

# Sidelines

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*Decriminalization or bust?*

See Symposium story on page 2.

## Lawyer, minister to talk pot

Nashville attorney Lionel Barrett and Smithville Church of Christ minister Bob Spann will discuss the legal and spiritual aspects of marijuana use in a symposium tonight at 7 in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

"My view of the marijuana question is that there are two issues involved--the legal issue and the spiritual issue," ASB President Tim Watson said. "That is what these people are going to discuss."

Barrett will speak for the decriminalization of marijuana, while Spann will emphasize the

spiritual questions facing the individual using marijuana, he said.

"The purpose of the symposium is to make people realize that the marijuana issue is something that should be discussed in public," Watson said.

"People like to listen to rumors about marijuana and talk about it at parties, but they are hesitant to discuss it in public as a legitimate issue," he said.

"Reefer Madness," an anti-marijuana film made in the 1930's, will be shown during the symposium, Watson said.

## Lengthened library hours proposed by ASB head

by Wayne Hudgens

ASB President Tim Watson has proposed that hours in the Todd Memorial Library at MTSU be extended to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights.

His proposal, forwarded to administration officials for review, also suggests that one floor of the library remain open all night Sunday through Thursday so that students would have a place to study.

Currently, library hours are 7:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday; 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday.

Watson said his proposal was based upon the results of campus poll conducted by the ASB this fall during registration. The poll indicated that students responded overwhelmingly in support of the idea of extending hours to 2 a.m.

The survey also indicated that many students had occasion to use the library past 11 p.m.

"All students in the ASB have agreed that the results of the poll are a mandate for change," Watson said.

"Recently I found MTSU students studying in the Norge Washateria on Broad Street late at night be-

cause no other university facilities were open to them," he said.

Watson said students who work in the library feel that their work hours could be redistributed "more carefully" so that library hours could be extended at no greater expense.

He said the added expense incurred from longer hours was one of the major objections he had heard to the plan.

"Both Memphis State University and the University of Tennessee--Knoxville keep their libraries open longer than ours, and have one floor they keep open all night long," Watson said. "I believe our students deserve at least equal treatment from their university officials," he said.

"People who work late, such as I do, do not have the opportunity to make full use of the library," Watson said. "Allowing it to remain open until 2 p.m. would help our academic program immensely."

John Marshall, director of library services, could not be reached yesterday for comment on the proposal. Informed sources have indicated that Marshall has opposed any extension of hours.

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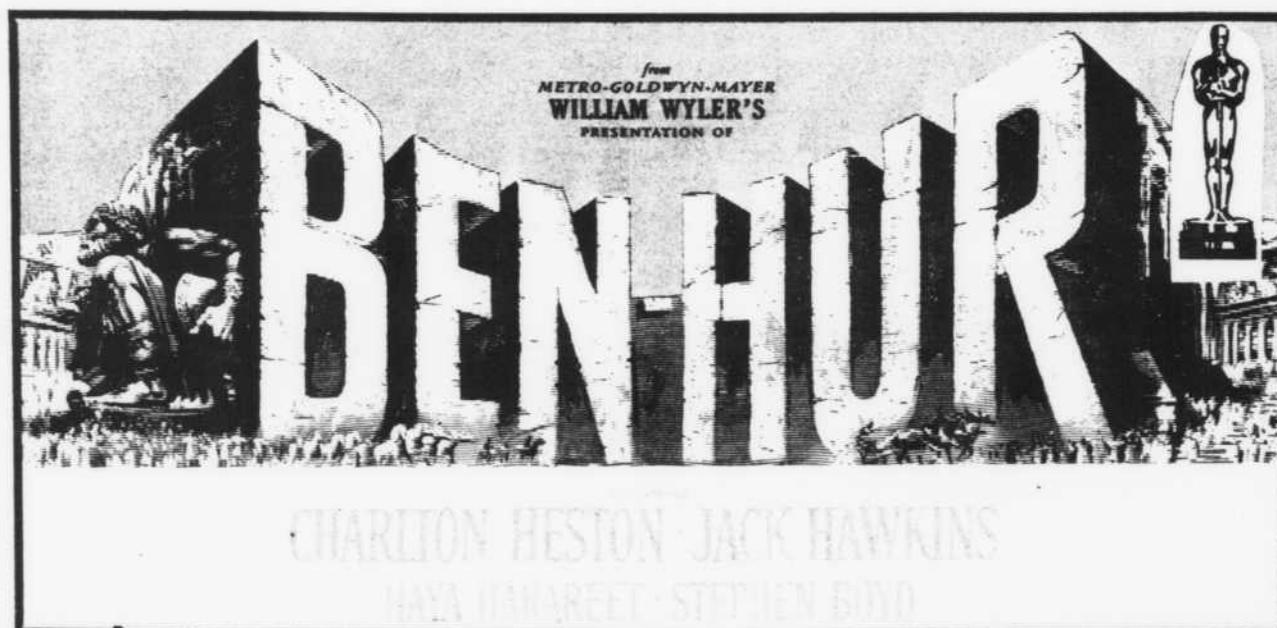
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Autumn offering

