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News Briefs

SANTA YNEZ, Calif. (UPI)—After ignoring critics outraged because of his environmental policies and tart tongue for 2½ years, Interior Secretary James Watt announced his resignation Sunday. Watt read reporters a letter he sent President Reagan which began: "Dear Mr. President, The time has come."

SEOUL, South Korea (UPI)—President Chun Doo Hwan ordered the military on alert yesterday and moved to rebuild his government, shattered by a bomb blast in Burma in which his top aides were among 19 people killed. Chun charged the explosion was an attempt by North Korea to assassinate him as he visited Rangoon Sunday.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI)—Dr. Barbara McClintock, a botanist at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York, won the 1983 Nobel Prize in Medicine yesterday for pioneering genetic research she conducted some three decades ago.

MANILA, Philippines (UPI)—The commission assigned to investigate the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino resigned yesterday amid growing signs of unrest within the government of President Ferdinand Marcos. A commission member announced the resignations in a letter, saying the panel was dissolving itself in the "higher interest of truth and justice."

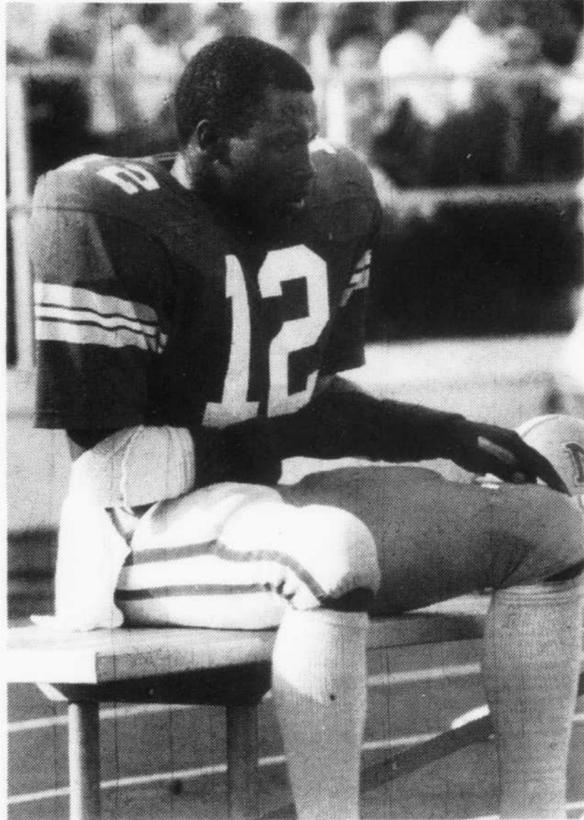
PANAMA CITY (UPI)—A presidential commission seeking consensus on U.S. policy arrived in Panama yesterday for a first-hand look at the troubled region. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said the bipartisan panel will check on economic progress and political development in Central America.

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI)—Former Vice President Walter Mondale is the early favorite of nearly 3,000 of the Democratic faithful in Iowa, which conducts the nation's first presidential caucus. Mondale got 48.1 percent of the vote in a straw poll conducted by the Iowa Newspaper Association.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Food stamp programs should be replaced by soup kitchens and vitamins because those who now get stamps still are malnourished, according to the conservative publication Policy Review. The Heritage Foundation publication said passing out vitamin pills to the poor would be cheaper and healthier.

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Oil industry analyst Dan Lundberg said retail gasoline prices nationwide dropped by more than half a cent during the first week of October.

Hall may get service work



Vince Hall Photo by Mike Poley

By **MIKE JONES** and **MAT WILLIAMS**
The University Discipline Committee yesterday recommended that MTSU football star Vince Hall complete 60 hours of public service work for failure to comply with disciplinary measures taken against him last spring.

Hall was arrested in October, 1982 for reportedly attempting to cash a forged check in the campus bookstore.

He was originally to complete 40 hours of public service work this past summer on the order of the committee when it handed down the initial ruling last spring. A Dec. 16 deadline was set for completion of the work.

HALL SAID Sunday that he failed to complete any of the 40 hours.

The tailback from Scottsboro, Ala., who was named OVC Player of the Week last week and was MTSU's second

leading rusher last season, said he was relieved after the committee told him of their decision.

"I feel a lot better about the situation, but I don't want to say anything else about it until I talk with Coach (Boots) Donnelly," Hall said yesterday.

Hall declined comment on any other possible measures the committee may have taken.

DONNELLY WAS NOT available for comment last night, but said last week that he did not intend to remove Hall from the team because of his failure to complete the public service work.

"Vince has an obligation to do his work, whatever the committee decides," Donnelly said.

The committee's recommendation will now be sent to Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance for review and possible confirmation.

"They'll send me the recommendation," LaLance said last night. "I don't know when it will get to me. Usually there's a two-day time period."

LALANCE WOULD NOT comment on a ruling in the upcoming decision.

"This is not a matter of original jurisdiction on the case," he said.

After LaLance makes his decision, Hall will be given an undetermined amount of time to appeal the ruling. Students are normally given 48 hours to appeal a disciplinary ruling.

"That's normal here," LaLance said. "I'm not sure in this case because it's unusual."

THE SEVEN-MEMBER committee deliberated an hour before informing Hall of its decision.

"I don't feel I should comment on the committee's recommendation until the vice president acts," Race Bergman, chairman of the committee and a professor in the education department, said.

Ross to pick freshman

By **MAT WILLIAMS**
Sidelines Associate Editor

Two freshmen have applied for a vacant ASB Senate position and will be considered for recommendation along with any other possible applicants, ASB President Mark Ross said yesterday.

The Senate position is available because only four freshmen students received votes in last week's election, including Paula McDonald, Tommy Bunch, Rita Walker and write-in candidate Ada Sanders. Five positions were open.

ROSS SAID that he will probably recommend the one additional freshman for confirmation by the ASB House late next week.

The two applicants who have applied for the position are Debbie Schmidt and Danny Throgmorton, Ross said.

"I'm glad there were a couple of students who thought about it," he noted. "I'd like to give all the freshmen a chance to seek a freshman spot that

were't able to at first for a variety of reasons."

LAST YEAR there were 18 freshmen who applied for a Senate position in comparison to the three this year, and, consequently, this race was not as competitive as in past years, Ross explained.

Ross blamed the small number of candidates on a lack of publicity in *Sidelines* and the fact that many freshmen weren't able to fill out a petition and turn it in.

"Some freshmen had complained that they didn't know about the election," he said. "I attribute that to a lack of publicity."

ROSS SAID he would like to work with Speaker of the Senate Ron Malone to review the applications, sit in on interviews and offer opinions



Photo by Walter Karell

MTSU alumnus Greg Wilkins, right, lends a new friend a helping arm (or two) Saturday during the MTSU-Eastern game. When young Jason Patrick began to have trouble breathing during the game, Greg helped carry the boy to a waiting ambulance, which then transported Jason to Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Officials said that Jason was treated and released at the hospital's emergency room.

concerning the available position, and is working on this possibility.

He added that he felt confident that a qualified representative from the

freshman class can be found to fill the position.

"I think we can get a good person from the freshmen applicants," he said.

In addition to the Senate

seat, there are ASB cabinet positions and executive branch positions available and applications and interviews will be accepted from those who are interested, Ross said.

Kendrick studies similarities between humans, pigeons

By **JOHN PAUL ABNER**
Sidelines Staff Writer

Psychology Professor Skip Kendrick came to MTSU this fall, bringing with him a Ph.D. and a group of laboratory pigeons.

Department congeniality and the southern climate played a part in luring the Washington State native to MTSU, but the university's research facilities were the main attraction, Kendrick said last week.

