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New president charts course

CHRIS BELL
News Editor

The name on the desk may have changed, but the goals of MTSU's new interim president, Wallace Prescott, seem very similar to those of former president Sam Ingram.

Prescott comes to the university with some experience at the job, after serving in a variety of positions at Tennessee Technological Institute, including interim president. While he said he expects a permanent president to be named by the end of 1990, Prescott makes it clear that he does not intend to be a "caretaker."

"The point I really want to make is that we're not just in a holding pattern," he said. "Even though my tenure here may be relatively short, likely will be, there are things that need to be done and I don't think it's fair to the institution just to say let's wait until the next president comes along."

Prescott was named to the position by Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Thomas Garland after the search to find a replacement for Ingram proved slower than expected.

MTSU has undergone massive growth in the 1980's, with this semester's record enrollment marking the latest peak. Prescott said he will continue Ingram's efforts to make sure those students have somewhere to go.

"The rate of growth for this institution is unusual in today's world, because enrollment at many universities is



Sandra Rennie • Staff

New MTSU Interim President Wallace Prescott entered office Jan. 1 and will fill the position until the Tennessee Board of Regents selects a new permanent president.

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Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Students faced one of the least pleasant parts of registration last week as they lined up to pay for classes.

Spring enrollment sets another MTSU record

CHRIS BELL
News Editor

MTSU recorded another record enrollment this month as over 13,000 students signed up for spring classes, marking the second largest semester in the school's history.

No matter how they try to ignore it, we just keep getting bigger and bigger — Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records

As of Tuesday, there were 13,129 students enrolled, according to Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records. That figure is up 9 percent from the 12,056 enrolled at the same time last year. While not up to the 14,115 who signed up for the fall of 1989, the single largest semester, it was the largest spring semester ever.

Gillespie said the figures continue to

show that MTSU is the fastest growing university in the board of regents system.

"It's just one more piece of evidence," Gillespie said. "This is exactly what our projections showed."

While the university has had difficulty obtaining funds for building projects to cope with its rapid growth, that growth seems assured to continue, the dean said.

"No matter how they try to ignore it, we just keep getting bigger and bigger," he said.

The registration process was marked by few major delays this year.

"This was the best I can remember," Gillespie said. "From all I can tell there were no computer foul ups, no serious problems and a good flow of students."

If all goes well, this will be the last Spring students register using the current system. A new pre-registration system will have its first test run this April and should be in place for 1991 registration. ■

Holmes returns to teaching this semester

RUSTY GERBMAN
Assistant News Editor

Ivan Holmes, who briefly served as chairman of the journalism department last summer, will again be teaching at MTSU this spring.

Holmes was forced to resign as chairman last August, after reports of his criminal record surfaced. He stayed on at the university as an adjunct professor teaching several public relations classes last fall.

Towards the end of the semester, a number of his students petitioned the university to extend his contract another semester. After approximately 30 students met with Vice-President of Academic Affairs Robert Corlew,

former president Sam Ingram agreed to allow the department to rehire Holmes if they wished.

Holmes will be teaching two media writing classes this spring, according to Larry Burriss, acting chairman of the journalism department. After this semester, he is free to reapply as an adjunct professor if he wishes.

"When we renewed his contract, we specifically said he could reapply, as anyone could," Burriss said.

Holmes said he was grateful for the student support.

"It was a great feeling," he said. "It made a negative situation into a positive. It made me feel good about the students."

"Generally speaking, in higher education nobody cares

about the students," Holmes said. "The real reward is the students."

Holmes said he was taking his time looking for another full time position "in or out of education," so that "this move will be my last."

According to records gathered by MTSU Security Chief Jack Drugmand, Holmes was arrested last summer in Fayetteville, Ark. for shoplifting and had been arrested on several other charges over the last 11 years. Alex Nagy, acting dean of the School of Mass Communications, asked for Holmes' resignation as chair of the journalism department after the record was brought to light. ■

Student dies in auto accident

From Staff Reports

An MTSU sophomore and son of the city's assistant police chief was killed in a single car accident Saturday.

Brian Patrick Messick, 21, 704 Twin Oaks Drive, was traveling south near the Rutherford County line on Murfreesboro Road when his car ran off the road around 3 a.m. Saturday, according to a report filed by Metro Traffic Officer Gary C'DeBaca. The car ran onto the median then came to a stop after hitting a guardrail. Police are unsure of the cause of the accident.

The accident went unreported until Traci Stokes, 21, of 2705 Halls Hill Pike in Murfreesboro, called police at 4:16 that morning. Stokes tried to flag down passing motorists and was amazed that no one would stop for the accident, according to her mother, Barbara Stokes.

"She was trying to get cars to stop and

no one would stop," Barbara Stokes said. "So she went down the road to a market and called the police."

Apparently, one of the first people to see the car after the accident was Doug Wilson of Lascassas, who drove by the accident site around 3:10 a.m.

"When I came through, the car was there," Wilson said. "I thought it had already been checked out since there was no one around it. I went on to Nashville, and when I came back I saw all the lights around it. It probably happened just before I drove by the first time."

Messick was the son of Murfreesboro Assistant Police Chief Lonnie Messick and the son of Mary Patricia Duke. He is also survived by two brothers, Chris and Andy Messick.

He was buried Monday after a memorial service at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. ■

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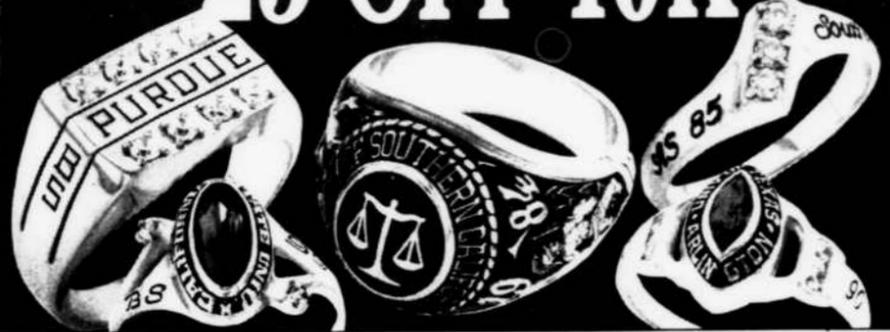
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week will be celebrated next week with a variety of events. On Tuesday, the United Student Association will have a candlelight rally at 6:30 p.m. on the KUC lawn. On Wednesday, there will be a film presentation on Marcus Garvey and Ida Wells from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the KUC Basement. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha and Alpha Phi Alpha. On Thursday, another film presentation on Malcolm X will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi. On Friday, a film presentation on Dr. King will be shown from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity presents the 1990 "Zeta Man" calendar on sale now for \$7 each, with all proceeds going to the Association for Retarded Citizens. To get one, see any ZTA member or contact Susan Hayes at 890-2386.