# Collage readies issue

by Nancy Nipper

The Autumn edition of Collage magazine is scheduled to be distributed to students at the end of this week and the beginning of next, according to editor Lucy Sikes.

"This issue will once again be the general-feature type format, which will include photography, prose, poetry, features and a column on the arts called Focus," she said.

Two photo-essays are in the magazine, one by a former student, John Sissom, on molasses making and the other by Steve Crass on the Brushey Mountain State Prison. An article by Crass about the prison appeared recently in the Nashville Banner.

"Dr. June Martin of the honors

program has written a review for the Focus column on the French novelists Jean Giroudoux's last work, 'The Lying Woman,'" Sikes said.

The magazine's cover and the inside drawings were done by Collage's art editor, Gerald Moody.

Another issue is scheduled to come out in February, according to Sikes. Its format will be basically the same as the first issue.

"However, for the last issue, a two-volume edition is planned much the same as last spring's, only it will have material other than features and will be centered around the theme of entertainment," Sikes said.



The cover of Collage--direction-ism in linear drawing.

## Mexico trip meeting today

A meeting to begin planning for this year's intersession trip by MTSU students to Mexico will be held at 11 this morning in room 308 of the University Center.

According to Ralph Fullerton, chairman of the geography and earth science department, the meeting will last not more than an hour and will include refreshments, slides from last year's trip and a discussion of plans for the next one.

Del K. Shumway of the cosponsoring foreign language department, will help answer questions on the jaunt, which carries three

hours' credit for anyone wanting it. Students need not enroll for credit to make the trip.

This year as last, the first week will be spent in the homes of families in Saltillo, in the Sierra Madre Oriental Mountains just southwest of Monterrey. The second week will be spent traveling, with stops at Tampico, Pamplona, Pachuca, the Pyramid of the Sun and Mexico City.

Field work may include anything from local geology to a factory making serapes by hand—all at a very reasonable rate.

## Is home the woman's place?

The November meeting of the MTSU Campus Forum will argue the question "Is woman's place in the home?" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 322 of the University Center.

Charlene Cantrell, a junior from Murfreesboro, will open the hour-long clash by arguing that the woman's place is still in the home despite the recent move towards women's lib.

She will be opposed by Huntsville graduate student Sandy Morrison.

After brief opening speeches, the floor will be open for anyone present to express his opinion, forum director John Conner said.

Approximately 100 persons are expected to attend this month's meeting of the forum, sponsored by the MTSU debate team.

Earlier forum topics this semester have included the impeachment of Nixon and the abolishment of the ASB.

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## Nashville publisher stresses role of watchdog for nation's papers

John Seigenthaler, publisher of The Tennessean, told mass communications classes yesterday the most important role of the press is that of watchdog over government.

"Watergate is the classic example of the press taking up the slack when the investigative arm of the government breaks down," he said.

President Nixon admitted the validity of reporters as investigators when he said two Washington Post reporters were able to uncover more about Watergate than the FBI, Seigenthaler said.

The press has an absolute right, granted by the First Amendment, to question and investigate public officials, Seigenthaler said.

However the press also has a responsibility, he added.

The publisher discussed another case of scandal--that relating to former Vice-President Agnew.

The press served in a different role because reporters did not do the investigating, Seigenthaler said, but printed facts given them by government officials who were afraid those facts might be covered up.

The Watergate case and the Agnew case document and validate the need for investigative reporters in our society, he said.

