next meeting, which has not yet been scheduled.

Language

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McCASH SAID SHE is often embarrassed by Americans' reluctance to learn other languages.

"Just as an example, when I was watching the Olympics from Sarajevo this past week, all our reporters were interviewing the foreign athletes—in English. Can you imagine?"

They could speak our language, but we can't speak theirs. And we wonder why we're so misunderstood in the world," she said.

McCASH SAID THAT she feels language study can be beneficial to an individual, as well as to the nation as a whole.

She compared a person who speaks only one language to someone who is blind in one eye.

"But when you learn a second language, or even a third, it's like seeing with both eyes," she said. "It gives you a greater depth, a better perspective, on the world."

MOREOVER, FOREIGN language skills can make a potential employee more attractive to future employers in the job market.

"Languages are the tool of communication, and the ability to use that tool opens a whole new world of job opportunities—a world many don't realize is out there," she said.

Each year, MTSU's foreign language department receives numerous requests from businesses for translators and interpreters, McCash said.

Next issue: the progress and plans of MTSU's foreign language department.

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE MAY, 1984 GRADUATES

In order to comply with guidelines of the Instructional Evaluation Program of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the University will be requiring graduating seniors in the majors listed below to take a test designed to measure their abilities in their major field.

Students with the following majors must take a test on the day(s) and at the place and time indicated:

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Graduate school applications decline

By MARJI DIAL
Sidelines Staff Writer

Fall, 1983, graduate enrollment figures showed a slight increase from a year ago, but applications in January were down 33 percent, Graduate School Dean Mary Martin said last week.

Enrollment for 1983 was 1,274 students—up from the fall, 1982, figure of 1,239.

GRADUATE SCHOOL figures have been declining since 1979, when they peaked at 1,736.

"Enrollment trends are

following national trends to a degree, but MTSU's enrollment is a little higher," she said.

Having no recruiter assigned to its office and a lack of funding for recruitment are weaknesses for the graduate school, Martin said.

BUT THE SCHOOL'S strengths lie in the personnel's one-to-one relationship with interested applicants, mailing catalogs free of charge, and the graduate programs themselves, Martin said, citing the historic preservation, math, computer science and humanities programs as examples.

Home ec accredited

By LINDA MARTIN
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's Horseman's Association hosted the final intercollegiate riding competition and Sunday in the Tennessee State Livestock Pavilion.

Saturday the MTSU team was awarded high point hunt seat and reserve champion high point stock seat.

MTSU'S MEGAN GREEN received high point rider, while Sherrie Higdon was named reserve champion high point overall rider.

Sunday the team received the reserve champion overall circuit school award, which is donated by MTSU.

MTSU will have 16 riders going to the regional competition, which will take place on April 15 at Murray State University.

WINNERS FROM THE regional competition will advance to the national show on May 4 and 5 at Harrisburg, Pa.

The intercollegiate competition includes 142 schools from Illinois to the east coast and from Maine to Florida.



Un-cloudy day?

Photo by Mike Poley

A slightly overcast day on Murfreesboro's Square makes for some unusual scenery, as photo editor Mike Poley took this shot of the St. Mark's Methodist Church cupola next to Linebaugh Library.

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Scholarship available to publications employee

By SUSAN CANNON-BROWN
Sidelines Staff Writer

A \$500 Student Publications Scholarship will be awarded to a student employed by one of MTSU's three student publications, Glenn Himebaugh, associate professor of mass communications, said last week.

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must be a second semester freshman, a sophomore or a junior with a 2.3 cumulative grade point average.

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based upon publications experience and demonstrated leadership potential, which will be determined through an interview with a three-person committee, Himebaugh said.

The winner will be recognized at the university awards banquet on April 3.

Applications and grade transcripts should be sent to Campus Mail, Box 299, before March 9, Himebaugh said.

Persons in all majors are eligible to apply for the scholarship, which will be used for the fall 1984 semester.

Team takes honors

MTSU's home economics department has become one of only four home economics programs in Tennessee to be accredited by the American Home Economics Association.

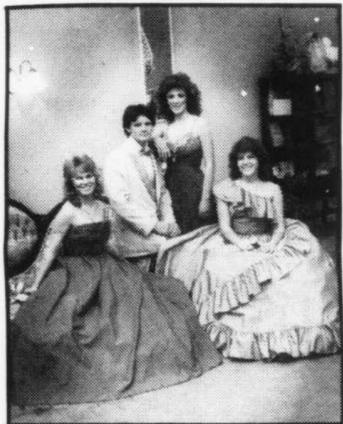
The accreditation, effective since November, will continue for 10 years, Ernestine Reeder, co-director of the self-study that led to the accreditation, said in a release.

HER CO-DIRECTOR in the year-long self-study, Kathryn Price, pointed out that the

accreditation means "all the programs in the department have met the required standards of quality" as set by the accrediting agency for undergraduate home economics programs in higher education.

In addition to the self-study, the accreditation process included a three-day site visit by a team of AHEA evaluators, an in-depth review of the site visit report and a final evaluation by AHEA's Council for Professional Development.

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Nukes, deficits, and bloopers

By PHIL WILLIAMS
Sidelines Columnist

Although this week has not seen any earth-shaking news stories, there have been several events which could have great significance for the future. Therefore, we will dive into the columnist's notebook and touch on a few of those topics.

