

# ARA will begin enforcing hair restraint rule

by Valorie Vaughn

Eight employees in Hi-Rise cafeteria and the grill have not been wearing hair nets or other hair restraints in violation of state regulations, according to Doug McCallie, director of ARA food services.

Five employees in Hi-Rise cafeteria and three in the grill were found by McCallie to be working in the food areas without hair restraints.

State health inspectors from the department of Tourism and Development checks these cafeterias regularly. Their rule states, "Employees shall use effective hair restraints when necessary to prevent the contamination of food or food contact services."

"This is a fault of ours that we have been overlooking," McCallie stated. "ARA tends to forget about problems like this, and needs reminders from their customer".

McCallie added that although hair nets are available in units in each cafeteria, some workers, especially student workers, "shy away" from using them.

"We had the problem of hair nets before. Because of the discontent of female workers to wear hair nets, they were allowed to wear hats instead." This action met with the Health Department standards.

At present some workers are not

using any kind of hair restraint. McCallie said that cafeteria managers have been informed to enforce the use of such restraints.

McCallie said, however, that if a student finds hair in his food, it probably came from another student because of the crowded situation in the cafeterias and the grill.

Starting next week, tables will be set up in the cafeterias and the grill for students to voice their opinions about the food services on campus.



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## Sarver's successor sought

by John Pitts  
Sports Editor

Although the end of the season is still six weeks away, applications are now being accepted for a new women's basketball coach here.

Pat Sarver, first-year women's coach whose job was saved four days before the beginning of this season by University President M.G. Scarlett said Thursday "I would consider leaving immediately if I received the right offer."

However, the 30-year-old Sarver said, "I've got 12 more games before the state tournament [March 1-4 in Memphis], these girls deserve some breaks and evidently I'm the only one who'll help them."

Formal announcement of the job opening came in a "MTSU Job Opportunities" flyer, dated Jan 23. The flyers are routinely distributed by the University Personnel Office and are sent to all MTSU department chairmen, posted on campus bulletin boards and mailed to off-campus locations.

When contacted about the job announcement, assistant athletic director Pat Jones refused to comment. "I have been instructed to tell you that you should talk to vice-president (Lynn) Haston if you have any questions...I'm not going to make any comment about it," Jones said.

Sarver came to MTSU in 1976 from Motlow State Community College and served last season as an assistant to then-head coach Pat Jones.

Jones is now assistant athletic director for women and recommended in November of last year that Sarver be immediately dismissed as head coach.

Haston is vice-president for ad-

ministration. His duties include overseeing athletic operations. He said the announcement of the coaching job was made "for recruiting reasons."

"Here, the recruiting season starts with the girls' state basketball tournament (held here in Mid-March) and we need to have someone in our pocket to come to the games and spot people he or she would like to have on the team next year," the vice president added.

Jones' dismissal recommendation reached Sarver's desk in the form of a memorandum on Nov. 11, just seven days before the beginning of the women's season.

When Jones was contacted by Sidelines on Nov. 14, she said Sarver had resigned. "I can say right now there was no dismissal..."

she resigned. She was not dismissed."

However, Sarver disagreed with Jones' assessment of the situation, telling Sidelines "I want it made definitely clear that I did not resign."

"I just got the note after practice Friday saying that I was relieved of all coaching duties. I was given no reason whatsoever," Sarver said at that time.

Sources close to the Sarver-Jones situation maintained that the attempted dismissal of the head coach was caused by personal differences between the two women. Neither Jones nor Sarver would affirm those reports.

At the time the Sarver dismissal first became public, Jones said "some of the original complaints came from the players."

Most, but not all, of the women's



Pat Sarver

basketball team went to Scarlett's office on Nov. 14 and expressed a desire to see Sarver remain as head coach.

After the meeting, a decision was made by Scarlett to allow Sarver to

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## Weather blamed for \$5,000 concert loss

Approximately \$5,000 was lost on the Jan. 12 Sea Level concert in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium, according to special events committee chairman Steve Thurman in a meeting Wednesday night.

Only 291 people showed up at the 1,444 seat facility for the concert.

Since the committee has a large enough budget to accommodate the loss, it will not affect the sponsoring of future concerts, according to Harold Smith, director of student programming.

Smith responded to speculation on the cause of the low turnout, stating "the weather was certainly a consequence and we promoted the show only on campus. There was also some speculation that the

ticket price may have been too high."

"We had hoped to sell out the concert," Smith added. He explained that, even if it had been a sellout, a loss would still have occurred. "The special events committee was not designed to make money but to provide a service to the student," he said.

The board also discussed the possibility of future special events-sponsored in Murphy Center. Among those being considered for spring concerts are John Denver, Jackson Browne, Jefferson Starship, and Neil Diamond. The board is also considering the possibility of more "black shows" in the future.

Also mentioned was the possibility of sponsoring more plays, such

as "Cabaret". "This would be a little different because it doesn't fall entirely into the special events committee's area," said Smith. "It is more in the area of the fine arts committee and we would have to work together with them."

A motion was passed to look into the possibility of a free crafts fair and bluegrass show to be held in Murphy Center this spring. The show would be prepared to last two days and draws spectators from the community as well as students.

Johnny Cash is being considered for a summer concert in Murphy Center. A motion was passed to look into this concert, which would also have community appeal, and consider the possibility of tying it in with Murfreesboro Heritage Week.

**Increase may reach 10 percent**

**'Break-even' ruling could raise rent**

Rent for all on-campus housing could be raised by 10 percent next fall if a State Board of Regents sub-council rules that auxiliary

business must break even, according to Morris Bass, vice president for business and finance.