"The constitutional rights of many people would be in danger had not two reporters on the



John Seigenthaler

(Washington) Post been willing to put their credibility on the line," Seigenthaler said.

Seigenthaler said people should read the press with skepticism, weighing which has more at stake--the reporter or the official about which he may be writing.

## Two new art courses will be offered

by Julia Andrade

For non-art majors interested in art, two new courses--Sculpture I and Ceramics I--will be offered during spring semester.

"These two new courses offered by the art department were designed specifically for non-majors with no prerequisites required," according to James Gibson, associate professor of art.

The three-hour courses will be offered at night so that those in the community may also have the opportunity to participate, according to Gibson.

"We developed these courses after much demand on the part of students interested in taking art courses but not desiring to take the six to nine hours of prerequisite

Sculpture I (course number 251) will be taught by Gibson from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will cover wood construction, carving, casting and welding.

Ceramics I, currently being offered with the course number 281, will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:40 p.m. and will be an introduction to basic understanding and methods of construction of clay. It will be taught by Kenneth Catbagan, associate art professor.

"These courses are designed to give a basic understanding of art for those who want it but do not necessarily want an art major. They are not offered as substitutes for the courses requiring prerequisites," Catbagan said.

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# Editorials

## Talk turns into action

One of the first Sidelines editorials this semester blasted ASB President Tim Watson for canceling a scheduled symposium on reform in the marijuana laws. Subsequently, Watson pledged to schedule the symposium for a later date, and he has made good on that promise. Tonight's symposium should be an informative session on a matter of concern to many students.

During his campaign and again early in the semester, Watson promised to work for an extension in library hours. For a while it seemed that no concrete proposals would be made, but Watson came through last week with serious suggestions. Now he and the administrators have something on which to negotiate. Hopefully, they will be able to agree on some plan for longer library hours if only on a trial basis.

Watson has recently begun investigating numerous student complaints about problems using some of the facilities in the multi-million dollar Murphy Center. Perhaps negotiations with administrators will result in a schedule for the facility that will permit students to get their money's worth.

It seems that Watson, several months into his term, is beginning to learn the lessons of government as well as he learned the lessons of power last spring. Action on important issues is beginning to replace talk.

## Professor submits proposal for easing energy demand

by Terry Thomas  
ASB Secretary of  
Student Mobilization

A proposal has been submitted to President Scarlett and the Board of Regents by Lester W. Levi, a member of the mathematics department, outlining methods by which MTSU could help conserve energy. The basic proposition provides for a delaying of registration for the spring semester.

There are three ways of doing this: temporarily suspend intersession and move the calendar forward three weeks; omit the spring holidays and move intersession and the spring semester forward a week, thus providing two extra weeks; and by combining the two suggestions above and conceivably extend the Christmas holidays to seven and one-half weeks.

Conservation of fuel could take place in three ways: heat may be reduced to maintain a 60-degree temperature in all buildings and heat loss due to the opening and closing of doors by students and faculty would be held to a minimum in locked buildings. Harold Jewel, head of the maintenance department, said this would mean a sizable reduction in fuel consumption; there is a real possibility that the school would have to close sometime during the

spring semester if we have an extended severe cold spell. Our fuel storage capacity has doubled over last year, but at one point last year, the lack of available fuel due to a supplier not fulfilling his contract would have necessitated the school closing if we had had an extended severe cold spell. It is not a question of storage capacity -- it is a question of availability; and consumption of fuel would be reduced during critical periods of winter (for example, faculty, staff and students getting back and forth to school). On top of this, in relation to Nixon's speech Sunday night, we may have a 15 per cent reduction in fuel available to us.

The Associated Student Body moves for option number one, suspend intersession and move the calendar forward three weeks. This would provide a five and one-half week Christmas holiday period and the spring semester would end the last week in May.

Petitions are being circulated now in support of this proposition. They will be submitted, with a copy of this Open Column, to Dr. Scarlett and the Board of Regents for consideration. They will serve as an expression of student opinion. It is better to preclude the possibility of an undesirable event than to allow the event the chance to occur.



SHAPING UP

## Jefferson, pot and thieves receive equal treatment

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You know, if advancements in educational methods at MTSU nearly equaled advancements in police-state techniques and thinking, we would have an amazingly fine institution. The latest arrogation is that our campus officials are looking into getting one of those dope-sniffing dogs to parade through the dorms.