• If one is looking to predict the most likely spot for the beginning of a world war, and possibly some form of nuclear exchange, one need look no further than the Strait of Hormuz, which is very much in the news this week.

Iran is strongly hinting that if Iraq attacks its oil facilities it may block the waterway that tankers use to carry eight million barrels of oil a day from the Persian Gulf to the industrialized West. Such a scenario becomes increasingly possible as the Iranians wear down their attackers in this Persian Gulf war.

Both the United States and Great Britain have warned that if Iran does close the strait they would be forced to do "what's necessary" to maintain the Western supply of oil. "I do not believe the free world could stand by and allow anyone to close the Strait of Hormuz," Reagan said last year in enunciating this policy. Both nations now have naval forces in the area. Should a war erupt over the Strait of Hormuz, it is not inconceivable that it might expand to the use of nuclear weapons.

For example, consider a 1982 Defense department document

summarizing President Reagan's military policy. The statement, which stressed the need to "prevail" in a prolonged nuclear war with the Soviet Union, made the



following comment about the Strait of Hormuz: "It is essential that the Soviet Union be confronted with the prospect of a major conflict should it seek to reach oil resources of the Gulf."



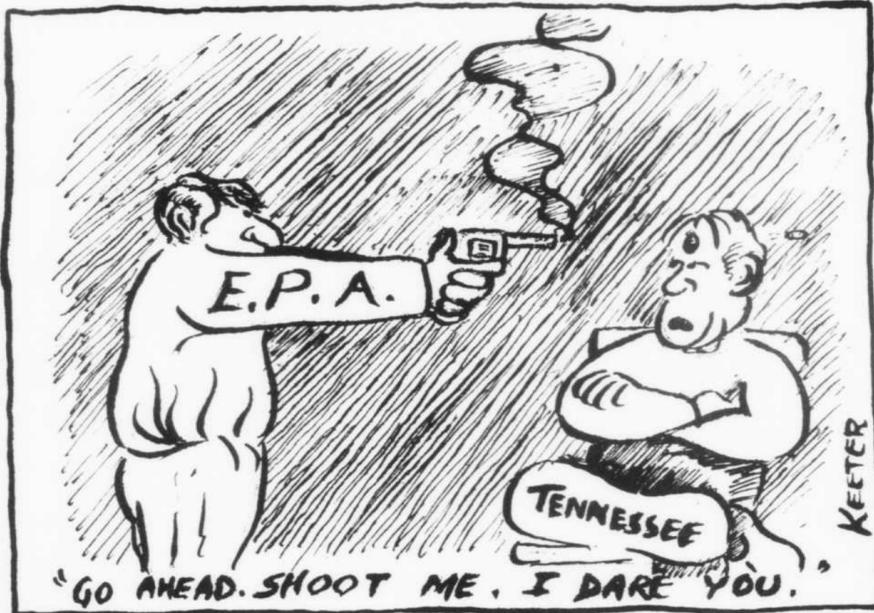
Earlier in the document, it is said that a threat which would activate U.S. forces would not necessarily have to come in the form of a direct Soviet invasion. History has proven that Reagan can find a Soviet link to almost any negative event in the world.

In addition, to realize the threat of a nuclear war in this region, one should consider what prompted the United States in World War II to

become the only country to use nuclear weapons. We were facing a religiously fanatical people resolved to fight to the last man to defeat the imperialist American. Today, this national psyche can be easily found in Iran. The Mideast could, then, become a great potential use for the neutron bomb, slaughtering people but leaving critical oil equipment intact.

• During the next eight months, we can expect Reagan to try to portray the Democrats as the cause of the current deficit. But, according to a report this week from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the president's proposed fiscal 1985 budget would result in a \$192 billion deficit, \$12 billion higher than the president estimates.

Basing his report on the prediction of sharply declining interest rates, Reagan also says the deficit will decline to \$123 billion by 1989. But the independent CBO, in its estimate of Reagan's budget, said the deficit would steadily increase—to \$248 billion in 1989. Therefore, when the rhetoric becomes the most heated, put the blame where it belongs—right in the lap of Ronald Reagan.



EPA's actions inconsistent

In the wake of the superfund scandal that forced Anne Burford out of the Environmental Protection Agency and numerous charges that, under the Reagan administration, the agency had assumed a clear policy of pro-industry bias and non-enforcement of environmental laws, it was quite a relief to see William Ruckleshaus appointed as the EPA's new chief.

Indeed, under Ruckleshaus, the EPA has begun to show signs of returning to a state of near-normalcy. In other words, the agency seems to once again be willing to do the job it was created and empowered to do. But as two EPA actions in Tennessee last week indicate, though, nobody's perfect.

On the plus side, EPA officials quickly showed Nashville what any poker player knows: if you're going to bluff your opponent, for heaven's sake, don't tell him about it beforehand. Evidently the members of Nashville's City Council are unfamiliar with the finer points of card playing, because the way they have handled their task of implementing an EPA-required vehicle emissions-testing program for Nashville is a textbook example of how *not* to play the game.

It was bad enough that the council failed to come up with any kind of program at all—though veteran council observers can tell you that such failures are par for the course; even after the EPA agreed to extend the deadline for coming up with the program, the council *still* could not produce anything.