CABLE 33, MTSU's own television station, will hold an organizational meeting next Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the LRC. Anyone interested in being part of the exciting world of broadcasting is invited to attend.

The Blue Knights, MTSU's chess club, meets every Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the KUC, room 316, beginning Jan. 11. Beginners are welcome.

Adult Children of Alcoholics, an Al-Anon family group, will hold support group meetings every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the KUC, room 315. If you grew up in, or think you grew up in an alcoholic or chemically dependent family, come and find serenity. For more information, contact Thelma Schrader, Box 4084.

Artwork published in the fall 1989 edition of *Collage* is now available to be picked up by the contributing artists in the JUB, room 308B during normal business hours.

Collage, is now accepting artwork, poetry and short stories for its Spring 1990 edition. Bring items by the JUB, room 306 or room 308B weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applications for Activity Fee Funds for the spring semester are available in the KUC, room 126. The deadline for completing the forms and having them turned in is Friday, Jan. 26 at 4:30 p.m.



BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

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declining," he said. "It has some natural geographic advantages, being close to Nashville. Something I'm sensing is that Nashville looks at this institution as their institution and business and industry leaders there have a real keen interest in what goes on here.

"My concern is that with the rate of growth we may not be able to really meet the needs of additional students as fast as we need to, because of space and perhaps even because of budget, as it relates to employing additional staff members. I think the growth is there and the university's problem is to be able to meet the demands of additional facilities, faculty and staff to continue to render a high level of service."

The need for additional classroom and office space was one of Ingram's main themes during his last year in office. While many of the school's requests for expansion have been denied by the state in recent years, one major concession emerged last fall when the university agreed to pay half of the \$2 million needed to expand Jones Hall.

"Of course the Jones Hall Annex still has to be approved by the general assembly," Prescott said. "So that's one we'll be watching and riding hard on to make sure it doesn't drop through the cracks.

Despite the space shortage, talk of limiting enrollment is premature, according to Prescott.

"I would really hope we could avoid an enrollment cap," he said. "I feel very strongly that the public universities really ought to serve the public. I hope the regents, the higher education commission, the general assembly and the governor's office will realize what's happening here and take appropriate measure to accommodate the segment of the public that wants to use this university."

That desire to work for students extends to personal contact as well, Prescott said.

"In my opinion at least, I'm an informal person," he said. "While I try to keep the dignity of the office, I think I maintain a rather informal approach to the job. I certainly intend to keep an open door policy."

At Tech, Prescott rose from teaching civil engineering to vice-president for academic affairs. After his retirement in 1983, he worked as vice-president for financial affairs at the Cookville Citizens Bank, but was called back to Tech to serve as interim president in 1985.

While most of his academic experience is at MTSU's arch-rival, Prescott says he has had little difficulty adjusting to the change.

"I have been on this campus a number of times and have known several people here extremely well for a long period of time, so it's not a strange campus to me," he said. "It's one that I've known and watched with a great deal of interest. ■"

Prescott enjoys life outside office doors

CHRIS BELL
News Editor

While most students will only see the official persona of Intern President Wallace Prescott, he does have a life outside his office in the Cope Administration Building.

He golfs with a handicap in the 90's and is an avid outdoorsman. In addition, he has a slightly unusual way of spending the rest of his free time.

"I'm almost reluctant to tell you what one of my hobbies is," he said. "It's long-distance motorcycle riding. It surprises a lot of people."

When he says long-distance, Prescott isn't talking about driving to Hickory Hollow.

"Key West has been my longest trip," he said. "My favorite drive is the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. I usually do that every fall."

Perhaps the most important question to fans of both Tech and the Blue Raiders is where will the new intern president sit during games between the two schools.

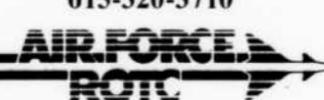
"I'm sitting on the blue side," he said. "The Tech people are already giving me a hard time. They sent me a purple and gold floral arrangement, but I said I hope I'll have the occasion to send them a blue and white wreath pretty soon."

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OPINION

Noriega's arrest only the tip of the iceberg

After being a nemesis for so long, George Bush has finally wrangled Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega.

Bush was hoping to erase the blemish of the failed coup attempt in October by sending the general an early Christmas present.

The confidence of the U.S. to capture Noriega was so great that it bordered on arrogance. And capture him they did, but not without losing 26 American and over 400 Panamanian lives in the process.

After economic sanctions were instituted in 1988, and now the invasion, the United States has managed to thoroughly ravage the Panamanian economy. Now it's up to us to rebuild it.

The Bush Administration is evidently willing to pay the cost. Almost a month after the initial invasion, Noriega was arrested.

What do we do now that we have him?

Noriega anticipated his own arrest and had the forethought to hide away millions of dollars for his legal defense.

There is no doubt that the United States will have one hell of a time trying to prosecute him. Many questions have been raised about the legality of the Bush Administration's operation.

Did George Bush have a legal right to invade Panama?

No one will know until the verdict is given in the case. But one thing is certain — the arrest of Manuel Noriega is the tip of the iceberg. ■



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Panama sets a costly precedent

DON PEDIGO
Opinions Editor

During the last few months of 1989, we all have seen vast changes in Eastern Europe on our televisions as throngs of people in communist bloc countries demanded democracy.

Their demands were met.

So, in the spirit of democracy, George Bush sent in U.S. troops under the shadow of the Stealth bomber and blew the holy hell out of the tiny nation of Panama to capture General Manuel Noriega. In the process, he offended governments of just about every country in the world, especially in Central America where United States intervention has long been a way of life.

The buzzword for 1989 was democracy. And Bush's intention, besides the overwhelming desire to stifle the irritating Noriega, was to "restore democracy" in Panama. Considering the course of Eastern European politics, there is not much wrong with that, other than that Panama has never known a democracy since its inception in 1903 when it seceded from Columbia with a little help from Theodore Roosevelt.