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter."

---Thomas Jefferson

### Cannibalized Cannabis:

Some enterprising soul seems to have liberated the six-foot potted pot plant from Sheriff Robert Goodwin's officer over Thanksgiving according to an anonymous phone tip. Now ain't that a fittin' way to celebrate that holiday?

Happy trails to you!

## Both Sides Now

by Bill Lewis

I would like to remind correspondents, both potential and extant, that there is simply no way for any newspaper to make use of unsigned letters, regardless of how temptingly asinine such missives may be.

"Each one of us is a mixture of good qualities and some perhaps not-so-good qualities. In considering our fellow man we should remember his good qualities and realize that his faults only prove that he is, after all, a human being. We should refrain from making harsh judgment of a person just because he happens to be

## Sidelines

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# Controversy grows over faculty rights

by Bill Mason

Controversy has grown concerning the rights of faculty members without tenure since former professor Cheryl Travis charged MTSU with failure to provide her due process procedure when she was not recommended for re-employment in 1972.

Teachers are hired at MTSU for a probationary period averag-

by the university after a teacher is not rehired.

The questions that have been asked about this procedure include: 1) Does a teacher not recommended for re-employment have the right to a due process hearing? 2) What type of hearing is granted? and 3) What course of appeal does the teacher have?

In the 1972 faculty handbook, a sentence has been blotted out,

Certainly, a decision not to reemploy is a serious matter. And all non-tenured teachers contacted said that they expected a due process hearing should they not be rehired.

Therefore, it can be reasonably assumed that a teacher who is not rehired does have the right to a due process hearing.

In the same university policy mentioned above, due process is

If the answers to these questions are affirmative, the decision of the department head stands.

Therefore, the only hearing granted a teacher in this situation is before Kirksey, who will seldom overturn the decision of the department head.

After Kirksey has made his decision, the only appeal left to the teacher is directly to President M.G. Scarlett, who has never been

## News analysis

ing five years. During this period, the teachers are hired on a yearly basis upon the recommendation of the department head.

After probation, a teacher is granted tenure, a permanent teaching position.

If a department head decides that a teacher does not serve the best interests of his department, the chairman must give that teacher adequate notice that he will not be recommended for re-employment. In this situation, a teacher is not fired, but the effect is exactly the same.

The cause of the present controversy is the procedure followed

but reads, "A hearing in accordance with due process procedure (for a teacher not recommended for rehiring) will be provided."

Howard Kirksey, MTSU vice president for academic affairs, said that the sentence was marked out on the advice of university lawyers and directives from the State Board of Education.

However, a policy statement issued by the office of Morris Bass, MTSU vice president of finance and administration, states that due process procedure will be granted in any "serious matter" affecting faculty members.

defined as including the right to hear charges, the right to a hearing before one or more persons, the right to answer charges and the right of an appeal.

A teacher who is not rehired has the right to appeal that decision to Kirksey, who said he considers only three questions in appeal of a department head's recommendation: 1) Was notice official? 2) Was notice on time? and 3) Were the civil and constitutional rights of the teacher upheld?

known to overrule a decision made by Kirksey in this matter.

This procedure for teachers not rehired is official and apparently legal.

Teachers on probation do not have the right to be represented by a lawyer on appeal, to be given a hearing before a group of peers or even to be given a reason for the actions of a department head when not rehired.