And so, presumably with no other options, the council decided that a nasty confrontation was in order. With no program and little hope of getting one anytime in the near future, they issued their challenge to the EPA: "So *what* if we don't test automobile emissions; what are *you* going to do about it?"

It's extremely difficult to imagine just

what results were expected from such a move, but when EPA officials meet with the council March 6, it won't be pretty. EPA officials are expected to impose several sanctions against the city, including terminating all federal funds for highway construction—unless the funds are used for construction of roads that improve air quality or safety; terminating funds for the Metro health department's air pollution control program; and banning both new industries which produce carbon monoxide and the expansion of existing carbon monoxide producing industries.

Even though any other action, short of ignoring the whole matter, would be virtually unthinkable, it is still good to see that the agency is willing to get tough when the situation calls for it.

It's a shame that when faced with a stronger foe—the mammoth Federal Department of Energy—EPA chief Ruckleshaus did not show a similar willingness to do battle. Instead, he chose to sign an EPA-DOE agreement which effectively takes away any power EPA might have had in the regulation of hazardous wastes produced at the government's nuclear facilities in Oak Ridge.

Though the DOE's reasoning behind this agreement is in itself very suspect—they claim that allowing EPA access to these facilities endangers the country's national defense—the agreement would not necessarily be such a bad move. The problem is that, as recent events like the facilities' losses of bomb grade uranium and contamination of surrounding rivers and groundwater indicate, both the DOE and Oak Ridge officials are unable to do the job. And, unable to operate under the law, they have conveniently rewritten it to their own standards—something that Ruckleshaus should be ashamed to have permitted.

Temp's are rising

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Columnist

Harry Truman would have hated this campus, and with good reason.

The heat in some of these "kitchens"—or is that classrooms?—has been more than generous in some of the buildings this winter. Then again, other buildings have forced students' imaginations to work overtime pretending that warmth existed.

Needless to say, the heating and cooling situation has been this way for years. It's just one more of those inherent problems associated only with university life such as parking, the food service, the student newspaper and theft. And so these buildings continue to solidify their reputations as public saunas, or sleeping laboratories for escaping students.

For the moment, the heating situation defies the laws of physics. Hot air rises. Anywhere in any room it wishes. The top floors of every building does not escape the trauma of inconsistency.

Ideally, to conserve heat and energy, classrooms with many students should be rationed heating, while classrooms with

less students should be given more—but the diffusion of unequal matter really isn't that big of matter unless one is concerned about how to dress for the day: light, medium or heavily overdone.

Since the student body has to "live" with the situation, there is one thing that needs to be done: a survey. A survey just might reveal some clues on how to beat the heat and warm the freeze.

But back to reality: there is no solution to this "problem." To mention the matter to the maintenance department serves only to infuriate the staff. After all, all buildings are not created equal; "We're doing the best we can," they might say. Meanwhile, we as students are doing the best we can to ignore the problem, especially in classrooms where the teacher operates according to the closed-door policy.

Regulated classroom temperatures, both heating and cooling, apparently remain a problem that is beyond the ability of maintenance crews to understand.

Some hope remains. Summer will be coming soon. Ill-tempered air conditioning will be a freeing relief in the 90-degree weather. Now Harry might like that.

Reader questions Wright's views on U.S. foreign policy

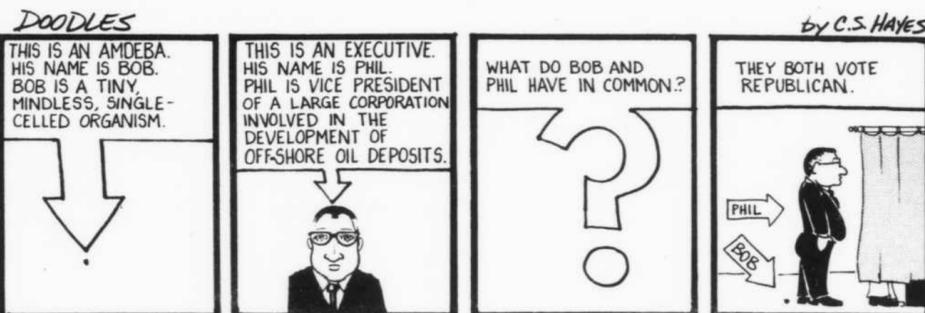
To the editor:
After reading D. Clifton Wright's opinion in *Wright Wing*, I figured out what the "D" stands for. He begins by projecting the arms reduction concept as a joke and then goes on to present the Soviet Union as barbarians that we absolutely cannot co-exist with. So what are we waiting for? This place ain't big enough for the two of us. We had to destroy it to save it from communism. And besides, God said "let there be life [sic.]" once, maybe he will again after radioactive dust settles in a few million years.

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features

Computer programming and people make Williams winner

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Normally, computer programming and working with people don't mix. But for information systems major Jeanne Williams, they most certainly do.

Williams, a senior, is the recent winner of the state chapter of Data Processing Management Association's \$700 scholarship award.

SHE WAS MTSU'S representative and competed against eight Tennessee state finalists.

Throughout her four years, Williams has maintained a 3.94 GPA, something rather uncommon for information

systems majors, Peter Rob, information systems professor, said.