As the ruling now reads, auxiliary units of MTSU, such as the bookstore and on-campus housing, must as a whole break even or show a small profit.

Bass said that the new ruling would require that each auxiliary unit separately break even. Bass said on-campus housing is now losing \$147,000 this year but funds from other auxiliary units helps cover the loss.

Jim Vaden, vice chancellor for business and finance at the State

Board of Regents, said that the proposed policy has been misunderstood and does not necessarily mean that rents will increase.

"The ideal situation would be that all individual (auxiliary) units should break even as a goal. Even though they don't, they should ideally," Vaden said.

Vaden added that with rising costs and overbooking of dorms an increase might be needed to "let those who want to live in a dorm pay for the privilege." Vaden also said that other auxiliary units should not have to pay for dorm rates.



**Morris Bass**

Bass said that he was "reasonably sure" the Board would approve the rent increase, but he was not sure when they would announce the raise.



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**Signed form is necessary for loss refund**

If money is lost in a campus vending machine immediate refunds may be obtained from the business office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, according to J.O. Gist of the business office.

However, a form requiring the signature of the person who lost the money and the location of the machine in which the money was lost must be filled out before the refund will be made, Gist said.

"This is the policy we've been using since we first got vending

machines," Gist said. "It seems to be effective since there have been no complaints about it."

The business office keeps a fund for the purpose of reimbursing lost money. When the fund is depleted the Murfreesboro Vending Company replenishes it.

An average of \$70 to \$75 a month is spent in refunds to people who have lost money in malfunctioning campus machines, according to Sue Barrett of the Murfreesboro Ven-

ding Machine Company.

One of the causes for machines failures could be vandalism, Gist said. Bent or foreign coins are often found in the machines and can cause a machine to malfunction.

"Vandalism seems to run in cycles," vending company employee Rufus Smith said. "Occasionally we have to take a machine out because it keeps getting tampered with. Recently, however, vandalism has not been a big problem."

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**Sarver's**

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remain head coach through the current season.

In a press release issued the night of Nov. 14, Scarlett said in part:

"We want the program to succeed...We are concerned about our women's athletic program, and a change at this time does not seem warranted."

Sarver was informed on Dec. 15 that her teaching contract would not be renewed, standard policy for second-year faculty that will not be rehired.

Sarver told the team she would not be returning next season on Jan. 7, before the Raider women's game against Morehead State.

The team lost that night in overtime and has gone 4-4 since. MTSU's women's team was picked in some informal polls to finish first in the conference. The team stands tied for fifth in the conference race, 2-2 in the OVC and 8-7 overall.

Sarver said Thursday "what I'm doing now is working with the girls...I have no specific plans. Sure, I've checked into a few things here and there, had an offer or two."

One of those offers, Sarver said, would have required her to quit the MTSU job before the end of the season. She declined the offer.

## Bigfoot, Bell Witch, UFO's are symposium subjects

Ghosts, monsters, UFO's and genetic engineering will be examined by respective authorities in a series of lectures in the 1978 Emphasis Symposium April 10-13.

A presentation on Sasquatch (Big-foot) and the Loch Ness Monster will be made by Lee Frank, on April 10. Frank claims to be the only serious living investigator of these controversial creatures. Included in the discussion will be an examination of the Abominable Snowman, or Yeti, and the "monster of our inner self," the ego.

Ghost-hunters Ed and Lorraine Warren will speak on the Bell Witch and other purported spirits. Mr. Warren is recognized as one of the leading demonologists in the country.

Stan Friedman, a former space scientist known to devote full-time study to UFO's, will profess that "Flying Saucers are Real" in an

April 12 lecture. He has appeared on the "Tomorrow" show and was featured in the television documentary "UFO's—Do You Believe? Friedman will discuss the evidence he has compiled from 18 years of research on the phenomenon.

Author Ted Howard will speak on genetic engineering, or cloning, in a lecture April 13. Howard co-authored the book *Who Should Play God?*

In addition, poet Nikki Giovanni has been booked to appear Feb. 7 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Giovanni, a graduate of Fisk University in Nashville, has written 13 collections of poetry and essays on women's rights and the black experience, recorded four albums of her work and won numerous awards. Her appearance will be coordinated with Black Heritage Week, scheduled for the second week in February.

## Midlander editor is chosen

An editor for the 1978-79 Midlander yearbook was chosen in yesterday's meeting of the Student Publications Committee in the Dean of Student Affairs conference room in the University Center.

Linda Nelson, a junior and early childhood education major from Franklin, was named as next year's yearbook editor. She has served as layout editor and is presently managing editor of the yearbook. Nelson was the sole candidate for the position.

In other business, vice president of student affairs Robert LaLance submitted a proposal asking for a \$500 allocation to Midlander's budget.

A motion power to appoint the Sidelines advertising manager for the usual term was passed.

The committee meets again on

## Enrollment is up from last spring

Final student enrollment for the spring semester totaled 9,361 after on- and off-campus registration ended last Monday, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records.

The figures reveal an increase of 41 from last spring's enrollment of 9,320, Gillespie said.

A total number of new students who registered for the spring is 804 also an increase from last spring's 755, according to Gillespie. "These figures are very encouraging," Gillespie concluded.

April 6 to review applicants for the summer and fall editorships of Sidelines and Collage. Deadline for applications is March 31.

## Continuing Education offers beauty course

MTSU's Office of Continuing Education will begin offering a beauty class, "The Beautiful You," on Jan. 30.

The course will include instruction in such areas as visual poise, facial structure, hair care, modeling, make-up techniques, diet and wardrobe.