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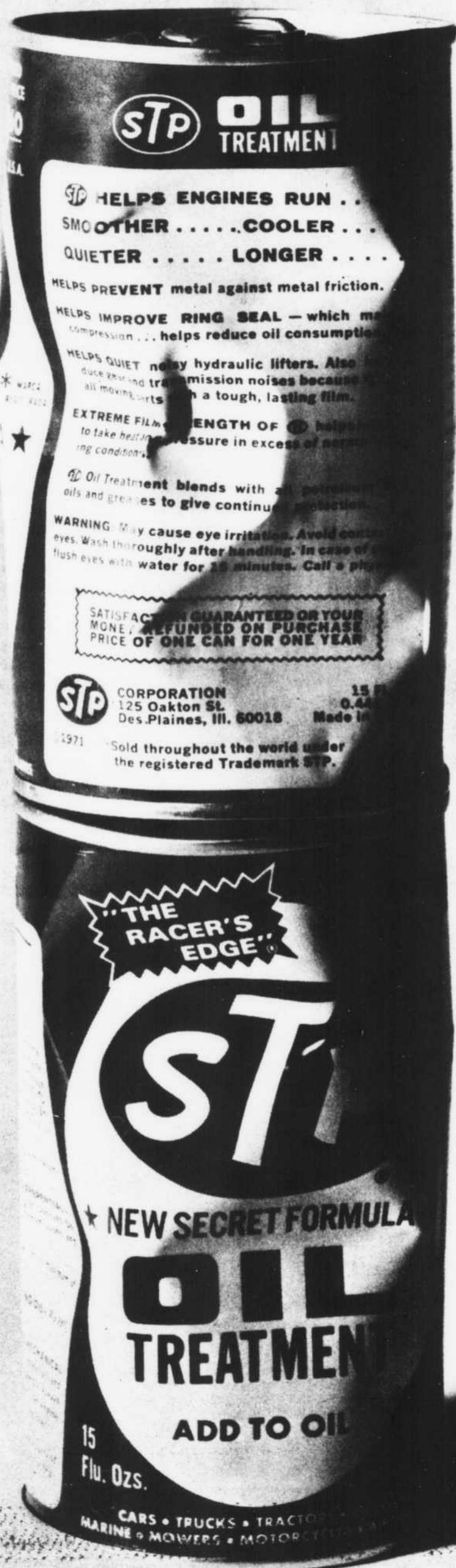
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Wiseman is expected to meet with President M.G. Scarlett and

Vice President for Student Affairs Harry Wagner this morning before touring the campus.

Gary Sadler, ASB attorney general, will accompany Wiseman on the campus swing. Sadler said Wiseman will also tape an interview with WMOT-FM sometime this morning.

Elected as state treasurer in 1971, Wiseman earlier served in the State House of Representatives. He is a native of Tullahoma.



MTSU Theatre's second production of the season, "The Servant of Two Masters," will open Friday at 8 p.m. in the Arena Theatre, Dramatic Arts Publicity Manager Anne Petty announced recently.

# File 13

Anyone who has ideas they would like to express concerning the availability of Murphy Center may bring them to the ASB office in the UC.

Students are requested to meet with their advisers this week to get approval for class schedule content for spring semester. Class meeting times and days can be chosen at the students' convenience.

Interviews for Girl Scout camp counselors in the Middle Tennessee area for next summer will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in office 128 of the Murphy Center.

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A group attempting to form a canoe club in Murfreesboro will float Clear Creek Saturday Dec. 1. Interested persons should contact Ohio Knox at 618 E. Main or call 896-4057.

Claudia Bonnyman, a Vanderbilt student, will speak at 4 this afternoon in UC 324 on "Women in Law."

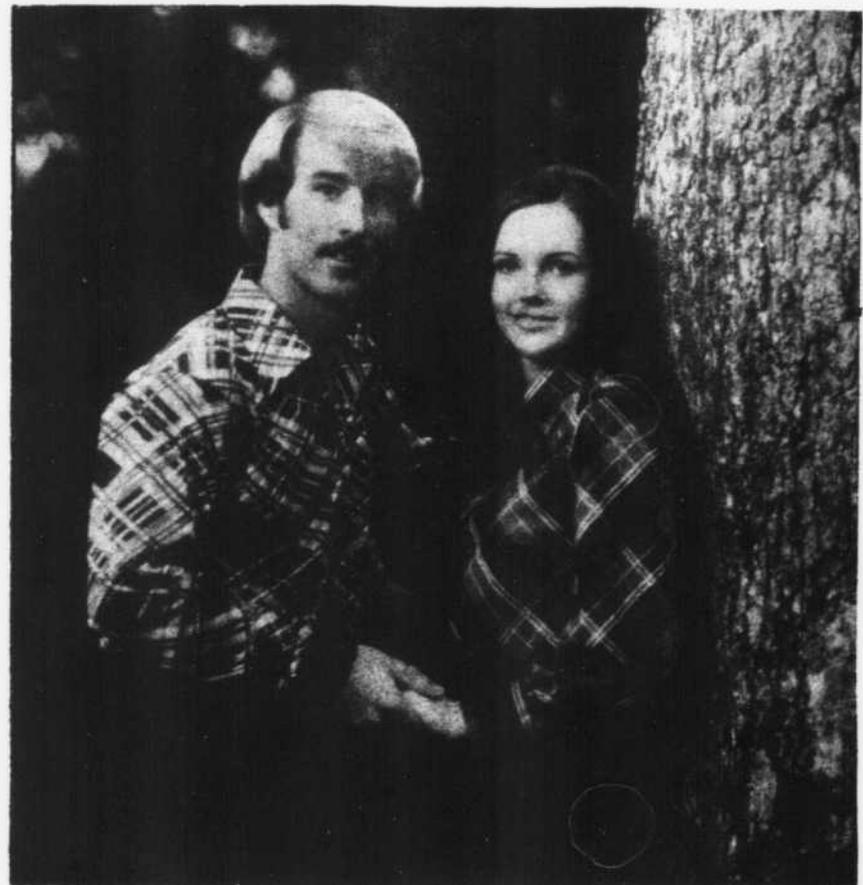
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# Injuries mar Raider pigskin hopes