"Some of my friends asked me what I am majoring in," Williams said. "They then ask me why."

THE INFORMATION systems major used to be primarily a male field, but now it's about half and half, Williams said.

People still fear computers because they don't understand how the computer works, Williams said, pointing out her father was leery when they first came out.

"The main thing is a lot of people think computers are impossible, and they are really not," Williams said.

WILLIAMS FIRST became interested in computers when she worked as a secretary in the Vanderbilt University when she was 16.

No plans have been made yet, but Williams said she hopes to work in programming or systems analysis and with people.

"If you know what you're doing, and you're qualified, the jobs are out there," Williams said.

But in the meantime, Williams is satisfied with removing the "bugs" from her own computer programs and helping her classmates when they are stumped.



Photo by Dee Parker

Jeanne Williams, student worker for Dr. Peter Rob and recent winner of the state DPMA award, works on a computer program.

Local rape and crisis center helping harassed

By LYNDA TEWELL
Sidelines Features Editor

"Jana" picked up the phone and dialed 890-7998. An incest victim for years, she finally felt like discussing her problem.

The Rutherford County Crisis and Rape Center answered Jana's call. Within three minutes, a trained staff member was notified, who called her back to talk.

AFTER CONTACTING the center, Jana was referred to Dr. Jeanette Heritage, an MTSU psychology professor, with whom she met to resolve her differences.

"I worked with her for a little over a year," Heritage said.

"She had tried in the past to talk with therapists, but had no results. Luckily, we were able to resolve her feelings about the situation and help her learn how to handle them."

JANA IS ONE of many

individuals the Crisis Center has helped since it opened in 1981. The center's late founder, Dr. Robert Prytula, had decided to start a center where people with problems—especially females—could come for help. Prytula's wife, Cunny, said he disliked any type of violence against women.

"He didn't like violence against women in any form," Mrs. Prytula said.

"He saw rape as the supreme case of violence against women. Working with the sheriff's department, he saw battered wives and rape victims, and knew there was nothing in this area for people with these problems to call for help."

PRYTULA HAD A hard time finding a place to house the center. A non-profit organization supported by United Way, the center didn't have money to pay rent.

To alleviate the situation, Prytula decided to have a coat closet at La Petite Academy as a mailing address, and an answering service answer calls and contact a trained volunteer, who would call the person back.

Calls from individuals have included battered women, rape victims, sexual abuse cases (including children), potential suicide cases and people suffering from loneliness.

DR. KEITH CARLSON, secretary and treasurer of the center, said these sexual abuse problems were the first handled.

"The center's first emphasis was originally to deal with rape and sexual abuse," Carlson said.

"However, this area expanded to include other types of counseling. Our first responsibility is to help the person who calls.

"THIS COULD BE the

victim of a crime or the abuser. We help them help themselves first, then provide whatever assistance is needed."

Volunteers are required to be 18 years of age or older and willing to pay \$12.50 to take a counseling mini-course given by the center. They must also take pre-counseling and post-counseling tests to determine their abilities in this area, fill out a volunteer form and buy two manuals about training and resource.

Tonya Hobson, training supervisor, is in charge of preparing volunteers to

counsel.

"WE TEST ALL prospective volunteers to find out their thought patterns about different situations," Hobson said.

"The course covers different topics and how to handle different areas. We use the volunteers' test results to identify their strengths and weaknesses.

"I don't know of anyone we have ever refused as a volunteer, but we wouldn't want someone to counsel a rape victim if they had any prejudices about rape, like if

they felt rape was caused by the victim."

MANY OF THE volunteers are graduate students at MTSU. Others are professors, nurses, doctors—people from all walks of life.

Thanks to the help of these volunteers, the center plans to expand their reach to Cannon County this spring. The call will be toll-free, and, like Jana, others will be able to receive help for problems too large to handle alone.



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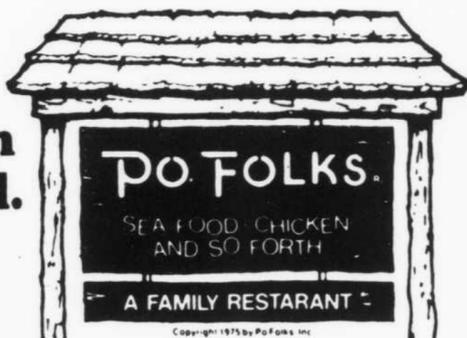
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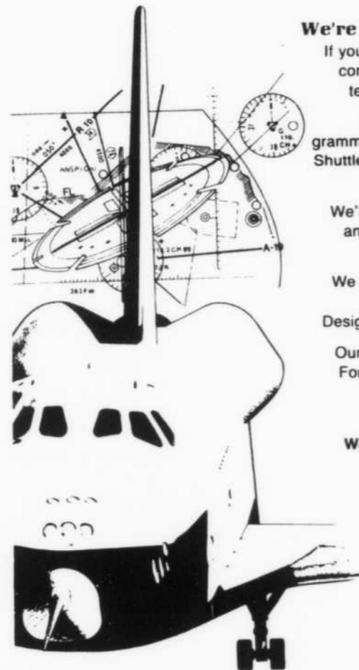


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Sports

Raider tracksters finish second in indoor finals

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU sophomore Dwight Johnson shattered the Ohio Valley Conference record in the 300-yard dash with a time of 30.46 during the OVC Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship Meet Saturday at Murphy Center.

