

Cold-weather measures taken in wake of crisis

by Jenny Tenpenny

Due to a cold front that has gripped Tennessee and the nation with below normal temperatures for the past week and with no relief in sight, thermostats are being turned back at MTSU and all other state agencies as a result of a natural gas shortage.

Gov. Ray Blanton has proclaimed an energy emergency for the state and asked that all state agencies lower their temperatures to save fuel.

All non-academic activities at MTSU have been cancelled or postponed through Sunday including intramural games and club meetings.

"The curtailment of activities is in compliance with the Governor's directive to conserve fuel," said Dr. M.G. Scarlett, university president. "However," the president added, "the Electronic Music Plus symposium will be held as scheduled on Friday and Saturday due to its academic nature."

Temperatures in all university facilities have been adjusted to 59 degrees Fahrenheit and 68 degrees in dormitories.

Dr. Scarlett pointed out that even though there is a shortage of natural gas at this time, MTSU presently uses heating oil. There are reserves of oil in addition to some coal.

"We have about 150,000 gallons of oil on reserve at present," said Herman Bass, supervisor of the MTSU heating plant, "and several tons of coal, so it is not likely that we will run out of fuel."

The Grill, Bookstore and Post Office areas of the University Center will conduct business as usual but the student activity areas in the UC will be closed through Sunday. The gymnasiums and swimming pool will also be closed for all but academic activity.

"We will be in contact with the Governor's office Sunday before making any decisions about activities next week," Scarlett affirmed.

Many activities have been canceled due to the inclement weather, but classes go on. Teresa Puckett, from Jefferson City, braves the weather in gym attire to avoid missing class.

MTSU photo by Pat Daley



New discipline procedure explained in handbook

A detailed explanation of the "Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act," an alternative discipline route for alleged campus offenders, will be explained in detail in the 1977-78 issue of the rulebook *Rescue*, according to Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs.

LaLance, explained changes he made in the recommendations of the University Rules Committee yesterday, noting that the description of the TUAPA in the *Rescue* was not extensive enough to "inform the student of his alternatives."

"In an attempt to more thoroughly explain the prerogatives now available to students" involved in disciplinary proceedings on campus, LaLance modified the recommendations in a five-page memo to committee members.

In short, the customary procedure for disciplinary cases on campus is to route the case through the office of the Dean of Students, either to be adjudicated there or taken to the appropriate student court or disciplinary committee.

A case can be appealed from there only in the case of new

evidence in a case already determined, or if it is alleged that an error in procedure took place. In all cases, the president of the university is the final on-campus authority in discipline cases.

Under the newly-adopted TUAPA, designed for use by state employees and recently interpreted to include students at state universities and schools, the student may still elect the usual university procedure for the disposal of his case in addition he may request the formation of a "hearing committee," to be chaired by the associate dean of students for men's affairs. Members of the committee would be selected by the president, and could be comprised of members of the university community—student, staff or faculty.

Appeals under the act would first be made at the hearing committee, then to the president. If still not satisfied, the aggrieved party could go to the civil courts for relief.

"The difference between the university procedures and the new state act is the technical ties surrounding the hearing," LaLance said after his meeting with the committee.

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Carter promises return of 'old dreams' to the people

Pledging a "renewal of old dreams" rather than promising new ones, President Jimmy Carter yesterday addressed a large inaugural crowd, 133 of which hailed from Tennessee.

Carter recited the oath of office at 11:03 a.m., administered by Chief Justice Warren Burger, before approximately 250,000 spectators. Speaking outside in 29 degree weather, Carter pointed to unity and trust as watchwords for the new administration. The Presidential oath followed a similar ceremony swearing in Vice-President Walter Mondale, delivered by Congressional House Speaker Tip O'Neill.

Carter opened his inaugural speech by paying tribute to President Ford, thanking him for "healing the nation's wounds."

Carter remarked that two hundred years ago, America's birth

was a "milestone in the long quest for freedom. ...I have no new dream to set forth today, but rather urge a fresh faith in the old dream."

Speaking on other upcoming issues, Carter referred to foreign policy ("We can't ignore freedom for other people in other lands") and in the area of military might called for the removal of all atomic weapons from the earth.