The cost to "restore democracy" will be staggering. Often criticized for his diltory responses to disaster stricken areas, Bush offered nearly 400 million dollars in economic aid to Panama. However, the cost to restore Panama's economy will run into the billions. Yet another heavy financial burden that taxpayers will have to bear.

Doubts will remain in many Americans' minds about the true motive of this operation. Was this operation solely intended to bring another indicted drug trafficker to justice in the U.S., or was it a ploy designed to improve

George Bush's image? No one will ever again think of Bush as an indecisive wimp who takes too long to react to immediate situations. Now we can think of him as insensitive warmonger who knows not the constraints of constitutional or international law.

Despite the deaths of more than two dozen American servicemen and hundreds of Panamanian civilians, Bush thought his efforts were worth it. The carnage was greater than Noriega himself could have caused.

The big question remains of the legality of Bush's actions. Congress, not the president, has sole power to declare war according to the Constitution, Article One, Section Eight. To justify "Operation Just Cause", President-elect Guillermo Endara was sworn in just minutes before the first of the U.S. troops landed. But the taking of hundreds of innocent lives in order to capture a single drug dealer does not seem to justify the cause.

But the damage is done. Now we can look forward to paying all the legal fees necessary to bring Noriega to trial. The Bush Administration is confident that he will be convicted.

Unfortunately for Noriega, the terms under which he was brought to this country will probably not be given any consideration during his trial. George Bush got what he wanted but not without an expensive price tag. We can only hope that this will not set a dangerous precedent for the future of U.S. foreign policy.

Even as you read this U.S. warships are stationed off the coast of Colombia. ■

Letters to the Editor

Motto "It's a Black Thing" is also a "racist" thing

To the Editor:

I don't care what you say — it doesn't matter what you write in defense — the "It's a Black Thing — You Wouldn't Understand" T-shirts are both racist and offensive. In both symbol and effect, they are just as damaging to racial harmony as forty fat rednecks prancing around Pulaski in bedsheets and swastikas.

The shirts are offensive because they shout to the world, "Hey! Look at me! My race makes me special. My race is an esoteric subject that you who are different can never begin to comprehend."

The shirts militantly promote that so trivial a matter as skin pigmentation perception, and forbid understanding and compassion.

Sirs, we will never have racial harmony until we set aside these divisions of history, philosophy and culture and concentrate on "human things", something everyone can understand. Women's history, Gay pride, the Black thing — they all say that the dominance of the WASP male society is so great that it will never acclimate the development of the one kind of racial pride that matters — the pride of the human race.

I won't deny that there are inherent differences in the various races or the various sexes. I think that these differences contribute to making unique both groups and individuals. I will, however, deny with my dying breath that a militant attitude in proclaiming these differences contributes in any way to the progress and betterment of mankind. Firing up this kind of sentiment is the talent guys like Adolph Hitler possessed.

Gentlemen, let's let our biological individualities be a source of quiet comfort and inner pride. Let it be a "personal thing".

Jonathan Malcolm Lampley

To the Editor:

I am very disappointed. Not only with myself, but also with my fellow human beings. I can't believe that we have let ourselves go this far. I wasn't going to say anything at first, but I can't hold out any longer.

I speak for myself. I am a human being. That comes first. I love, I worry, I hurt, I give, I take. I can say this regardless of my skin color. I can see that other people have different color skin. I can be told that I am different in other ways, also. I am superior; I am inferior. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. I have heard it all my life and still haven't taken it to heart. I still feel inferior at times.

It seems to me that we have been basing all of our "racist" actions against each other on the past. Are we not supposed to learn from the past and put it behind us? Not forget it, but forgive it. The past is gone. The future is coming, and the present is really all that we have. If we are ever to have peace and equality, we can't just talk about it, we have to live it.

This issue is not just at MTSU and it's not just race. It's "white" skinheads against "white" Jews and "blacks." It's Contras and rebels in Nicaragua, the people and their governments in Eastern Europe, and it's drugs against all Americans.

If we've ever needed to be each others strength, the time is *now!* Why can't we be the generation that lays down our colors?

This is how I feel. I could go on, but the inferior part of me says that no one wants to hear what I have to say.

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Letters to the Editor

Students voice admiration, support for Ivan Holmes

To the Editor:

As yet another semester draws to a close, some of us would like to take a moment to address the resignation of Dr. Ivan Holmes and his upcoming departure after finals.

Very few people, if any, go through life without making any mistakes. For most, we can learn from them and put them behind us, but for those like Dr. Holmes, they will follow him wherever he goes.

Dr. Holmes' personal life has unfortunately seeped in to affect his professional career. Regarding his personal tragedies and misfortunes of circumstance, it is not our responsibility to pass judgment, nor is it his responsibility to explain what is beyond his control.

Dr. Holmes has more than adequately fulfilled his duties at this institution. In addition, he has never let his personal problems interfere with his responsibilities to the students. He has placed long hours and tremendous effort into cam-

paing with the PRSSA, and has been extremely generous with time for his students. We greatly appreciate the knowledge and experience he has shared with us. Unfortunately, others will not be given the opportunity to learn from a man who has excelled in his field. He was top news for a few days until the issue was brushed aside. Only those who have Dr. Holmes this semester realize the sadness of the situation.

We all take classes, do the work, make grades, and go on. We do not learn from every class, but it is those classes in which we do learn that we always value.

MTSU would be more respected if it stood behind its troubled members rather than trample over them for the sake of politics. We understand that this university has a reputation to uphold, however, enrollment figures reveal, more than ever, that students want to attend MTSU. For the sake of its students, doesn't a highly experienced and highly qualified professor far outweigh the slight tarnish that may (or may not) reflect upon MTSU?

Too many faculty members are consumed with rank and salary. They forget that in order for students to learn they

must be taught. Teaching includes time, responsibility, and inspiration. Too many teachers lack these values and the only ones left to suffer are the students. Yes, in this situation we are the losers. Perhaps we are in error, but isn't the student the primary concern here? Too many classes lack the challenge that inspires us to excel. For the endless evaluation forms we fill out, one would think something would be done to heed the suggestions and upgrade the education offered at this school. Has anyone considered this? Has the closed-minded Dean Nagy considered this? Or will he too cast the students aside in order to make his job easier?

The students don't want Dr. Holmes to leave, but as is evident at this school, the students never get what they want or deserve. We have pleaded with the administration concerning this issue, but our voices are not even acknowledged.

