

## New elections set after system foul-up

By LISA HUMAN  
Sidelines Editor in Chief

ASB elections, which were cancelled one hour after the polls opened Wednesday, have been rescheduled for March 26-27, the election commission ruled yesterday.

The elections had to be postponed because of a faulty voting procedure discovered Wednesday morning after approximately 250 ballots had been cast, according to Janet Clark, election commissioner.

Students who voted Wednesday will have to vote again in the new election, and none of the previous votes will count.

The new election date was determined after the commission went to the ASB Supreme Court for an interpretation of the constitution.

After an hour of deliberation, the Supreme Court declared that the ASB Constitution, which says the elections must take place in March, take precedence over the Comprehensive

Electoral Act, which states the elections must be publicized in the official student newspaper 21 days prior to the election.

The commission also, with backing from the Supreme Court, that only candidates properly qualified before March 12 be considered as candidates in this election, and maximum campaign finances (\$200 for presidential candidates, \$150 for speakers and \$75 for senators) remain in effect.

"You'll be able to continue

campaigning, but you won't be able to spend any more money than you have already been authorized to spend," Clark said.

Students working the polls had allegedly been instructed to mark the first box on the back of student ID's when students voted.

"We discovered that some students who had more than likely not voted already had the first box on their card marked," Clark said. Polls were closed at 10 a.m.

Tempers flared, and many candidates were irate.

"It's just disgusting," ASB Presidential hopeful Randy James said. "It is going to be difficult to go back to students who have already voted and tell them they have to vote again."

"It's just a big mess," one candidate added.

"It's not fair, we worked hard, and spent not only money, but time as well," another contender added.

One major question seemed to be on the minds of almost everyone.

Who was at fault?

"What we have is not the fault of any one person or group, but it is a problem with the system," Clark explained Wednesday at a special meeting called to inform the candidates of the situation.

"Many groups on campus mark some of the cards, but we found out there is no particular person or part of the university to determine who marks what boxes," she said. There are 21 boxes on the validation sticker located on the back of student identification cards.

Clark said someone told her which box to use, but she said that person is not at fault. And, she and ASB President Kent Syler refused to release the name of that person.

Student Programming Director Harold Smith, who's office often utilizes the boxes for concert ticket sales said he usually checks with the ASB and vice versa on which boxes each other is using.

"As I recall, a young lady checked with us on which boxes to use," Smith said. "I don't think we (student programming) would be the ones to check with, I would think the ASB would be the ones to check with."

University police issue the stickers at registration, but are not in charge of the boxes on the back, according to University Police Capt. Larry Nixon.



photo by Mark Holland

Election Commissioner Janet Clark looks on as ASB President Kent Syler explains the new election procedures to the candidates.

## Rent charged for break

By ANGIE GALLOWAY

Sidelines Copy Editor

Rent for dormitory rooms is being charged during spring break because it is university policy, explained David Bragg, director of housing.

"As the budget head of this office, I have to make sure the university's policies and guidelines are followed. The residence halls are to be closed, but this institution can provide housing at additional cost. This

is stipulated in the residence hall contract," he said.

In the housing contract on the second page under *Procedures and Policies*, the second section deals with rental. The contract reads, "The rent (for a semester) does not cover residence during vacations or periods between semesters or terms, including Christmas and Spring holidays."

Bragg added he searched through the last six years' catalogs and found the evidence supporting the contract stating that residence halls will be closed, but housing can be made available at additional cost.

On page 26 of the 1979-80 catalog, it specifies that on-campus housing is available at additional cost during spring break, between Fall and Spring semesters and between the Summer and Fall semesters.

Last year no rent was charged over spring break because there was no director of housing at that time, he explained.

Former housing director Jim Craig resigned in January of 1979. The assistant director had resigned in August before that, so no one was there to take over the responsibilities except the secretary, Bragg added.

Bragg did not take over the job until March 26, which was after spring break.

He said he has had a lot of calls of people complaining that they were not charged last year and asking why they were this year.

"After explaining to them about what happened last year, they understand and are not angry," he said.

For the people staying on campus during the break, "only dormitories with exterior corridor entrances will remain open as well as Sims Hall for men and High Rise West for women," Bragg said.

He explained the housing office would accept applications to stay until all of the available space is taken. "We will not move someone in on top of someone else's stuff," he said.