A precedent-breaking step occurred when the Carter family walked down Pennsylvania Avenue prior to the inaugural parade.

One hundred thirty-three Tennesseans were present for the ceremony, serving as members of a special Tennessee delegation. Bryant Millsaps, member of MTSU University Relations, served as head of the delegation.

Campus Calendar

Today

Society of Financial and Accounting Managers: Tennessee Room, SUB, 11:45 a.m. Speaker: David Hopper, Trust Officer for Murfreesboro Bank & Trust Clerical Caucus: Luncheon, Dining Room B, SUB, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Electronic Music Plus: Concert, 8 p.m. LRC, room 221

Tomorrow

Tennessee YMCA Youth Pre-Legislative Conference, UC 322 & 322 A, B, C, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Basketball: MTSU/Murray, Murray, Kentucky, 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Music Plus: LRC, room 221, David Cope speaking on "New Music Notation."

Electronic Music Plus: LRC, room 111, 2-5 p.m., SOLEIL Laser Music Spectacle.

Electronic Music Plus: Media concert, LRC, room 221, 8 p.m. Riverdale Band Auction: Agriculture Center, 10 a.m.

Students who wish to student teach during the Fall semester must turn in their applications no later than Feb. 11.

Applications may be obtained from and returned to Dr. George Keem in NCB 106.

Editor applications available

Editors for the 1977-78 Midlander yearbook and Collage creative magazine will be selected by the Committee on Student Publications at a meeting Feb. 10, according to Dr. Reza Ordoubadian, chairman.

Students wishing to apply for either post have until Friday, Feb., 4, to do so. Applications may be acquired from Carolyn Romanos, student publications secretary, in SUB 307. The forms are to be completed and returned to her by Feb. 4.

Candidates will be interviewed by the Committee on Student Publications at the Feb. 10 meeting.

Applicants must be enrolled MTSU students, but they need not be Mass Communications majors.

The new editors are being chosen early enough to give them an opportunity to work with the current editors and thereby better learn the responsibilities and problems involved, Dr. Ordoubadian said.

Music flashes tonight

Magic will literally flash in the air during the sixth annual Electronic Music Plus symposium at MTSU today and tomorrow at the LRC.

Sponsored by the MTSU music dept., the Tennessee Arts Commission and the MTSU Student Fine Arts Committee, the symposium will feature four programs including the SOLEIL Laser Music Spectacle, composer David Cope, national musicians and students and faculty from MTSU. Admission is free.

The SOLEIL Laser Music Spectacle is a show of sound and light in which computer-controlled laser beams move through smoke, creating marble textured, luminous forms.

"An original musical soundtrack complements the laser choreography with a myriad of sounds from raindrops to flutes to heartbeats," according to Kim Rogers, business manager for the production.

SOLEIL is created and performed by Bruce Rogers and Gary Levenberg, both former students of Iannia Xenakis at the Indiana University School of Music.

The spectacle flashes red, blue and green laser beams which move over the audience creating three-

dimensional forms, Rogers said. "Simultaneously, two-dimensional images appear and disappear."

"SOLEIL transforms the entire performance area into an environment of sound, light, movement and color," Rogers explained.

The 40-minute spectacle will be shown continuously tomorrow from 2-5 p.m. in the LRC, room 221.

The initial program at MTSU will feature works by 10 composers. The music will be accented by choreographers, dancers, musicians and the MTSU Concert Choir, directed by Neil Wright, music department chairman.

The first program will open tonight at 8 p.m. in the LRC, room 221.

Guest composer David Cope will discuss "New Music Notation" at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the LRC, room 221.

SOLEIL will be shown during the afternoon.

The final program featuring national composers will again present musicians, dancers, a synthesizer and a slide production. The fourth program will begin tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the LRC, room 221.

Thom Hutcheson, assistant professor of music at MTSU is the director of the symposium.

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Cars in reserved spaces may be towed

Dorm directors suffering from constant parking offenders may have some relief in the near future, according to Captain Jack Bynum of the University Police.

Spaces reserved 24 hours for dorm directors are signified by red curbs, but more often than not, students ignore this reserved designation and park anyway, regardless of the resulting \$2 ticket.

