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News Briefs

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI)—Nicaraguans said today that Honduran gunboats attacked a pair of Nicaraguan patrol vessels in Nicaraguan waters and injured two government seaman.

The Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry issued a protest note, charging that the attack occurred Tuesday morning in Nicaraguan waters of the Gulf of Fonseca, 130 miles northwest of Managua on the Pacific side of the Central America isthmus.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, the first major black presidential candidate to announce this year, entered the Democratic race yesterday saying he offers a "new leadership" with peace and fairness as its goals.

Jackson, a 42-year-old expected to mount the most extensive presidential campaign ever by a black, made it official with a revival-like address making him the eighth Democratic Party entry in the contest.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Pentagon yesterday denied allegations that any U.S. troops on Grenada had been killed by "friendly fire" from other American forces. "Contrary to some reports, our research indicates that no U.S. forces in Grenada were killed as a result of friendly fire," it said.

The statement appeared less than 24 hours after the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Melvin Price, D-Ill., said he will ask for an investigation into allegations that up to half of the 18 men killed in Grenada died because of fire by other U.S. forces. A Pentagon official, responding to reports from Grenada, acknowledged that 12 soldiers had been wounded by a bomb dropped "inadvertently" on a U.S. position in Grenada by an A-7 fighter-bomber.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan named former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as his special Middle East envoy yesterday, convincing the corporate chief to leave his lucrative job and enter the quagmire of Lebanese negotiations.

Rumsfeld succeeds Robert McFarlane, who was recently named the president's national security affairs adviser.

"I can't think of a better individual to entrust [with] the coordination of our role in the Middle East peace process and in the Lebanon negotiations," Reagan said.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI)—Salvadoran rebels claimed to have killed or wounded 1,200 government soldiers in the past two months, while the army said it killed 600 guerrillas in combat during the same period.

The rebels, in a broadcast Wednesday over their clandestine "Radio Venceremos," also announced they were launching a new military campaign to be called, "Yankees out of Grenada and Central America."

JONESBOROUGH, Tenn. (UPI)—A religious group is showing Playboy Channel excerpts to groups of Washington County leaders in an all-out effort to stop a cable company from airing the sex tapes, a Kingsport newspaper reported Thursday.

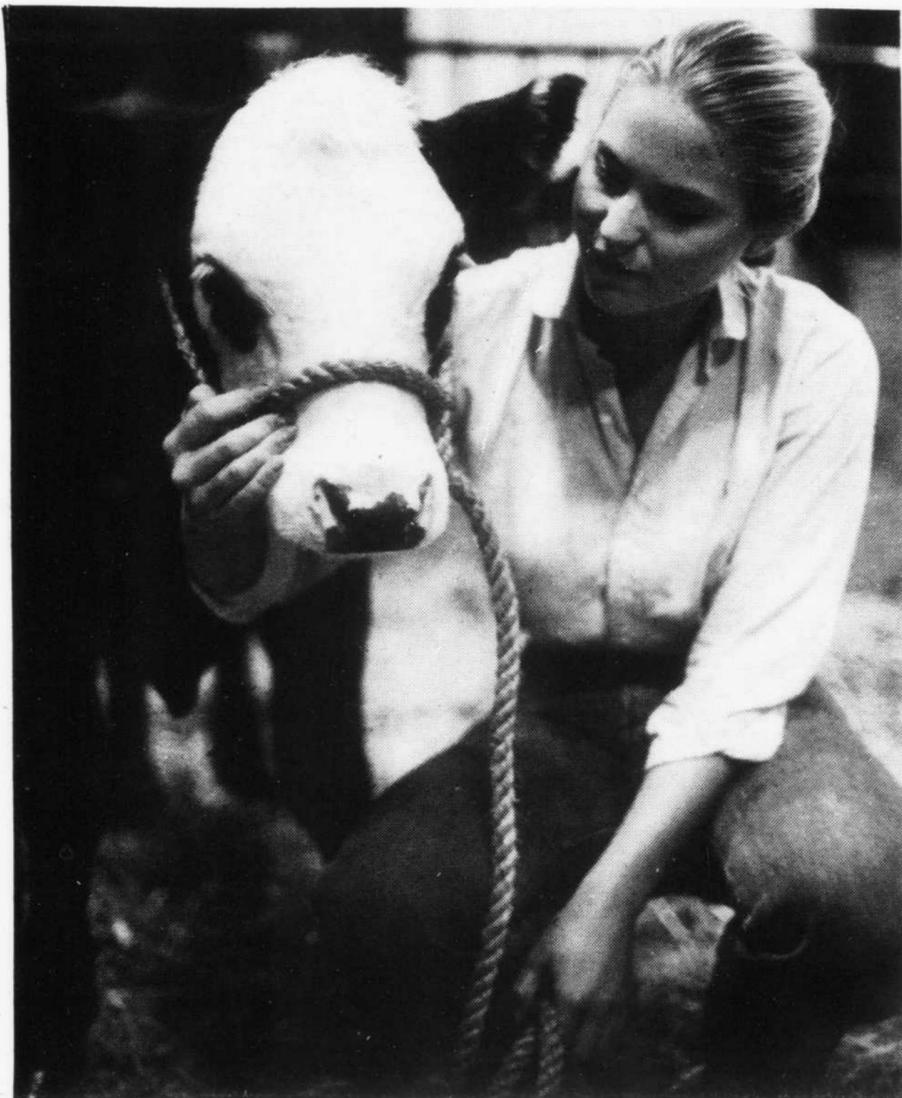


Photo by Mike Poley
Junior livestock management student Jackie Adams attends to Ralph, her Black Baldy calf, at a beef showmanship contest here yesterday. The show was dedicated to MTSU student Beth Daniels, who was injured in an automobile accident last weekend and is in intensive care at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

Review needed: SDX director

By MAT WILLIAMS
Sidelines Associate Editor

The present structure of the Student Publications Committee needs to be reviewed to allow fair representation on that body, the regional director of the Society of Professional Journalists said last night.

Frank Gibson, regional director of Sigma Delta Chi and city editor of *The Tennessean*, said the way that the ASB president nominates four of the members of the committee invites abuse.

"I FIND IT distressing that in an academic environment, the university administration invites abuse that is protected in the U.S. Constitution by the First Amendment," he said.

Gibson's remarks follow a decision by President Sam Ingram earlier this week not to act upon a resolution by the MTSU chapter of SDX requesting that the Committee on Committees be reconvened to review the situation.