However, Johnson's heroics were overshadowed as Eastern Kentucky won the meet with 181½ points. MTSU came in second with 178½ points, followed by Akron with 56, Murray with 55, and Austin Peay with 20 points.

"WE COMPETED pretty

Raiders split two games vs.

UNA Lions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MTSU opened its 1984 baseball campaign Sunday by splitting a doubleheader at North Alabama, winning the first game 6-1 and losing the nightcap 4-2.

The second game was called after 5½ innings of play because of darkness.

THE FIRST GAME featured an excellent five-innings pitching duel between winning pitcher Bryan Dial of MTSU and Scott Ames of North Alabama.

Ames was replaced by reliever Mike Shraler in the top of the sixth, and the Blue Raiders promptly padded their 3-1 lead with a three-run outburst.

MTSU leftfielder Stan Hovater sparked the inning with a clutch, two-out double to the alley in right center field scoring Jimmy Petty and Tim Nicely with the final Blue Raider runs of the ball game.

NORTH ALABAMA had its only lead of the game by scoring an unearned run in the bottom of the first inning thanks to a shaky defensive start by MTSU.

Leadoff speedster Cedric Landrum popped up a bunt to third that Ralph David mishandled for the first of three Blue Raider errors in the first inning.

Landrum then stole second and, with one out, scored when Nicely threw a potential double play grounder past shortstop Gary Emerson into left field.

THAT PROVED TO be the only run UNA would muster off of Dial and reliever Bill Triplett, who came on to pitch the seventh and seal the first win of the year for Coach John Stanford's Blue Raiders.

Dial, now 1-0 on the young season, allowed only two infield singles in six strong innings of work while striking out four and walking only two.

"Overall, I have to be happy with my performance today," Dial said. "I relied pretty much

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solid," MTSU track coach Dean Hayes said. "We won eight of 16 events. But where they got us was with the number of bodies they had."

Eastern Kentucky had 25 competitors while MTSU had 16 competing in the two-day meet. Coach Hayes said that his team did well in placing first and second, but could not get the fourth, fifth and sixth places.

Freshman Linwood Harris was the high scorer for the Raiders as he contributed 24 of the teams 178½ points. Harris won first place in the high jump with a leap of 6-11, which tied the school record he

broke earlier in the season.

HARRIS MISSED receiving first in the triple jump by just 1½-inches with a leap of 50-2½.

Other MTSU first place winners included seniors Kenny Shannon in the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.41, sprinter Ron Davis in the 60-yard high hurdles with 7.44, Tim Johnson in the 440-yard dash with 48.64, and Gary Mitchell in the 500-meters with a time of 1:04.51.

Coach Hayes said that he was very pleased with the performance of freshman Steve

McQuiston in the shot put. McQuiston became the conference champion in the event by throwing the 12 pound ball 52-11½, bettering his lifetime best by two feet. MTSU's Jim Fitch placed third in the shot put with a throw of 48-10.

DWIGHT JOHNSON placed second in the long jump with a jump of 24-3½. There was serious doubt if Johnson would be able to participate in the meet. Late last week, it was thought he had the mumps, but it was later learned to be a virus.

Perald Ellis placed second in the 500-meters with a time of

1:04.55. He was defeated by teammate Gary Mitchell by four-hundredths of a second.

Ron Davis placed second in the 440-yard dash with a time of 48.96.

KENNY NESBITT placed second in the 60-high hurdles and in the 300-yard dash. Teammate Deric Haynes also placed in the event.

Freshman John McDowell came in third in the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.53. Dwight Johnson placed fifth in the event.

MTSU's mile relay team of

Ellis, Mitchell, Nesbitt and Tim Johnson took first with a time of 3:14.97.

Cross Country standouts Robert Willis and Jeff Skinner came in second and third, respectively, in the two mile-run with a time of 9:22.56 and 9:21.60.

Coach Hayes said that he is now gearing his team toward the outdoor season. The Raiders have won six of the last seven outdoor championships, and four consecutive titles. Hayes said that he hopes to make it five.

Weather may cancel game at Vanderbilt

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's season baseball debut Sunday against North Alabama was a pretty typical opening day performance for the Blue Raiders, head coach John Stanford said yesterday.

The Blue Raiders split with the Lions in Florence, Ala., as MTSU won the first game 6-1 on a two-hitter from pitchers Bryan Dial and Bill Triplett. The Blue Raiders dropped the nightcap 4-2, which was called due to darkness.

TODAY'S GAME at Vanderbilt is on the ropes due to weather conditions. A decision will be made sometime today.

"To me, it was a typical opening day," Stanford reflected. "That was about the extent of it. You never know what's going to happen on opening day."

And, as expected, the Blue Raiders suffered somewhat from a case of opening day jitters.

"WE DIDN'T PLAY very good sound defense," the coach continued. "I hope it was being uptight for the first game, being a little nervous."

Shortstop Gary Emerson burst a blood vessel in his glove hand during pre-game batting practice and bobbled a few grounders during the course of the doubleheader.