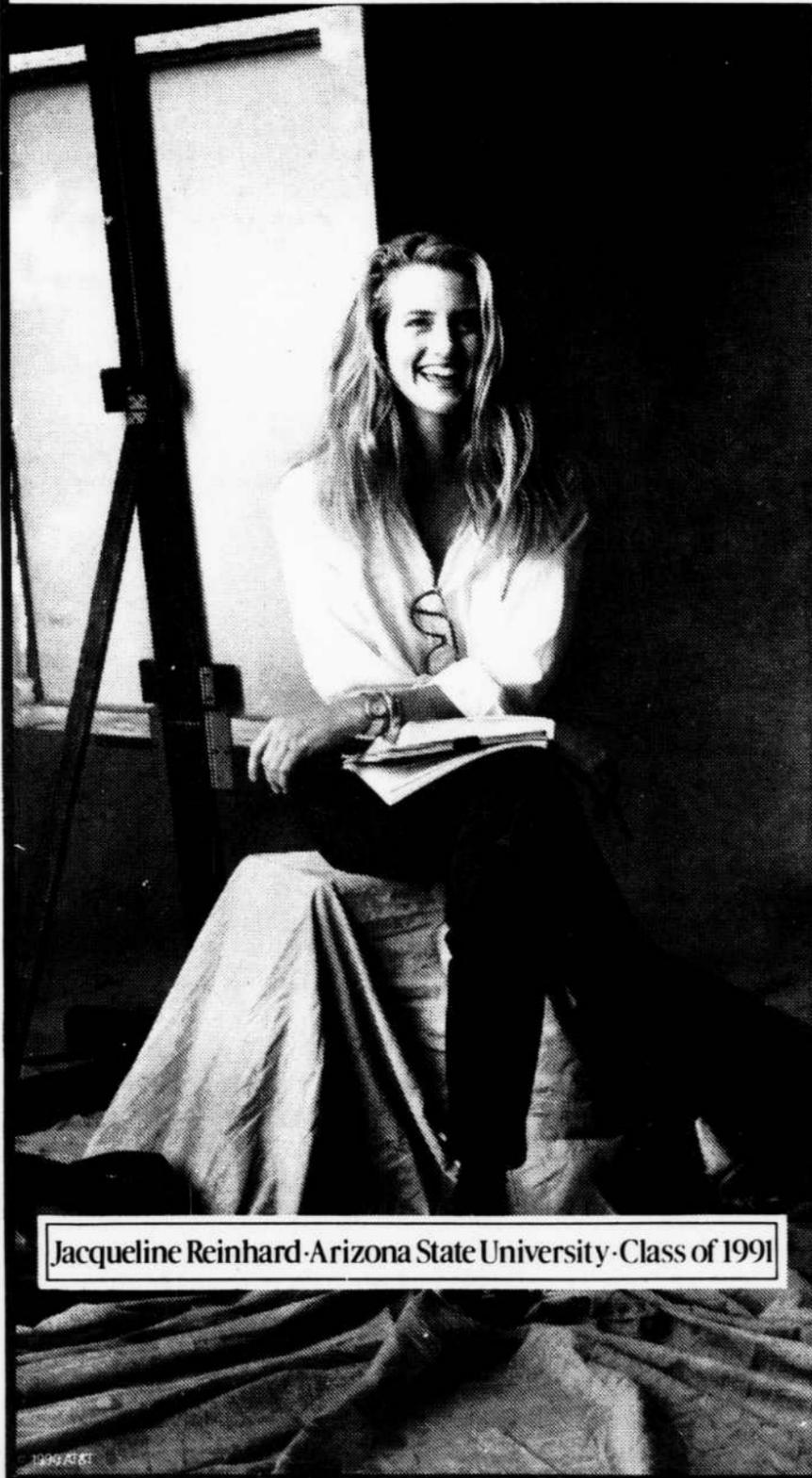
We believe that the students of this school are open-minded enough to look past the private issues and deal with the important matters. The tragedy is that we are losing a competent professor who has instilled in us both knowledge and values. On the business side we have learned the principles of media. On the personal side we have learned that circumstance and vengeful human beings can, and will, set out to destroy others wherever they go. Overall, we have learned more than just the aspects of communications. We may not all proceed to careers in media, but we are more readied for the most important job of all — life.

So, Dr. Holmes, wherever you go, remember that you are far above those who attempt to pull you down. We thank you for being one of the few instructors at MTSU who cared enough to exert a little more energy, spend a little more time, and open us up to more than just a textbook education. We wish that we could fight this battle for you, and we have tried, but as we both know, we cannot fight the system when our opinions mean nothing to those in control. We may as well have a university without students. We can only thank you and wish the best of luck for your future and ours. Both of us need it.

Colleen Carnevale
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Editor's note: Holmes did not leave the university. He is currently an adjunct professor teaching media writing.

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Graduation prayer should take all faiths into account

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in reaction to Mr. Lester Levi's Invocation at MTSU's graduation ceremonies in December. In my opinion, his prayer was highly inappropriate due to its reference to "our Savior Jesus Christ." Perhaps a non-denominational prayer would have been more suitable. One of the basic principles upon which our country is based is the separation of church and state. MTSU is a state sponsored educational facility, therefore the nature of the prayer was inappropriate.

Many *Sidelines*' readers are probably assuming that I am not a Christian. To set the record straight, I have accepted Christ as my savior and I attend church every Sunday. However, I do not deny the validity of anyone's religious beliefs. Obviously, Mr. Levi does not share this principle. He should have taken into account the fact that there are a large number of students and faculty members on campus who are Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, etc. With his prayer, Mr. Levi insulted every non-Christian who attended the commencement ceremonies. I hope that those who organize the graduation ceremonies in the future will consider this by requiring a non-denominational prayer.

Bren Martin

FEATURES

Handicapped students seek 'equal opportunity'

JOHN MOSELEY
Staff Writer

Chances are that while on the MTSU campus you will meet several handicapped individuals, if you haven't already.

The Handicapped Student Services program at MTSU started up in the late 1970s and today includes 145 students. Handicapped Student Services presently offers orientation programs as well as other services to accommodate specific handicaps.

The program also works to allow handicapped students easy access to classrooms by providing ramps and elevators, and if necessary, moving classrooms that do not have adequate access.

