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## Scarlett 'agreed to resign' --Banner

by Ted Rayburn  
and John Pitts

University President M.G. Scarlett, under pressure from top state officials, has agreed to resign his position, the *Nashville Banner* reported Friday afternoon.

In a front page story, the newspaper alleged that "Scarlett reluctantly agreed to resign" to avoid an "embarrassing" public move to fire him.

Unidentified sources further alleged that state Education Commissioner Sam Ingram is the leading candidate to replace Scarlett as head of the university.

Contacted late Friday evening, Scarlett refused any specific comment on the *Banner's* story, saying "I don't usually comment on rumors." The *Banner* itself quoted no one directly about the specifics

of the alleged resignation, citing only "sources close to the situation" for the reports.

The 56-year-old administrator, who could celebrate the 10th anniversary of his tenure here in May, left Sunday for a four-day meeting of administrators in Florida. The trip is apparently unrelated to the incident.

Further disclosures by the *Banner* alleged that Scarlett's letter of resignation "is on file with (State Board of Regents Chancellor) Roy Nicks and will be made effective early next year."

The resignation was asked of Scarlett in accordance with a desire of Gov. Ray Blanton that Ingram be named president, the sources reported.

Nicks refused to discuss the situation with *Banner* reporters,

while Nicks' administrative assistant Rich Rhoda told *Sidelines* reporters that "his position on this matter is that he has no comment because he really has no comment."

Blanton, who returned Saturday evening from a trip to Jamaica, has not publicly commented on the matter.

Ingram, who was described by the *Banner* story as "well liked and respected in both education and legislative circles in Tennessee," downplayed the story, telling reporters "I'm not an applicant for a post that isn't vacant. If it does become vacant, then I'll decide what I'll do..."

The *Banner* also quoted Ingram as stating that "to say I haven't had

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M. G. Scarlett

## ASB asks 'fair evaluation' of MTSU president

by Ben Eubanks

In a specially called meeting of the ASB, a resolution asking for fair evaluation and pledging full support for M.G. Scarlett passed yesterday.

Receiving no objections to the vote on the resolution, Danny



Kent Syler

Dunkleberger, one of the house sponsors, asked for passage by acclamation but Sen. Gerald Melton objected.

As passed, the resolution "urges" the State Board of Regents to evaluate Scarlett "solely

on his past record and performance as president of this university." It also asked that his record at MTSU "be the only determinant in his future."

Also in the resolution was a statement from the ASB recognizing the "outstanding contributions" of Scarlett and pledges ASB's full support in "his efforts to remain in his capacity as president."

Senators Doug Dabbs and Kent Syler sponsored the resolution for the Senate while the House sponsors were Danny Dunkleberger and Janet Talmadge. Dunkleberger admitted after the meeting that he and Syler decided on the resolution Friday afternoon after reading the *Nashville Banner* story.

ASB president Bobby Francescon, speaking before the body, said that the rumors of Scarlett being replaced by Sam Ingram, is the *Banner's* attempt to make Blanton look bad.

"The *Banner* is a Republican paper and they are just looking for instances to make the Governor look bad," Francescon said. Francescon also said that the *Banner* was spreading speculation that Blanton would replace Scarlett with some of Blanton's friends.

Admitting that it was a political issue, Francescon said that the

faculty and administration is not backing Scarlett because "they know they can be removed at the drop of a hat."

Francescon told the body that the Board of Regents has allowed Scarlett a way to leave with honor since Scarlett could receive a professorship at 70 percent of his salary after serving 10 years as president. He added that Scarlett would not be eligible for the pension until October 1978.

Francescon said that the State Board of Regents, which evaluates Scarlett, is appointed by the governor.

In response to a question about who would appoint Scarlett to a professorship, Francescon admitted that it would be the Board.

Joy Heath, speaker of the House, allowed Mark Floyd, Internal Affairs director of the ASB, to speak to the ASB from the gallery. He asked the sponsors if they knew the standards which the Board of Regents used to evaluate Scarlett. Doug Dabbs, senator, and Francescon admitted they didn't. Floyd then asked what Scarlett's rating was from the evaluation. Kent Syler admitted that he did not but said "we are just asking for fairness."

Dabbs added, "We do not want outside factors to have any deter-

mination except for the Board of Regents."

Previous question was then called and the resolution passed.

Floyd speaking after the ASB had adjourned said that the evaluation procedure was universal for all 16 universities and that the state legislature had established the standards of evaluation.