"The \$2 ticket just doesn't mean that much to students," Bynum said.

But a ticket should help somewhat, the dorm directors

contend, as a coalition representing female dorm directors met with Captain Bynum and Sgt. Hendrikson Wednesday to discuss parking problems.

Retha Swanson, director of Miss Mary Hall, explained that she has called the University Police over 40 times since October to complain of illegal parkers in her reserved space, and in the majority of the cases, the student patrol has failed to respond with a ticket.

Hendrikson expressed surprise at this, stating that the student patrol should have responded. "There's no excuse for that," he said.



... BUT I'VE CALLED YOU FORTY TIMES!

Hendrikson added that dorm director spaces are reserved 24 hours a day and dorm directors should call the University Police "at any hour" to have a car ticketed. He quoted the University Traffic and Parking Regulations pamphlet as: "Parking spaces for Dormitory Supervisors and Infirmary personnel are reserved on a 24-hour-a-day basis."

Dorm directors' request for tickets on illegally parked cars will be answered from now on, Captain Bynum said, stating that possibly the student patrol is unaware that some of the spaces behind dorms are reserved.

Cars cannot, however, be issued more than one ticket while sitting in the same location, as this would constitute "double jeopardy"—fining of the same offense twice. "If a car is moved and parks illegally again, however, the car can be ticketed," Hendrikson explained.

As for students who continually park illegally in these reserved spaces, Hendrikson explained that the only action the police can take is after the student has been summoned to the ASB Traffic Court for receiving eight tickets. Then a warning is issued to the student and the campus decal is removed. If a car whose campus

decal has been removed is spotted on campus, the result is immediate towing.

Towing, Hendrikson and Bynum explained, is just about the only action which is effective and they are considering installing "Tow-Away Zone" signs in these reserved areas.

"Towing is the only answer," Bynum emphasized.

Though towing is considered a drastic action by some students, it is frequently used on campus, especially if cars are blocking traffic or are presenting a traffic hazard. "Vehicles will be removed from campus streets, parking areas, lawns, drives or loading areas if the vehicle is parked or left in violation of University regulations or is left in such a position as to constitute a hazard to the safety of others. Cost of removal and penalties will be paid by the owner or registrant of the vehicle." (Traffic Rules and Regulations.)

Captain Bynum must approve the towing of a vehicle, however, and it is not generally used when a vehicle is merely parked in the wrong color space.

Classified Ads Pay!

No-smoking bill defeated

by Laura Lewis

A bill designed to prohibit smoking in three MTSU eating areas, namely the SUB, High Rise West and Woodmore cafeterias, was defeated Tuesday afternoon by the ASB Senate.

"I know that I and other non-smokers find it very unpleasant to try to eat in the cafeteria with smoke being blown across our plates," explained sponsor Cheryl Saggese, freshman senator. "Besides, it's unhealthy. I think that if people really have to smoke they can either go outside or eat in the grill."

Essentially, Saggese said, the bill would protect the rights of non-smokers who are required to participate in the cafeteria meal ticket plan.

"I'm a freshman and I have to eat in the cafeteria," she explained, adding that she had talked to the cafeteria managers and that they were willing to enforce a non-smoking rule during regular dining hours.

"How are you going to enforce it?" asked Don Morris, senior senator. "People that never smoked before will start smoking there just because there's a rule not to. That's just the way college students are. They want to see how much they can get away with."

Saggese replied that "you really can't force a person, but it's definitely worth a try."

After more discussion, the bill was defeated by a vote of six to three.

In other business, the senators approved a resolution, also sponsored by Saggese, which will provide for marked parking spaces in all MTSU parking lots.

Beekeeping course comes to MTSU

Courses in beginning and advanced beekeeping are being sponsored by the MTSU Agriculture dept. and the Office of Continuing Education.

Both classes will meet in room 207 of the Agriculture Building. Registration forms are available at the Business Office or at the first meeting on a space available basis.

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From the editor's chair

Critics rail Carter unfairly

Today we have a new President.

He did not give us great aspirations for the future of our nation in his inaugural address. He only asked for a renewed faith in the old American dream.

What more could he ask for?