Due to federal funding, if any recipient of handicapped services requests a particular service, it has to be provided, says John Harris, director of the program.

Anyone who has a handicap listed under Section 504 of the American Disability Act of 1973 is eligible, explains Harris. Both visible and invisible handicaps such as learning disabilities, color blindness, hearing loss, depression, blindness or anything that hinders a normal function of life are considered.

"We are not given any special consideration when it comes to academics; there are no lessening of the academic standards and there shouldn't be," says Chuck Lawson, a mobility-impaired student at MTSU. Lawson continues, "Handicapped services provides personal adjustment counseling — where people are taught to care for themselves and be independent functioning people. In fact, most handicapped students relish the opportunity to express themselves as individuals.

"Since the handicapped program has been here at MTSU for a good period of time now, most people are desensitized to our presence and don't regard us as anything special, which is good," says Lawson. "There are a few non-thinking people who lock up their bikes to ramps or block curb cuts with their cars, but for the most part, the students here make me feel as a part of campus life."

Do people avoid handicapped people because they don't want to be bothered or involved? Are we afraid we won't



MTSU student Randall Mosley finds his way home from class with the help of a cane.

Sandra Rennie•Staff

know what to say to someone with a handicap? Randall Mosley, a blind student at MTSU, suggests "There is no set way to talk to a handicapped person. Feel free to ask questions, and don't mind talking about their condition."

Mosley lost his sight two years ago to diabetes. Since then he has thrown himself into study and research about blindness and he plans to become a rehabilitation teacher.

Mosley says of his condition, "Sure there is a period of adjustment and some do wallow in self-pity, but I am not a person to be depressed, there is nothing productive about that. Oh, there are changes though. Some of my so-called friends drop off and avoid me.

"Maybe people aren't comfortable being around a handicapped person, but you can talk to me like you would anyone else, there is no difference.

"I have had a loss of my independence and my privacy because of the nature of my handicap; again, we are people first and the handicap should not be a consideration — we deserve equal opportunity."

Mosley notes that his teachers have been "helpful and considerate." However, he adds, "They haven't lowered any standards for me. I feel like a mainstream student here at MTSU and most students I have been in contact with have been real outgoing." ■



Sandra Rennie•Staff

Elaine Stults, mother of past *Sidelines* Editor Doug Stults, accepts his diploma from Dr. Sam Ingram during December graduation ceremonies.

Direct yourself to the best movies

CHARLIE DUDAS
Staff Writer

Most weekend nights start off, "Let's go to the movies."

"Well which one should we see?"

"I don't know, who's in it?"

After seeing the movie were you disappointed? Did you say, "I can't believe I saw that actor or actress in that movie!!!"

There is a better way to choose a film, but it takes a little more preparation. Rather than focusing on the stars, often a more effective choice involves paying attention to the name of the director of the film. The actors often do not have that much control over the film, whereas the director is in control of almost all aspects of the movie. The track record of the directors is usually more consistent than that of the stars.

How can we become more familiar with the better directors' names? Movie aficionados can pay attention to theatre posters, trade journals located in the theatres or just by listening to respected critics like Siskel and Ebert. Watching the credits at the beginning of the movie helps too, and pretty soon the same names keep popping up when good films are mentioned.

Almost everyone is familiar with important directors like Steven Spielberg (*E.T.*, Indiana Jones films), Stanley Kubrick (*2001, Dr. Strangelove*), or Francis Ford Coppola (*The Godfather, Apocalypse Now*). However, there are a host of other directors who don't get as much publicity that are associated with distinctive, original films and aren't afraid to take risks. Here is a list of some of them:

Barry Levinson (*Rain Man*) showed us what was to come with an underrated study of growing up in the early 1960's in a film called *Diner*.

William Friedkin thrilled us with literate fast-paced blockbusters like *The Exorcist* and *The French Connection* and *To Live and Die In L.A.*

Brian De Palma's forte is controversial, violent, stylized suspense and crime dramas such as *Carrie*, *Scarface*, and *The Untouchables*.

Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner*, *Alien* and *Black Rain* are all examples of artsy, atmospheric, high tech films that contain superior special effects and sets.

John Boorman directs somber, realistic Man vs. environment/fate films. Examples of his work are *Deliverance*, *Excaliber* and *The Emerald Forest*.

Perhaps the least publicized director of major films of the 1980's is Alan Parker, responsible for at least three films that did not receive the attention they deserve: *Pink Floyd: The Wall*, *Angel Heart* and *Midnight Express*. However, Parker got his due in 1988 with the release of his acclaimed *Mississippi Burning*.

Other directors to be on the look for include: Oliver Stone (*Platoon, Wall Street*), Lawrence Kasdan (*The Big Chill*), Peter Hyams (*Running Scared, 2010*), Robert Zemeckis (*Roger Rabbit, Back to the Future I and II*). There are many more fine directors, and soon a person can compile a list of his or her own personal favorite directors. ■

Free treatment available for hair loss

From Staff Reports

MTSU Student Health Services and the Upjohn Company are recruiting participants for a new hair loss treatment post-marketing program.

MTSU students, faculty, and staff who are experiencing baldness or thinning are encouraged to stop by Student Health Services and apply for a five-month program of free treatment with Rogaine Topical Solution.

Applicants will be asked to complete a questionnaire and submit to a brief physical exam.

Dr. Robert Hackman and Donald Young of Student Health Services will select 10-12 participants who will be required to participate in monthly physical exams and follow-up surveys.

The new treatment was discovered by accident when minoxidil, the active ingredient in Rogaine, was being tested as medication to treat high blood pressure.

Rogaine is the first to receive FDA clearance for the

treatment of male pattern baldness of the crown of the head.

Richard L. DeVillez, M.D., director of dermatology at Upjohn, cautions that the medication is a "treatment, not a cure."

At least four months of twice-daily use is generally required before evidence of hair growth can be expected.

DeVillez also warns that "cessation of Rogaine treatment in patients with hair growth will lead to the loss of new hair within a few months."

Studies have uncovered no serious side effects to the drug, although about 5 percent of patients have experienced itching and other skin irritations.

Individuals with coronary artery disease may be at risk should systemic effects — such as increased heart rate — occur.

Rogaine is currently registered and marketed in 46 countries outside the United States. ■

Alternative rockers to visit M-boro

From Staff Reports

Kentucky-based rockers Government Cheese will invade Murfreesboro this Saturday for a show at 527 Mainstreet.