"He made three or four bobbles that he usually doesn't make," Stanford said. "I don't think he's the type person that would get uptight or anything, but that [blood vessel] might've affected him some in catching the ball."

"OTHER PLAYERS, I think, made some mistakes because they were uptight and pushing a little too hard—but that's expected."

Stanford indicated he was pleased with the performance of the four pitchers who threw during the twinbill—Dial, Triplett, John Barbato and Marty Smith. He was also pleased with the play of catcher Tim Goff.

Goff, along with senior centerfielder Gary Cathcart,

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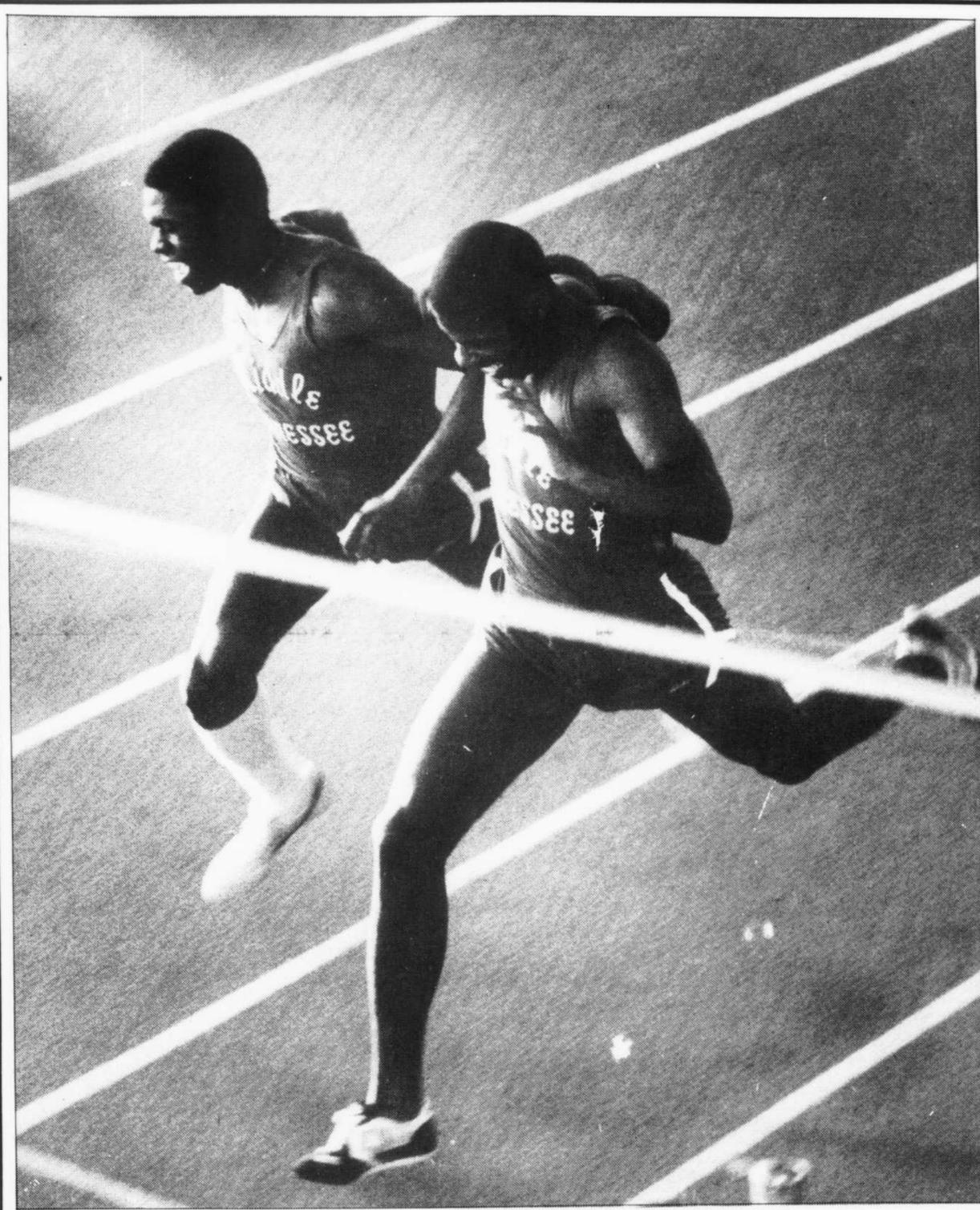


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Runnin' wild

MTSU tracksters Perald Ellis (left) and Gary Mitchell (right) race neck and neck to the finish line during Saturday's OVC indoor track championships at Murphy Center. The Raiders finished second to Eastern Kentucky.

Inman wants to host tourney, see fans come out

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU head coach Larry Joe Inman will be interested to see what happens if his Lady Raiders can knock off Tennessee Tech here Saturday night.

A win over the Golden Eagles, currently in second place behind MTSU in the Ohio Valley Conference standings, would allow the Lady Raiders to host the league tournament, a first for the women's program. A win would also give MTSU the

conference title, its second straight.

THOUGH MTSU WON the league crown last year, a scheduling conflict with the TSSAA women's tournament, already set for Murphy Center, meant that the tournament had to be played at Tennessee Tech. The Lady Raiders won the tourney anyway, downing Morehead State in the championship game.