Floyd said that he learned from a faculty member who worked with the evaluation that Scarlett had rated 16th out of 16.

Claiming that there was not enough discussion on the resolution, Floyd said he did not like the resolution "railroaded through" as the opinion of the students.

Speaking after the meeting, Francescon said of Scarlett, "Personally, I think he is doing an outstanding job."

He credited Scarlett with the building of the LRC and Murphy Center.

Petitions have also been distributed by Dunkleberger and Syler in support of Scarlett. Dunkleberger said that the petitions began circulation today and that response was good.

Francescon said he was unsure whether he would sign the resolution. If it is signed, copies will be sent to the Board of Regents and to the governor.

**Editorial****Untimeliness of Banner's release may serve as lesson in credibility**

It isn't really clear why the Nashville *Banner* decided to print the story on the alleged resignation of M.G. Scarlett when they did.

We doubt that it was because, as our ASB president said yesterday, it was a good chance "to make Blanton look bad." But it probably wasn't because it was the best time to release the information, either. We feel that it was a mistake.

From a journalistic point of view, releasing this information at such an early date caused certain officials involved to "clam up" and refuse to comment on a potentially controversial situation for which they wouldn't be prepared for several months to talk about. And from the public's point of view—well, they have only the few details from unnamed sources to rely on.

*Sidelines* has printed information received on the alleged resignation in this special issue; but only because we felt that our readership should know what they are saying in Nashville.

There are many unanswered questions, due to the untimely release of this story, and the answers will probably not be revealed in the near future. And besides, the story may not be true.

Certainly, there have been endeavors to oust Scarlett in the past. But there is insufficient confirmation that another such effort is in progress.



Our hope is that readers of the *Banner* story will not conclude for certain that such an action is in progress until more definite facts are revealed.

At any rate, there definitely is not enough foundation in the present story to make it a political issue.

**WMOT's purpose needs defining--former staffer**

To the Editor:

I was involved with WMOT-FM for a year as their Operations Coordinator. Before that, I worked there as a student so I know the machinations of the station and the personalities of the staff and management. I have attempted to stay out of the line of fire and controversy surrounding WMOT, the LRC, and the Mass Communications Department. However, since again we have WMOT in the spotlight, I would like to add my two cents worth.

The difficulty is that there is a dichotomy of opinion as to the function of WMOT. The station licensee, MTSU and President Scarlett, propose that WMOT is a campus station that should cater to the university community and, while being managed by professionals, should be run by students. The management, on the other hand, considers the station primarily to be a Public Radio station affiliated with National Public Radio (NPR). As such, they feel the need to adjust their programming to meet the needs of the community that they serve.

WMOT is awarded many grants by HEW, HUD, and other government organizations for the production of news programs, public affairs programs, and minority affairs programs. As an affiliate of NPR, they have a responsibility for professional news journalism. Funding coming from such diverse groups as the Federal government, state, and local (university) institutions necessitate programming changes and difficulties.

One of the purposes of Public Radio is to provide alternative programming; that is, making available to the general public something that they can't hear somewhere else. Surveys compiled of potential listeners are not really accurate or indicative of audience

size or response to a station's programming. It must also be remembered that we are talking about a 50,000 watt FM radio station and not some 1,000 watt c & w daytimer out in the boondocks. WMOT's signal reaches into Metropolitan Nashville and covers approximately 50-75 miles in all directions.

There rests the difficulty as I see it: Public Radio or Campus Radio? Why not both? It has been done before and it can be done again. I am no apologist for the staff and management of WMOT. There are many areas of the station operation that need a critical eye cast upon them.

Programming has always been the weak link in the operation of WMOT. Format changes are often arbitrary and abrupt, going from block programming to MOR to rock, and now to classical and jazz. While the station was in 24-hour operation they broadcast The Herb Jepko Show which fortunately was taken off the air. The contention has always been among the staff that because of the great amount of work that goes into a news or public affairs show, that the music should appeal to the largest audience possible. Certainly jazz and classical offer no such thing.

The premise that the budget is responsible for the cutback to an 18-hour day is ludicrous. There is no conceivable way that the idea of future funding wasn't weighed and considered before the 24-hour decision was made. No responsible person would consider running fulltime without the funding being firmly "locked in" and the personnel to run the airshifts trained and ready. The difficulty has been, especially with the Jepko Show, that they couldn't get the intern students to work midnight to six and were therefore forced to hire someone to do it.