The Cheese features Skot Willis (vocals and guitars), Tommy Womack (lead guitar and vocals), Billy Mack Hill (bass and vocals) and drummer Joe King.

Government Cheese was formed in 1984 when Willis and Womack were attending Western Kentucky University. The band's most recent LP, *Live! Three Chords, No Waiting*, spent 21 weeks on the national charts.

Government Cheese's latest video, "Mamma Drive the Bus," has been rapidly gaining momentum at college radio stations around the country. The band's first video, "Face to Face," was picked up by MTV's *120 Minutes*.

Government Cheese has been described by the CMJ New Music Report as "tight, funky, bluesy, rough-edged pop that will attract mice from all corners."

Showtime is approximately 9:30 and local rockers A Band Called Bob will open the show. ■

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Tech double-wrecks MTSU

Raiders mauled by Golden Eagles in Monday night's "Basketbrawl"

TONY J. ARNOLD
Staff Writer

An expected battle between the MTSU Blue Raiders and their arch rivals, the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles, turned into a no-holds-barred war Monday as Tech soared past the Raiders 100-75.

The victory broke a streak of nine Blue Raider victories over Tech. The spanking was Middle's worst setback since Seton Hall upended them by 32 points in 1987.

Tennessee Tech jumped out early, taking a 5-0 lead on a three-pointer by Van Usher with 19:16 left in the half. Senior center Milos Babic scored at will, nailing 12 of Tech's first 18 points.

The Raiders, refusing to let Tech pull away, were led by Kevin Wallace and Quincy Vance, who scored nine and four points respectively. Midway through the

first period, MTSU trailed 18-15.

With 10:31 remaining in the half, sophomore guard Mike Buck shoved Babic from behind. Babic subsequently became involved in a verbal exchange with Vance. A shoving match ensued between the two, and the benches emptied as a wrestling match broke out on the floor.

"I'm a Blue Raider. If you mess with one of us, you have to deal with all of us," said senior forward Kevin Wallace, referring to the shoving match.

"There is a fine line between intensity and something getting out of hand, and these two teams must really hate each other to let it get out of hand like this," said MTSU coach Bruce Stewart about the scuffle.

After an official review of the incident, Babic and Earl Wise of Tech, and Wallace,

Vance and David Clark of MTSU were dismissed from the game.

"The fight served as a motivator for both teams," said Raider guard Gerald Harris.

The two teams resumed play with high emotions and patchwork line-ups. At the end of what might go down in the books as the longest half of basketball ever, Tech took a 45-39 lead into the locker room.

In the second period, Tech came out ready to play. Unfortunately MTSU didn't.

Tech quickly extended their lead to 14 on a thunderous slam by Jerome Rogers at the 17:23 mark. Tech continued to pound the Raiders inside the paint and outside the perimeter.

Rogers sparkled from the inside while Usher, who led all players with 24 points, and Bobby McWilliams

poured it on from the outside. The trio combined for 18 points in the first seven minutes of the half.

The Raiders, attempting to mount a comeback, were led by sophomore guard Titus Jackson, who scored six straight points, and junior center Chris Ingram, who scored eight points over a two minute period. But Tech would not be denied.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Raiders down the stretch 37-24, posting a final tally of 100-75. The win marks the first time in 23 years that the Eagles have scored 100 points or more against MTSU.

Another poor shooting performance and lack of defensive effort were the keys to the loss. The Raiders shot only 37 percent from the floor and accumulated 25 personal fouls on the night. "This is the lowest this team



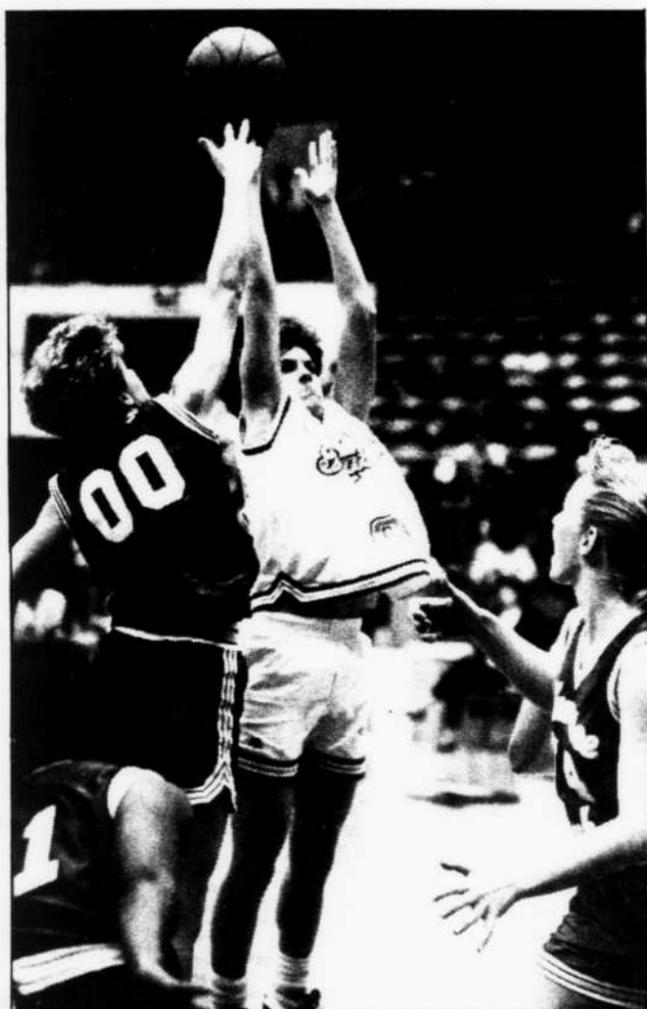
Wayne Cartwright •Staff

Senior point guard Gerald Harris snares a loose ball in Monday night's game against Tennessee Tech.

has been since I've been here," said Harris.

Four Raiders finished in double figures. Robert "Cateye" Taylor led MTSU with 17, followed by Ingram and Jackson with 12, and sophomore guard Mike Buck with 11.

For his part in Monday night's fracas, Buck was suspended by Stewart from playing against Louisiana Tech in tonight's game. "Because of Mike's irrational behavior, we lost three good inside players, and the game," Stewart said of Buck's suspension. ■



Wayne Cartwright •Staff

Freshman guard Julie Morrison finds herself surrounded by Eaglettes as she goes up for a shot in Monday night's game against Tech.