Ingram said in a letter to SDX following his review of the resolution: "My final conclusion is: if I had any real evidence that the campus newspaper was being influenced not to bring the truth, then I'd obviously reconsider [reconvening the Committee on Committees for a review of the Student Publications Committee]."

"I THINK IT'S disturbing

that there's not an effort to look at the issue," Gibson countered. "I think the Committee on Committees would be a good place to start."

Gibson, who is SDX director of Region 12 (which includes two-thirds of Tennessee, and all of Arkansas and Mississippi), said that he will ask the Freedom of Information Center of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of SDX to look into the problem.

"I think a system that lets the government have control over student publications is like the fox having control over the hen houses," he added.

SDX PRESIDENT Phil Williams said the group will now ask the state Attorney General, William Leech, to review the constitutionality of the structure of the Student Publications Committee.

"Since that [going to the state Attorney General] is what the [SDX] chapter recommended, that is what we'll do," Williams, a former editor of *Sidelines*, said.

David Jarrard, liaison to SDX and himself a former editor of *Sidelines*, said that taking the matter to the state Attorney General might not necessarily resolve the issue, but that it is important that SDX not let the matter die.

"THE MORE WE talk,

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12 percent tuition hike recommendation questioned

By LEE ANN REID
Sidelines Staff Writer

Most people would agree that the faculty at MTSU needs and deserves a long awaited pay increase, but some are questioning whether a recent 12 percent tuition hike recommendation is the best way to fund the pay raises.

Last week the Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved a recommendation to increase tuition next year by 12 percent.

THE PROPOSED tuition hike, plus some increased state

funding, could mean an additional \$2 million to MTSU's 1984-85 budget, according to earlier reports.

The THEC recommendation will have to be approved by the state legislators before it can become effective, but Sen. John Rucker said that he feels that it will be approved.

"A lot will depend on if the legislators approve an increased sales tax, which would provide education," Rucker said.

"I THINK THEY will ap-

prove it...and if we increase money from other revenue then the legislators will permit an authorization to increase tuition," he said.

The approved recommendation will affect not only the Board of Regents system, but also the UT system in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin.

IN AGREEMENT with Doyle is Faculty Senate President David Walker.

"The bulk of the money has got to come from state appropriations and revenues,"

Walker said, "sources better able to bear the burden...not students who are just trying to get through school."

Walker feels that the sales tax needs to be reexamined and that we are going to have to start considering the idea of a state income tax system.

"WE HAVE GOT to have a progressive system...not a regressive system like we now have," Walker said.

An October THEC report said that state support for higher education is low. On a per capita basis, Tennessee

ranks 40th among all states and was at the bottom of all SREB states in 1982-83.

The report suggested that "while priority has been placed on allocating state funds to higher education, state revenues are inadequate to support higher education at levels comparable to other states."

NO MATTER HOW or where the money is appropriated, both Doyle and Walker agree that something needs to be done now.

"The morale of the faculty is so low," Walker said, "something must be done now or we will lose more people. I would say the problem is severe."

If the approved recommendation is accepted by the state legislators next March or April, the 12 percent tuition hike will raise MTSU to the tuition level of the rest of the southeast.

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Traffic revenues decrease

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Proposed revenues collected from ticket citations for the 1983-84 school year has been estimated at \$85,000, Jerry Tunstill, assistant vice president for business and finance, said.

This year's proposed total revenues is down from the 1982-1983 traffic revenues that totalled \$99,565, partly because of the progressive fine system, Tunstill said.

"IF THE INTENDED program works, then we should expect some dollars less in traffic fine revenues," Tunstill said.

Traffic citation revenues collected in the 1982-1983 school year totalled less than one-half of 1 percent of the university's total revenue budget.

Revenue dollars from traffic violations still raises a lot of questions from students and continues to be one of the major financial concerns, Tunstill said.

OTHER REVENUES in-

cluded in the \$37.8 million budget are tuition fees, out-of-state tuition fees, library fees, admission charges, diploma fees and change-of-course fees.

"If it has the intended impact, the revenue will go down," Tunstill said.

Tunstill said the budgeted revenue from traffic citations is based on past revenue.

"WE MAY ASK security what they think [will be] the number of tickets they issue," Tunstill said.

Although the progressive fine system is intended to reduce the number of repeat offenders, if the university does not raise the \$99,000 that has been estimated, it would have to make cutbacks.

"Whether we wrote 10,000 or 5,000 [tickets], it doesn't affect us as to what the revenue is as to how much it brings in," Otis Floyd, assistant to the president, said.

CAMPUS SECURITY writes the ticket for the parking violation, and the computer keeps track of the number and the amount of money, Floyd said.



Photo by Russ-A-Kahn
An MTSU student brushes down her trusty steed Tuesday as the horse gazes into the fall afternoon rain.

Police seek assailant for assault attempt

Murfreesboro police today are searching for a young black man who allegedly attempted to sexually assault an MTSU coed on campus early yesterday morning, detectives said.

The 23-year-old student told police a man grabbed her as she was running on Loop Drive shortly after 5 a.m., Detective Sgt. David Dinkins said last night.

POLICE DESCRIBED the assailant as in his mid-20s, 6-foot-2-inches tall, with medium-length hair and broad

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Campus Capsule

THE RUTHERFORD County Crisis and Rape Center is starting its fall training workshop for interested volunteers on Nov. 14. This local United Way agency provides a telephone hotline service to people of Rutherford and surrounding counties. The eight evening workshop will instruct volunteers on how to provide counseling, referral information and crisis intervention. Guest speakers and tours are planned. The cost is \$12.50 each. For more information contact the center at 890-7998.

CAMPUS INTERVIEWS for Duval County Schools in Jacksonville, Fla., will be on Monday, Nov. 7. Teachers are needed for January and August, 1984. Contact the Placement Center for appointments.

APPLICATIONS for student ambassadors are available in Room 205 of the Cope Administration Building. Deadline is noon on Nov. 21. Minimum requirements are second semester freshman standing and a 2.5 GPA.

BACCHUS will give away free "party planner" posters at its 6 p.m. meeting on Nov. 8 in Room 315 of the University Center.

SIMS HALL is sponsoring a karate demonstration on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Sims Hall Lobby. Blackbelts Geoff Pace and Timmy Glover will be featured.

A SEX AND LOVE seminar sponsored by Sims Hall is scheduled for Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the lobby. Youth Minister Timmy Glover will speak.

VITAL INFORMATION will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale in UC 309 until 5 p.m. and then will be available at the door beginning at 6 p.m.

NURSES CAREER DAY will be on Monday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Representatives from approximately 35 hospitals and health care organizations will be present to talk with nursing students or other students interested in health occupations.