THE UNIVERSITY'S "rat lab" is sufficient to maintain the equipment that he brought down himself, he said, including his pigeons.

"At the present, I am doing research in the differences that people and pigeons have in memory processing and concept formation," Kendrick said. "In other words, do people see the world the same way that pigeons see the world?"

Kendrick said that there are

several ways to look at the question.

"ONE IS MEMORY processing, which is trying to discover if humans remember things similar to the way that pigeons do," he said. "People remember things in a serial procession; that is, they recall objects that were first and last in a series better than the objects that were in the middle of the series."

To answer that question, Kendrick shows human sub-

jects a series of six pictures. Then, after a slight delay, or retention period, they are shown one picture and asked if it was included in the original set of pictures.

The experiment proceeds in much the same way for pigeons as for the humans. The birds are put in a specially-designed box and shown the series of six pictures.

AFTER THEY SEE the pictures, the pigeons peck at a button to their right if the

picture was included in the original series; they peck at a left button if it is not one of the originals.

"Since the pigeons are fed whenever they are right," Kendrick said, "they really want to perform well."

And the findings? **"PIGEONS HAVE** the same thought procession as humans do," he said.

"The only difference is that humans can have a longer retention period, for after about 10 seconds, pigeons cannot recall the pictures."

Experiments on concept formation go into more depth, Kendrick said.

"They are designed to discover if pigeons see the same thing humans do when they look at a particular object," he said. "A human being can look at a wide variety of trees and still classify them as 'tree.'"

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Tuesday
Oct. 11 noon
Poster Contest MC Track
4:30 p.m. Contestant's Reception
President's Home

Wednesday
Oct. 12 4 p.m. Pep Rally KUC Courtyard
8 p.m. Homecoming Dance Tennessee Room

Thursday
Oct. 13 11:30 a.m. Locomotion Vaudeville KUC Courtyard
1-6 p.m. Campus Skate KUC Courtyard
2:30 p.m. Activities Day Cope Lawn

Friday
Oct. 14 6:30 p.m. Bonfire Cummings Yard

Homecoming Saturday
Oct. 15 8:15 a.m. Parade line-up
9 a.m. Parade
1:30 p.m. Football Game
8 p.m. Alabama Concert Murphy Center

Campus Capsule

STUDENTS INTERESTED in joining Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society, are invited to a get-together on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

MEMBERS OF Gamma Beta Phi should meet in Room 221, the LRC Multi-media room at 6:30 p.m. today.

APPLICATIONS are being accepted by ASB President Mark Ross for one freshman senator position and for available cabinet positions. Interested persons should contact the ASB at 898-2464 or go by Room 304 of the University Center to pick up an application and set up an interview.

PSI CHI/PSYCHOLOGY Club members will meet at 4 p.m. today in Room 305, at the University Center. All psychology majors, minors, graduate students and other interested persons are invited to attend. Dr. Schnelle will be the speaker.

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

THE BAPTIST Student Union is sponsoring an Oct. 14 concert, "Truth," at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of First Baptist Church. Admission is free. For more information call 893-5035.

THE MIDDLE Tennessee Rugby Club is looking for new players. No experience is necessary and no one will be cut. Interested persons should call 895-0728 or visit practice sessions on the Greenland Drive field (next to the soccer field) at 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

THE MTSU CHESS Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 315 of the University Center.

ORGANIZATIONAL Information forms must be completed by Oct. 12 in order for your organization to be properly registered with MTSU for the fall semester. All forms should be returned to Room 124 of the University Center. Any organization which fails to file the proper forms may be denied the use of University services and facilities. Please notify the Minority Affairs office of any changes in presidents or advisors.

FALL TRYOUTS for MTSU men's and women's Intercollegiate Bowling Team will be Wednesday and Thursdays through Oct. 15 from 2-4 p.m. at Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes. If you're interested, but unable to attend, call 896-0945 and leave your name and number. Those who tried out last spring are also asked to finish trying out if they haven't done so.

ANYONE interested in learning the campus frisbee golf course is invited to meet with members of the MTSU Frisbee Club every Monday at 5 p.m. in the parking lot next to Stuart Hall Apartments. The MTSU Frisbee Club Ultimate Team plays every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday at 4:30 p.m. on the field across from CJ's on Greenland Drive. Interested persons are encouraged to play. Everyone will play and no skills are required.

APPLICATIONS for the Social Work Program field placement experience for the spring semester may be obtained from the SWP office, Room 309 in Peck Hall. The applications must be completed and returned before Oct. 14. For additional information, call 898-2477.

"IDEAS FOR ASB" boxes have been placed at the Grill and on the breezeway at Peck Hall. Suggestions for the ASB from the student body are appreciated. Ideas and comments on unsigned letters will not be considered.

BACCHUS will meet at 6 p.m. today in Room 315 of the University Center.

Photos receive go-ahead

NASHVILLE (UPI)—The state Friday received the go-ahead for its plan to put photographs on drivers' licenses.

The Court of Appeals Friday reversed and dismissed Davidson County Chancellor Robert Brandt's injunction against the state implementing the program.

BRANDT HAD ruled against the state in a dispute between two companies competing for the business.

Safety Commissioner Gus Wood said that unless the matter was appealed to the state Supreme Court, his department would begin setting up photo license stations across the state and

hiring 144 people.

The legal battle over the \$5 million program began when DEK Identification Inc. submitted a bid \$800,000 lower than Polaroid Corporation.

THE STATE said DEK's bid did not meet specifications and the firm went to court.

A second bid letting took place last April with new specifications.

DEK claimed in the suit that only Wood could make the decision to have a second letting and the state Board of Standards acted improperly.

POLAROID SUBMITTED the lowest bid on the second letting and had apparently won the contract, until Brandt

ruled in DEK's favor, temporarily enjoining the state from awarding the contract.

"My understanding would be that the matter stands prior to anybody filing any suit which means the state is at liberty to rebid or issue bids based upon prior invitations," Wood said.

"What I hope it means is that the litigation is behind us and that the Department of Safety can buy cameras and initiate the procedures so that by the real cold weather the department can issue photo drivers' licenses."

Attorneys said they were not sure what the state would do, since apparently officials are free to hold another bid letting.

Car stereo equipment stolen

By DEE PARKER
Sidelines Staff Writer

Burglars took an estimated \$300 to \$400 in cassette stereo equipment from three Marred Housing complex, along the north side facing the cow pasture, he said. He said burglars apparently broke into the three autos after 1:30 Saturday morning. The weekend car break-ins

The vehicles were parked in the D and H areas in the Married Housing complex, along the north side facing the cow pasture, he said.

He said burglars apparently broke into the three autos after 1:30 Saturday morning.

The weekend car break-ins

are the first case this semester in which more than two cars were burglarized at about the same time, Nancy Weatherly of Campus Security said.

Several isolated incidents of car thefts have been reported on campus this fall, she added.

Pigeons

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THE EXPERIMENTS are conducted in practically the same way as earlier tests, with the pigeons being shown a group of pictures, given a brief retention period and shown another picture. This time, the pictures are sometimes composed of different types of trees. The pigeons must decide if they are the same or different.

Again, the pigeons' thought processes are similar to those of humans, as they can grasp the concept of "trees."

Kendrick stressed that these experiments are behavioral in nature. The pigeons are not harmed in any way, nor are they given any type of drug.

HOWEVER, DURING Kendrick's work in Texas, he

said, a laboratory assistant decided otherwise.

She took all the pigeons and set them "free," causing considerable problems.

"These are not a wild bunch of pigeons," Kendrick said. "They were hatched in a laboratory and have had no dealings with outside nature at all, thus they are slightly different than natural-born pigeons."

THE LAB PIGEONS, for example, deal with dangerous situations differently than pigeons who have been raised in the wild.