If I were an announcer, I would be ashamed and embarrassed if my employer were to tell the press that his airstaff couldn't pronounce the classical composers' names and therefore had to rely on tape recordings until they were sufficiently trained. After all, it doesn't cost that much nor take a great deal of time to purchase a musical dictionary. One of the strong points of any mass media training course is that the intern receive hands-on-training with the equipment. Another part, a very important part, is that once they receive this training in radio, that they also get the opportunity to try out their skills. Giving hourly ID's is not sufficient. Two or three five minute news reports is not sufficient. That WMOT has had such a fine record in placing its graduates in professional radio is for the very fact that

when they left they were polished performers who could converse with their listeners and not just disc jockeys and button pushers.

One solution to the whole mess is to establish in finality just what is the primary purpose of WMOT is and then to move in that direction, either by directives or by personnel changes. Another solution that has worked well at other college campuses is for the university to have two radio stations—a small low-wattage AM station to serve the general area with fine, alternative radio. WMOT can be a fine showcase of the myriad talent in news, sports, public affairs, and musical programming if all the parties involved can work together and listen to each other. But let's do something, and do it soon.

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**Reader feels defense of country duty of all people; not just men**

To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to the one written by Mr. Tommy Gavlick which appeared in the November 29, 1977, issue of *Sidelines*. I do, of course, respect Mr. Gavlick for recognizing that women are not inferior to men. And he is correct in stating that this country has a long way to go. I do, however, disagree with him on the issue of military service. As a female citizen of the United States, I consider the defense of my country my responsibility as well as the responsibility of my husband, brother, uncle or father. That is not to say that I would enjoy participating in warfare because I do not believe in war, but I think that I and every other citizen, regardless of sex, should actively defend our country if that need arises. Defending our coun-

try, our ideals and our way of life is not necessarily a man's job, but a job all citizens should actively take part in. I think that the respect some men have for women in not wanting them to have to go into battle is all well and good but it is a little displaced. If men really respected women, they would want them to assume the responsibility of the defense of our country as equal citizens. I don't want to fight any more than the next person but if the U.S. should be involved in a war, I have to say that I'd feel rather ridiculous and useless watching our men get killed for our cause while I'm sitting at home and being respected by them. Now what was that about proud, stubborn, dumb people who have no common sense?

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# Scarlett

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any conversation about it would be misleading."

In addition, **Banner** and **Tennessee** stories report that the recently-initiated system of professorships in the Board of Regents "was linked to the board's desire to oust" Scarlett.

Sources stated that, upon his resignation, Scarlett would receive a professorship at a school in the Regents system, which would allow him to receive 70 percent of his \$38,600 annual salary and assume professor status.

State Sen. John R. Rucker, D-Murfreesboro, who told reporters he was "surprised" by the recent reports, said he had discussed earlier rumors with Nicks and that Nicks "confirmed that there had been some discussion along that line."

However, Rucker noted, he had conferred with Nicks "not as a senator, but as a citizen and a friend of Mel Scarlett."

"I discussed the situation with Dr. Scarlett, and as a state senator did not feel I had the right to have any voice in state education," Rucker explained. "But as an MTSU alumnus...a member of the (MTSU) Foundation...and a close friend of Scarlett, I feel that the university has progressed well under him and give him my support," Rucker added.

Under fire for printing the story using only unnamed sources, **Banner** managing editor Bracey

Campbell argued that the names could not be used for reasons of protection.

"When you've got two people in higher education who are near the top of their respective agencies, you just can't use their names—but we considered the information to be reliable," Campbell said. "We don't like to use unnamed sources—we also like to get confirmation from more than one source...we were comfortable with these sources."

Controversies have risen frequently during Scarlett's nine-year tenure as president, beginning in 1971 with a move by former Board of Education member Kenneth Ezell to oust Scarlett on charges of his "permissiveness" in disciplining students.

Conflicts concerning alleged improper use of travel vouchers by school officials, management of the university radio station, and alleged discrimination against women faculty members have emerged in recent years, though according to **Banner** sources, the main motivation for Scarlett's resignation is "Blanton's determination to have that post awarded to Ingram."

Should the position become open, the Board of Regents will be advised to follow the usual procedures for selection of university presidents, including national advertisement of the post and the establishment of an advisory committee, Nicks said.

## Rumored successor to president has served as MTSU instructor

Sam Ingram, who is being mentioned as a possible candidate for the president's job at MTSU, served for two years as MTSU's Dean of the School of Education in the late '60s.