UNITED CAMPUSES to Prevent Nuclear War is sponsoring a nuclear awareness event on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the Mass Media Room of the Learning Resources Center. MTSU biology instructor Sarah H. Swain will speak on "The Effects of Nuclear Radiation on Genes." An open discussion about nuclear war will be facilitated by Sister Margaret, pastoral assistant of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and member of the Nashville Clergy and Laity Concerned. A film will be shown. The event is free and the public is urged to attend.

WHO'S WHO applications are available in Room 304 of the University Center. Applications must be returned by Nov. 11. Juniors, seniors or graduate students with cumulative grade point averages of 2.8 or those who have made outstanding contributions to the university may apply. Nominees are chosen by a selection committee, composed of nine faculty persons and three students.

Health reps scheduled

Representatives from 35 hospitals and health care organizations will be available to speak with students interested in health careers on Nurses Career Day, scheduled for Monday, Nov. 7.

The Placement and Student Employment office is sponsoring the event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

NURSING STUDENTS and other students interested in health-related occupations are encouraged to visit with the recruiters. Appointments are not necessary.

Among the organizations that will be represented Nov. 7 are:

- Advanced Home Health, Smyrna
- American Red Cross, Nashville
- Baptist Hospital, Inc.,

- Nashville
- Cookeville General Hospital, Cookeville
- Donelson Hospital, Nashville
- East Ridge Community Hospital, Chattanooga
- Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga
- Harton Regional Medical Center, Tullahoma
- Hartsville General Hospital, Hartsville
- Humana Hospital McFarland, Lebanon
- Indian Path Hospital, Kingsport
- Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, Jackson
- Madison Hospital, Madison
- Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga
- Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital, Nashville
- Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Murfreesboro
- Nashville Memorial Hospital, Madison

- National Health Corporation, Murfreesboro
- Park View Hospital, Nashville
- Nashville Medical Center, Madisonville, Ky.
- River Park Hospital, McMinnville
- Saint Thomas Hospital, Nashville
- Southern Hills Hospital, Nashville
- St. Mary's Medical Center, Knoxville
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis
- St. Joseph's Hospital, Woodbury
- Sumner Memorial Hospital, Gallatin
- Tennessee Air National Guard, Mt. Juliet
- University of Alabama Hospitals, Birmingham, Ala.
- Upjohn Health Care Services, Nashville
- Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville
- Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville
- Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Murfreesboro
- West Side Hospital, Nashville
- Williamson County Hospital, Franklin.

12 percent

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But the 30 percent increase in tuition in the medical colleges will put them at the top of the southeast average, which, Doyle says, will be too much of a burden placed on the students again.

Patrick Doyle, professor of biology and a Tennessee Education Association representative for state higher education professors, feels that MTSU does have a problem with the current salary level.

The low salary for the faculty does have an effect on recruiting new faculty members and keeping the current ones here, he said.

"I THINK WE have a real problem at the training level and it's getting bigger," Doyle said. "If you want more doctors to teach, you are naturally going to have to pay them more...we've already lost some good people."

The proposed tuition hike and increased sales tax places too much of a burden on students and lower income

families, Doyle said.

Instead, he advocates a new tax structure, a state income tax, that would alleviate the present problem by providing the bulk of the funding needed to increase salaries.

Basically what the THEC approved was a recommendation that the following fee adjustments be made:

- An across-the-board percentage increase in maintenance fees of 12 percent for all community colleges, technical institutes and universities.

- A 20 percent increase for law, and 12 percent for other graduate and professional fees, and out-of-state tuition.

- A 30 percent increase in fees paid by students in colleges of medicine, and a 20 percent increase for veterinary medicine students.

THE PROPOSED tuition hike of 12 percent plus the state funds gained from an increased sales tax would be used to bring faculty salaries in line with the Southern Regional Education Board average.

Placement interviews slated

By JULIA BRATCHER

Sidelines Staff Writer

Businesses will conduct interviews with seniors and graduate students when they visit the MTSU campus this month, under the auspices of the Placement Center.

Appointments for the interviews should be made in person in the Placement Center, Director Martha Turner said.

THE INTERVIEW schedule for the remainder of November is:

- Nov. 7-8: The U.S. Navy will be recruiting for officer candidates.
- Nov. 8: Deloitte, Haskins and Sells will interview accountants for auditing and tax positions.

- Nov. 9: The American Graduate School of International Management from Glendale, Ariz., will be available with graduate school information.

Representatives from the University of Mississippi will meet students and staff members interested in doctoral programs.

- Nov. 10-11: General Electric Information Services Co. will interview for an associate programmer, a programmer and a programmer analyst.

- Nov. 14: Marlin and Edmonson is looking for staff accountants.

- Nov. 15: Price Waterhouse and Co. is interested in accountant/auditors.

- The Boy Scouts of America seeks a district executive.

- Nov. 15-16: The Tennessee Dept. of Audit will interview for audit trustees.

Nov. 16: The Federal Bureau of Investigation will interview for special agent-accountants, and is interested in foreign language and law graduates and other majors with three years' work experience.

- Nov. 17: Representatives from the Stones River National Battlefield is looking for seasonal park aids and maintenance workers for this summer.

- Nov. 21-22: The U.S. Marines seeks officer candidates.

- Nov. 22: The University of Tennessee College of Law will provide information for prospective students.

- Nov. 30: The Kroger Co. will interview for management trainees.

The deadline to submit data sheets to the Arthur Andersen Co. for interviews on Dec. 5 is Nov. 18.

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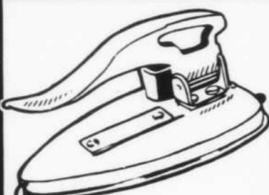


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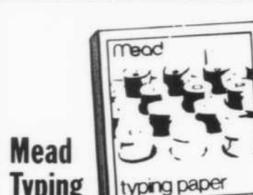
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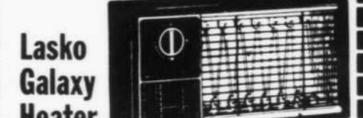
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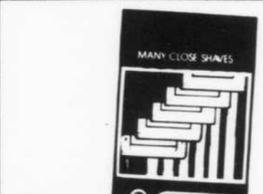
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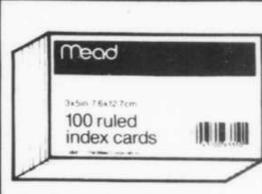
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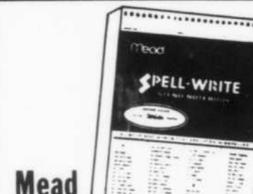
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Nuclear Awareness Event to be good learning opportunity

MTSU's chapter of United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War has scheduled a "Nuclear Awareness Event" on campus Thursday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Nuclear war is the most pressing issue of our time. The insane build-up of nuclear arsenals between the superpowers continues practically unchecked despite arms control negotiations.