"We try to be flexible, but the failure to pay rent and remaining is a violation and could lead to the forfeit of deposit and denial of re-admittance to the residence hall system," Bragg warned.

The cost for staying in the dorms are \$17.06 for air conditioned residence halls, \$15.29 for non air conditioned, and J and K apartments, \$20.88.

## Pesticides used in dorms called dangerous

By JANE MIER

Sidelines Managing Editor

Pesticides used in dormitories on campus are "very dangerous and accidental misuse or information could result in serious consequences," according to a report written by an MTSU student.

George Davis, a sophomore pre-forestry major, has recently filed a hazard form with the department of safety on campus concerning the use of the pesticides. He became worried about the chemicals after experiencing "mild toxic symptoms

four hours" after his room had been sprayed.

"I also know several other people who have become ill after their rooms were sprayed," Davis said. "They became nauseated, dizzy and one girl's skin broke out."

Custodial services use two types of pesticides, according to Supervisor Curtis Cook. Oxford 514 is used when rooms are fogged and Oxford 777 is a residual spray used around baseboards and in "cracks and crevices."

Davis maintains in his report that 514 is "not at fault for the adverse effects felt by dormitory residents." The 777 spray is a cholinesterase inhibitor which "interferes with the transmission of nervous impulses across the gap between nerve cells." This can stop respiratory and circulatory functions.

"Actual physical contact or contact with the vapors (with 777) is dangerous," he asserted. "It's an all-around toxic."

"Now 514 is a non-toxic. We advise that students cover their eating utensils and plastics because the fog leaves oily traces," Cook explained. "Oxford 777 is toxic but when we spray it we just put it around baseboards and behind heaters. We do not spray it near clothes, bedding or any foodstuffs."

"The spray is toxic, but to do any damage you must have actual physical contact with the stuff. The vapors are not what does the killing."

Archie Sullivan, director of safety, said any pesticide can be dangerous. He added some people may be more sensitive to the pesticides used than others.

"I have not yet received the complaint form," Sullivan said. "Whenever a person alleges there is some violation of safety regulations or some hazard on campus I refer the complaint to the proper person responsible. The problem is usually resolved at the first level. If it is really serious eventually the president knows about it."

Davis also charged that the university is violating a warning listed on the cans of pesticides.

"I have seen both labels which expressly state that a two hour grace period is necessary (before entering a room which has been sprayed)," he said. "This is normal for most pesticides. But when rooms are fogged residents are told to stay out of their rooms for at least 20 minutes and when the rooms are sprayed

there is no waiting period mentioned."

Barbara Martin, registered nurse at the campus infirmary, said "not too many" cases of people suffering toxic symptoms are seen.

"I can see why it (the pesticide) would cause such symptoms," she commented. "Any spray of that nature would."

Martin estimated the last time the dorms were sprayed one or two cases were reported. "I'm only guessing," she added. "These are just isolated cases. It's not like a whole floor or dorm came down sick."

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### Energy saved during break

Housing is requiring that all electrical appliances be unplugged over the spring holidays, as was stated in a notice sent out earlier this week to all dormitory residents.

In the past, everything except refrigerators were required to be turned off and unplugged and/or carried home. This spring vacation, housing is mandating that everything must be unplugged to aid in energy conservation.

"Over the Christmas holidays, I was not aware of the refrigerator policy, but now we believe it is a better policy if everything is unplugged over spring break," Gray Hatfield, energy management director, said.

"Unless someone has paid to stay on campus over spring break, no one should be in the rooms using electricity. Students' rooms will be checked to make sure lights and appliances are turned off and unplugged and thermostats are set at the correct level," he stated.

### Students remember to lock doors

Students leaving campus for spring break are reminded to lock all doors and windows, university police said Tuesday.

"This is when many thefts occur," Capt. Larry Nixon said.

Eight different dorm rooms were reported broken into

during the Christmas holidays although little property was taken. Nixon could not recall the exact number of dorm rooms broken into last spring break, but did say there were "quite a few."

University Housing has also sent memos to all dorm residents

reminding them to lock doors. The memo also advises students to take home "all portable items of value," such as stereos, calculators, typewriters and television sets.

MTSU, by contract, assumes no responsibility for personal property.



photo by Don Harris

University police responded to a three-car collision on the corner of Bell Street and University Boulevard Tuesday morning.