Lady Raiders fall hard to Golden Eaglettes in conference opener

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

In the OVC opener for both schools, the nineteenth-ranked Golden Eaglettes of Tennessee Tech University steamrolled the MTSU Lady Raiders Monday night in Murphy Center, 71-49. The loss was the Lady Raiders' worst in two years, and their worst to Tech since the 1978-79 season.

"I really thought we'd play well tonight," said Head Coach Lewis Bivens. "We did a good job defensively, but our offense doesn't make very good decisions. We make the poorest decisions mentally a team can make."

While a stingy MTSU defense held the high-flying Eaglettes to only 28 points and outrebounded them 22-20 in the first half, the Lady Raider offense appeared comatose throughout most of the game.

The Lady Raiders, who scored only 16 points and shot only 22.7 percent from the floor in the first half, finished with only 27.1 percent for the game. A tough Tennessee Tech defense stilled MTSU on the outside as well, holding the Raiders to only one three-point attempt in the first half.

"We didn't get the job done tonight," said freshman guard Tricia Sisson. "I felt like we were prepared coming into the game, but we didn't do what we're supposed to do."

To compound their problems, the Lady Raiders hamstrung themselves with 15 first-half turnovers, allowed nine steals and totaled only six assists for the game. All but two of Tech's players scored, while only five Lady Raiders scored on the night.

"We can't execute on offense," Bivens said. "We've

made the same mistakes we always make, and we go over them every day [in practice]. Tech scored 70 points tonight; 20 of them came off of our offense."

We did a good job defensively, but our offense doesn't make very good decisions. — Coach Lewis Bivens

The contest started slow for both teams. It took Tech better than five minutes, and MTSU better than ten minutes, to hit the 10-point mark. With 10:34 left in the first period and trailing by twelve points, MTSU went on a 7-0 run to make the score 19-14. It was the closest the Lady Raiders came to Tech all night.

In the second half, the

Eaglettes rolled out of the locker room and over the Lady Raiders. TTU outscored the Raiders 18-5 in the first six minutes of the half, and never looked back.

Freshman guard Julie Morrison led all players with 14 points, and was the only Lady Raider who finished in double figures for the night. Junior forward Stephanie Capley led the Raiders with eight rebounds, and scored six

points. Pippa Gipson, the leading scorer for the Lady Raiders, was held to just nine points and seven rebounds.

The Eaglettes, who finished with five players in double figures, were led by Renay Adams with 13. Melinda Clayton, Angela Moorehead and Mitzi Rice each scored 12 points, and Cecilia Ramsey finished with 11. ■

Ballplayer Brown adapts to life at MTSU, in NCAA

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

The french braid swings to and fro as she sets herself just outside of that magical 19.9 foot line. Her eyes, glittering like shavings of brilliant blue crystal, narrow ever so slightly as she focuses on the basket. Well-muscled legs pump like double pistons. Small, soft hands push upwards, outwards.

Time slows to a crawl. The ball seems to hang in mid-air, spinning like a small, leather planet. And then, like a shooting star, it falls silently through the net.

The official signals the three-point goal. But she does not see, for she has already turned away, heading downcourt, making the transition from offense to defense.

For Kristi Kay Brown, shooting three-point baskets is nothing new. Attending college at MTSU and playing NCAA basketball, however, are new.

Brown is one of six newcomers to play basketball for MTSU, and one of two freshman starting for the Lady Raiders. In only her first year at MTSU, Brown

— who has hit on 18 of 50 three-point attempts — leads the Lady Raiders in three-point scoring, and ranks fourth overall in the Ohio Valley Conference in both three-point percentage and scoring.

"Kristi is a good, solid player," said Lady Raider Head Coach Lewis Bivens. "She has a quick release, is very coachable and sees the floor well. She has far exceeded my expectations for her at this point."

When asked about her early success at MTSU, however, Brown expressed great surprise.

"I was surprised when I got to play and start," said Brown. "I'm surprised that at times, Coach [Bivens] will ask me to shoot the ball. I'm surprised that he has that much confidence in a freshman to shoot the ball."

Brown's athletic talent was fostered early on in her life. Her father played baseball for MTSU, and Brown's love of basketball was nurtured as a child by her older sisters, who played the sport.

Brown played junior pro basketball beginning at age nine, and went on to play at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro. Although she also enjoys playing rac-

quetball and softball, basketball is her first love.

"I always liked basketball better," said Brown. "There's more action in the game."

Brown averaged 12 points a game during her years at Riverdale, and 11.5 points a game as a senior. She was recruited out of high school not only by MTSU, but also by Tennessee Tech and several area community colleges. For Brown, the choice was simple.

"[MTSU] is where I've always wanted to go," said Brown.

According to Brown, the college experience has been quite challenging for her to adjust to.

"College classes are harder," said Brown. "I made good grades in high school, but I didn't study. In college, you have to do more on your own."

"I like not having to go to school all day, though. It's nice to be able to set your own hours."

Not only has Brown had to adapt to a tougher curriculum, but also a new way of life in general.

"I like being on my own."

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Quote of the Week

"I'm not worried about my playing time; I just want the team to do well."

Freshman guard Tricia Sisson, who has played sparingly for the Lady Raiders this season.



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I didn't think I would, but I love it. I didn't know if I could handle being away from Mom and Dad, having to take care of myself and doing everything for myself.

"I'm still the little girl, I guess. I still like the attention from Mom and Dad."

Playing basketball in the NCAA has also been quite challenging for Brown.

"The action's a lot tougher. You have to be stronger. It's a faster-paced game. You have to understand more about it.

"It's not just going out and playing. It's more team ball."

According to Brown, the best part of playing college

basketball is probably the friendship she shares with her fellow basketball players.

"We get along really good," said Brown. "I was nervous coming in as a freshman. And then when I got to start, I was afraid there'd be some hard feelings. But there hasn't been."

"Julie [Morrison], Tricia [Sisson], the other girls and I do everything together, and I think we're closer on the floor.

"At times on the floor, I'll be down and Julie will come pick me up. The same thing goes for Tricia or any of the other girls."

Brown has not declared a major at this point, but has interests in science.

"I want to be a physical therapist," she said, "but I'll probably end up going somewhere else to go to school. I may just major in Biology. I'm not decided."