Now that the Blue Raider football team has ended its quest to achieve gridiron excellence in the Saturday wars, a few words in retrospect are in order.

Bill Peck experienced his first losing season at the Raider helm this year. Many people have asked my opinion concerning the reasons behind the Raider's lackluster 4-7 year.

## Scott's Spot

by Scott Elliott  
Sports Editor

It's common knowledge among Raider fans that Peck guided a banged-up squad this fall. But I wonder how many actually realize the extent of the Big Blue's misfortunes.

Hard knocks didn't begin for MTSU Sept. 8 against Tennessee State. Before the Raiders and Tigers clashed, Peck was without the services of linebacker James Isabell, tackle Dexter Dodson, guard Lonnie Harris, center George Lyon and tailback David Fritts.

The injuries to his offensive line forced Peck to move several defensive players to the other side of the line, where they were totally inexperienced.

To make matters worse, the Raiders lost two key offensive players, quarterback Fred Rohrdanz and All-OVC candidate Randall Miller were dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons.

Still, the Big Blue didn't throw in the towel. The Raiders were beaten by the number one and number two teams in the nation. Two of MTSU's seven losses were by one and six points.

Defeating Murray State, the second place team in the OVC, and breaking a five year losing streak in the Tennessee Tech contest were some of the more pleasurable experiences for the Raiders. Holding Tennessee State to three points in the second half wasn't bad defense either.

"We are going to beat some people next year," Peck said. "We have a lot of good football players returning who don't care to go through another season like this one."

Raider Head Basketball Coach Jimmy Earle obviously is going to be true to his word concerning a "running team" this season.

Anyone who witnessed the annual Blue-White game last Tuesday must have noticed a more offensively-minded bunch of Raider roundballers.

"I thought we shot the ball well, and, for the most part, handled the ball pretty well," Earle said. "We still need to cut back on our turnovers and use a little more control on some of our breaks."

Center Dave Bormann and guard Fred Allen caught a lot of eyes in the intra-squad contest. Bormann

tallied 33 points and pulled down 17 rebounds. Allen, a fancy ball-handler, bombed in 24 points on shots from 25-35 feet.

Earle is blessed with a host of talented players this year. Steve Peeler, George Sorrell and Jimmy Martin also scored in double figures with 29, 27, and 22 points, respectively.

After watching the Raiders in action, I'm picking the squad to top the OVC this season. A little offense combined with Earle's patented defense will supply the winning punch that has been lacking in the past.



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Junior sharpshooter Jimmy Martin prepares to fire a shot over guard Fred Allen. Both players scored in double figures in the annual Blue-White game.

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Additional equipment and a larger working area are responsible for "a growing enthusiasm" among the members of the Middle Tennessee State University Gymnastics Club, according to club president John Lucas.

The gymnastics club meets on Monday nights at 6 and is open to anyone interested in participating.

"We've been competing on the state level for two years," Lucas

noted, "and we'll be competing in a series of meets beginning in January."

In its first meet, the MTSU Women's Gymnastics Team placed second in a University of Tennessee tournament. The lady Raiders were led by Sally Krakoviak, who finished first for MTSU. UT-Knoxville finished first and Peabody placed third.