## Sidelights

### Anderson, Petty speak at conference

Two MTSU professors will be guest speakers at Women's Awareness Day, Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Patterson Community Center on Castle Street.

June Anderson, chemistry and physics instructor, and Anne Petty, assistant professor of speech and theatre, will address the conference, titled "Women in Today's Society."

Admission is \$4, which includes lunch. For more information, contact Nancy Master, Rutherford County special events department, 890-7207.

### Employment tests given on campus

The Murfreesboro district office of the U.S. Census Bureau will be administering employment tests on campus March 27 and March 31 in University Center Room 314.

Don Levine, spokesperson for the office, said a total of 500 jobs throughout 16 counties will have to be filled between now and May.

"We will be filling office positions in Murfreesboro and field jobs in 16 counties in Middle Tennessee," he said.

People who work in the field may have to work some evenings and weekends and will need to supply their own transportation.

"The field jobs will last through June or July and it's possible the office jobs may last through August," Levin explained.

Testing hours are 10:45 a.m., 1:40 and 3 p.m. on March 27 and 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. on March 31.

### Art professor leads quilt workshop

MTSU Assistant Art Professor Janet Higgins will be leading a workshop at the Appalachian Craft Center near Smithville March 22-23. Higgins will be demonstrating quilting and stitchery techniques.

Students in the ROTC department line up for inspection. Evidently someone had a button undone.

photo by Brian Wright



### Press secretary talks at Government Days

Governor Lamar Alexander's press secretary, John Parrish, emphasized during the Final event of State Government Days Tuesday afternoon that "press and government relations don't have to be hostile."

Parrish, speaking to a small group of students and faculty in the University Center, expressed concern over "a system that cannot keep good reporters after they have gained expertise."

Too often news reporters are promoted as soon as they acquire a firm foundation of knowledge, leaving their vacancies to young, inexperienced reporters, he complained.

As press secretary, Parrish holds few formal press conferences, relying instead on the publishing of Alexander's weekly schedule to give the governor the media exposure necessary to fulfill his job.

"It is the governor's responsibility," he stated, "to use his office as a forum to convince people he has made the right decision."

## Exceptional children to attend university classes

All vacancies have been filled for "Challenge Spring 1980," a March 29 program for Middle Tennessee area exceptionally gifted and talented children in grades 3-8., which will begin March 29 in Kirksey Old Main Room 205, 9 a.m.-noon.

"The program (which will be held in Kirksey Old Main Room 205, 9 a.m.-noon) is designed to stimulate the child to do things on their own in areas they are already interested in, but wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do," Margaret

Ordoubadian, who is in charge of the program, said.

Subject areas include astronomy, computer science, oceanography, chemistry, speech, studio art, environmental sciences and TV and radio.

The spring 1980 program is based on the four previous Saturday programs and two summer programs. To be eligible for the program, a student must be as being gifted and talented. Enrollment, which filled up quickly, was

limited to the first 100 eligible applicants.

"We had 40 or 50 people to apply after the quota was filled which was more than we had before," Ordoubadian said.

An English instructor here, Ordoubadian is a special advisor to the governor on exceptionally gifted children. According to Ordoubadian, classes will be divided into 15 and 16 member groups.

"When the weather is good, we will move outside for classes," she said.

## MTSU journalism department ranked 14 in U.S.

A recent survey conducted by the Journalism Educator, a scholarly publication for journalism instructors, ranked MTSU 14th in the country for total enrollment of students declaring majors in journalism.

The survey, published in the January 1980 issue, showed that MTSU showed 1008 majors in journalism for 1979, as compared with a total of 608 in 1978.

"There is a reason for the jump this year," Edward

Kimbrell, mass communications department chairman, said. "Before we were not reporting the number of recording and industry management (RIM) majors we had because we felt RIM did not fall under the general guidelines.

"This year we called and were told we should report them because it is a mass communications program. There are almost 230 RIM majors so you can see why the jump was so large."

Kimbrell said quality instruction and the kind of technology available here offered students "hands on" experience. These were two reasons MTSU draws so many journalism majors, he added.

"No matter what field you're in you've got the equipment to work with, whether it's computer tube or mini cam," he stated.

"Tremendous amount of support from administration

abounds and it shows," Kimbrell continued. "Likewise the support we receive from the Nashville media. They give us equipment and grant internships and hire our graduates full time and teach classes. They're fantastic."