Neil is a graduate of Patricia Stevens Modeling School in Minneapolis, and has also been an instructor there. She has taught modeling at Falls Business College and Model Mart in Nashville.

The course will be taught every Monday night through March 13. It is open to persons age 13 to adult and costs \$25.

For more information contact the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462.

## Yearbook pictures need identifications

Deadline for identifying Midlander pictures is today at 3 p.m.

Representatives of groups who have not identified students in their yearbook pictures should go to the Midlander office, SUB third floor, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., according to editor Patricia Harris.

Pictures will be printed without names if the deadline is not met, Harris said.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### FRIDAY

Meeting: Tennessee College Public Relations Association, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Dining Room C, SUB, Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Dining Room B, SUB

Luncheon & Meeting: Metro Deans of Education, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Dining Room A, SUB

Banquet: Panhellenic-IFC, 7 p.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Dance: Kappa Alpha Psi, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

Murphy Center Track  
Women's Basketball: MTSU v. Western, 5:45 p.m., Murphy Center

Men's Basketball: MTSU v. Western, 8 p.m., Murphy Center  
Rutherford County Square Dancers: 9 p.m. DA Auditorium  
Dance: SETA Phi Beta: 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Tennessee Room, SUB

### MONDAY

Bake Sale: CUBE, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement

Movie: "The Front," 3:30, 6 & 8 p.m., UC Theatre

Continuing Education: conference, "Helping Parents with Reading," 5:45-9 p.m., UC 322

Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., UC 314

### SATURDAY

Graduate Test: 8 a.m.-12 noon, UC 322

Teen Elks Association: Hoop Shoot Contest, 10 a.m.-12 noon; Murphy Center

Track: MTSU v. Furman, 12 noon,

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**Editorial****Sign-up deadline nears**

There are less than two weeks left before the deadline to register to vote in the March 7 constitutional convention referendum.

It's been more than six years since a convention was called to change the state constitution and under law, it will be another six years before another convention can be held.

The convention has placed 13 proposals before the people to approve. Some proposals are merely changes in archaic laws while others would reform the state's judicial system and change the way that a bill could become law.

Voters have been asked to consider a proposal which would allow the state legislature to raise the maximum interest on loans above the 10 percent limit now established.

Extending the governor's term to allow two four year terms has also been proposed. This provision, if it passes, would allow Gov. Ray Blanton to run for re-election.

Also pertaining to the governor will be a proposal to allow the governor 10 days instead of five to veto legislation. In that same proposal, the governor would be given the power to lower money appropriations of the General Assembly while approving the rest of the bill.

The deadline for registering to vote is Feb. 6. The proposals are all important in various degrees. They effect all Tennesseans. They deserve the attention and vote of all its residents, including MTSU students.

**Gym roof stability doubted****To the Editor:**

Murphy Center is one of the unique features of MTSU that students here can be proud of. Many of our basketball players have made MTSU their choice because of the fine athletic facilities available. Likewise, many big-name concert groups have played in Murphy Center that otherwise may not have even come to the Middle Tennessee area.

Naturally, Murphy Center was the first thing we thought of after hearing about the collapse of the Hartford, Conn. Civic Center Coliseum and seeing pictures of it. *Sidelines* printed a timely article giving us the facts about Murphy Center's roof and how much weight it should be able to hold. The article informed concerned students that it would be almost impossible for Murphy Center to collapse, thereby allaying our fears.

However, officials at Hartford

said that the Hartford arena had not exceeded its stress limit when the roof fell in. Although the snow and ice on top of the Murphy Center may never exceed 40 to 50 inches, those estimates may also be far from accurate. We should be thankful that the Hartford incident might help prevent a similar disaster here, and we should feel lucky that it didn't happen here first.

Laurie Baxter  
Box 1081

**Fans too quiet  
at basketball games****To the Editor:**

Regarding the Austin Peay basketball game. It was disappointing to see the lack of effort. Not by the team. The fans. We fans failed to give the Blue Raiders the support they deserve.

The Governors held the ball the final three minutes while we fans sat on our hands and watched. If we had all stood up and yelled like our feet were on fire, the Gobs would have been psyched out and lost the ball. We, as fans, can psych out any team we want to if we are just willing to give the effort.

Coach Earle said that the Blue Raiders have yet to play a great game at home this season. We fans have yet to have a great game either. Saturday night, we can find out which of our fans care. If you're too proud to support the Blue, stay at home. Let's boo anyone sitting on their hands. Make Murphy Center noisy Saturday night.

James Williams  
MTSU alumnus  
Nashville, Tenn.

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**Open Forum****Woman reporter files suit  
to enter male locker rooms**

by Jane Hamlin

Mass Communications Major Sports Illustrated reporter Melissa Ludtke filed a sex discrimination suit on Dec. 29 to force major league baseball to drop its policy of barring women reporters from the locker room.

Good for her. Sex discrimination has gone far enough in recent years and while it has improved a little as far as equal wages are concerned, incidents like this bring it to a head over and over again.

Ludtke was barred from the locker room in an attempt to interview players during the World Series at Yankee Stadium. She claimed that after the game in which the Yankees won the Series crown, New York Mayor Abe Beame and "men, both credentialed reporters and others with no visible credentials had access to the clubhouse," but Ludtke had to wait outside.

It is not fair for women reporters to be restricted where men reporters are not. After all, they have been hired for their abilities, talents, and expertise as reporters and not whether they are men or women.

Perhaps another important aspect of this ordeal is the fact that a reporter has been prevented from doing her job and has not been allowed to compete equally with other reporters for a story, especially such an important one for which readers are waiting.