"Instead of flying to get away from predators, they run," Kendrick said, "because in the laboratory, it's easy to catch them while they're flying. It's harder to find them

when they run and hide underneath something.

"Also, they do not know how to land on tree branches. When they try to land on a tree branch, they fall off. This poses considerable problems if there is a dog or a cat waiting underneath."

THUS, INSTEAD of the lab assistant's original goal of liberating the birds to a natural life, there were a lot of dead pigeons everywhere on campus.

Besides working on his research, Kendrick also teaches a statistics course and a learning theory class. The latter gives students a chance to do research of their own.

That gives rise to another question: Do students and pigeons view their classes in the same manner?

Spring enrollment to decrease

By JACKIE BURRELL
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's spring 1984 enrollment may be reduced by more than 1,000 students because of graduation and academic suspensions—but those figures are not unusual, Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie said last week.

Gillespie said the expected decrease can be attributed to approximately 600 seniors graduating in December, while another 600 students—"a pretty good guesstimate"—will probably be placed on academic suspension for the spring semester. Only 200 new students are expected to

register.

"IT'S NOT UNUSUAL at all," Gillespie said. "We usually have 400 to 600 students suspended every semester, and another two or three or 400 just won't come back."

"We've already had at least 150 students to withdraw this fall, for one reason or another."

The enrollment reduction will also reduce registration times by one hour per day.

"SINCE THERE will be 1,000 less students, it will take approximately two hours less to register them," Gillespie said. "We average registering about 500 students per hour."

Spring registration will be conducted Jan. 5 and 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Past registrations have continued until 6 p.m.

Registration for night classes will be Jan. 4, from 5-7 p.m.

"IT WILL TAKE the same amount of time it took last year to register those students taking only night classes," Gillespie said, "but the time of day for registration will be changed."

"In terms of registration itself, the procedures will be about the same."

Gillespie added that no new type of technological system will be used in the registration process.

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Watt resigns position

SANTA YNEZ, Calif. (UPI)—Interior Secretary James Watt had ignored his critics, outraged because of his environmental policies and his tart tongue, for 2½ years. But eroding political support finally forced him to quit.

Watt announced to reporters Sunday he was resigning, reading aloud from the letter he wrote President Reagan that began, "Dear Mr. President, The time has come."

HE SAID HIS "usefulness to the president has come to an end" because of the controversy over his description of an advisory panel as "a black ... a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

Environmentalists were pleased with his decision; some conservatives were not.

Watt, self-described "lightning rod" of the Reagan Cabinet, spoke briefly outside the ranch in the Santa Ynez Mountains where he had been secluded for four days as calls for his resignation mounted from members of both parties. After making his statement and answering a few questions, he mounted his horse and rode off into the sunset.

REAGAN, WHO had stood



Photo by Mike Poley

Felder Hall residents belt out their own version of MTSU's fight song during yesterday afternoon's campus-wide competition of the same name. Results of the competition were still being tabulated at press time, but at least 10 campus organizations competed in one of three categories.

by Watt throughout the furor over his Sept. 21 wisecrack, said in a statement that he talked with Watt and "reluctantly accepted his resignation."

Reagan said Watt, a target of environmentalists since he took office, "has done an outstanding job as a member of my Cabinet and in his stewardship of the natural resources of the nation."

THERE WAS NO word on a successor; Reagan said Watt would continue until a successor is named.

Student nailed for marijuana

By WALTER KARELL
Sidelines Staff Writer

One student was sent to the Dean of Men and two non-students were asked to leave campus Oct. 2 after Campus Security officers found them smoking marijuana, security reports said.

Security officers were summoned to H-Hall around 11 p.m. by Dean of Men David Hays and were asked to assist in an investigation of drug use on the third floor.

AT HAYS' request, a dean's citation was issued to Derrick Davis for his alleged involvement in the marijuana incident, sources said.

The two men who were asked to leave campus had not been identified by security.

Although enough marijuana was found to file charges against everyone involved, a witness said, security records did not indicate that any of the substance had been confiscated.

Hays declined comment yesterday on the specific case, but said that as a general rule, persons without a campus affiliation who are involved in violations of university policy are asked to leave campus.

"IN A CASE where we can determine that the person is not affiliated with the university and there has been a breach of the peace, it's up to the discretion of myself or the police officer working the case," Hays said.



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Personals

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X-Boss

Survivalist Wishes to meet others with similar interests for discussion of ideas, plain talk, and possibly to form group on campus. If interested write to P.O. Box 9281.

Le Grande Fromage: Voulez-vous...?

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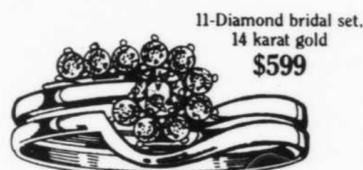
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Bye bye James Watt

In his resignation letter to President Reagan, Interior Secretary James Watt said a different type of leadership in the Interior Department would best serve the President and the nation.

At last, someone in Reagan's cabinet recognized the obvious.

During his tenure, Watt has assaulted the nation with a "use it up now because Armageddon's near," environmental policy, irreverent racial comments and political slurs.

Despite an often outraged public opinion, Reagan supported Watt in his unpopular environmental policies and glossed over his narrow-minded attitudes.

Of course, Reagan picked Watt because he believed in his "conservative" objectives for this country's natural resources.



Homecoming game poorly timed

If anyone feels under more pressure than usual this week, it could be because Homecoming Week and mid-terms coincide this year.

The Alumni Association and the athletic department were apparently preoccupied with having Murray State as an opponent, and failed to consult their calendars for any conflicts.

This is an unfortunate happenstance.

Out there in the academic jungle are hundreds of harried float-builders, who must choose between passing with flying colors or winning Saturday morning's

Watt often labeled environmentalist groups, horror of horrors, leftist. It seems that from the administration's view, communist subversives are behind every opposition to its policies.

The controversial Interior Secretary's resignation probably spurred much rejoicing around the country. It should also be cause for concern.

Before us looms the unknown. Who will replace the illustrious James Watt?

Reagan apparently enjoys appointing wolves to tend the sheep. No doubt, he will find someone he believes will carry on what Watt termed progress in the Interior Department.

Unfortunately, what the United States needs is a different type of leadership in the Interior Department, not just a more diplomatically adept head.

competition.

Traditionally, homecoming games are played after the team has been engaged at another school. Thus, the name is an apt title for the event.

But not at MTSU this year. It is difficult to understand why Homecoming festivities weren't scheduled for two weeks from now, when the Blue Raiders return from Austin Peay to play Youngstown State.

This would have alleviated the conflict, and made the game a real "homecoming."

Art Department shows appreciation for compliments

To the editor:

The Art Department would like to thank all those people who have been so complimentary about the recent exhibit in the James Union Building lobby. Special thanks are in order for President Ingram, his staff, that of the James Union Building, and the maintenance staff for making it all possible.

This exhibit was of both MTSU Art faculty and student work. The art faculty has

recently been busy professionally exhibiting their work literally from Maine to California and some 20 states between. We are equally proud of the accomplishments of our alumni and current students. As has been recently pointed out in the Nashville press, the MTSU Art Department has earned a respected place of leadership in the arts far beyond this campus.