Thousands of Europeans are marching to protest U.S. deployment of more warheads in Germany this December. They have a personal stake in the arms race, for that continent could very well become the first nuclear battlefield.

The rest of the world certainly has a personal stake in the nuclear arms race, since a full-scale nuclear war would render this planet uninhabitable. Yet not everyone seems to be actively involved in keeping abreast of nuclear issues.

Tennesseans perhaps should be some of the most well-informed citizens on

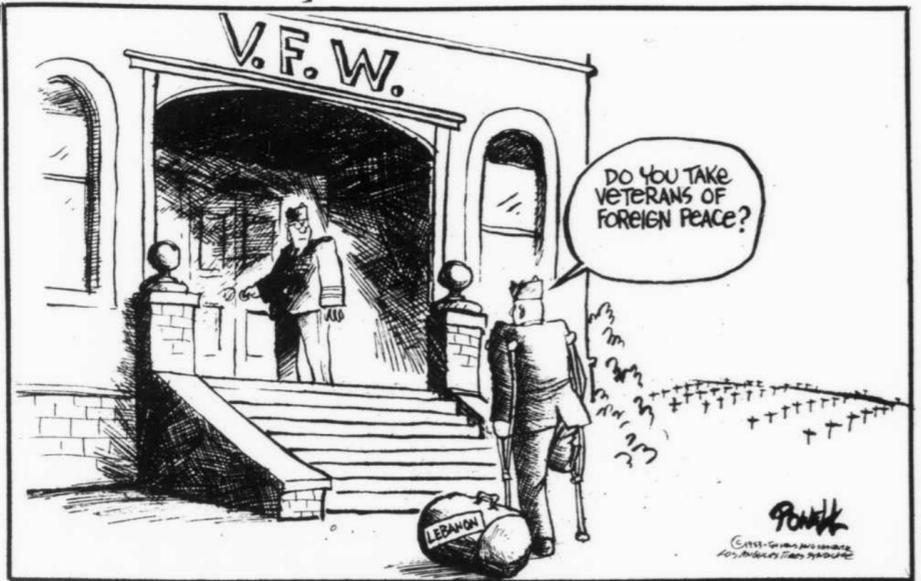
nuclear issues, since this state is peppered with abandoned nuclear reactors and munitions plants.

The explosive core of the first atomic bomb was developed at Oak Ridge. Hoston Army Ammunition Plant in Kingsport produces all of the military's conventional explosives. Nuclear Fuel Services in Erwin produces all the nation's atomic warship fuel, and Tennessee Nuclear Services in Johnson City produces anti-tank missile casings.

Yet, most Tennesseans are oblivious to these facts.

The Union of Concerned Scientists and United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War are organizations dedicated to stimulating public debate on this, the number one issue of our time.

Faculty, students and members of the community should take advantage of this event and become actively involved, well-informed citizens.



Violence against women condemned

By DAWN ADKERSON

Sidelines Staff Writer

Richard Herrin couldn't stand the fact that his girlfriend Bonnie wanted to date someone else. When she fell asleep in front of the TV set, he hunted for a hammer and murdered her. The public supported Herrin; they were offended that the girl's parents wanted "justice." After all, they said, the act had been punishment enough for Herrin. He was acquitted of murder in the first and second degrees; the jury convicted him of manslaughter, wrote Adam Smith in the March 1983 edition of *Esquire* magazine.

"He thought the sentence of eight and a third years was too harsh."

Smith mentions a second incident similar to the Herrin case. Dominique Dunne, the young star of "Poltergeist," was strangled by her boyfriend, who waited for her to leave her apartment after she refused him entrance. His community

supported him.

The recent murder/suicide by MTSU student Walter Karel seems to be part of a growing movement. It is tragic, but what is more tragic is the prevailing opinion that somehow the obsessive jealousy of Herrin, Dominique's slayer and Karel was the woman's fault.

"Bonnie was sleeping with someone else" was the headline of one newspaper during Herrin's trial. Society cannot seem to escape the antique belief that woman is the property of man, and she lives according to his whim.

Moreover, many women are also imprisoned by that belief. Physical and mental abuse is not limited to marriage. It begins in the dating stages. The woman (or young girl) who not only endures physical abuse, but blames herself for it, returning to the abuser for her sense of identity, has no self-esteem. Not only does she believe herself to be the

property of the man she is dating, she accepts the male-myth that places the responsibility for his corrupt nature on her shoulders.

Last year Judith Neeley was convicted of two horrendous murders, and connected with five others. She claimed that her husband had so great a control over her that even the thought of self-destruction as an escape from the murders he dictated did not occur to her. Alvin Neeley's repeated abuse had created an automaton.

Only when women are freewill they be able to walk away from the kind of relationship that demands submission. Society changes slowly, and the undercurrents of male superiority become increasingly perverse in a society that claims equality while it permits, and in some cases, condones, the treatment of the woman as a possession whose life is her husband's, or lover's or boyfriend's.

From Our Readers

Potential for abuse crux of appointment issue

To the editor:

According to an article in the Nov. 1 issue of *Sidelines*, President Sam Ingram has refused to reconvene the Committee on Committees to examine how the members of the Student Publications Committee are appointed—a request made by the campus chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

Dr. Ingram is quoted as saying, "If I had any real evidence that the campus newspaper was being influenced not to bring truth, then I'd obviously reconsider...I have not seen anything in the actual operation of the paper that has been restricted."

The president also is quoted as saying, "There's been a question if Phil Williams [Sigma Delta Chi president] had been appointed [to the Student Publications Committee] would there be a problem?"

As faculty adviser to the Sigma Delta Chi chapter, I should like to respond to those comments.

With regard to the question of undue influence, Dr. Ingram may be correct in saying that there has been none to this point. But that is not, or should not be, the issue. The real issue is that so long as the ASB appoints the student members of the Student Publications Committee, the opportunity for abuse is very real and very evident.

One of the roles and traditions of the press in the United States has been that of watch dog (the public's eyes and ears) over government. That should be true on the campus level as well as out "in the real world." But so long as student government appoints

people to a committee that is in a position to wield authority over the student press, that role can never be carried out with any assurance of effectiveness. Therefore, a restructuring of the way in which students are named to this committee would head off potential abuse before it develops. It would be refreshing if this university were to act now rather than react after problems arise.