Also, Ludtke had a deadline to meet just like any other reporter and should not have had to wait for her story, just because she is

female.

Some may laugh and say, "Well, a woman has no business in a locker room anyway."

But under circumstances like Ludtke's, where a person is merely trying to do the job to which he or she has been assigned, the matter becomes a very serious one.

Very plainly, why can't a female sports writer be allowed in the men's locker room immediately after an important game? It's not likely that the ball team will proceed to undress and run to the showers with a woman reporter in the room if they already allow television cameras in there. They don't undress before a camera!

If nothing else, the ball team can be notified beforehand that there will be women reporters in the dressing rooms. Or, why can't a session be set up for all the reporters to interview the athletes after the team has had time to change clothes?

Unless Ludtke wins her case and women are allowed to interview athletes in their locker rooms, this is just another of the endless cases of sex discrimination.

What will happen if she wins the suit? Will men have the same rights, to be allowed in women athletes' dressing rooms?

Possibly. It would only be fair. There is no reason why certain guidelines could not be set up to do away with this type of discrimination.

After all, the press cannot possibly fulfill its obligations to the public with such discriminatory policies placed against them.

*SIDELINES* welcomes all letters, columns and guest editorials. Letters to the editor will be accepted and printed unless they are of a libelous or malicious content.

Letters submitted must have the name, box address, and phone number of the writer. Names will be withheld if requested. The phone number will not be printed, but will be used to verify the letter.

Please send all letters and comments to *SIDELINES*, Box 42.

Letters

# South Africa necessary to America's economy

To the Editor:

You just caused me to break one of my better New Year's resolutions. I thought I was going to be able to resist responding to unreasoned and poorly researched opinions that appear in *Sidelines*.

L. Craig Turner's letter was so full of pleading and distortions that some sort of response is necessary.

If anything, the U.S. policy of non-intervention into the domestic affairs of another nation is about the only thing consistent about U.S. policy toward South Africa. We also refuse to intervene into the internal matters of more ruthless nations—such as Northern Ireland, Israel, Iraq, India, Turkey, Argentina, Uganda (Idi Amin), or any one of the 44 dictatorships or one-party states in Africa.

So you think you want an economic boycott? A complete arms boycott is already in existence (since the Kennedy administration) and is so complete and comprehensive that it includes spare parts for Ford trucks made in Canada. I'm sure some of my fellow veterans wish a similar boycott had been enforced on North Vietnam.

U.S. exports to South Africa in 1975 were \$1.3 billion and its imports were \$845 million. The favorable balance of trade is \$462 million a year, or more than \$1 million per day. South Africa took 31 percent of all U.S. exports to Africa in 1975. No estimate has been made of the number of jobs in the U.S. that depend on this trade, but if a conservative estimate of one job per \$20,000 worth of trade is taken, then some 66,000 American jobs depend on this trade, not to mention the multiplier effect. This can be quite critical in the face of rising unemployment, diminishing exports, and the fact that our economy stands on the doorstep of recession!

In spite of it all, South Africa has

been one of three nations to repay their war debts (w/interest), has allowed the free remittance of profits of foreign-owned corporations\*, has continued to hold the Simonstown naval base available to anti-Communist countries in the face of an arms embargo by those very countries, has refrained from nationalization, has refused to participate in any commodity cartel, allowed the U.S. to operate a space-tracking station, has allowed over-flight rights, and has refrained from retaliation even against actions which would clearly be characterized as unfriendly. (\*Who are the largest corporations in South Africa? You know them: General Motors, Ford, IBM, Good-year Tire, IT&T, etc. Cut your own nose off, America!)

Open revolt of blacks in South Africa? You must be joking! An opinion poll taken last year by the leading black Johannesburg newspaper, *The World*, showed that 53

percent of the blacks polled thought that Prime Minister John Vorster was doing a good or excellent job. Compare that popularity to that of Nixon, Carter, or their predecessors. Student unrest? Certainly. But nothing like the riots in Newark, Birmingham, Watts or Detroit. At no time did anyone suggest that Soviet or red Chinese troops be landed in Mississippi to "liberate" the "oppressed peoples" there. (They preferred Rev. Andy Young, I suppose.)

If anyone would like to attempt an informed opinion, a good source of information is the South Africa Foundation (Suite 501, 888 17th St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 - telephone: 223-5486). This is a multi-racial discrimination in any form, that receives no support from the South African government. They would be glad to accommodate.

D.Q. Reynolds, Jr.  
Box 4886

## Survey reveals that male counselors most preferred

To the editor:

This letter is in response to an article in Tuesday's paper in which Dr. June Anderson stated that "we need a full-time woman counselor in the guidance and counseling center". Upon calling her, she informed me that she based this conclusion on the results of a recent study conducted by Dr. Jeanette Heritage which showed an overwhelming need for a woman counselor.

However, these results are in direct conflict with the results of a survey I conducted last semester which indicated that women prefer a male counselor (84 percent), even more than men prefer a male counselor (72) percent. (Parts of this study were published in the Dec. 8, 1977, issue of *Sidelines*).

I strongly question the accuracy of Dr. Heritage's findings because of a serious methodological error in sampling. Namely, that the survey questionnaires were sent out in the campus mail and that only those who were interested in promoting women's needs were very likely to

take the time and trouble to answer the questionnaire and mail it back. It is no wonder that the results indicated a need for a woman counselor.

I maintain that my survey was not biased and is much more representative of the MTSU population.

First of all, my questionnaire was designed to assess MTSU's mental health needs in general, not to prove any particular need. I had one question which asked whether the student would prefer to see a

male or a female counselor. I repeat that women preferred a male counselor, even more than males did.