Kimbrell estimates an enrollment of approximately 1200 next year. This amount would place MTSU in the top 10 schools in the country.

"Don't expect others to raise

their enrollments because others are not growing as much as us," he said. "Enrollments are pretty stable across the country while we are the fastest growing department in the country, bar none. There's really no doubt about it."

For purposes of the survey, a journalism major was defined as one who comes "under the administration of the journalism school or department that offers a major in journalism and is

preparing by course work to enter some phase of the mass media or related fields upon graduation."

This includes people concentrating in news-editorial; advertising; broadcasting; public relations; magazines; community journalism; photojournalism; home economics, agricultural and science and technical writing and people preparing for careers in research and education.

## Prestigious potter to lead craft workshop

Norman Schulman, one of the leading ceramic artists in the nation, will be heading a free workshop March 24-25 in the Art Barn pottery shop.

Hours for the workshop will be 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. on both days. A slide lecture sharing his skills will be presented Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Room 322.

A studio potter from Penland,

N.C., Schulman will be demonstrating his techniques of constructing a large functional porcelain jar three to five feet high.

"Norman is a very influential teacher and is a master of making mistakes work for the students," MTSU Assistant Professor of Art Raymond Allen said.

Schulman was formerly the chairman for Ceramics at Rhode Island Design. His works in salt glaze porcelain or low range stoneware are in many im-

portant private and public collections.

A golden trout tea pot and beef platter made by Schulman is now in the Art Barn Gallery. Especially impressive is the Bouilliabaisse Tourine in salt glaze porcelain.

The tourine is a blue container that has figurative paintings of sea images. An ocean bottom is painted on the base, seashells cover the top and sea life make up a large portion of the porcelain piece.

"Students see a tremendous change in their attitudes in their

work because of Norman's influence as a teacher. He challenges the students' intellect, and those who study with him learn the craft very well," Allen commented.

"Norman knows his pottery craft inside and out," he continued. "His work is excellent, and I think students who want to improve their work should come to the workshop and learn from the best."

There is no limit to the number of participants in the workshop, but students may call the art department (898-2455) to pre-register.

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## SIDELINES EDITOR

Summer and Fall Editors will be selected April 15. Application deadline is noon April 10. See Ann Miller, JUB 302B for application and additional information.

The search for

## 1981 MIDLANDER EDITOR

has been reopened. Deadline and selection date is same as above.

## from the editor

**Elections:** *Something has to be done about system*

The catastrophe that occurred Wednesday morning when the ASB elections were closed has nearly been resolved, but the faulty, loosely operated system that caused the problem still exists.

Students working the election polls were allegedly informed to check the first box on the back of each student's ID card when the students voted. This was to insure that no student could vote more than once.

Flaws in the system were brought to light when students who had supposedly not voted came to the polls with the first box on their validation sticker already marked, for various reasons.

After a few phone calls and talks with Dean of Men Ivan Shewmake, Director of Student Programming Harold Smith, Assistant Director of Records Sherian Huddleston and University Police Capt. Larry Nixon, it was discovered that no one group or individual is in charge of designating boxes to organizations.

It is surprising that a mix-up such as this one had not happened earlier, but to keep it from happening again, something needs to be done immediately.

The quickest solution, in our opinion, is to simply assign a person or group to designate the usage of boxes on validation stickers.

MTSU President Sam Ingram would more than likely have to assign someone to take care of this. Who else would do it? A committee would take too long and what individual would want to take it upon themselves to be in charge of box-checking?

A long term solution could be to get a new type of ID card, and therefore a new type of validation sticker. Shewmake said one plan might be to use the same system on ID cards that is presently being used on the new glossy meal tickets.

The "Valadine" system, which consists of a magnetized strip with a special number coded in each one, has already cut down on frauds in High Rise cafeteria.

When the "valadine" card is punched into a machine, the number is recorded. This would provide a much better way to keep track of who has voted, and could be used for other things as well.

There are other possibilities to correcting the faulty "system." The important thing now is not *which* method is utilized, but that *some* method be put incorporated before more catastrophes occur.

## on the wall

by Jackie Gearhart

**Columnist tries to be optimistic and predicts joyful events**

People keep telling me I should write something in my column that is optimistic for a change. I try to tell them that being pessimistic is a round-about way of being optimistic; that is, if it is humorous. Of course they then inform me that I am not humorous anyway.