Our country was built on faith and endurance. Human dignity has always been celebrated in our culture. But the past few years has seen a tearing down of the American dream. Our faith was destroyed in fields of Vietnam, the corruption of Washington and the filth of the ghettos.

Like an adolescent who becomes confused in facing impending adulthood, America strayed. Her people became confused as to the direction they were taking. We lost our unity.

President Carter has brought back to America the inspiration she so needed to begin her third century. In his inaugural address, Carter outlined his goals for America, goals that if accomplished would be "the affirmation of our nation's continuing moral strength."

Unfortunately, critics are already beginning to bare their teeth and snarl at the new administration. They claim that campaign promises have been broken and that contradictions run rampant through Carter's plans.

What the critics don't seem to understand or remember is that when American spirits are uplifted and American hearts united, there is no limit to the American dream.



Capital punishment protects innocent

To the editor:

Seventy per cent of the polled Americans seem to disagree with you and Dr. Parks over Gary Gilmore. They wanted him to die; as did the judge and 12 citizens who decided the case. Certain media seem to be trying to convince us that the terrible crimes against humanity are being committed in prisons.

The FBI Uniform Crime Reports (1966-76) paint a different picture.

During the 10 years since the last man was legally executed, over 65 million serious crimes have been committed in America! Of this frightful total there were 162,830 murders and 3,530,210 reported aggravated assaults! My friends, the carnage is here, in the streets. (Not counting those killed by negligence and drunk drivers.)

A 10-year war in Vietnam killed 50,000 men. A 10-year duration between capital punishments of known murderers resulted in the

deaths of over three times that number of men, women and children. I, like many other people in this country, feel that one Gary Gilmore is not enough.

Certainly, many people do not understand that the approach of the criminal justice system is **not** to punish the guilty but to **protect the innocent**. Taken in this light, with the rate of recidivism at about 87 per cent, capital punishment should become more popular. No one is more innocent than the victim, and in this case, the **potential** victims.

This is not simply vengeance of the law. Society has a right to be protected from these mad dogs. While capital punishment itself is no deterrent to crime (supposedly), the certainty of punishment is.

Rehabilitation is a joke and a farce, soft jobs for lazy bureaucrats who like to B.S. with the low life. America is tired of being afraid. We don't want rehabilitation. We want penalties! We want a penal system,

not a rent-free hotel where vicious murderers can get easy college degrees, job opportunities and entertainment. Prison should be the most undesirable place on earth, a place so horrible that even the simple-minded would do anything to keep from going there—including obeying the law.

The liberals, like Dr. Parks, can hide in affluent neighborhoods and in the suburbs and whine over the fate of one murderer out of **thousands**. I am certain that the legal execution is much less horrible and much more merciful than that prescribed by the victims' survivors and loved ones. I wish someone would rape that old man and then ask him his opinion on capital punishment.

If a thousand desperate pirates and terrorists (who have already victimized the innocent once before) are hung by the neck like crows or fried in the hot seat, and by so doing, one potential victim is spared an early death, justice is served. There's your murder prevention! No repeaters!

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Editorial note:

We have several letters at the Sidelines office bearing signatures such as "Concerned Student," "Confused," etc. We cannot print these letters since they are not signed with students' names and box numbers. Letters must be signed to be printed, and if a student wishes his name withheld, we will protect his anonymity. Names will not be revealed under any circumstances. If you want a letter printed, sign your name.

Gilmore's death

is product of society

To the editor:

A recent poll indicated that more than half the American people approve of capital punishment and believe that it is a deterrent to crime. The real significance of this poll was to demonstrate the overwhelming ignorance of the majority of Americans.

The murder of Gary Gilmore proves that our criminal justice system is still a child of raw emotionalism supported and reinforced by the childish psychological demands of the public for retribution.

Those who will support and defend the upcoming bloodbath in the South (through legalized murder) will rationalize their barbaric views by referring to the crimes committed by those who have been condemned. What will it take to make them realize that one man's murder cannot be justified by referring to that of another?

Capital punishment is morally wrong. It is unconstitutional. It is not a deterrent to crime; it causes crime. Capital punishment is the product of a sick, pathetic society. We approve of the killing of those we label as criminal because we fear in ourselves what we see in them.