Secondly, my sample was taken from freshman and sophomore classes in subjects which all MTSU students must take to fulfill their general education requirements. It was not left up to the students as to whether they would complete the questionnaire. They all completed it during their class period.

Thirdly, I stratified my sample so that it would contain the same

exact proportions of males and females, whites and blacks, and freshmen and sophomores as the general population.

Based on the results of my study, I conclude that the need for a woman counselor is, in reality, not nearly as great as is implied in Dr. Heritage's survey. I feel that Dr. Anderson should take more care in drawing conclusions without adequate evidence to back them.

Joel Rivers  
Box 865

## Looking back...

Monday, November 13, 1967

Expansion plans for MTSU were approved by the State Board of Education. The plans included the construction of a new "high rise" dorm and an FM radio station.

Wednesday, May 2, 1962

Middle Tennessee State College President Quill E. Cope announced plans to reorganize college departments into four schools. Cope said the four schools—school of education, school of arts and sciences, graduate school and school of applied Sciences, began operation on Sept. 1, 1962.

## SHAKERS

THIS ISSUE, WE'RE TURNING THE STRIP OVER TO LETTERS FROM READERS. THIS COULD BE CALLED "THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY OUR THIRTEEN READERS."

-DBFISCHNETZ

QUESTION 1: LAST ISSUE'S "SHAKERS" SEEMED TO FADE OUT AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT. WHAT DID ROD FRENEAU TELL ALICE B. TOKELESS IN THE NEXT-TO-THE LAST PANEL?

HE SAID: "I'M HURTING SPACE FOR A NEW CAMPUS PARKING AREA, TEN MINS FROM CAMPUS! THAT SHOULD TEACH ROD NOT TO MUMBLE IN SCRIPTED FEMMED LETTERING!" -DBFISCHNETZ

QUESTION 2: WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO SHOW THE MOVIE "ABBOTT AND COSTELLO IN 1984" AT THE UC CINEMA?

-MTSU FILMS COMMITTEE

UNFORTUNATELY, THE FILM HAS PASSED OUT OF CIRCULATION, AS OF THIS WRITING. IT WOULD BE NICE TO AGAIN SEE THE SOUND WRESTLING SEQUENCE BETWEEN LOU COSTELLO AND BIG BROTHER. YOU MIGHT RENT IT THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL PICTURES REGIONAL OFFICE AT 205 WALTON ST. N.W., ATLANTA, GA. 30305. IF YOU DO FIND A PRINT, PLEASE DO NOT CUT THE BEACH PARTY SCENE.

QUESTION 3: WHO ARE ABBOTT AND COSTELLO? -MTSU FILMS COMMITTEE  
BUD ABBOTT AND LOU COSTELLO WERE TWO SLAPSTICK COMEDIANS WHO FIRST TEAMED IN 1922. THEY EXISTED FOR TEN MORE YEARS UNTIL THEY HIT THE BIG TIME ON RADIO WITH THE CLASSIC COMEDY ROUTINE "WHO'S ON FIRST?" THEY STARRED IN A SERIES OF 39 MOVIES STARTING IN 1940. THESE INCLUDED "BUCK PRIVATE" (1941), "KEEP 'EM FLYIN'" (1941), AND OF COURSE "ABBOTT AND COSTELLO IN 1984" (1984). \*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION 4: TELL ME ABOUT DAMON RUNYAN. -SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE

YOUR HANDWRITING IS TERRIBLE. YOU EITHER WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE WRITER WHO, WHEN NOT SCRIPTING ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MOVIES, WROTE UNDER THE NAME OF GEORGE ORWELL. OR YOU HAVE MISPELLED A WORD AND WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE DAMON BUNYAN, A CONDITION OF THE TOES THAT RESULTS FROM EATING YOGURT.

QUESTION 5: IS DBFISCHNETZ ACTUALLY JAN ELLIS OR C. CRUISE POWELL?

-DAN JAYNES, COLUMBIA  
NO. JAN ELLIS, FORMER SIDELINES CARTOONIST, HAS GRADUATED COLLEGE EDITOR. CRUISE POWELL DOESN'T HAVE TIME FOR ANYTHING THESE DAYS.

QUESTION 6: IS ROD FRENEAU DESCENDED FROM EARLY AMERICAN FOOT PHILLIP FRENEAU? -MICHAEL DUNNE, ENGLISH OR.

NO.

QUESTION 7: WILL "SHAKERS" BE REPLACED? -BOB HERRING, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

COULD BE. AT LEAST ONE REPLACEMENT SERIES HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO THOSE WORKERS IN MEDIA POSITIONS AT SIDELINES. \*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION 8: WHERE DID THE TITLE "SHAKERS" ORIGINATE? -"NO MABLE INITIAL" ISMCS

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-DBFISCHNETZ 1978-

QUESTION 9: IS "SHAKERS" AN ANTI-GREEK PROPAGANDA DEVICE? -SABO

NO.

QUESTION 10: WHAT DOES "SHAKERS" MEAN? -TELOS "AGAMEMNON" AGON

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-JOHN HIGH MASS COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.  
DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM JOHN L. HIGH IN THE MASS COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, IN ROOM 230 OF THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC).

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## OVC leaders come to town

# Middle faces battle against Western

by Chuck Cavalaris

Spicy pre-game pep talks have never been necessary to motivate players, coaches or fans when Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee squared off on a basketball court.

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Over the years, this rivalry has assumed a "Hatfield and McCoy" kind of perspective, but this season spirits should be running even higher when the teams meet at 8 p.m. Saturday in Murphy Center.

The reasons are simple.