Okay. Okay. I'll be optimistic, but it's not going to be any fun. The following are predictions for the remainder of the semester:

- Randy James, Bill Mercer and Louis Holiday *all* win the presidency of the ASB and the election commission is made to draw little boxes for 12 hours straight.
- All of the five candidates running for senior senator are elected for the five positions, and are so surprised and happy that they go to Disco 320 and there really is a party there this time.
- Frat row is built on campus and a big fence is put up around it.
- Murfreesboro gets liquor by the drink and can sell beer 24 hours a day, including Sunday.
- Everyone begins listening to WMOT.
- Gamma Beta Phi doesn't make its members go to a point system and lowers their G.P.A. requirement to 1.0 so everyone on campus can join and get seals on their diploma for doing nothing.

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## Viewpoints



## punchline

By Danny Tyree

**Blockhead divides paper into 17 sections?**

I can almost understand why some sick, perverted mind might enjoy writing on bathroom walls.

But I simply cannot fathom how any person who is supposedly mature enough to attend college could derive any pleasure from messing up the newspapers in the Todd Library.

It's bad enough for someone to put the papers on the wrong shelf, but such behavior is tolerable. I guess I can even put up with the bum who leaves newspaper on various tables around the library.

But when some asinine blockhead divides each newspaper into seventeen sections and scatters those sections to the four corners of the earth . . .

Even if someone were willing to go to the trouble of reconstructing a newspaper someone else had torn up, it's often too late. The library workers don't have time to meticulously undo the handiwork of sloppy readers, so I often find entire sections of the newspaper dumped in the garbage can.

If someone wants to cut 75 cents for his own Sunday paper, he can use it to line the canary cage for all I care. But

when I go to the library of a state university, I like to find all the Sunday Magazines, editorial pages, comics sections, TV schedules, etc., intact.

I think we'll all agree that college is full of pressure. Many of us like to unwind by stopping by the library and relaxing with a good newspaper. But the frustration of trying to track down an entire newspaper can put you in a worse mood than when you entered the library.

Or imagine the plight of the poor sucker who actually thinks he has a chance of finding an article for class by visiting the newspaper section of the library.

No, the villains in this situation aren't malicious sadists. They are merely rude, thoughtless and too trifling lazy to take proper care of public

property. But malicious or not, the result is the same: totally unnecessary chaos.

I'm all for nostalgia, but let's put the "Me Decade" behind us. Let's make the 80s the "You All Decade." Why can't we spend the next 10 years weighing the consequences of our actions instead of forging selfishly ahead?

Developing the self-discipline to handle newspapers properly would be good experience for everyone. A person who learns to base his behavior on how it will affect others will get along a lot better with his family/spouse/roommate. And employers want workers who are neat and who respect company equipment — not careless jerks.

I hope this column will inspire

the guilty parties to kick the habit. But, just in case, let's all do our part. Americans have finally built up enough guts to say, "I mind very much if you smoke." So the next time you see some slob abusing the newspaper (or any other school property), don't hesitate to say, "I mind very much if you mess with something my tax dollars paid for."

No, a few scrambled newspapers aren't the greatest tragedy in the world. But, for that matter, asking people to respect other library users isn't exactly the world's most unreasonable request, either.

Please do your part. To paraphrase Smokey the Bear: "Only you can prevent the library from looking like a hurricane hit it."

## from our readers

**Utopia coming after spring break**

To the editor:

I'm positively, beyond the shadow of a doubt, positive that attending MTSU will become more pleasant after the holidays.

We, the students, will get quality education; begin to enjoy ourselves and MTSU immensely; all instructors will cover the issues and events thoroughly, and there will be peace on earth. I'm looking forward to the remainder of the semester. We'll all be happy, have time to take time to be concerned about one another and gas prices will fall to 50¢ per gallon.

Most surely, the campus police will not write so many tickets, especially with the accomplishments towards more parking lots. Tuition will decrease; the Raiders will be in

practice for their winning season; cafeteria food will taste so much better and Nixon's presidential campaign will be picking up speed.

The ASB elections will take place. Of course, in the meantime Randy and Billy will most likely enjoy the campus-wide Holiday. Student apathy will be an ancient term, but we couldn't care less about that.