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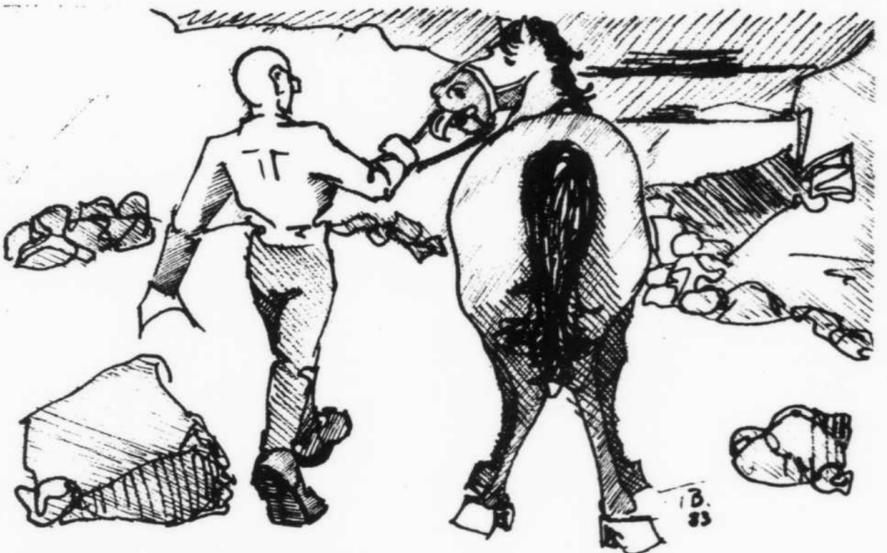
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The time came for James to ride off into the sunset. (He's the one on the left.)

Jousting MTSU-Style

'Auto-Chicken' new campus sport

By CURTIS ROBERTS

Sidelines Columnist

Have you heard about the newest sport on campus? It's called "Auto Chicken."

What's Auto Chicken? Only the fastest growing sport on campus.

It seems to be a cross between Chicken—a game played by high school kids in order to frighten their dates by driving down the left lane until they scream, indicating the necessity of a lane-change—and jousting (same game, just older and participants were stuck in a single lane).

How do you play? Well to begin with, you need a car. Any car will do, but for the best results you need a new car.

You start by driving around the loop past Peck Hall, by the JUB and past Lyon Hall. Then the fun starts.

Turn right at Miss Mary Hall, cruise through the two lines of parked cars, and cross your fingers.

That curve ahead is the unofficial playing field for "Auto Chicken."

The object of this ludicrous game is to make it through the curve (which bears no indication as to who has the right-of-way) without totaling your car or the car of someone else who has unknowingly become a participant in this sick joke which Campus Planning has played on the student body.

Whose idea was it to put a menace like this on our campus? I, myself, have, on more than one occasion, narrowly escaped head-on collisions.

Can't it be widened, or made into a one way street?

I would think an "Enter at your own risk" sign would be the least MTSU could do to clear up this on-campus "dead man's curve."

Otherwise, ladies of Miss Mary Hall, keep that popcorn popping and those cameras



ready—the game could start at any time. And, who knows, you could be a "player," if you aren't careful!

Chris should've docked Monday

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—When Congress returns next week from its Columbus Day recess, it is expected to honor Martin Luther King Jr. with a national holiday.

The third Monday in January is the date proposed for the holiday. Or, as Congress celebrates such events, the third week in January.

Some sentimentalists wanted the holiday to coincide with King's birthday. Purists pointed out, however, that the date did not always follow the weekend.

Next year, for example, Jan. 15, the day King was born, falls on a Sunday. Honoring him at that time would be almost as inconvenient as celebrating Columbus Day on the date Columbus first sighted land in the New World.

The record shows that Columbus discovered America on Oct. 12, 1492. Thus, the actual anniversary is tomorrow, a Wednesday, rather than yesterday, which is when the nation observed Columbus Day.

Historical accuracy becomes

a mere quibble when the blessings of a three-day weekend are counted. Therefore, anyone deemed important enough to instigate a national holiday is arbitrarily assumed to have come into the world on a Monday.

Much the same reasoning is applied to the discovery of America.

Life has been likened to a two-act play, the second part of which we spend sloughing off illusions acquired during the first part.

But some of us spend the second act replacing the first act's illusions with new ones.

Second-act historians, for instance, insist that Columbus was not trying to prove the world was round when he sought to reach the Far East by sailing westward.

Nor, contrary to the illusions we may have taken on during the first act, were sailors aboard the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria afraid of falling off the edge of Earth.

I have many times asked the question: If the seamen with Columbus weren't afraid of falling off the edge, what in tarnation were they afraid of?

Each time, the answer has been that they were afraid they would sail so far westward, the prevailing easterly winds would prevent them from returning home.

Columbus, we are told, figured the distance between Spain and the Orient at about 3,000 nautical miles due west, whereas it actually is closer to 11,000 miles.

That accounts for the fact that he mistook the Virgin Islands in the Caribbean for Japan. It was the kind of error any navigator was likely to make in the days before electronic calculators were invented.

Never mind the gossip that there was more than finances involved in Columbus' relationship with Queen Isabella. And never mind modern day assertions that Europeans brought certain diseases with them to the New World, rather than catch them over here.

If you believe Columbus and his crew all knew the Earth was flat, you will believe anything—including the illusion that he discovered America on Monday.

From Our Readers

Art Department shows appreciation for compliments

To the editor:

The Art Department would like to thank all those people who have been so complimentary about the recent exhibit in the James Union Building lobby. Special thanks are in order for President Ingram, his staff, that of the James Union Building, and the maintenance staff for making it all possible.

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Think for yourself what happens when someone forms a committee. The usual questions arise: "Any women? blacks? Hispanics?"

Every group, from Catholics to left-handed Volvo drivers (not that bad either), demands a representative. The trouble with this pseudo-egalitarianism is that it is based on racism. What this school of

thought does is substitute skin color, religious affiliation and sex for ability.

Those who advocate quotas are the worst racists. They state that a man (or woman) is not to be judged on individual merit and competence. Rather, he is to be judged according to the hue of his skin, the sex of his body, the nature of his religion (if any), and his handicap status. And his show of contempt for this prejudiced attitude is what got James Watt in trouble. Puzling, in an alleged land of freedom.

Watt's remark was color-blind. Unfortunately, the same

can't be said of his detractors.
James Moore
Box 1750

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Leaders angered

Some conservatives feel let down by Reagan

By HELEN THOMAS
UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Reagan is going out of his way to mend fences with conservatives, a political faction he believes he needs if he decides to run again.

He has held the line on ousting James Watt as interior secretary and he is in effect the only one who can ask for his resignation. Watt stirred up a storm of protest when he said he had on his advisory committee "a black ... a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

Watt's supporters in conservative ranks rallied to his side, and Reagan himself was inclined to shrug off the remark as "unfortunate" and to permit him to retain his seat in the Cabinet.

The president is proud to call himself a "conservative" and he believes he was elected to turn the country to the right. He has put conservatives in charge of many government agencies with a view toward shaving the federal government's involvement.

For two years he has tried to

destroy the Legal Services Corp., an anathema to conservatives that gives legal assistance to the poor, by failing to name members of the board or provide adequate funding.

Reagan also has tried to change the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to reflect the views of conservatives against quotas and busing as well as limiting the jurisdiction of the panel.

Most pleasing of all to his conservative constituency, the president has kept up a steady

drumbeat of harsh rhetoric against the Soviet Union, referring to the Kremlin as the "evil empire" and drawing the line between the two systems as a "struggle between freedom and totalitarianism, between what is right and what is wrong."

He said he believes that American conservatives are "uniquely equipped" to present the world the proper vision of America.

But he has angered some conservative leaders like Richard Viguerie who have sharply criticized him for not taking tougher action against the Soviets for shooting down the Korean airliner. Viguerie said Reagan "had his moment of truth" in dealing with the Soviets "and he blinked, he backed away and refused to engage the Soviets in any kind of serious activity."