(I should add that the legality of how the committee members are appointed should not be the central issue either. More important is the spirit of the process, and there is no question in my mind that we are not carrying out the spirit properly.)

The second comment that needs to be made is that whether Mr. Williams was appointed to the Student Publications Committee or not is beside the point. If the potential for abuse is present, and it clearly is under the present system, it should be done away with.

Dr. Glenn Himebaugh
Mass Communications

'Real' student sticks to

'True Blue Raiders'

To the editor:

I want to comment on the Three Men article in Tuesday's *Sidelines*. They put it beautifully. People don't let the size of the stadium determine how good the team is.

If you are going to judge the team on stadium size, send Vanderbilt here to play and let us go to Nashville. Face it, Commodore fans, excluding those that do stay here) the 'Dores were shut three weeks ago. In short, Vandy's team couldn't find their butt with their hands tied behind their backs.

The fans say that Vandy has

been beaten by four top-20 teams. I say, that's what you get for being in the SEC. Join the OVC, you can possibly come in second—behind MTSU's fighting Blue Raiders.

With Tennessee fans, I must admit that they have been doing a good job lately since they learned what a football looked like. I must admit also that the Vols did a great job to upset that top-20 powerhouse Rutgers.

A lot of people say: what does MTSU football have, compared to Vandy and Tennessee? For starters: 1. a national ranking (fifth) 2. They are the leaders of the OVC for the first time since 1970 with a 7-1 record. 3. They are in the top ten in division I-AA (fourth stats-wise) and are in the top ten for second half teams. In other words, the real game starts in the third quarter.

We have a human bulldozer for a tailback in Vince Hall. We have one of the best and most consistent field goal kickers in the country in Kelly Potter. Finally we have a bunch of guys out on that field that take a lot of abuse to give this school something to be proud of. And they never say die when they are getting beaten or when hardly anyone shows up at the game.

In closing, to hell with your Vols and Commodores. The real MTSU student is True Blue and sticks to the "Fighting Blue Raiders."

Richard Hunt
Box 8114

Sportswriters' foul language indicates lack of class

To the editor:

What's going here? That is what I would like to know! Since when is it common practice for so-called journalists to use obscenities and vulgarities in an article con-

cerning MTSU football? The lack of taste and class in the "Three Men" sports column is appalling to say the least.

A number of students, myself included, chose to attend MTSU for the outstanding reputation it has in mass communications. However, it reflects on the school and department when such trash is allowed in *Sidelines*.

Also, thank you for blasting the sororities and fraternities for their lack of participation in the football game. As a member of the Greek system, I feel insulted by your catty remarks.

In conclusion, I am proud of the Blue Raider football team. They are indeed a great team this year, one I am sure that all the students are proud of. I personally hope they win the title of "Number 1 in the nation."

But, there is nothing wrong with backing another team too. And next weekend when I am cheering on the Vols in Neyland Stadium against that "lousy team" Ole Miss, I will think about your snide, stupid remarks, and laugh.

Linda Bryant
Box 2761

Not all students attend MTSU for football reputation

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the column written by the so-called "Three Men" in the Nov. 1 *Sidelines* issue.

The main issue I would like to bring out about their article is the lack of class they exhibited using foul language and outrageous, unsupportive reasoning regarding the small crowd at the MTSU vs. Youngstown State football game.

The "Three Men" tore down and insulted the university

student body because the students had other things to do besides watch MTSU play football on a Saturday afternoon.

I'm not saying that MTSU football is not worth watching, because it is. I'm only saying that if people would rather watch higher-caliber Heisman Trophy candidates play against area SEC teams, watch a friend or relative play volleyball, or even watch his dog in a dog show, then "By George" let it be.

Sure, we need to support MTSU athletics as much as we can, but how can the "Three Men" tell us "where to go" and what our priorities should be on Saturday?

People like me didn't come to MTSU for the football program. I believe the majority are attending MTSU to earn a degree, and not to earn a future job at Shoney's.

If the "Three Men" want to jump on someone's case so bad, then let them give the Murfreesboro community a little bit of hell too.

It is estimated that about 10 percent of a Vanderbilt football crowd is Vandy students, which leaves the other 90 percent to be Nashville citizens, supporters, alumni, or just simple fans.

MTSU is not only to be supported by students. A lack of attendance can also be blamed on people who live in the area. Horace Jones Field does not have a sign saying "MTSU students only."

One more point I would like to make. The "Three Men" have a lot of gall giving their personal opinions about an individual. Let me say the "handsome Kurt Page" has proven himself numerous times.

I think the only thing the "Three Men" have proven is that they are unprofessional, to say the least. Their column will not help the situation in my opinion. The cartoon picture of Coach Boots Donnelly and two

respective fans in the bleachers in that same issue said more than they could ever write. It's too bad our sports writer can't be as high-ranked as our football team.

I'm only thankful that their title was not "The Three Wise Men." What a joke that would be.

Seriously
Katy Koshakji
Box 1791

Rutledge Hall's flag football victory overlooked

To the editor:

It is not very often that I find faults with *Sidelines*, but I would not let this one pass. In Tuesday's edition there was ample mention of the men's final in flag football, but not one word concerning Rutledge Hall's victory over Kappa Delta, 49-0.

They worked very hard to play the best game possible against Kappa Delta in the final, only to have not one word of this success in Tuesday's *Sidelines*. Having worked with several of those players in basketball, I know they're winners and I would like to salute them myself, since you didn't.

Kevin Kerr
Box 5737

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Older students hold higher gpa

By JACKIE BURRELL
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU students over the age of 25 consistently average a half-point higher on their grade point average than younger students because they are exceedingly motivated, Dean of Admissions Cliff Gillespie said Wednesday.

The amount of self-motivation the older student has is the key element to why they are making better grades than younger students, Gillespie said.

"A STUDENT must be self-motivated in order to do well in college," Gillespie said, "and the older ones have proved they're more self-motivated than the younger ones because they are consistently making better grades."

Older students are "typically more serious" about their education, Gillespie said, because their age and life experiences make them "mature" enough to "appreciate what it means to them."

Gillespie said the reason older students "appreciate" college more is because they realize the importance of what they have had to "sacrifice" in order to attend.

"FOR EXAMPLE, they might have sacrificed some of the family grocery money in order to buy books," Gillespie said, "so they want to get their money's worth."

"Older students also have an exact idea of what they want to do," Gillespie said, "while most younger students come to college without knowing why they are here."

This gives the older students a distinct advantage over the younger ones, Gillespie said, "because if you know what you want to learn, you will naturally be motivated towards studying."