Ingram held the position from 1967 until 1969. He had served previously for five years as the chairman of the Education Department at MTSU.

He was appointed to his present position, Chairman of the State



Sam Ingram

Board of Education, by Ray Blanton December 24, 1974.

Ingram was born January 31, 1928, in Acton, Tennessee. He graduated from Raymer High School, in McNairy County, before serving one year in the Marines.

After enrolling at Memphis State University in 1947, Ingram transferred to Bethel College where he

received his Bachelor's Degree in Social Science in 1951. From 1949 to 1957, he served as a principal in the McNairy County School System.

Ingram received his Masters in 1953 from Memphis State College and his doctorate in education administration from the University of Tennessee in 1959. He then joined the State Department of Education as a Supervisor of Instruction in the Clarksville area, and then served as Assistant Director of Curriculum.

In 1962, Ingram went to Memphis State University as an Assistant Professor of Education before coming to MTSU that same year as chairman of the Education Department.

Ingram was appointed president of Motlow State Community College in 1969 by J.H. Warf who was the Commissioner of Education.

Ingram is married and resides in Murfreesboro.

The former MTSU educator was described in the Dec. 2 issue of the **Nashville Banner** as "well liked and respected in both education and legislative circles in Tennessee." In addition, he was referred to by Chancellor Roy Nicks as "a fine candidate for any presidency we might have. He's a fine administrator."

## Student in intensive care after weekend hit-and-run

by Cathy Wood

An MTSU coed is in serious condition in Vanderbilt Hospital after being injured in a hit-and-run accident on campus Saturday night.

Peresa Yuk, a 26-year-old graduate student from Hong Kong, was struck by a south-bound car at approximately 6:45 while she and a friend were crossing C Street behind the LRC.

A 16-year-old juvenile and two companions were arrested later that night. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving without a license, according to Patrolman Ed Luther of the University Police.

A female juvenile was charged with leaving the scene of an accident. Both were released to the custody of their parents.

Their arraignment is scheduled for Dec. 21, Luther said.

James E. Scott, 21, of Haven Drive was also arrested and charged with leaving the scene of an accident and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was released on an \$1,000 bond and will be arraigned on Dec. 19.

Yuk and her friend, Agnes Tsu, were walking on the right side of the street beside a row of parked cars.

Luther said the car driven by the juvenile struck a jeep before it hit Yuk. It dragged her 12 feet into the grass above the curb.

Gary Ferris, owner of the jeep, said about \$100 damage was done to the vehicle in the accident.

Witnesses said they saw and heard the crash but did not know anyone had been injured.

"The occupants of the car jumped out," Luther said. "Scott got back in and drove off after the juveniles ran away." He added that the juveniles later said they had been scared.

Tsu ran after the car, identified by witnesses as a dark, late model Chevrolet. Police said it is owned by Denver Smith of Haven Drive in Murfreesboro.

Rob McRoy, a Murfreesboro sophomore, said he saw Tsu stop another car driving along C Street. The unidentified car apparently "chased" the first car.

Scott, however, later turned himself in at the city police station. The juveniles were arrested shortly afterwards.

Yuk, who sustained head injuries, was taken to the emergency room of Rutherford County Hospital. Later that night, she was transferred to the intensive care unit at Vanderbilt.

## Shewmake says book thefts down, but still a problem

by Ted Rayburn

Books thefts on campus, while still a "problem," have apparently decreased this semester, according to Associate Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake.

"It appears that textbook theft is down quite a bit," Shewmake said.

However, the Dean of Men's office is crowded with the usual large amount of theft and burglary complaints that occurs at the end of each semester, Shewmake added.

Penalties involved in prosecution for book theft include both on and off-campus measures, Shewmake said. Campus action includes suspension for some period of time and at minimum restitution and disciplinary probation.

Off-campus measures include arrest and transport to county jail. Charges of petit larceny would require a bail of \$500. Grand larceny charges (theft valued at over \$100) requires \$1,000 bail.

A maximum penalty for a conviction of these crimes is two to five years and three to 10 years in jail. "Generally speaking, however, a first offender will be fined in some

amount and given a 90-day suspended sentence," Shewmake said.

Shewmake again warned students that precautions must be taken to insure that their books will not be stolen.

Students are urged not to leave textbooks lying in book stalls or in the halls outside the cafeterias on campus. In addition, students should lock their dorm rooms when they leave to insure not only safety for their books, but for other belongings, Shewmake added.