Viguerie wanted Reagan to

close U.S. ports to the Soviet government and to recall the U.S. ambassador to Moscow. He also would have canceled all sports, cultural and scientific agreements with the Soviets and suspended arms negotiations with them.

But for others who remember the cold war and the dangers from East-West tensions, dangers that have been magnified by the growing nuclear superpower arsenals, the prospect of slamming the door on the Russians may seem self-defeating.

Each president in the past few decades has understood the difficulty of dealing with the Kremlin and of the need to the East-West blocs from reaching the confrontation stage. Each has tried to keep the lines of communication open considering the alternative.

But the conservatives are not only angry that the Soviets

have not been totally isolated from the Western world, they believe that Reagan has let them down by not succeeding in abolishing the Education and Energy departments and feel that he has not tried hard enough to stop busing, permit prayer in the schools and to seek to eliminate abortion laws.

Viguerie said that the president has "surrounded himself ... with moderate, liberal, Eastern establishment, big business type Republicans."

If Reagan could wave a magic wand, he would be glad to oblige since he has said he is philosophically in tune with the above. But even presidents know the limits of their own power and they can be cut off at the pass on Capitol hill or by the Supreme Court if some of the goals are vigorously pursued.

Supreme Court gets nativity question

By ELIZABETH OLSON
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court opens its new term Monday, facing the question of whether to allow cities to display Nativity scenes and cases involving home television videotaping and police searches.

When Chief Justice Warren Burger strikes the gavel at 10

a.m. EDT, the nine justices will take the bench in the velvet-draped courtroom for the traditional First Monday in October start of their annual term.

The emotionally charged question of whether cities can own and display creches could determine whether more religion is allowed in the daily

lives of Americans.

The case challenges whether Pawtucket, R.I., violated the Constitution's ban against establishing religion by displaying a creche scene as part of its municipal Christmas display.

The case could "signal a new approach to such religious issues," said A.E. Dick Howard.

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features

Ohio man claims he's Christ:

Is the end of the world just around the corner?

By LYNDA TEWELL
Sidelines Features Editor

well as through him, and he is here to tell the Earth that the time of Judgment is drawing near.

His name is Eugene Changey, and he has been

A man in Maple Heights, Ohio, believes he is Jesus Christ, reincarnated. He says that God speaks with him, as

servicing the Lord since 1942 in the form of written letters and books.

CHANGEY WRITES letters that he claims are dictated to him by God. The words, ideas and thoughts expressed are God's, Changey is quick to point out.

However, neither Changey nor God have received much publicity or belief in their works over this 41-year time period.

"Since 1942, my Holy SPIRIT has been in the body of My Son, Eugene. The newspapers have treated Us shabbily with their silence...The World should know that I Am Alive, here on Earth and Not hid in the pages of the Bible." God through Changey reportedly said in a letter received by *Sidelines*.

CHANGEY HAS had eight books published which he said God has dictated through him. One of these books is an autobiography entitled "God's Light" in which he tells of his experiences with God and the

reactions of people around him, most of them skeptics.

"I have written most of it [God's dictation] in books. They are free, and I have gotten a good response from colleges and senators," Changey said. "I am just hoping to reveal that He is in my body at this moment."

Changey was born in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1920. He claims to have had a normal childhood. When his father died in 1936, Changey quit high school to help support his family.

IN 1941, Changey said that "strange occurrences happened," leading him to a nervous breakdown and confinement in a mental institution.

"I began to hear voices, sparse and not complete. This ultimately led me to my mental breakdown," Changey said. "After about six months of confinement, I was released, none for the worse. I imagined I was two persons. I could not comprehend that it was God's Holy Spirit in my body, taking form."

After his release, Changey was "told" to go to the bank and withdraw all his money—a sum close to \$3,000. He was then instructed to give it away, which he did.

CHANGEY WORKED as a turret-lathe operator in a machine shop before his recent retirement. All the money he made there he spent financing his books and letters, and on postage. During the weekends, he sent his literature all over the world to editors and publishers.

He has received much skepticism from people to whom he talks about his beliefs. He has received many crank calls from college students, but he doesn't let that worry him. He just sends them a letter he says is from God.

"God is a spirit. He is light," Changey said. "He is in all of us and a healing power to many. But there is only one Jesus—and I am him."

CHANGEY, A bachelor, lives with his sister who has a house and a car. He pays room

and board of \$65 a week. The only possessions Changey claims to own are a typewriter and some beat-up clothes.

Although Changey is a member of the Methodist church in Maple Heights, he believes all religions are acceptable as long as they believe in a Supreme Being.

"God adheres to all forms of religion. My father's sustenances are prayer," Changey said. "God listens to prayer."

CHANGEY DOESN'T believe that everyone can die and join God at once.

"We can be reincarnated if we have something undone on Earth," Changey said. "The soul never changes; it is always there."

Since Changey believes he is Christ and has come back to Earth for the second time, is the world coming to an end?

"That is up to God. He is the only one who knows," Changey replied. "I think the end of the world will be in five to 10 years. But that is just my own personal prediction."



Since 1942, Eugene Changey has been attempting to tell the world that he is Christ, returned to Earth for the second time.

RIM students perform in writer's night at Dideleys

MTSU's RIM writers had their writer's night last Thursday at Dideleys. From 9 p.m. 'til midnight, they performed songs ranging from bluegrass and country, to rock to rhythm 'n' blues.

A "house band" made up of Drew Cornett on bass, Billy Crabtree on drums, Rick Filer on guitar and Dave Barton on

keyboards provided backing music for many of the performers, who included Dave Stoneman, George Beavers, Rob Gentry, Mark Schenkel, Darlene Williams and Ric Cantrell, to name only a few.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the evening was a medley of 1950s rock 'n' roll by RIM writer's faculty advisor "The

Reverend" Hal Newman on lead vocals and piano, Richard Allen Jones on guitar and Ted Wagner on bass.

The night's show was also videotaped by the mass communications department for a one-hour entertainment program currently in production.

RIM writers are a campus

organization open to any student interested in learning how to write commercially acceptable music. Meetings take place every Tuesday from 3:30-5 p.m. in Room 109-A of Peck Hall. A second RIM writer's night has been scheduled for Nov. 8 at Mainstreet.

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High-tech modernistic drama comes to WMOT



Ruby, the Galactic Gumshoe (with the "blaster") stares intently into space, looking for slimeys while Angel Lips, an android programmed for pleasure, smiles seductively, waiting for her next "customer."

By **TIM SELBY**
Sidelines Staff Writer

Last Wednesday night, Ruby and the four-tentacled, three-eyed Too-Kah with the thin blue moustache and red fez, gave Angel Lips a flash charge to see if she would wiggle. The next night they took her to the Digital Circus for repairs. Of course, they had to engineer some lightning and blast some slimeys before they could get her on the airship. And boy was her plasti-flesh a mess!

Of course you wouldn't have known that if you weren't listening to WMOT around 9 p.m. last week. For that matter you could've listened at 1 a.m., too, since either time will get you "Ruby: The Adventures of a Galactic Gumshoe."

"RUBY" IS the latest radio drama to come to WMOT, and in the tradition of previous WMOT drama offerings like "Word Jazz" and "Moon over Morocco," it is one bizarre and intriguing piece of radio.

Twice a night, every weeknight, for three minutes, Ruby chronicles her adventures as a private detective ("she carries a blaster and knows how to use it"), hired to discover who is "manipulating the reality" of the planet Summa Nulla ("the crossroads of the galaxy.") It's the 21st century, and it seems that

Summa Nulla's media events are being manufactured to the point that no one is sure just what is real and what isn't

While seeking out the villainous reality-manufacturers, Ruby becomes involved with just the sort of characters one would expect to populate such a twisted tale: Ruby's "rat faced" employer, Rodant Kapoor; the biogenetically engineered assassins known as slimeys; the renegade component salvagers of the Digital Circus; a robotic trio of singers known as the Android sisters and of course, there's Angel Lips, an android programmed for pleasure who cannot distinguish between her dreams and her programmed reality. With citizens like these, it's no wonder that Summa Nulla is known as "a rough place."