•Western Coach Jim Richards announced last week this season will be his last as a coach. A meeting of team players promptly followed and a proclamation was quickly passed to give Richards a conference title as a going-away present.

•Middle Tennessee (4-2) trails the Hilltoppers (5-1) in the OVC standings. A Western win Saturday will assuredly destroy any solid hopes of MTSU winning the title.

"I picked Western three weeks ago as the team to beat," Jimmy Earle told the weekly faculty-press luncheon Thursday. "If we are capable of beating Western, I think we can go on and win the league," he added.

A homecourt loss, however, will most likely send Western galloping toward an unprecedented 17th league title, since Austin Peay and MTSU would both have to travel to Western later in the season.

MTSU, on the other hand, faces a grueling finish in its schedule. The Raiders playing four of their last five games on the road.

Richards' resignation in the middle of his seventh season at the Hilltopper helm sent shock waves rippling across the country, but more importantly, ignited a furious campaign in Bowling Green to win the OVC.

"It's the Al McGuire syndrome," MTSU assistant coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson ex-

## Women face WKU challenge, too

There's more than one important MTSU-Western Kentucky game Saturday.

Pat Sarver's Raider women, riding the crest of a three-game OVC win streak, must face the challenge of the Lady Hilltoppers at 5:45 p.m. in Murphy Center.

WKU is 3-1 in conference play and boasts the leading defense in women's conference play. Middle

plained. "The Western players love (Richards). I'm sure they said, 'win one for the coach'."

"We'd do that here," Simpson continued, "except that it would have a reverse effect. We can't do it on our players. I guess we'll have to come up with something else."

Despite a deceiving 9-9 record, there is more to the Western Kentucky success story than the psychological move by Richards to release news of his plans at mid season.

The 'Toppers boasted the most rigorous December schedule of any team in the history of the OVC. Michigan and Memphis State both beat Western by six points while Maryland and LaSalle were also on the schedule.

It was the addition of junior college point guard Darryl Turner that sent Western reeling on a six-game winning march prior to Wednesday's loss to Dayton, 80-72.

"We were playing such good teams that I didn't know whether or not our team knew how to win," Richards said recently. "But once Darryl became eligible, things naturally fell into place."

Several coaches in the league, including East Tennessee's Sonny Smith and Murray's Freddie Overton, have already tabbed Turner as the premier playmaker in the conference.

Turner has been the Western spark plug. The 6-2 guard became eligible Jan. 7 when Western's record was 3-8. Since then, Western has won six of seven including five straight OVC games.

"He (Turner) has offered them tremendous leadership," Simpson said yesterday. "With him in the lineup, they are not the same Western club of a year ago...they are more like the Western teams of years past."

The Raiders can hardly concentrate on Turner, a blistering outside shooter, for fear of being destroyed by the Hilltopper inside game.

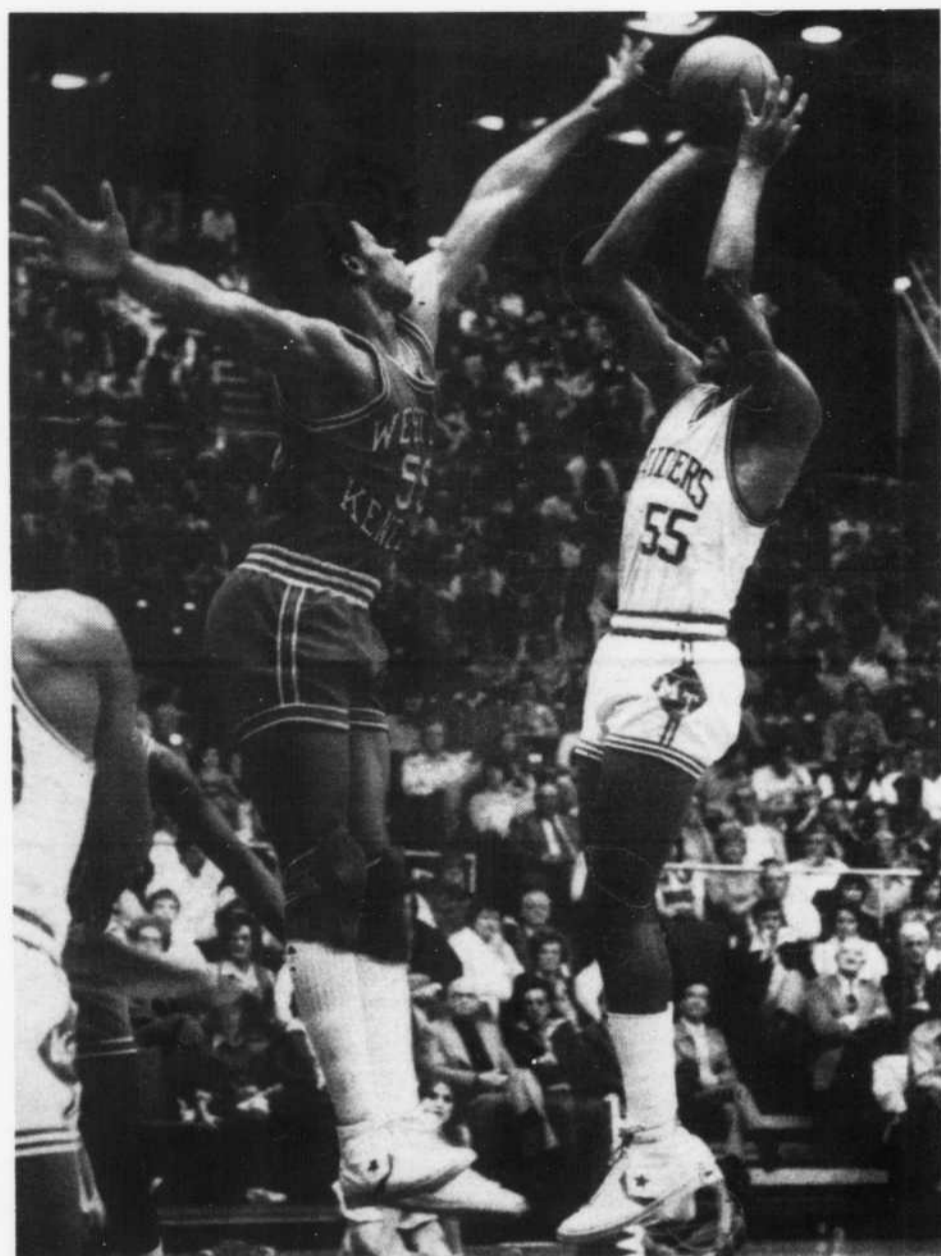
Western quite simply plays bone-jarring basketball under the backboards with forwards James Johnson (6-7) and Greg Jackson (6-5) chasing rebounds with Aaron Bryant (6-8).