Inman, however, could not really put a price on the head of hosting the tournament.

"I think it's important to a certain degree," said Inman,

who led last year's Lady Raiders to a 26-5 slate. "Naturally, the thing I would like to do is play before the home crowd, the home fans."

"WE'VE NEVER HAD the tournament here at Middle Tennessee. I'd like to have it just to see what types of results we'd get as far as crowd support's concerned, because the games would be played at decent times and some other things."

The coach added that if the student body does turn out to support the Lady Raiders during the tournament, it

would be a compliment to the university as well as to his team.

"If we do win the tournament, it would be advantageous to us as a team and our chances of advancing to the national playoffs, and that's what we're shooting for now," Inman noted. "Tennessee Tech is one of the biggest games of the year for us. If we win, we host the tournament. Whether we win or not we still share the conference championship."

A LOSS BY MTSU would mean the tourney would be hosted by Tennessee Tech,

since they had beaten the third-ranked team in the standings, Eastern Kentucky, twice. The Lady Raiders lost to Eastern Kentucky at Richmond earlier in the season before defeating them in Murfreesboro last week.

Inman added that his team will have to continue to play consistently against Tech in order to beat them here. MTSU clawed out a 70-66 win in Cookeville early in January.

"We're going to have to play consistent offensively and defensively," Inman said. "The biggest thing I think is just that

I'm just hoping and praying that our kids will rise to the occasion. It's a big ball game for us and I hope we'll be ready mentally and physically."

A WEEKEND TRIP to Youngstown State and Akron saw the Lady Raiders come away with a pair of victories, defeating the Lady Penguins 75-69 and the Lady Zips 78-54. The wins gave MTSU an 11-2 record in the OVC, 16-9 overall.

"I think the biggest thing was the way we played defense, just being able to rise

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Lady tracksters finish indoors; Dropp, Harper place at Tech

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

The flu-plagued Lady Raider track team ended its 1984 indoor season over the weekend with only two tracksters in action for MTSU at the Metro Invitational in Blacksburg, Va.

Long jumper Angela Harper and shotputter Lori Dropp recorded third and fifth place finishes, respectively, at the meet on the Virginia Tech campus.

HARPER, a senior from Wilson, N.C., had a jump of 18 feet, 5 inches. She needed to jump 19-7½ to qualify for the nationals.

"Her [Angela's] biggest problem was inconsistency on her approach," Lady Raider coach James Key said. "She didn't get any lift on it [her jump]."

Dropp, a freshman from Memphis, just missed a fourth place finish with a throw of 31-7¼."

"WE WERE PRETTY disappointed that she didn't get it a little bit further, especially because she just missed fourth place," Key said.

The Lady Raider boss had mixed feelings about the meet.

"We didn't do bad, but we didn't do what we wanted."

KEY INDICATED THAT the flu had an effect on all 15 teams present.

"I felt like the whole meet, all the performances were below what we expected."

Key said his team wasn't disappointed and will now concentrate on the upcoming outdoor season.

"We'll be going in and working on technique and making adjustments from indoors to outdoors," Key said.

The Lady Raider's outdoor season gets underway with a meet at Austin Peay on March 31.



Photo by David Vaughn

Jawbreaker

A participant in the Southern American Championship karate tournament is knocked by his opponent into an onlooker at the Alumni Memorial Gym Saturday afternoon.

Raiders split two games vs. UNA Lions

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on my fastball and slider, and considering it was my first time out, I thought I had good control."

Designated hitter Alan "The Jugbeast" Colburn led the MTSU attack with two singles and a double while David added two singles in three trips to the plate.

Righthander John Barbato turned in another fine pitching performance for MTSU in game two, but more shoddy defensive play late in the game cost the Blue Raiders a chance

Lady Raiders one game away

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to the occasion, so to speak," the fifth-year coach noted. "When we had to have points, we seemed to get that. We didn't have that the first of the year. We have a lot more confidence now than we did before."

to sweep the doubleheader.

THREE MORE ERRORS in the second game gave MTSU a total of eight on the day.

Barbato, 0-1, gave up on two earned runs before leaving in the top of the fifth inning leading 2-1 with runners on first and second.

Reliever Marty Smith was then touched up for an RBI single to right by Landrum. On the throw to the plate, Landrum attempted to go to second, and catcher Tim Goff's throw was bobbled, allowing

designated hitter Rusty Crossing to score from third putting UNA ahead 3-2.

LION CENTERFIELDER Randy Kelley then singled sharply to left, and Landrum barely beat Hovater's throw to make it 4-2.

Both teams added runs in the sixth inning, but the game was called because of darkness.

The split evened MTSU's record at 1-1 while North Alabama, under first-year head coach Mike Lane, moved to 2-2.

better suited for post-season play.

"We need more speed than we have," Inman continued. "Sometimes you have to give up one for the other and it's always good to have some big folks around."