THE SERIES IS a ZBS production (the same people responsible for "The Fourth Tower of Inverness," "Moon over Morocco," and "The Adventures of Jack Flanders,"—all heard earlier this year on WMOT), and consists of 65 loosely knit three-minute episodes, each of which airs

twice a day throughout the week.

If you enjoyed "The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy" (the book, the PBS television series, or the BBC radio series—which, by the way, will begin reruns on WMOT Oct. 14), "Ruby" is just what you're looking for. Be warned though: it's not only equal in hilarity, it's just as addictive, too.

WMOT is offering two other radio dramas for October. As of Oct. 7, WMOT has begun broadcasting reruns of "Canticle for Leibowitz," a popular 15-part series based on the classic science fiction novel by Walter M. Miller Jr. The series deals with man's attempts to rebuild society 600 years after Earth has been devastated by nuclear war, and can be heard on Fridays from 11-11:30 p.m.

A three-hour special featuring a dramatic adaptation of Ray Bradbury's "Something Wicked This Way Comes," is set for Halloween night from 9 p.m. to midnight, and promises to add just the right amount of "chill" to the occasion.

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Sports

Eastern Kentucky reverses MTSU 14-7

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

It was the reverse of what a lot of people thought it would be.

And though MTSU sputtered and strained Saturday, it was a 64-yard touchdown run off a reverse midway in the fourth quarter by Eastern Kentucky's elusive Tony James that took the wind out of the Blue Raider sails and led the Colonels to a 14-7 win Saturday at Horace Jones Field.

WITH THE WIN, Eastern Kentucky ran its winning streak to 18, the longest in the nation, while ending MTSU's consecutive win mark at six. Eastern is now 5-0 on the year, while MTSU goes to 4-1.

Eastern's reverse came with 8:35 remaining in the game and appeared to take the MTSU defense and around 1,300 fans completely by surprise. James eluded several would-be tacklers and rocked into the end zone to put the Colonels back into the driver's seat.

MTSU had scored just moments earlier when freshman fullback Tony Lee Burse twisted into the end zone on a quick hand off from quarterback Mickey Corwin. The score capped MTSU's best drive of the day, going 42 yards in eight plays after Eastern turned the ball over when they

had too many men on the field on a punt reception.

THE DRIVE WAS charged by three consecutive blasts up the middle by tailbacks Vince Hall and Kevin Baker, who scooted through gaping holes opened by center Rick Brito. Hall initiated the three crowd-generating runs with a 16-yard romp down the throat of the Colonel defense.

Eastern missed two field goal attempts, while MTSU's Kelly Potter never got a chance to attempt one.

Blue Raider Head Football Coach Boots Donnelly said he told his football team they had nothing to be ashamed of after the loss.

"I TOLD THEM we got beat by the No. 1 team in the nation on two big plays," Donnelly said. "I thought we played very well with the exception of two plays.

"We played as hard as we could and lost."

Corwin's performance was not up to par with his first four games, as he completed only eight of 25 passes for 70 yards. He had one pass intercepted by the Colonels, who applied heavy pressure to MTSU receivers Marshan Jolly, Jerry Lockhart, Danny Brown and Mike Clark.

"HE [Corwin] did not play well," Donnelly said. "Eastern Kentucky had something to do

with that."

Corwin played with slightly bruised ribs and shed a flak jacket in the first quarter.

"He complained that he could not throw with it and it had been bothering him all week," Donnelly said. "I think they [Eastern] made a choice to apply pressure in the secondary, but I thought we protected him well considering."

THE COLONELS, who got on the board during their first possession of the game on a 39-yard bomb from quarterback Pat Smith to an outstretched Tron Armstrong in the end zone, were characterized by Donnelly as a big-play team.

"They've always been a big play team," the coach said. "Armstrong made a super catch in the end zone, and what can you say about James' speed?"

Armstrong and fullback Terrence Thompson were both injured during the contest.

THE GAME had been viewed as a possible deciding factor as to who would win the Ohio Valley Conference championship, but the Colonels remained undefeated, while MTSU suffered their first conference loss. Murray State is the only other undefeated team in the conference.

"I don't see them losing any more this season," Donnelly

said. "Murray State will give them a battle only because it is their big rivalry."

MTSU hosts the Racers Saturday for their Homecoming contest, and Eastern plays at Murray Oct. 29. The Racers are undefeated in conference play.

THE COLONELS had little trouble moving the ball most of the game, converting eight of

15 times on third down. MTSU converted on only four of 13 third downs.

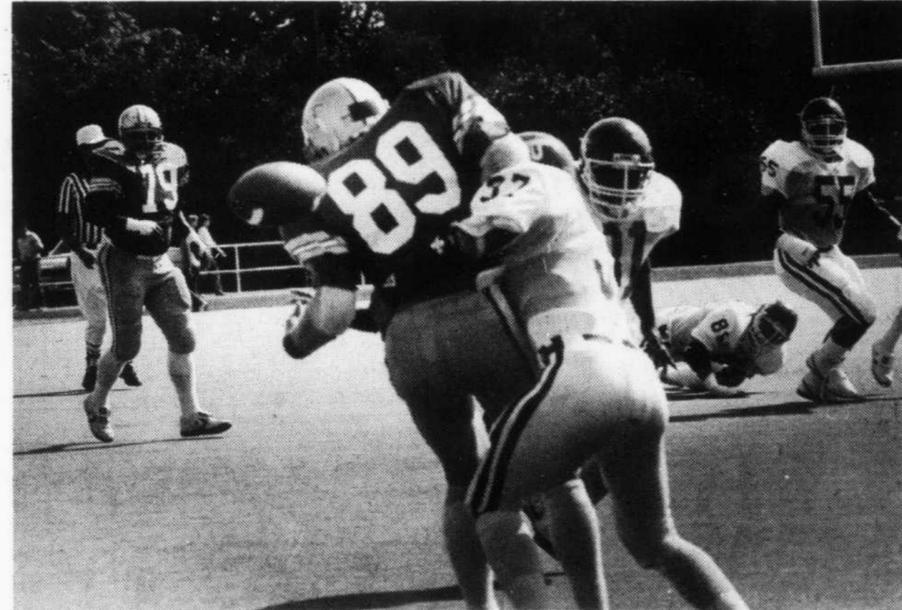
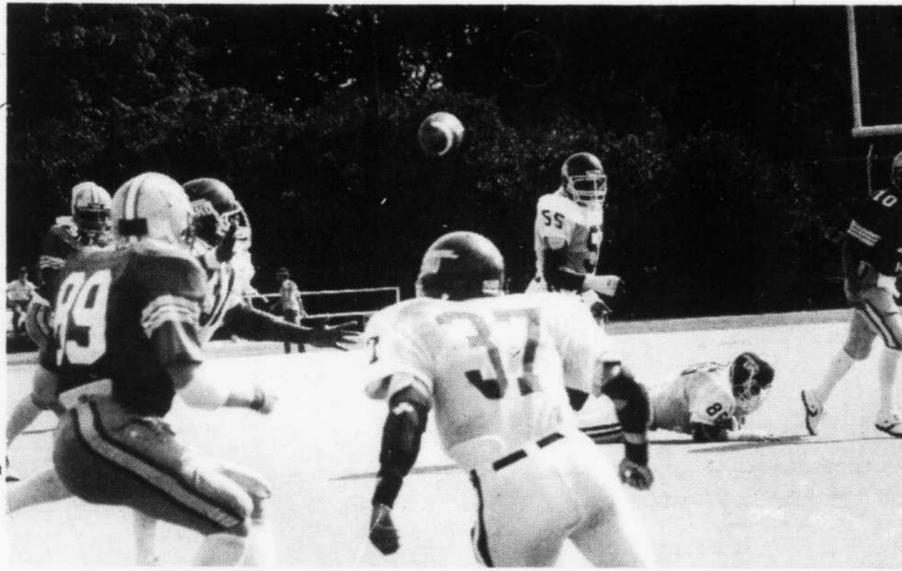
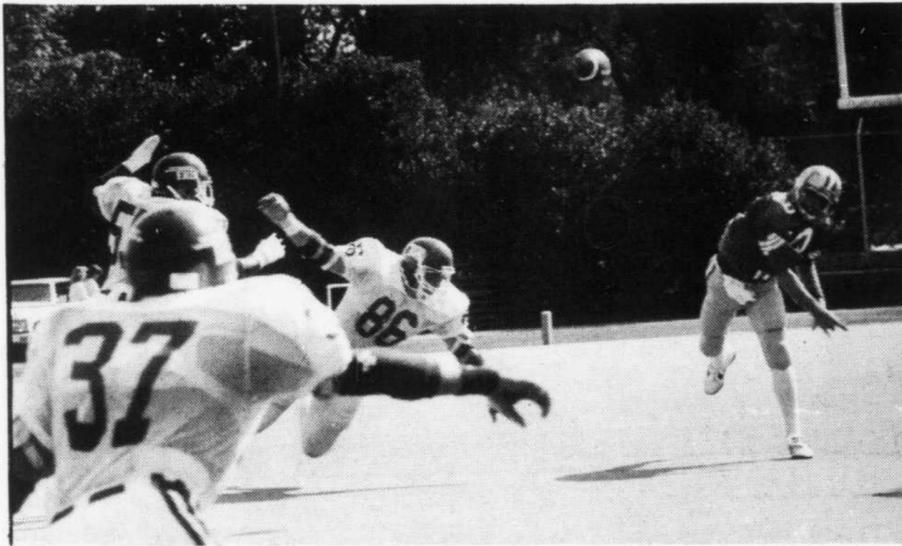
Hall led all rushers in the contest with 106 yards on 18 carries. Eastern's David Hensley led Colonel rushers with 90 yards on 18 carries.