While Brown is uncertain of what academic course she'll pursue, she is quite certain of where she is going athletically.

"I hope we can win the conference title many, many times by the time I graduate," Brown said, flashing a characteristic, heart-stopping smile. "I hope we can win it all four years. If not four, then three."

"Kristi's a hard-nosed kid, said Bivens. "She loves to play, and plays very tough.

Until Brown gets better then, she will continue to work on her speed, one of the few chinks in her armor. She will continue to study here at MTSU. When the opportunity presents itself, she will hit downtown Murfreesboro with her teammates for an occasional "girl's night out."

She will continue to toss in basketballs from three-point land with the greatest of ease. She will turn coach's heads and catch the eyes of opposing players.

And she will continue to get better. Only time will tell just how much better she will get, only time and Kristi Kay Brown. ■



Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Kristi Kay Brown

Ladies look for big win

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders will attempt to break the longest losing streak in the history of MTSU women's basketball Friday night when they host South Florida.

The South Florida Bulls have lost their last four games, and bring a 7-6 record into the game Friday. The game marks the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

"We've just got to go on," said Raider Head Coach Lewis Bivens, referring to MTSU's loss to Tech Monday night.

"We can't dwell on it," agreed freshman guard Julie Morrison. "It's over with, and we've got to get it out of our heads. We need to start playing like we know how."

"We've got to learn from our mistakes," said Bivens. "We've played the last

couple of games tough on defense. We've just got to get to the point where we've got a consistent-type offense."

The Lady Raiders play again Saturday night against the Lady Bulldogs of the University of North Carolina-Asheville. The Lady Raiders defeated UNCA last year in Asheville 88-50 in the first meeting between the two teams. Both games will be played in MTSU's Murphy Center, and are scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

The Lady Raiders wind up their weekend schedule against Tennessee State on Monday night. MTSU is undefeated against the Lady Tigers in 12 previous meetings, and beat TSU in two games last year by a total of 48 points. The Lady Raiders will be looking for their initial OVC win in that contest. ■

Raiders seek revenge

TONY J. ARNOLD
Staff Writer

The MTSU Blue Raiders will host the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs in basketball action this evening. The two met earlier this season in

Ruston, Louisiana. Tech posted a 98-77 decision over the Raiders in that game.

"Louisiana Tech is probably as good a team, or the best team we'll play all season," said Raider Head Coach Bruce Stewart.

Tech enters the game with a record of 11-2, while the Blue Raiders will be trying to snap a five-game losing streak. Four of the last

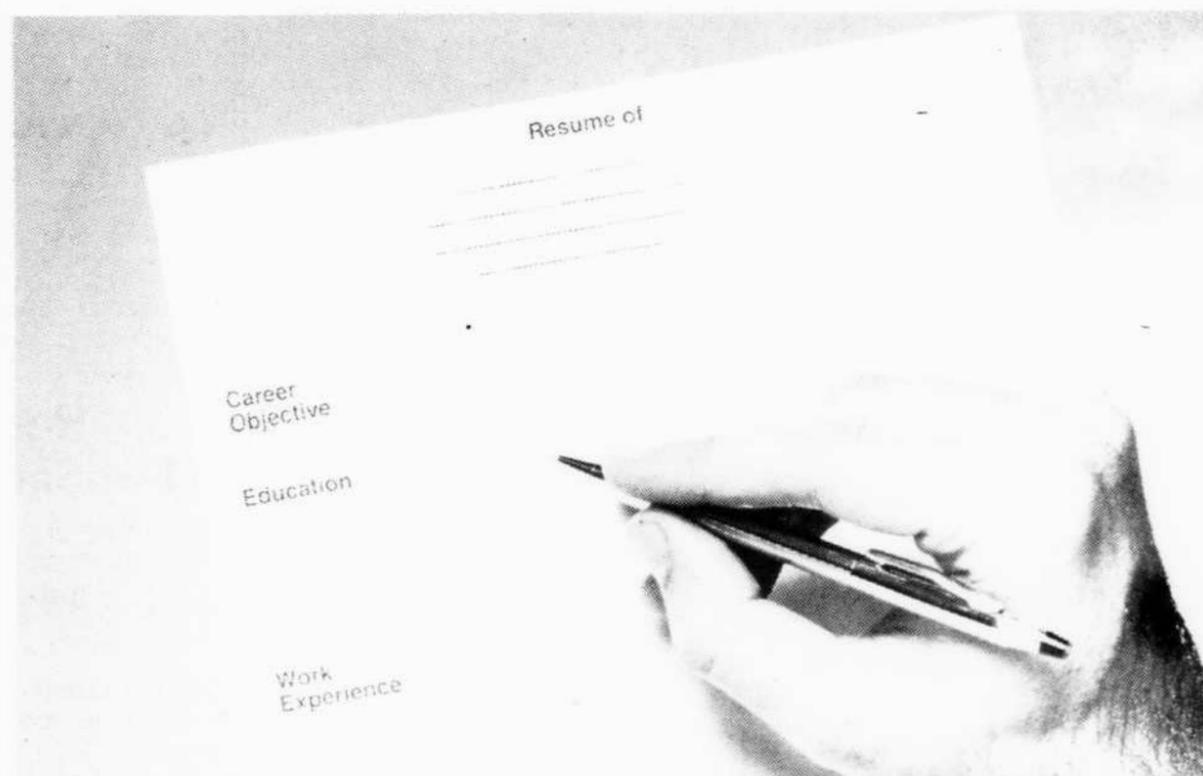
five meetings between the two have been decided by

five points or less. The game is set for 7 p.m. in MTSU's Murphy Center.

On Monday, the Raiders return to OVC action as they travel to Tennessee State University's Gentry Center. The Raiders hold a 13-game winning streak over TSU and defeated the Tigers in two games last year by 62 points.

After dropping their OVC season opener to Tennessee Tech on Monday night, the Raiders will be looking for their first conference win against TSU. The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.

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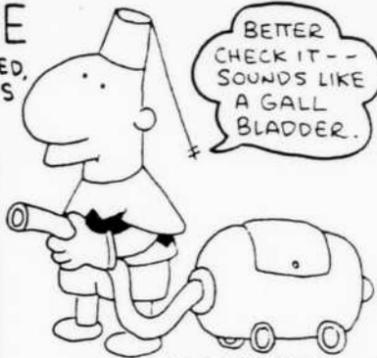
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