So let the killing go on, and let intelligence, progressive understanding and Christian sympathy be damned.

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Sherlock Holmes is back--as an addict

THE SEVEN-PER-CENT SOLUTION. By Nicholas Meyer. Ballantine Books. 237 pages. \$1.95 [paperback].

Sherlock Holmes helplessly addicted to cocaine? You've got to read it to believe it—and it's all in Nicholas Meyer's novel *The Seven Per-Cent Solution*.

Holmes' cohort Dr. Watson is shocked to discover Holmes in the throes of cocaine, with the drug seriously affecting the great detective's sense of reality. Imagining himself to be pursuing the evil genius Moriarty, Holmes hounds the man who is in reality his childhood mathematics tutor.

What dastardly secret lurks in

Holmes' subconscious, which when abetted by cocaine, twists Holmes into believing Moriarty is an evil man? This is for Watson to probe and discover as Watson attempts to cure Holmes of his habit.

Finding the task too difficult to undertake alone, Watson surreptitiously contacts Holmes brother Mycroft. Together they devise a scheme Holmes cannot resist to lure him to Vienna where the cures of cocaine habit are being explored by a strange doctor—none other than Sigmund Freud!

Arriving in Vienna, Holmes becomes convinced his cohort Watson is conspiring with Moriarty and is even more shocked to learn his true reason for being in Vienna. Working to rid Holmes of his habit, Freud and Watson discover that the cure may actually be worse than the drug itself, as Holmes slides to the verge of death.

As Holmes makes his slow

recovery, Watson accidentally stumbles onto a case with international implications. Working furiously against time, he and Holmes battle national figures to save the peace of two countries.

Book beat

by Merry Lynn Starling

Naturally, this restores Holmes to his former inscrutable self...

The *Seven-Per-Cent Solution* is a great adventure and a well-written account of much more than just Holmes' cocaine habit: it is three stories in one, with Freud's discovery of the detective's horrendous subconscious secret one of the most intriguing. Even someone unfamiliar with Holmes' great style and class will appreciate this continuation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's detective.



GEORGE BURNS, as an amiable God, comes down to earth to speak to John Denver, an assistant manager in a California super market in Denver's first movie, "Oh, God."

Denver's first role is 'Oh God'

by Nancy McCrary

A well-stocked supermarket, a middle income home in the San Fernando Valley and the glow of California's sun make up the setting for John Denver's first film, "Oh, God."

Teamed with the gruff but reassuring presence of George Burns, unreasonable and uncommon things happen to this supermarket manager. Burns, assuming the role of God, appears before him and suggests he spread the word that it is about time people get their act together.

"Oh, God," is directed by Carl Reiner who knows a humorous situation when he sees one, and is produced for Warner Brothers by Jerry Weintraub. Weintraub has put together Denver's TV specials, his concerts and his nightclub teaming with Frank Sinatra.

With his ear-to-ear smile, Dutch-boy haircut and granny glasses, the young singer seems an inevitable choice for a picture such as "Oh, God," as inevitable as the fact that he would become a film star.

It seems that America has elected John Denver as another

American hero. The affection with which audiences regard him has come primarily, of course, through the music he writes and sings. His record albums have sold more than 30,000,000 copies.

But his wholesome physical appearance, the aura of joy that surrounds him and his oneness with nature and humanity are surely qualities that endear him to listeners. This aspect has apparently brought audiences a welcome remission from the sordidness of the drug culture and panic of student riots, which have characterized the 60's as well as today.

Burns won an Academy Award last year for "The Sunshine Boys." His many years of experience with humor and portrayal of his personality to the public certainly seem to make him a fine partner for Denver. Burns is over twice Denver's age, but there seems to be no apparent generation gap between the two.

The "Rocky Mountain High" fellow assumes the role of an average supermarket assistant manager. Cigar-smoking comedian Burns is going to play God. Yes, this can only happen in the movies:

Wishbone Ash:

'New England' spins disco beat

by Steve Huhman

Ideally, every album should be evaluated strictly on its own merits without intrusions from previous efforts by the same entourage.

I try to take this view as much as possible, but I defy anyone to adopt it completely. I don't believe it's possible.