Students will only become motivated about college when they put their education on the top of their priority list, Gillespie said.

"There comes a time when people need to put in order their list of priorities," Gillespie added, "and the time for students to make their priority list is before they come to college."

Police

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shoulders. He was wearing blue jeans, a baseball cap and a grey-and-red jacket.

"She said she heard footsteps behind her and when she turned around he grabbed her arm and tried to pull at her

clothes," Dinkins said. "She broke away and ran and he did not try to pursue her."

Police were notified after the young woman ran to her nearby apartment and called her boyfriend, Dinkins said.



Photo by Jim Bond

Members of MTSU's Sociology/Social Work department honor their new co-worker, Karen Lee of the social work program, at a reception Wednesday. Those attending were standing, l. to r., Faye Johnson, Susan Parrish of the Rutherford County Juvenile Court, John Sanborn, Carole Carroll and William Rountree. Seated are Robert Rucker, Karen Lee and Beth Green.

Lee honored as new social work director

By BARBARA BROWN
Sidelines Staff Writer

The MTSU department of sociology, anthropology and social work had a reception Wednesday for Karen L. Lee, new director of the social work program.

The faculty and students of the department and instructors in the field were introduced to Lee, who came to MTSU in August from Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa.

Lee shared directorship of the social work program at Juniata. Prior to that she had a teaching position at Virginia Interment College in Bristol, Va.

She received her bachelor's degree from Marietta College in Ohio, and her master's degree from Boston College in Massachusetts.

Cafeteria renovations underway by ARA

By BARBARA BROWN
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU and ARA Services, Inc., are spending an estimated \$30,860 to renovate the cafeterias on campus this year, with records showing the cost to the university estimated at \$13,222.

The facilities planning division of ARA made suggestions to improve the food services on campus and submitted a proposal to the university for approval, James Gist, director of business and administrative services, said.

IMPROVEMENTS in the food service areas include changes in customer flow in the

University Center grill, paint, wall coverings and other decorations.

There had been reports that the university paid as much as \$12.50 per hour to have decorative banners hung in the grill. However, the expense for these decorations was borne by ARA, not the school.

"I'm not sure how much they paid people to hang them," Doug McCallie, director of ARA Food Services, said. "You'd have to ask Creative Fixtures of Atlanta."

THE ESTIMATED cost to ARA for the improvements is \$17,638, which includes materials and labor to the

Atlanta company. McCallie said that ARA will not know the actual cost until all renovations are completed.

"They were willing to help us make more pleasant food service areas," Gist said of ARA. "This was the general idea behind the whole thing."

"ARA was willing to pay part of the bill," he explained. "If there is an increase in sales, they are going to profit, so that is their incentive."

"THEY ARE BETTER qualified than we to make decisions about what's needed," he added. "That's their business—to make a quality program."

ARA has been operating the campus food services on a contract basis for the last seven years. The company had previously operated the cafeterias for 13 years before losing a contract bid to another company, SAGA Foods. ARA regained the contract in 1973.

The company is responsible for the general operations of the food service areas and maintains the physical facilities in a joint effort with the university.

DIFFERENT companies can bid for the contract and the university goes through an evaluation process in making the decision, Gist said.

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'The Curse of Lono' called a nightmare

By **TIM SELBY**
Sidelines Staff Writer

If you're one of the many readers already familiar with Hunter Thompson through his earlier novels *Hells Angels*, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail 1972*, *The Great Shark Hunt* or his occasional essays in *Rolling Stone*, then you know just what kind of a madman he is. The uninitiated should probably stay that way—unless they are among the very brave. If they are brave enough, they'd still do well to avoid Thompson's latest journalistic outrage: *The Curse of Lono*. Even the devoted will have a hard time swallowing this one. This is not a book—it's a nightmare.

The Curse of Lono again finds the author and his long time illustrator Ralph Steadman (also given co-authorship credit) hired to cover an ordinary news event with an unlimited expense account and big plans. This time the event is the Honolulu Marathon and their employer is a magazine called *Running*.

OF COURSE Thompson has entered himself and Steadman in the event, feeling "pretty confident about winning," and has also taken the liberty of entering Steadman in the Pipeline Masters, a world-class surfing contest, ("You will need some work on your high-speed balance for this one, Ralph.")

Neither man proves to be up to the task, however, and they

must content themselves with setting up a "command center" alongside the marathon route from which they heap "every conceivable kind of verbal abuse...any kind of cruel and brutal insult that came to mind...on the runners coming up."

Thompson's final verdict on the marathon is that it's a "half-wit spectacle...8,000 rich people torturing themselves in the streets of Honolulu and calling it sport." Actually the real story—what there is of it—begins after the marathon, when Steadman and Thompson move into their respective "villas" on Kona.

"OUR LIVES WERE about to become a living hell," Thompson observes prior to the departure for Kona. His luxury

beach-front villa turns out to be "a barren little box with only two cots and a Salvation Army couch."

It fronts the beach all right, but under the constant barrage of storms and their accompanying 17-foot waves, none of the crew is brave enough to even open the sliding glass doors.

After a few weeks of this, "our social behavior turned so ugly that we were shunned by the natives and eventually turned to excessive use of fireworks, whiskey and bad craziness." According to Thompson, the situation was one of "no relief, no laughter; only craziness, despair and confusion."

UNFORTUNATELY, *The Curse of Lono* deals exclusively

in these dreadful commodities.

The narrative is routinely broken up by various historical perspectives on the Hawaiian islands, including excerpts from Mark Twain's *Letters from Hawaii*, Richard Hough's *The Last Voyage of Captain James Cook*, and 19th century explorer William Ellis' journal, in what seems to be an attempt to formulate some sort of Hawaiian statement based on the island's history and Thompson's own experiences there.

The Curse of Lono fails to say much of anything other than that the whole affair was routinely horrible. By the novel's end, Thompson has become convinced that he is the reincarnation of the ancient Hawaiian God/King



Lono. He tacks on an old poem called *The Song of Waahia* and that's it.

Reading this book is a lot like driving from New York City to Central Utah—when you finally get to the end of the road, you can't help but wonder how you came so far to get to somewhere that seems so much like nowhere.

The best thing about the book is Steadman's horribly perverse illustrations—definitely the best he's yet done for Thompson, but they can't save a story that's essentially pointless and an almost total waste of time.

ARMS party nets \$1,300

By **MARK SHERROD**
Sidelines Staff Writer

An estimated 400-500 costumed party-goers jammed Mainstreet Halloween night for the Association of Recording Management Students' "Thriller" party, one of its most successful benefits to date.