Safety Don Griffin led MTSU defensively with 16 tackles, 11 unassisted. Tackle Jeff Spencer had 13 tackles, while linebacker Allen Ball had

12. Defensive end William Thomas had 10 stops.

MTSU linebacker Randy Carr suffered a stress fracture in his foot and will only be out about two weeks.

Eastern outgained the Raiders on the ground 250 to 181 and outpassed the Raiders 78 to 70 yards. The Colonels gained 328 yards overall to MTSU's 251.



No catch here

MTSU tight end Mike Clark (89) is sandwiched by two Eastern Kentucky defenders Saturday on a pass from quarterback Mickey Corwin (10) in the Raider 14-7 loss to Eastern Kentucky. The outstanding Colonel secondary put a virtual clamp on MTSU passing most of the afternoon.

Raiders jump to No. 14

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

Despite Saturday's loss to Eastern Kentucky, MTSU moved up in the NCAA I-AA Top 20 from 17th to 14th, tied with Eastern Illinois.

The Blue Raiders lost 14-7

to the Colonels Saturday, keeping Eastern secured as the No. 1 team in the nation.

Eastern Illinois defeated OVC representative Akron Saturday, handing the Zips their third straight loss.

Eastern is 4-0 in the

conference, while Murray State is in second place with a 2-0 record. MTSU dropped to third in the conference with a 2-1 record. The Blue Raiders are 4-1 overall.

Tennessee State is ranked 12th in the poll.

Lady Raiders begin fall practice with long hours

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

The 1982 OVC Champion MTSU Lady Raider basketball team opened practice last week with brutal three-a-day sessions under Head Coach Larry Inman.

The Lady Raiders open their 1983 schedule on Nov. 26 at Florida State.

THE THREE-A-DAY practices will be eliminated for a while this week for mid-terms, but they could be reinstated later, Inman said.

The morning workout was

from 6-7:30 a.m., while the afternoon workout went from about 1:30-3:30 p.m. They practiced at night from 6-7:30 p.m.

Obviously, things had to be tough on the players.

"IT DID," Inman said yesterday. "We had to drop them this week with mid-terms coming up, but we'll lengthen them after that. We need to practice at least three hours a day."

Inman's 1982 Lady Raiders were the first MTSU women's basketball team to appear in

the NCAA tournament. They defeated Jackson State in the first round before losing to eventual championship runner-up Louisiana Tech.

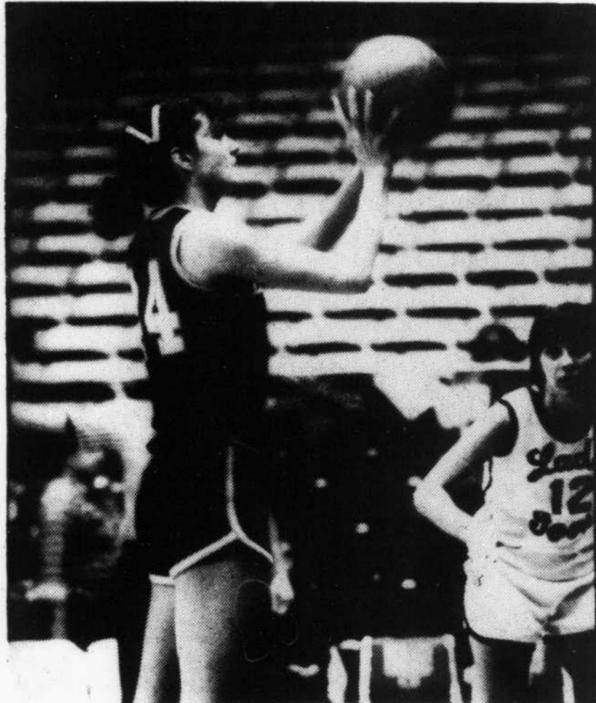
Inman lost three key players off last year's squad—guards Eva Lemeh, Sherry Smith and Patricia Allen. But this did not influence MTSU's schedule, which is probably the toughest in the conference.

"WE WANT TO play a nationally competitive schedule," Inman said. "You don't win a national championship playing flunkies."

"We believe in getting our players up against a nationally competitive schedule," he continued. "You can't compete cause you've never been there. You can't get better if you don't play better people."

The Lady Raiders host Belmont for their first home game Nov. 28.

Other games on the schedule include a Dec. 16-17 trip to Ole Miss for the Dial Classic. Ole Miss is expected to be nationally ranked, as is Kentucky, whom the Lady Raiders face on Jan. 9.



Holly's back

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Lady Raider center Holly Hoover, shown here in action last season, opened practice last week along with the rest of the MTSU women's team. Coach Larry Inman and the squad open on Nov. 26 at Florida State.

Women having trouble getting on scoreboard

By MIKE JONES

Sidelines Sports Editor

Things have not been easy for the MTSU women's cross country team this fall.

The Lady Raiders have failed to place a team score in the finals of any meet in which they have participated so far, including Saturday's Commodore Invitational in Nashville.

WESTERN KENTUCKY won the event, while Vanderbilt finished second.

"We're getting stronger and better, but the most important thing is our confidence is looking up," Head Coach James Key said. "Hopefully, by the OVC [championship] we'll have enough for a team score."