With this in mind, I'd like to briefly recap Wishbone Ash's career in terms of musical direction.

First was a two album stint as a jazz tinted hard rock group, high on incredible arrangements with a perfunctionary lyric/vocal side.

Then came "Argus," still regarded by many as their unsurpassable pinnacle. Thought provoking lyrics, lush and unusual harmonies were added, without detriment to the instrumental excellence.

Next came a period of marking time, seemingly without inspirations, which saw a passable studio album and the obligatory double live set. This period culminated in the departure of guitarist Ted Turner.

Amazingly, a replacement was found that could fit right into the band's previous identity as perhaps the only true double lead guitar band in existence?

A brilliant album, "There's the Rub," followed with a new textured, layered sound. Unexplainably, the sequel can only be described as a morass.

That routes us to the current release, "New England." The prevailing attitude seems to be

heavy metal, frequently over a disco beat.

It may sound negative, but it works. Constant double and even triple leads (but not solos) are fluidly fibred over patented Ash rhythm figures.

Lyrical and vocally, the album is not a wasteland, but neither are these sections of particular importance. Indeed, three of the album's nine cuts are instrumental, which is somewhat of a throwback.

There are a couple of slower mood pieces, such as "(In All of My Dreams) You Rescue Me" and "When You Know Love," but they are not accompanied by slovenly fingering. The expressive double leads are still there, if somewhat subdued for atmosphere.

Contributing to the overall interest of this album is the use of numerable tone altering devices on the guitars. They're subtle, not flaunted though, and you probably wouldn't notice them at first.

Platter chatter

Wishbone Ash continue their disciplined lead guitar designs, explorations of less than common chords, use of the bass as the third lead instrument; in short, all of the things on which they built their reputation.

Although this album fails to find the vision of "Argus" or "There's the Rub," it supplies interesting, innovation rock of top calibre in the band's best tradition.

Surprising Raiders expect Murray heat

by John Pitts

Assistant Sports Editor

Maybe he's amazed, but Raider basketball coach Jimmy Earle has a conference-leading team on his hands.

That OVC lead, four wins against no losses, may be in jeopardy soon as MTSU travels north to Murray (Ky.) State tomorrow night, then returns home Monday night to host the pre-season OVC favorites, the Austin Peay Governors.

SPORTS

Led by Bob Martin (17.4 points and 9.1 rebounds per game) and OVC "Player of the Week" Greg Joyner (12.6 points and 8.0 rebounds), the Raiders will be pitting their nationally-ranked defense (62.6 ppg.) against the top scoring team in the conference (80.3 ppg) in the 7,000-seat Murray State Sports Arena.

Other Raiders who will see action include guard Lewis Mack forward Julius Brown (14.0 ppg.) and freshman Leroy Coleman, guard Sleepy Taylor, (12.9 ppg.) returning after an injury to his knee forced him to miss four conference games, could play Saturday night.

"He walked on the court for the first time today," Earle said last night. "The doctor says he's able to play, so now it's up to him."



RAIDER STAR—Pre-season All-OVC guard Sleepy Taylor holds the enchantment of three MTSU fans at a recent home game. Taylor expects to return to the lineup after a four-game absence tomorrow night at Murray State.

Murray is led by 6-5 newcomer Mike Muff (17.4 ppg. and 8.3 rpg.) and 6-8 Grover Woolard (15.4 ppg.). The Racers have a 3-1 conference record, having lost only at Morehead.

"There's no pressure for MTSU to win," Murray coach Fred Overton commented last night. "You have to win all of your games at home and just hope you can win a few on the road," he added.

"That's an interesting statement," Earle commented after hearing the Murray coach's remarks. "Certainly in any road game, the pressure is on the home team. "This is a big game; if we win we'd have three road victories and this team would be in great shape," Earle added.

Murray, with seven new junior college players will "definitely" have a depth advantage over the Raiders. "We can go eight deep without changing the quality of this team," Overton claimed.

Middle Tennessee has "five players as good as anybody in the league, and when you play them 35 or 40 minutes a game they'll get a lot quicker," the Murray coach said, adding "We were just starting to gel our people when we hit a 17-day layoff. We should be 15-20 points better than we are now by tournament time."