"After expenses, we made about \$1,300," ARMS President June Prozeralik said. "We made history at Mainstreet. In the past our functions made about \$500 to \$800. We had to turn people away at midnight due to fire regulations."

THREE ACTS filled the bill for the benefit. Epic/CBS recording artists Steve Earl and the Dukes headlined. They delivered a high energy rockabilly set, much to the delight of the exotically clad crowd. Two MTSU-based bands, The Overtones and Freedom of Expression, rounded out the bill. All of the acts performed free of charge.

Large gaps of time elapsed between each set as a \$1,000 costume contest drew numerous contestants. "We really didn't expect that large a number to participate. I don't think it affected the party

much. Everyone seemed to be having a good time," said Prozeralik.

Other than the lengthy set changes, the evening unfolded without incident. "Quentin Jones, who is our vice president of production, was responsible for 99.9 percent of the work," said Prozeralik.

Funds raised by the party will be used to finance professional panels for Recording Industry Management students with people employed in the music industry and equipment for the Haynes House recording studio located on campus.



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Wearing a kaftan-styled robe, the emcee of the ARMS 'Thriller' Halloween Costume contest announced the sexy and unusually erotic participants in the Most Revealing division Halloween night.

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Western Kentucky invades Raiderland

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

Head Football Coach Boots
Donnelly is continuing his week-by-week approach to each contest as the Raiders prepare to face interstate rival Western Kentucky Saturday.

Despite Western's 2-5-1 mark, Donnelly points to the fact that the Hilltopper defense has allowed only two touchdowns and a field goal in their last three games. In those contests, Western has managed two wins against Morehead State and Tennessee Tech, and a tie against defending

MTSU is in first place in the OVC, one-half game ahead of Eastern Kentucky

national champion Eastern Kentucky.

"THE BIGGEST threat Western poses to us is that Western Kentucky is Western Kentucky," Donnelly said. "They showed they were for real when they tied Eastern."

Senior All-American Paul Gray will anchor the stingy

defense and Donnelly is very impressed with him.

"We haven't been able to block him when they have played us before," Donnelly said.

WESTERN'S DEFENSE is not its only weapon, Donnelly added, as the team has a very potent offense.

"They have a very big, strong fullback, two speedy tailbacks, and a pair of wide receivers who have speed and can catch the ball," Donnelly said.

In addition, Western Kentucky has a dangerous big-

play man in Keith Paskett, a former Nashville Glencliff star. He aided the cause in the tie against Eastern with a punt return for a touchdown and, last week, ran a reverse 80 yards for a touchdown against hapless Morehead.

MTSU, HOWEVER, has developed a very strong defense, as evidenced by the fact that they held powerful Youngstown State to 65 yards in total offense in the second half in their 35-24 victory over the Penguins.

"The defense is young, but they are getting better,"

Donnelly said.

As for the game with the Hilltoppers, Donnelly said that he will not change his defensive scheme to stop their offensive attack.

THERE IS ONE bright note for the MTSU defense. Randy Carr, at first thought to be lost for the year with a fractured foot, will be available for duty, but will probably not play.

"We would like to hold him until he is 100 percent well," Donnelly remarked.

Tailback Vince Hall, who played only one series in the second half against

Youngstown before he injured a knee on a touchdown scamper, will be available, but will not start.

"VINCE RAN GOOD, but Kevin Baker will start because of the practice time he got this week," Donnelly said.

"We don't really lose anything with Kevin. Vince has the speed and can put it in the end zone, but Kevin can put it in the end zone, too. It just takes him a little longer."

The offense, which has come from behind in each of its last four games, is both a source of

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Western's Feix isn't bragging

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Editor

Despite winning two of their last three games, Western Kentucky Head Coach Jimmy Feix is not jumping up and down about his Hilltoppers.

A former member of the Ohio Valley Conference, Western, 2-5-1, (the tie coming against Eastern Kentucky), comes to Murfreesboro Saturday to face MTSU, who is tied for fifth in the nation in Division I-AA, at 1:30 p.m.

"IN ALL HONESTY, we beat Tech and Morehead, which are not as strong programs as they might normally be," Feix said yesterday. "It rained like heck all the game against Eastern and we got a big punt return, so I've had a hard time bragging about our wins and tie."

"We're still about two years away from a competitive football team," he added.

The Hilltoppers got a 76-yard punt return from Nashville Glencliff High School product Keith Paskett to help tie Eastern Kentucky two weeks ago, ending Eastern Kentucky's consecutive win streak.

PASKETT IS ONE of the many young players around whom Feix is rebuilding the Hilltoppers. Western Kentucky signed four players, including Paskett, from the Nashville area last spring.

"He's coming along just fine," Feix said of Paskett. "We've got some real fine young people. Keith dropped a punt against Southeastern Louisiana which lost the game for us, but he's come back well from that. He's just one of the bright spots that we think will develop in a year or two."

Paskett also had an 80-yard reverse for a touchdown in last week's 38-7 thrashing of Morehead State.

ALONZO SMILEY, a nosetackle from Antioch High School and free safety Neil Spence from local

powerhouse Gallatin High School were both redshirted this season. Both are having good fall practices, Feix noted.

Another recruit out of Antioch, quarterback Danny Jenkins, was pressed into service when the Hilltoppers lost one of their other quarterbacks.

"He's doing an excellent job for us in a backup role," Feix said.

As for this weekend's match with the Blue Raiders, who are marching toward their first playoff berth in the history of the school, Feix is a little scared.

"WE'RE CONCERNED whenever we have to play a good football team, whether it be Eastern, Murray or Middle," Feix said. "We're scared they'll beat the fire out of us. We just go out and play as hard as we can each week and hope we can pull one out."

Feix, in his 26th year as a member of the Hilltopper staff, said the Blue Raiders have probably more balance than anyone in the conference.

"Oh boy, they have an awfully fine, balanced team," Feix said. "Their biggest plus is the resurgence of their offense, but we also have to worry about handling guys like [Jeff] Spencer, [Gary] Womack and [Allen] Ball."

MTSU TAILBACK Vince Hall, who will be ready to play against the Hilltoppers, despite injuring his knee in MTSU's 35-24 win over Youngstown State last week, also has Feix a little jumpy.

"He's a tremendous back, better than [James] Black at Akron," Feix said.

After the MTSU game, the Hilltoppers close out their season at home with games against Eastern Illinois and Murray State in the next two weeks.

Eastern Illinois is ranked 13th in the nation, while Murray State is 5-3.

"How 'bout them three weeks?" the coach asked.