In the event that books are stolen, location of the stolen books can be made easier by placing secret marks somewhere in the books.

In addition to placing a name in the book, placing a certain kind of mark on a particular page could possibly escape notice by the thief and enable positive identification later, Shewmake said.

Shewmake asked that students who have had books stolen notify his office as soon as possible, particularly at the end of the semester, when the number of thefts usually increases.

## Taylor joins 1,000-point club

**MTSU overpowers Georgia College**

by John Pitts

Playing for the first time with the services of highly-touted play-making guard Greg Armstrong, Middle Tennessee overcame first half sluggishness to blast Georgia College 92-54 Monday night in Murphy Center.

The win raises the Blue Raider record to 2-1, with Georgia Southern coming to town Friday night for an 8 p.m. tipoff.

MTSU's Greg Joyner paced all game scorers with 21 points, with teammate Bob Martin close behind with 20. The duo teamed for 27 points in the first half.

But it was the firepower of senior Sleepy Taylor and junior college transfer James Riley that helped ice the Raider cake in the second half. Taylor, newest member of the MTSU 1,000-point club, canned all 12 of his points in the second half, while Riley fired in 13 of his 17 points after halftime.

And, although his statistics don't show it, Armstrong aided the winning cause from his point guard slot. Armstrong, who finished with just two points and three assists, was saddled with three fouls for much of the game and alternated with freshman Curtis Fitts before the contest turned into a rout and the reserves poured into the game.

Early, the Raiders were involved in a close battle, with Joyner and Martin scoring MTSU's first 18 points (the Raiders led 18-10). MTSU was never quite able to shake the pursuing Georgia College Colonials who trailed only 33-25 at halftime.

**Greg Armstrong**

In the early minutes of the second half, a tenacious Raider defense combined with Taylor's flashy scoring plays for a surge that saw the Raiders outscore the Colonials 17-5.

In that surge, Taylor, held scoreless during the first half, quickly gathered seven of the eight points he needed to become only the 12th MTSU basketball player to score 1,000 points in a career.

Only a few minutes later, with his team leading by a comfortable 60-38 margin, the Yancyville, N.C., guard jammed an offensive rebound back on the boards. The shot fell good, and Sleepy Taylor had 1,001 points to his credit with 11:08 left on the Murphy Center clock.

Taylor was honored with a standing ovation by an enthusiastic home crowd of an estimated 3,100

fans, and head coach Jimmy Earle called time to let the Raiders catch their breath and congratulate their teammate.

Joyner brought the crowd to its feet again about four minutes later with the first dunk of the season by an MTSU player. The Philadelphia junior stole the ball from a Georgia College guard, then headed up court to stuff the ball from a Georgia College guard, then headed up court to stuff the ball with one hand.

A spectacular Bob Martin dunk in the first half was ruled no good after the senior center from Dickson was caught walking on the way to the basket.

With several reserves in the game, Riley continued to deal a hot hand for the Raiders, hitting five of six from the foul line and four field goals for a performance that might earn him a starting spot. He also pulled down nine rebounds, equal with teammate Martin.

Late in the game, the Raider reserves [John Sauer at center, Clint Dennison and Leroy Coleman at forwards, Sammy Burrell, freshman Curtis Fitts and freshman Robert Culley alternating at guards] led another scoring surge to give the Raiders the final 38-point margin.

After the game, Earle noted that the team "put no pressure on the ball on defense...defensively, we're terrible." The head coach added "in the first half we were listless and things didn't seem to go our way, but in the second half we came out and started moving on defense."

Earle was complimentary of

Riley's job at the "short forward" post, where there is an intensified dogfight between him, senior Julius Brown and sophomore Coleman. Earle also noted the play of Culley, who "attracted my eye in a JV game last week in Lebanon and right now may be our best reserve guard."

**Lady Raiders fall to Alabama**

A nationally-ranked University of Alabama women's basketball team outfought MTSU's Lady Raiders for a 75-69 decision Saturday night in Murphy Center.

Tied 36-36 at the half, the Lady Tide jumped out to an early eight-point lead in the second half. Midway through the final period, the Lady Raiders made a move at Alabama, narrowing the gap to four points on a short jumper by junior transfer Sherrie McKinney.

Alabama, not to be done however, reeled off six quick points to put the

**Pat Sarver**

game out of reach and preserve their 17th place national ranking.