We'll rejoice in our beautiful environment. Conversation will be full of euphemisms, as to avoid depressing thoughts. We'll seldom even remember the

political taurine deflection that once tainted the campus affairs. Oh yes, weekends will become the climax of social events on campus.

My study in optimism has uplifted my spirits to new heights. Just the thought of this Utopia-to-be makes spring break seem to be an undesirable time of waiting. But I'll suffer through the week, holding on to the assurance that I'll return soon.

Len Moore  
Box 4567**Have a good spring break!**

*Sidelines* would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy spring break.

With mid-term exams, class projects, term papers, ASB elections and other things that had to be completed before the break now behind, hopefully you will enjoy spring break to its fullest.

You deserve a break. Enjoy yourself, and until next week, have a nice vacation.



# SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

by Eddie Gossage

## Tech needs MTSU's help?

Seems a bit ironic that MTSU arch-rival Tennessee Tech, whose athletic program has drooped to the lowest point in recent history, would seek help from the Blue Raider athletic department. The help would come in the form of Jimmy Earle, current MTSU assistant athletic director. Reports in the *Tennessean* last week indicated that Tech was interested in recruiting Earle as the university's athletic director, one of two vacant positions in the school's athletic department.

Earle said in Tuesday's *Sidelines* that he was pleased with MTSU and planned on remaining. However, he said, he would be happy to talk with officials at the Cookeville University if they requested a meeting.

Earle's agreeing to meet with Tech officials is simply a matter of professional courtesy. Sources close to the situation have indicated Earle will remain at MTSU where he will assume the athletic director's reigns when current AD, Charles "Bubber" Murphy, retires.

Athletics at Tennessee Tech have sunk to a low level, though. The past football team, a perennial OVC powerhouse, finished in the conference cellar after MTSU beat them in the final home game of the season. It was the only win the Raider footballers posted all year.

As a result, Tech football coach and athletic director, Don Wade, was stripped of his AD powers and told to concentrate solely on football. That left the athletic director's job open.

Then basketball season rolled around. The Golden Eagles were expected to post a respectable mark. After all, they almost qualified for the 1979 OVC playoffs and even beat MTSU twice during the year.

But, coach Cliff Malpass took off on sick leave after personal problems occurred, and Tech put together an embarrassing losing record. Following the season, Malpass resigned and Tech began looking for a new basketball coach.

Earle said earlier this week that he has been asked by several friends to apply for the athletic director's job by friends in the Cookeville area, but said he is not interested and has no official contact with Tech.

But just the fact that Tennessee Tech was interested in an athletic administrator at MTSU, a man they tried their best to defeat on the basketball court for years, is ironic.

It says alot for Jimmy Earle and for the state of athletics at Middle Tennessee State University.

## Simpson the 'Master Baker'?

# 'Poundcakes' signs Raider roundball grant

By SCOTT ADAMS  
Sidelines Sports Writer

With the signing of the newest Blue Raider basketball recruit Wardell "Poundcakes" Perry, a 6-9, 230-pound junior college transfer, some MTSU fans have started wondering if head coach Stan Simpson is trying to change the team's nickname.

In honor of "Poundcakes," who joins last year's prize recruit, "Pancakes" Perry (no relation) on the Blue Raider squad, some feel that Simpson will try to push for a new team name like "Doughmen" or maybe the "Dunkin' Doughnuts." But, of course if he did that he'd have to change his nickname from "Ramrod" to the "Master Baker," or something comperable.

Well, if it's all starting to sound a little crazy don't worry, because the idea has more than served its purpose, which was to give MTSU's basketball program a little publicity.

"I guess it might sound a little silly to some, but we just did it to kind of stir things some," Simpson said.

And it's worked to a certain extent because "Pancakes" was a hit before he ever put on an MTSU uniform. The catchy nickname even served for some national publicity when a sportscaster on the ESPN all night cable T.V. station kept repeating the Blue Raiders score over North Alabama adding that one of the top scorers had been "Pancakes" Perry.

Simpson is reportedly on the verge of signing another juco transfer in 6-5 Lucius Haley, but he said he was going to stay away from the "cakes" for awhile and has opted for "Haley's Comet" for Lucius.