Photo by Jim Bond

MTSU basketball player Russell Smith works with the pass returner during practice yesterday at Murphy Center. Smith, a 6-9 transfer from Pinewood, S.C., will join the Raiders for their

annual Blue-White scrimmage, set for Nov. 21 at Monte Hale Arena in Murphy Center.

Tennis women finish challenging fall slate

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raider tennis team closed out its 1983 fall slate last weekend to finish 2-7, and despite the losses, Coach Sandy Neal said her troops had a productive autumn.

The Lady Raiders finished with weekend losses to Memphis State and the University of Arkansas in Memphis, losing 7-2 to the Lady Tigers and 9-0 to the Lady Hogs.

MTSU WAS STUNG earlier in the fall with the loss of its No. 3 player, Renee Giroux, who had to leave school after

coming down with mononucleosis in early October.

"It sounds like we had a bad season, but we faced a really tough schedule," Neal said. "Losing Renee early on really hurt us, too. I think we will be much better in the spring. That's when we face more our level of competition."

The fall was a tough one for the Lady Raiders, who faced such tennis powers as Mississippi State, Western Kentucky and South Carolina.

DURING OCTOBER, MTSU lost to Eastern Kentucky 6-3 with Michelle Girle,

Linda Long and the doubles team of Brigitte Platt and Lynn Swindell picking up victories for the Lady Raiders.

"It was our only conference match this fall, so it was pretty important to us," Neal said. "We saw some positive things, playing without Renee."

The Lady Raiders lost to South Carolina on Homecoming Day, 8-1.

"They were very strong," Neal reflected. "Michelle played a great match against some of the best players in the nation."

LAST WEEK, MTSU fell to Western Kentucky, who completely lambasted the Lady Raiders early in the fall. Girle was the lone victor for the Ladies, but there was improved play from Platt, who is coming off knee surgery.

"Brigitte played better than she has been playing all year," Neal said. "She's having to work hard on her concentration."

MTSU will get back to regular workouts in March, but the fall was a good evaluation period, Neal said.



Sandy Neal
Women's tennis coach

"WE FACED SOME tough competition this fall, and the only really bad match we played was the first match against Western," Neal noted. "But we've played real hard in the rest of the matches."

The Lady Raider ladder as of the end of the fall schedule:

- 1. Michelle Girle
- 2. Susie Newberry
- 3. Brigitte Platt
- 4. Lynn Swindell
- 5. Linda Long
- 6. Marti Henry

Cumming's young volleyballers see tough times

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU volleyball team took a 4-17 record into last night's match against the University of Alabama-

Birmingham after losses to UAB and Tennessee Tech, sandwiched around a win at Murray State.

The Lady Raiders lost to UAB in Birmingham by scores

of 4-15, 4-15 and 13-15. Coach Diane Cummings said that her young team tried hard against a UAB team that has eight seniors.

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shows me is that we're a capable team when we want to be," she said. "Soon as our desire and ability come together, we'll be a very good team."

The Lady Raiders return to action Tuesday night when they entertain Western.

The Lady Raiders played well in spurts, leading 6-1 in the second game before the Lady Blazers made their comeback. They trailed 8-14 in the third game before making a valiant comeback that fell just short.

"The only thing that this

UAB sweeps ladies; coach questions desire

By ANDY REED
Sidelines Sports Writer

The volleyballers of Coach Diane Cummings were swept by powerful Alabama-Birmingham last night at Alumni Memorial Gym.

UAB won by scores of 5-13, 12-15, and 13-15.

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MTSU continues assault on stats categories

FROM STAFF REPORTS
MTSU continues to be ranked among the top I-AA teams in the nation in several statistical categories as the Blue Raiders head into tomorrow's **Volleyball**

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who won the OVC Round-Robin three weeks ago, turned back MTSU by scores of 4-15, 13-15 and 8-15.

Despite the loss, Cummings was encouraged by her team's performance in the second game.

"The second game showed that we have the potential to do a good job and become a better team."

Western Kentucky

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pride and a cause of concern for Donnelly.

"IT'S GOOD TO know you can come from behind, and they [the offensive unit] have total belief in one another. But one time the clock is going to run out on you. They start games with complacency," he said.

MTSU, which is tied for fifth in Division I-AA with Eastern Kentucky, but is a half game ahead of the Colonels in the OVC, could land a playoff berth for the first time ever with wins in its remaining two games.

This fact doesn't concern Donnelly.

"Right now, we're con-

cerned with beating Western Kentucky, and that's all we are concerned about," Donnelly said.

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"That [second game] was probably one of the best efforts all year," the Lady Raider mentor added.

Despite their dismal record, the coach has noticed some improvement in her team from the start of the season.

"It's showing in our games that we're getting a little bit better," Cummings said.

"After five or six games, I can see definite improvement."

- Fifth in scoring offense.
- Eighth in scoring defense.
- Ninth in total offense.
- 12th in rushing offense.
- 12th in total defense.

INDIVIDUALLY:
• Tailback Vince Hall is ranked sixth in the nation in rushing.

• Quarterback Mickey Corwin is ranked seventh in the nation in passing efficiency.

In the Ohio Valley Conference, MTSU's record is 5-1, putting them a half game ahead of Eastern Kentucky, who is 4-1.

The Raiders are first in the conference in team offense and fourth in the conference in team defense.

Corwin is ranked first in the conference in passing, hitting 93 of 168 passes for 1,339 yards and 12 touchdowns. His passing efficiency rating is 136.3. Corwin is also the conference leader in total offense, averaging 179.4 yards per game. Hall is third in total offense, averaging 118 yards per game and is also the conference rushing leader.

Split end Marshan Jolly is the third best pass receiver in the OVC, averaging 4.3 yards per catch.

Placekicker Kelly Potter is third in the conference in scoring, averaging 6.8 points per game and is second in kick scoring.

NCAA TOP 10

I-AA

1. Southern Illinois
2. Holy Cross
3. NE Louisiana
4. Furman
5. MIDDLE TENNESSEE
5. Eastern Kentucky
7. Tennessee State
7. South Carolina State
9. Idaho State
10. Jackson State

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Should the Raiders get past Western Kentucky and Tennessee Tech, they are assured of at least a share of the OVC title. Eastern Kentucky must beat Tennessee Tech and Morehead State—the two worst teams in conference play—to share the title with

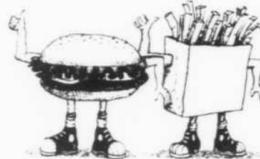
MTSU.

"You can always feel good about becoming champions and co-champions, but right now we have to get past Western," Donnelly said.

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