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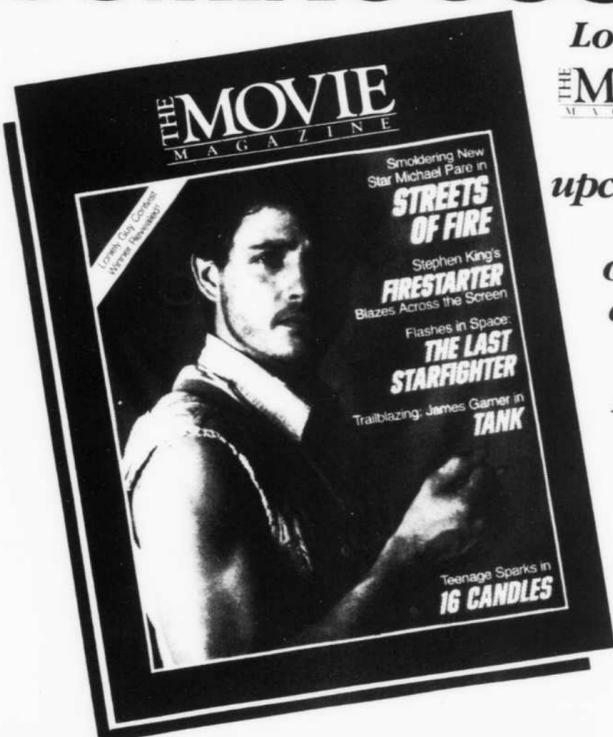
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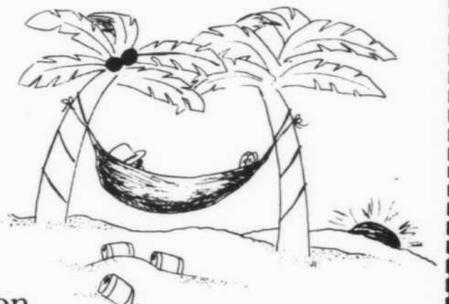
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Blue Raiders crush lowly Akron 84-64; Zips' Jakubick scores 34 in losing effort

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU defeated Akron for the second time this season, this time by an 84-64 count at Akron, despite a 34-point effort by super-scoring Joe Jakubick Saturday night.

Akron played the contest without its burly center Bryan Roth, who was injured at Austin Peay two weeks ago, and his absence was evident in the rebounding department.

"I THOUGHT THEY had two big keys," head basketball coach Stan Simpson said. "We put our major emphasis on Jakubick but we still concentrated on the other people."

Despite the 34-point performance by the nation's top scorer, Jakubick went 11 minutes in the second half without a point, as MTSU rolled to the 20-point win.

"With the way we played, it would have been difficult for anybody to beat us," Simpson said. "Some of our people who had been injured are looking like they are in top form."

LaRAE DAVIS and Lonnie Thompson, plagued with injuries for most of the conference season, looked like their old selves, the coach said.

In addition, Simpson sees a lot of improvement in some of the younger players who are gaining experience, most notably Leon Isaac.

"Injuries have slowed our game and we haven't played with the confidence we should have," Simpson noted. "It's given some of our players some experience, though."

I'M IMPRESSED with Leon. He's physically strong and he has a knack of being in the right place at the right time, offensively."

Simpson also pointed out that the usually-erratic play of Raleigh Choice was more aggressive on the Ohio trip than it had ever been and that he has shown signs of playing with more consistency.

At Youngstown, a game the Raiders dropped 75-64 to the Penguins, Simpson said that his

club played well enough defensively to win.

THE COACH POINTED to missed free throws, something that the Raiders have improved on dramatically as a team since December, as his team's downfall. The Raiders connected on only 18 of 28 free throws or 64.3 percent.

Middle Tennessee stayed with the Penguins, one of the tallest teams in the league, in the rebounding department.

"Our guys got on the glass hard with them," Simpson said.

The much-improved Raiders will try to up their 4-9 conference record as they take on second-place Tennessee Tech Saturday at Murphy Center.



Photo by David Vaughn

Rapid fire

Two contestants in the Southern American Championship karate tournament battle in out. The event was sponsored by the MTSU karate club and its coach, David Deaton.

Slam-n-Jam t-shirts on sale

With probably the most crucial game of the year approaching for Larry Joe Inman's Lady Raiders, the coach said yesterday he is encouraging as many fans as possible to come out Saturday when MTSU is host to Tennessee Tech.

The women's game gets underway at 5 p.m., with the men's contest beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Tech is trying to bring down a bus or two [of fans],"

Inman said yesterday. "We need the support of the students for this game, since this decides whether or not we host the tournament."

Inman added that Slam-n-Jam with the Lady Raiders t-shirts will be on sale in his office, located just inside the main entrance of Murphy Center. The shirts are \$10 each.

"We'd like for everyone to wear their shirts to the game," the coach said.

Weather may cancel game

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had trouble at the plate, however.

"CATHCART CAN be more consistent. He struck out a couple of times," Stanford noted. "Goff didn't hit much. He'd been hitting more than that."

In the second game, the Blue Raiders were plagued with hitting problems. After racking up seven hits in the first game, Stanford's troops only managed two in the second.

"In the second game they threw a junkballer at us and we were all anxious and wanting to hit it," the coach said. "We

just kept nubbing it here and there. We could have put the game out of reach early, but we just left men on base and didn't get the big hits."

BUT WITH WEATHER threatening to hamper today's game, set for 2 p.m., MTSU's team may not get to do what it needs the most.

"I'd say we need to play more than anything and get settled down and get in the groove," the coach said.

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