The Austin Peay Governors, second in the conference last year, continue to be team that "does everything well," according to coach Lake Kelly. The Gobs are paced by a strong trio, 6-8 Ralph Garner (12.9 ppg and 7.5 rbg.), and 6-7 Otis Howard (14.4 ppg and 7.8 rbg.) and sophomore Calvin Garrett (17.9 ppg and 7.1 rbg.). Howard and Garner were both pre-season all-OVC selections while the 6-7 Garrett is presently ranked ninth in the nation in field-goal accuracy.

"We developed Garrett slowly, didn't push him right into the fire," Kelly explained. So far, the Gobs have a 3-1 conference record, are part of a three-way tie with Morehead and Murray and have a 13-2 record overall.

The Governors will have to contend not only with the five MTSU starters, but a powerful "sixth man" as well--the Murphy Center crowd.

"I thought the crowd shook Morehead up Monday night," Earle said, recalling the Raiders' 65-52 home-court win. "I thought it was a fantastic basketball atmosphere, and if there had only been 1,500 in the gym, we would have probably lost by 10 points."

"Austin Peay is deep and strong, more physical than Morehead. They're awesome enough to blow some people out," Earle said.

The Morehead game, to be broadcast locally on WGNS-AM and WMOT-FM, will start at 7:30 as will the home Austin Peay contest. Women's games will precede both games at 5:15.

Alone at the top

OVC Standings:

Team:	Record:
Middle Tennessee	4-0
Morehead	3-1
Austin Peay	3-1
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Hurt goes west in search of grid talent

by Gary Pryor

"Go west, young man, go west," advised journalist Horace Greeley in the 19th century. And Raider football coaches have heeded what is still sound advice today.

While MTSU students enjoyed Christmas holidays, the coaching staff was busy on the recruiting trail, seeking linemen for the Blue Raider grid team. And in Texas and Missouri, MTSU inked two highly sought players whose credentials promise to beef up the Raider "trenches".

A heavily recruited prospect from Kilgore Junior College in Houston, Tex., is Darrell Williams, a 6-3, 245-pound center.

"He's a real good prospect," coach Ben Hurt said of Williams. "He was highly recruited by many schools."

Another blue chipper is a 6-1, 220-pound noseguard from Coffeenville Junior College in Kansas City, Mo., Martin McNeerney.

"This year we concentrated on line recruiting," Hurt said. "Last

year we went for the skill position people, and felt we had a good recruiting year. This year's recruiting has been better too."

Coach Hurt's staff snatched a recruit from the University of Tennessee, when giant lineman Anderson Sanders, 6-7, 240-pounds, from Ootewah, Tenn., turned down offers by both Johnny Majors and Tennessee Tech in favor of MTSU.

Another top signee is Doug Rhea of Gallatin, a fast moving (4.9 speed in the 40) 6-3, 230-pound defensive tackle. Hurt said Rhea has "good potential, he's a fine prospect and we're glad to have him."

MTSU also signed Knoxville Doyle's Bobby Atchley, a 6-1, 195 pound ALL-East Tennessee line-backer who had 260 tackles in three years and was heavily recruited by East Tennessee State. Tennessee Tech couldn't lure all-Midstater Nick Bowman of Crossville, a 6-1, 195-pound linebacker. Another prime signee is 6-3, 230-pound Henry Smith, an All-American and

All-West State lineman from Brownsville....

Jerry Bates is an ALL-NIL quarterback from Nashville Antioch with 4.8 speed, a 21-point scoring average in basketball.... Smithville's Jeff James was an All

Conference lineman with four letters in football....

John Ricks was an All Delta League lineman at Memphis.... Kim Thompson of Chattanooga lettered four years and was Most Valuable player as fullback-line-backer....