Haley, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, played for Brewton Parker Junior College in Atlanta and was recently named the Most Valuable Juco

Player in Georgia. Simpson is said to also be hot on the trail of another top junior college prospect playing in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"We're looking more to juco players this year because we've got to have instant help. We've got some good people back from last year, but with the kind of

schedule we're going to play we're going to need eight or nine players who can really play," Simpson said.

Along with the 14-game schedule schedule Simpson has added such notables as Detroit, Oral Roberts and renewed the rivalry with UT Chattanooga. There is also an

outside chance of a home-and-home series with the University of Pittsburg.

"If you want any recognition for your team you have got to play the big boys," Simpson said earlier in the year, "and for as long as I'm here there will be no Rio Grandes or Bluefields on our schedule."

## Board chooses MTSU

# TSSAA tourneys set to return

By EDDIE GOSSAGE  
Sidelines Sports Editor  
The TSSAA Board of Control yesterday morning to return the state high school basketball tournament to MTSU next season.

The board voted 8-1 to return the two tournaments in 1981 to the sight where they have been held since 1975. The lone negative vote came from Nashville's TSSAA representative, A.D. Hancock.

The board also voted on

moving the girl's games, and the vote was unanimous, 9-0, to leave the tournament in Murfreesboro.

Vanderbilt University, who held the tournament in Memorial Gymnasium for several years prior to the move to Murfreesboro, had been making a strong bid for the change. However, the bid was not as strong as some had expected.

The Wednesday edition of *The Nashville Banner* reported

that an informal poll conducted by a reporter revealed the vote would be either 6-3 or 5-4 in favor of the move back to Nashville.

"There was no specific reason given as to why the board voted not to move the tournament," said TSSAA director Gil Gideon at yesterday afternoon's state tournament games. "The board just decided they weren't going to move the games and to give MTSU another chance. We are going to see if the attendance is high enough."

It was first reported that the TSSAA was miffed after a bowling tournament scheduled in Murfreesboro caused a shortage of rooms during the girl's tournament.

However, since that time, sources close to the situation have indicated the TSSAA was interested in moving the boy's tournament to Nashville because in recent years, the games have been dominated by predominantly-black teams. It was felt that the boy's tournament would draw better in an urban area.

But Gideon said yesterday the TSSAA was happy with holding the tournament in Murphy Center.

"Anything they (the Board of Control) do suits me just fine," Gideon said of the decision. "You've got a good facility and good people here. We can't make any complaints."

The Chamber of Commerce and several area business representative met with the Board of Control earlier in the week to urge the group to leave the tournaments in the area.

Among the proposed ideas included increased cooperation between restaurants and teams while motels have indicated they will reserve rooms for tournament guests only during the weeks of the games.

MTSU athletic director Charles "Bubber" Murphy was elated with the board's selection.

"I don't know why, but I am glad the board decided to leave the tournament here," Murphy said in between games. "I'm really pleased. It's good for the school, good for the community and it's the best recruiting gimmick we ever came up with."

Attendance at the boy's tournament is up markedly, but last week's girl's tournament showed a tremendous decline.

Murphy said the fight to keep the tournament will probably be a yearly ritual.

"I'm sure it's going to be yearly," Murphy explained. "We've had to put in application for the tournament every year since 1975. That's a requirement."

## Raiders split with Wesleyan; prepare for spring break trip

The Blue Raider baseball team ran its record to 3-0 Tuesday with a double-header sweep of NAIA power Tennessee-Wesleyan.

In the opening game, MTSU won 7-2 behind the pitching of junior Bill Brattner. Mike Freels came on in relief and picked up a save. The two Raider pitchers held Wesleyan to only three hits in the game.

The highlight came in the sixth inning when Bob Eason slammed a three-run homer. The blast was the first round-tripper of the year for MTSU.

In the second game, Mark Novak picked up the win in the 9-1 MTSU victory.

Middle Tennessee faces a demanding 11 game schedule in eight days during spring break in Louisiana.



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MTSU's Randy Starky slides into third base while Tennessee-Wesleyan's Joe Grubb awaits a throw from the outfield. MTSU swept a double header from the NAIA power from east Tennessee.

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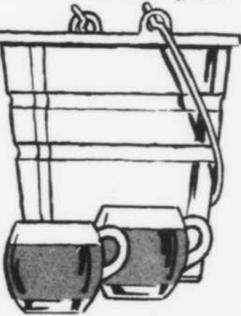
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