Karen Carter notched 17 points to lead the Lady Raiders' effort against Alabama while Liz Hannah and Jan Zitney added a dozen each. MTSU's Kathy Riley injured her knee and will be out of action for two to three weeks.

Leading scorers for the Lady Tide were Glenda Boss with 24 and Sandra Murray with 16.

MTSU, now 1-2 on the young season, meets Union University at 6:30 p.m., Saturday.

**Freshman leads JV's**

Manchester freshman Mark Lynn scored 30 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the MTSU junior varsity to a 73-71 win over Aquinas Junior College in Murphy Center last night.

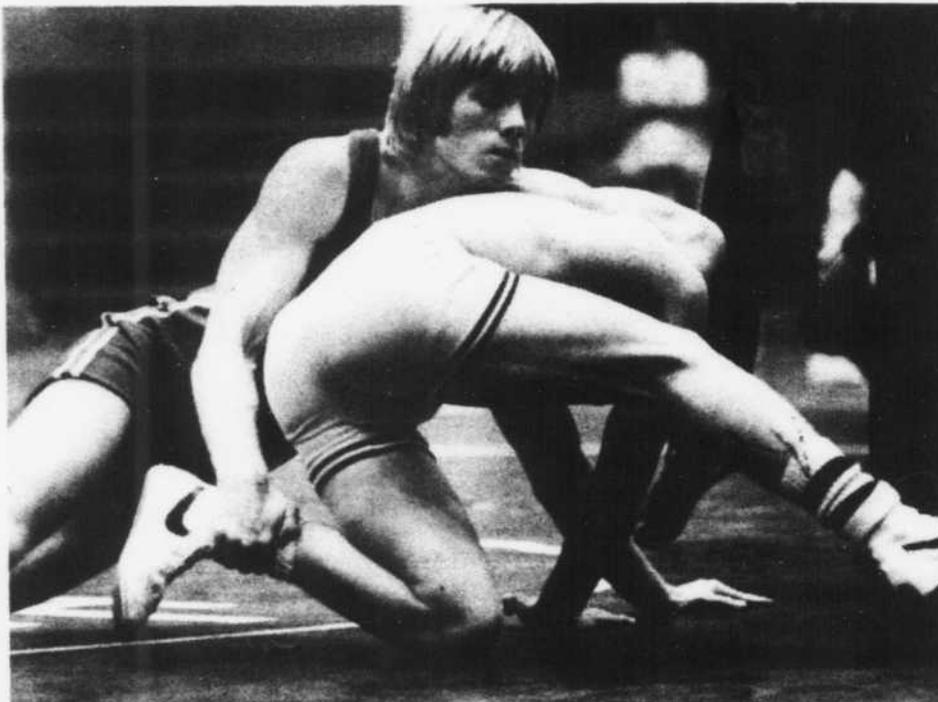
Aquinas jumped out to a 43-31 halftime lead, but the Raiders whittled away at the lead throughout the second half. Lynn tied the score at 70-70 with a 20-foot jumper late in the game, then Raymond Martin hit a driving layup to give Middle a 72-70 lead.

After a Cavalier free throw pulled Aquinas within one, Larry Dalton went to the charity stripe with a minute remaining and connected on one of two to provide the final margin.

**Raider grapplers split weekend matches**

The MTSU Wrestling team lost to the Kentucky Wildcats in Lexington Saturday and then bounced

back to drop Marshall University and come away with a split in the triangular meet.



Tommy Smith gains the advantage over a Fort Campbell wrestler in Friday night's match at Murphy Center. Smith was the only double winner for the Raiders in Saturday's action. [Photo by Cindy Hicks]

The Wildcats crushed the Raiders in the first match by the score of 35-9. Tommy Smith and Steve Patterson came away with the only wins in their respective divisions.

MTSU's Anthony Kennedy was injured in his match with Kentucky and did not face Marshall.

MTSU heavyweight Deroy Collins dropped his first match of the season with a loss to the Wildcats.

The Raiders then came back in the second match to drop Marshall University 29-10. Tony Rowland, Pat Simpson, Tommy Smith, Mike Kuziola, Kyle Smith and Deroy Collins all came away with victories in their divisions against the Thundering Herd.

Friday night, MTSU stomped Fort Campbell by the overwhelming score of 48-3.

Nine of the ten MTSU wrestlers posted victories in the match. The grapplers were paced by pins from Anthony Kennedy, Tommy Smith and Jay McGraw.

The Raiders' next home match will be January 12 against Mankato College.