MTSU has only five cross-country runners and none are on scholarship.

"We've had illness, conflicts of interest and all the girls are walk-ons," Key explained. "Cross country really interferes with some of their schedules."

JUNIOR VICKY RING was the MTSU high finisher in the Commodore, with a time of 20:32 for 22nd place. Freshman Betsy Korn finished 25th with a time of 20:38. Junior Julie Liggon was 31st with a time of 21:00.

Liggon and Ring had not run cross country since high school, while Korn just got into the sport this fall.

"We're working hard and improving," Key continued. "It would look a lot better if we

could score, but this is sort of a rebuilding year for us. Hopefully we can get five bodies together at one time."

The Lady Raiders run Saturday on the SEC course at Percy Warner Park in the David Lipscomb Invitational, which includes both college and high school athletes.

"It's a little different course from what we've run the past two weeks," Key said. "Plus it will give me a chance to look at some high school talent."

Raiders take top three

FROM STAFF REPORTS
NASHVILLE—MTSU runners were the top three finishers Saturday in the Old Hickory Road Race.

Senior Jeff Skinner finished first with a time of 29:49 for the 5.8-mile course, while junior Robert Willis finished second with a time of 30:04 and freshman Danny Green finished third with a time of 30:36.

MTSU's William Brooks, a junior from Chattanooga, finished fifth with a time of 32:22.

"It was a solid race over a tough, hilly course," Cross Country Coach Dean Hayes said. "We needed this for the OVC and I was very pleased."

Skinner's time set a record for the course, while Brooks' time was a minute better than his time last year. Hayes

praised Green, who had his best finish of the year.

Other MTSU finishers included Greg McDaniel, with a time of 33:03; Billy Porter, who finished with a time of 33:29; Mike Shive, with a time of 34:38, and Shawn Arthur, with a time of 34:53.

MTSU competes Saturday in the David Lipscomb Invitational.



Photo by Mike Poley

Vince stacked up

MTSU tailback Vince Hall (12) is stacked up by the Eastern defense Saturday as Raider offensive linemen Roger Carroll (62), Rick Brito (55) and Phil Cowan (79) look on. MTSU lost 14-7.

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Blue Raider Run set as part of gala Homecoming festivities Saturday

By GARY CATHCART
Sidelines Sports Writer

More than 200 local runners are expected to compete in the fourth annual Blue Raider Run here Saturday, Oct. 15, as part of this year's homecoming activities.

MTSU faculty, students and

alumni will form the majority of this year's races, which will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the campus pool.

FORMAT FOR the Raider run has changed slightly from years past, Director of Campus Recreation Glenn Hanley said.

"Instead of the usual five-

mile and two-mile races, we have decided to replace them with a 10-kilometer and a one-mile race," Hanley said.

Entry fees for the races are \$1 for faculty, students and alumni of MTSU and \$5 for all other runners. Runners registering the day of the event

are required to pay \$1 extra.

BEGINNING at the campus pool, the Blue Raider Run will take its course in and around the MTSU campus and will finish at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium.

Winners of the race will be announced during the

homecoming football game against Murray State.

There are five divisions for men and women ranging from age 17 and under to 45 and up.

HANLEY ADDED that a wheelchair division is included in this year's races.

Awards will be given to first-

place and second-place finishers in the 10-kilometer race. Prizes include trophies to first-place winners and hooded sweatshirts to second-place finishers.

The first 200 runners signing up for the Blue Raider Run will receive free t-shirts

Lady Raider tennis squad rebounds after losses; preps for Eastern Ky.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The MTSU Lady Raider tennis team dropped two of its last three decisions last week, losing to Western Kentucky and Mississippi State before downing East Tennessee State

here yesterday.

MTSU was blitzed by Western 8-1 and lost to Mississippi State 6-3 before hammering ETSU 8-1.

"**WE DIDN'T** play up to our potential at Western," Tennis

Coach Sandy Neal said. "I don't know if we were just nervous or not prepared or what. We were as good if not better than Western, but we just didn't really come close. We all had big tests the next

day, but the effort was there, we just couldn't get the job done."

After playing at Western Thursday, MTSU hosted Mississippi State Saturday and then ETSU.

"Mississippi State was a much stronger team than Western, but the girls got much better," Neal said. "Against East Tennessee again we played real well there."

MICHELLE GIRLE, Suzie Newberry, Renee Giroux, Brigitte Platt, Lynn Swindell and Linda Long were all winners for MTSU against Eastern. Only freshman Marty Henry fell to defeat in singles

play.

"Marty still needs experience," Neal said. "She hasn't had the real tournament experience yet, but she's still playing some good tennis."

Platt has been struggling ever since coming off knee surgery last spring, but came on against Eastern.

"**SHE'S STILL** struggling with her knee," the coach said. "She's still not playing up to her potential and she needs to keep working on her movement. Her strokes are doing better."

Girle is Neal's No. 1 player now, thanks to hard work and dedication, the coach added.

"Michelle is playing great.

She worked all summer and even did extra work. She's back working hard this fall, too."

IN DOUBLES play against ETSU, the Lady Raiders swept all three matches.

MTSU travels to Eastern Kentucky Thursday in what Neal termed a big match for her women.

"They beat us last year, but it was very close," Neal said. "They will be tough again this year."

The Lady Raiders return home Saturday to face the University of South Carolina in a 9 a.m. match as part of the gala Homecoming festivities.

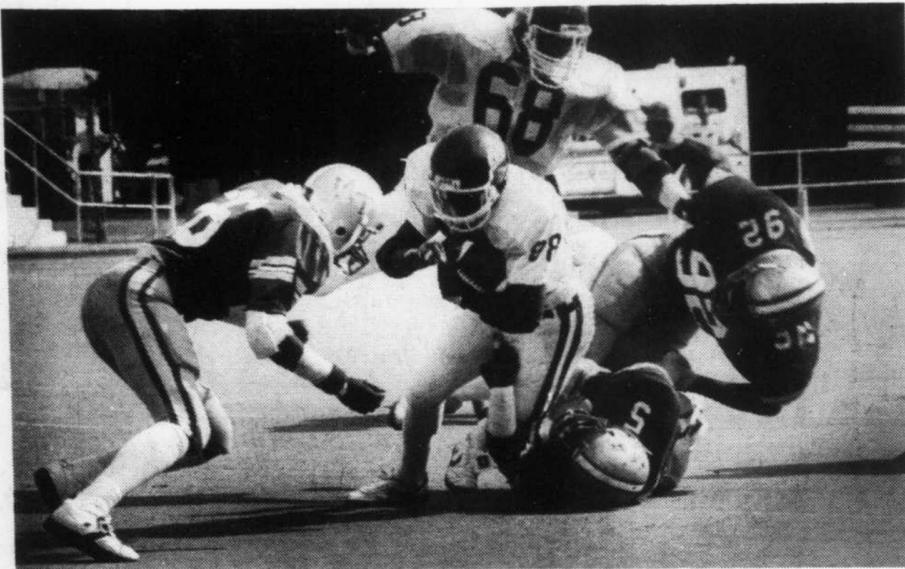


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MTSU defenders Don Griffin (26), Steve Puryear (5) and Gary Womack converge on an Eastern Kentucky ball carrier Saturday in the Raiders 14-7 loss to the Colonels.

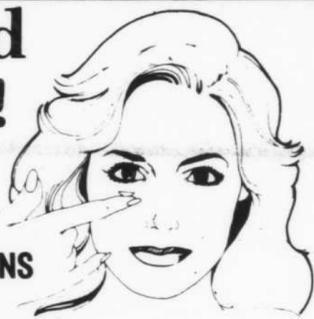
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