Johnson, a senior, carried the

takes a 2-2 conference slate into the game.

Brenda Chapman, this week's OVC women's Player of the Week, leads Western. She is the second leading scorer in the OVC, and scored 40 against Murray State last week.

Monday night, Middle Tennessee ventures to Memphis State to take on the Tigers, a team averaging almost 90 points a game.



Middle's Greg Joyner [55 in white] looks for a basket over the head of a defender in last year's 76-74 loss to Western Kentucky.

scoring load until Turner could play. He averaged 30 points the first four games before being idled with an ankle sprain. He averages 20 rebounds and 11 points per game and is the self-proclaimed "dunk king" of the conference.

The Western small forward is Jackson, a physical player at 6-5, 210, who loves to drive the bucket and has averaged 14 points and nine rebounds per contest. He had 17 rebounds in one conference game.

At center is Bryant, a transfer from Florida who missed most of last season. He carries the same statistics as Jackson, but has plagued with inconsistency this season. His best games have been on the road.

Add to the power underneath the boards a guard like Turner, and you naturally have the ingredients for a torrid fast break.

"We had our first team stand in the middle of the floor in practice," Earle revealed, "and had the second squad run by them. Saturday, that will be Western's team," Earle said.

On defense, Western Kentucky has used only zones, unless they fell behind. Mainly the 'Toppers use 1-3-1 and 2-3 defensive align-

ments, but Richards has been known to "rig" special defenses for MTSU teams, Simpson said.

### RAIDER NOTES:

•After his sizzling offensive performance last week, MTSU's Greg Joyner was named one of three "OVC Players of the Week." Western's Johnson and Mike Muff of Murray also shared the award.

•Middle Tennessee still ranks sixth in the latest major college defensive stats, giving up just 60.7 points per game...Western is averaging 80 both offensively and defensively.

•The Hilltopper fast break is like putting a 33 rpm record on at 78 speed...MTSU is idle, like other OVC teams, Monday night...Greg Armstrong and Bryant were teammates briefly at Florida.

•In case you are wondering, Joyner's output against Murray wasn't the best of his career...Joyner once hit 16 of 17 field goals in high school and added nine of 10 at the line for 41 points.

•One reason for the record has been opposing teams' adopting Earle's defensive philosophy and frequently switching defenses... "I guess you live and die by the sword," Earle said.

# Knee drives Martin to work harder

by Chuck Cavalaris

Actually, it's the kind of thought that sends a nervous shiver up your spine and makes an Alfred Hitchcock thriller seem like a Mother Goose tale.

But, nevertheless, the possibility still exists and every single player on the Blue Raider basketball team knows it.

The plain fact is that Bob Martin's first jump shot against Western Kentucky Saturday could be the last of his college career.

**Martin is playing Russian roulette on a Joe Namath knee. It could buckle under him at any time.**

"It's a game-to-game situation," MTSU coach Jimmy Earle explained of the torn cartilage in Martin's left knee. "A lot of athletes would have already quit, had surgery and been on crutches, but Bob Martin hasn't."

You've probably noticed the difference in Martin, a slender 6-7 center who previously relied on quickness, tremendous leaping ability and a burning desire to win that was unmatched anywhere in collegiate basketball.

Now all Martin has left is the desire.

At times this season, Martin has looked like a one-legged creature in a forest of gifted, quicker opponents. Sometimes he stumbled while others were gliding. Re-

## 'Snowbird' meet hastily planned

Leave it to Dean Hayes to put together a snow party.

Hayes' MTSU track team can't make the snowy drive to Champaign, Ill., for the weekend Illinois Invitational, so some nearby schools will come to Murphy Center Saturday for a hastily-arranged meet.

At last word, Austin Peay, Furman, David Lipscomb, Memphis State and Middle Tennessee will open the unofficially-christianed "Snowbird Invitational" with field events at noon.

bounds that Bob swept off the glass a year ago are now six inches away.

"I don't think there is any question that I'm not 100 percent," Martin politely confessed. "Everybody knows that I'm not the player I was last year. I can't move sideways or jump as well."

Most of the problem, the 27-year old Dickson native says, is because the injured knee "is the one I jump off of."

"It is very frustrating," Martin admitted. "A lot of it may be psychological. You get to thinking about the knee and not reacting on the court. But it seems to get a little better and better."

"Really, it's no big deal as far as pain. If it got to hurting too much I couldn't play...I wouldn't," Martin added.