Signee	School	Pos.	Wgt.
Bobby Atchley	Knoxville Doyle	LB	195
Jerry Bates	Nashville Antioch	QB	195
Nick Bowman	Cumberland County	LB	180
Gary Hammerstrom	Murfreesboro Riverdale	LB	185
Jeff James	Dekalb County	C & NG	240
Daryl Love	Memphis Northside	T	225
Hugh Martin	Chattanooga City	T	215
James McCellan	Chattanooga City	LB	205
Martin McNeerney	Coffeenville Jr. College	NG	220
Marvin D. Rhea	Gallatin	DT	230
John Ricks	Memphis Treadwell	T	250
Eddie Rowe	Franklin County	T	234
Anderson Sanders	Ootewah High	T	240
Henry Smith	Haywood High	T	230
Kim Thompson	Chattanooga Valley	FB-LB	200
Duane West	Manchester High	B	185
Darrell Williams	Kilgore Jr. College	C	243

Student section entry explained

All full-time MTSU students attending games at Murphy Center should have ID's ready to present at the gate and before entering the student section, ticket manager Jim Simpson asked this week.

"Some students get real irritated, but our main reason for doing this is to protect their seats from someone else who doesn't belong there," Simpson explained.

The ID, which is valid only with an orange sticker on the back, entitles the student to sit in sections R, S, T, A, B, C, D, E, and F. This composes one half the theatre seating of Murphy Center.

Part-time students should have a white validation sticker to show ushers before entering the student

sections Simpson said.

MTSU students can purchase "student guest section tickets," Simpson said, for \$1.50 and allow non-students to sit in the student section.

"All student section seats are available on a first come, first serve basis," Simpson pointed out, "and we would like to ask that they help us by following this procedure."

Other tickets available bleacher tickets (\$1.50) and regular seats where many of the Murfreesboro townspeople sit (\$2.50).

The ticket office is located in Murphy Center and is open from 8-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Veteran lady netters anxious for season

by John Bliven

With eight players returning from last year first-year coach Sandy McMillan is optimistic in describing the 1977 Blue Raider women's tennis team.

"The program is looking up, the girls working very well together as a team and I feel with strong practices we can improve somewhat over our 4-4 record last semester," McMillan said yesterday.

The women's team, in its first

year of recruiting, is mostly formed from girls that walk on and try out.

The female netters, playing six singles and three doubles in one match carry seven girls to each match. This season they will take on a tough schedule with powerhouses UT-Chattanooga, Western Kentucky, and Murray State.

Tryouts for the team will be during the first week of February with the first match being March 16 at Sewanee.

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HEAVYWEIGHT STARE—MTSU's Clifford Abernathy displays the glare that won the deciding match in a 28-20 victory at Georgia

Matmen avenge loss in Ga. Tech thriller

by Tom Wood

ATLANTA—Clifford Abernathy finally put his act together here Wednesday night and secured a much-wanted win over Georgia Tech, erasing the bitter taste of an earlier 29-8 loss to the Yellow-jackets.

MTSU had built up what seemed an unbeatable 25-0 lead on the strength of pins by Mike Kuziola and David Scott and decision wins by David James, Pat Simpson and Tommy Smith.

But Tech came right back with an unexpected pin of Jeff Adcock, a forfeit and two decisions to make the score 25-20. All the Yellow-jackets needed was a pin to win outright or a major decision win to tie the match at 25 apiece.

"That pin of Adcock was an unexpected thing," MTSU head wrestling coach Gordon Connell said. "A win there would have iced it for us."

As it was, the pressure of a win, loss or tie was placed squarely on the shoulders of the freshman heavyweight Abernathy.

"He (Tech's Doug Romberg) beat me the first time, beat me real bad," Abernathy said, "and I knew I was going to get him this time."

And get him Abernathy did.

Abernathy and Romberg wrestled to a draw at the end of the first period, but Abernathy poured it on his foe for the last two to gain a 10-7 decision and the final 28-20 margin.

The win left the grapplers with a 6-7 record, including winning the last three matches over Alabama, Notre Dame and the Yellow-jackets."

MTSU travels to Indianapolis, Ind., today and tomorrow for a tournament. Unless, that is, the harsh winter weather forces cancellation of the tourney....

It was bad enough driving through the blinding snow from the Georgia capital, but driving over Monteagle in the coach's cars was more than any athletic team should have to go through.

You would think a team with the second best record last year at 18-9 (only the baseball team finished with a better record) and the most demanding schedule would at least be provided with a bus by the university. Instead, if they do get a bus or even a van, they must pay for the gas out of their already miniscule budget.

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