## Blue grapplers compete in Southern open tourney

Six Blue Raider wrestlers traveled to Chattanooga this past weekend to compete in the Southern Open Wrestling Tournament. Two grapplers came back with quarterfinal consolation wins.

Bruce Garelick and Clyde Howell, who wrestle in the 165 and 142 pound weight classes respectively, made the quarterfinals.

The match was open to individual competition and 450 wrestlers from schools all over the South took part in the two-day tourna-

ment.

Other MTSU wrestlers in the meet were Dave Litaker, 142 pound weight class, Bob Francescan, 150 pound, and Gary Loss, 157. These wrestlers represent about half of the squad.

Coach Henry Sorrel's team, the first since 1953, begins their season Saturday in dual meet at UT-Martin.

The first home match is next Monday against the University of the South at 7:30 p.m.

## Jock Shorts

The women's intramural volleyball tournament will get underway at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow in Alumni Memorial Gym. In the first match, the second-place teams in the Greek and Campus divisions will play to see who will face Arnold's Angels in the semifinals. In other action, the Firecrackers will play the winners of the Greek division.

The Intramural Swim Meet will

be held Dec. 5-6, and entries are now being taken in the Intramural office on the main floor of Alumni Memorial Gym.

Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for the women's intercollegiate basketball team. Practice will begin at 6:30 tomorrow night in auxiliary gym number two of the Murphy Athletic Center. For further information, contact Karen Ledford at 898-2104.

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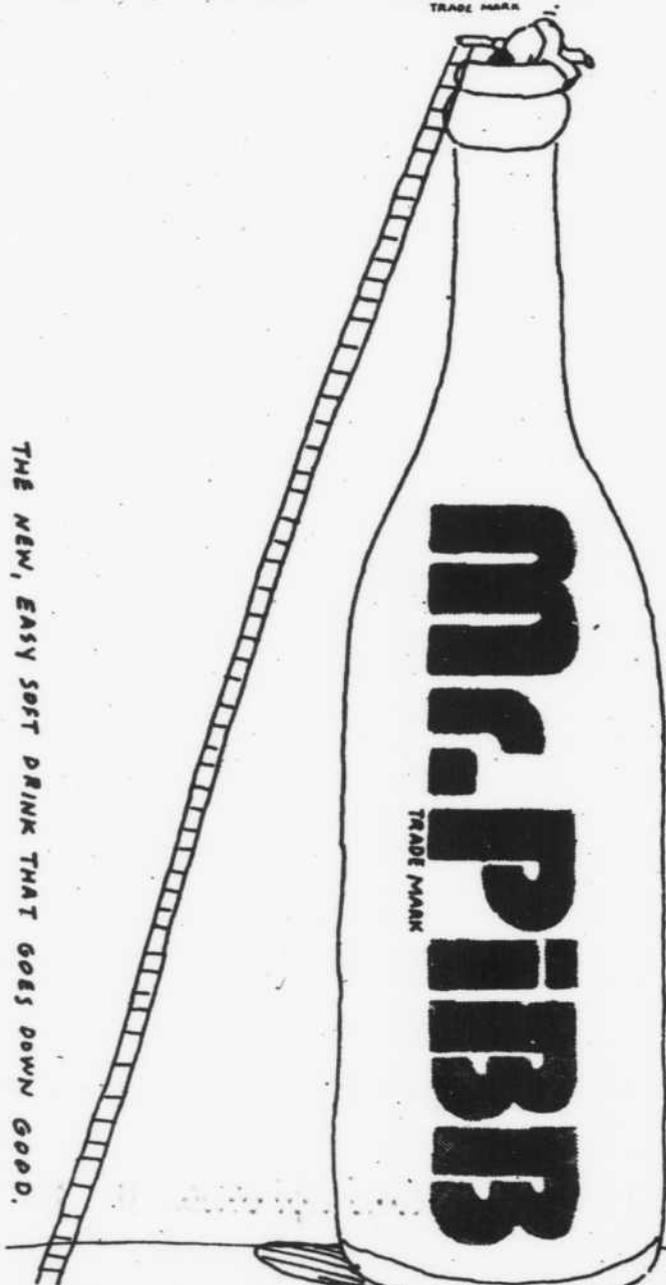
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