The bum knee has caused countless other problems—especially on defense.

Because of his decreased lateral movement, other coaches have instructed their centers to "hook" Bob Martin, telling them to spin to the goal, take the lay-up or dish off a pass.

With that kind of penetration, it's inevitable that many of the shots will fall.

Also, there has been Martin's rebounding dilemma. He simply does not have the same vertical jump unless, as Earle says, "he can take a step or two and then go up."

Privately, Martin confessed to close friends after last week's loss to Austin Peay that he was responsible for the defeat. Martin was four of 14 from the field.

"That's ridiculous," Earle counters. "To blame Bob when he is giving it everything he has is insane. You win or lose as a team—not as individuals."

"He's gonna miss some shots," Earle added. "And he's going to give up the baseline because of the knee. But Bob Martin is giving every gut in his body. That's all any coach can ask."

Would surgery help?  
"Sure, I could have an operation now, but it would take the whole

rest of the year to get back. The doctors say at least six weeks. By then the season is over. I'll just play on it and give my best. It will be better to finish out the year," Martin said.

The troublesome knee goes back to Bob's days in the Air Force, but it was the third week in December when the injury flared up again—Dec. 16 to be exact.

"It was the day before we played UNC-Ashville that I sort of twisted it in practice," Martin recalled. "It hurt all day and has been throbbing off and on since."

Martin scored only three points against Ashville and followed with just four at Michigan State in a 72-51 loss.

Middle Tennessee fans suddenly knew something was wrong. So did Bob Martin, who says he can take the pain and wants to help win a conference championship.

When you look in Bob Martin's eyes, you can see the heart and dedication of an Olympic champion, but Bob doesn't have the mobility or skill that goes with it...not with a bad knee anyway.

"Right now, the thing I need to do the most is develop some consistency," Martin offered. "I need to have a good game and come back with another good one."

Maybe the "old man" of the



**Bob Martin**

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# Scarlett: conference must face difficult choices

by John Pitts, Sports Editor

Formation of a football "super conference" by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) leaves some difficult choices ahead for schools in the Ohio Valley Conference, University President M.G. Scarlett said last Thursday.

According to Scarlett, one of those choices might be whether to stay in the conference or go elsewhere.

The president, Athletic Director Charles Murphy and football assistant coach Jim Sypult attended the NCAA national convention Jan. 11-13 in Atlanta, and Scarlett views much of the action taken there as a victory for big schools with big athletic programs.

"The reorganization will give the big schools an even greater monopoly on athletes...in a recruiting sense, I can see where this could cause some real problems for us," Scarlett said.

Under the football reorganization plan, the three present divisions (I,

II and III) will be replaced by four. The expansion will be within Division I, where Divisions I-A and I-AA will be created. The "super conference," I-A, will include the teams in the major athletic conferences and major independents.

Teams in the OVC, ranked Division I in all sports but football, will likely be given a chance to upgrade the football programs to qualify for Division I-AA status, Scarlett said.

"Division I-AA is where I think the teams in the OVC ought to be...but we'll need many more scholarships than we've got now," Scarlett said.

While the major college teams operate their recruiting programs with a ceiling of 95 total scholarships, OVC teams have a 55-scholarship limit, Scarlett explained.

"It's the feeling of those of us at the smaller schools that the limits have evened up competition...the big schools also tried this year to raise their limits to 105, and even though it failed, there's no way to know how many scholarships they might let themselves have next year," Scarlett said.

The limits will remain for at least another recruiting year, but the Division I-A schools can vote to increase scholarship limits at the next convention.

Major colleges were allowed 140 total scholarships before the limits were imposed with the support of the smaller Division I schools. Scarlett said a return to those limits would be disastrous.



M.G. Scarlett

"If a team like Alabama or UT can recruit 140 athletes again, they will surely gobble up all the real talent...it's going to be even harder to recruit kids to play in Division II," he said.

Scarlett said the raising of scholarship limits "will be to the disadvantage of the athlete...in a school where there are 140 players, the chances of more than half of them playing are extremely remote."

"With the 95-player limit, 30 or 40 boys will go somewhere else where they can play."

Schools in the OVC, if offered a chance to move to Division I-AA, would have to find money for additional scholarships to stay competitive. Scarlett said television could provide the needed revenue.

A lucrative television contract recently signed by the NCAA will guarantee every Division I-AA conference at least one appearance every two years, Scarlett explained.

"That television money could provide the additional scholarships we'll need without forcing us to spend more money for them," he added.

A requirement that a Division I-AA football team play at least half their games against Division I-A or I-AA opponents means "all of the OVC teams must make the move up to Division I-AA," Scarlett said.

If all of the conference teams do not move to the new division, "this school should seriously consider leaving the OVC," the president added. The Missouri Valley conference was one which Scarlett said MTSU might consider joining if the entire OVC did not move to Division I-AA.

"I just don't think we can afford to remain in Division II...if the television revenues can provide the necessary scholarships, we'd better jump at the chance to move to Division I-AA," Scarlett said.

Though most of the changes made at the convention concerned football, Scarlett said he could "see some things happening down the road...there will likely be a similar attempt to make a more elite basketball competition."

The probable elimination of the OVC's automatic bid to the NCAA basketball championships is part of the "elitism that is beginning to appear," he said.

Compliance with the Title IX legislation to expand women's athletic programs was another topic of discussion in Atlanta, the president said.

"In a way, I couldn't understand why the big schools would want to expand their football programs at this time—they are under the same laws we are, and the grace period is over this year," Scarlett said.

Under Title IX, schools receiving federal monies had three years beginning in 1975 to make provisions for women's athletics within their athletic programs.

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