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Dorm residents rebut, claim treated unduly

By DOUG MARKHAM
News Editor

Residents of coed MonShaRey Hall said yesterday that they are not loud, are not peeping Toms and do not create havoc when visiting the lobby of the females' dorm.

Last week female residents of the merged dorms told *Sidelines* that the MonShaRey residents were unruly and distracting when visiting the lobby.

ABOUT eight members of the men's dorm, including the dorm officers, gathered in MonShaRey's small lobby yesterday to counter the accusations.

Friday's article was "biased" and "unfair," the group said.

Only a small percentage of the women would agree with the article's accusations, according to Eddy Abrey, president of the men's dorm.

A PETITION requesting a retraction of the article has been circulated and signed by the majority of female residents, Abrey said.

In the article, a Reynolds Hall resident said, "The guys are not only loud, but insist on throwing Frisbees and footballs into the Reynolds' restroom window."

Abrey said the MonShaRey residents throw Frisbees in the windows, but only after the coeds ask them too.

DAVID Demonbreun, the dorm's SRA said the accusations were "unfounded."

The residents have not been loud and they do not party until 2 or 3 a.m., Demonbreun said.

A Reynolds' coed last week also accused some of the male occupants of being peeping Toms, even though the women's dorms are on the second and third floors of the three story building.

"WE'RE hardly tall enough to look into their windows," Greg Reynolds said.

Abrey said no one looked into the dorms from the outside unless one of the residents overtly undressed in front of the window.

"How could you help but not look then?" Abrey said.

THE MonShaRey residents said they are not angry with the coeds, and enjoy their dorm, but

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Charles Balles, Eddy Abrey and John Turner stand outside MonShaRey. The basement of Monohan, Schardt and Reynolds halls were converted into male housing this fall due to an overflow

of men registrants here. The trio along with about five others claim the MonShaRey residents are well disciplined and do not disturb female occupants in the the connecting dorms.

Recruitment of black professors difficult

By JACKIE BURRELL

Staff Writer

Recruiting black professors is a problem for MTSU, according to Joy Callahan of the Affirmative Action Office.

MTSU has 11 black professors on staff, 10 men and one woman, Callahan said.

THIS YEAR MTSU hired only one black professor, recruited for the library, she said.

Other black professors are in the departments of sociology, elementary education, management/marketing, economics, industrial studies, mathematics, physical education, criminal justice and psychology.

The great shortage of qualified black professors is the major problem in recruiting, Vice President of Academic Affairs Delbert Meyer said.

DUE TO THE shortage, the competition for black professors is extremely high, he said.

"Therefore, schools that are the most attractive and schools which can pay the most money are the ones who get the qualified black professors," Meyer said.

This enables black professors to choose the school they wish to teach at based on their own personal interests, he said.

"THEY'RE GOING to go where they get the most money," Meyer added.

MTSU is not the only university facing the problem of recruiting black professors. The recruiting is a universal problem and every institution in the country is concerned about it, Meyer said.

"I don't know of any university in the country that has been able to attract the number of minority or black professors that they would like to have," he said.

THE SHORTAGE of qualified black teachers is due to a sociological problem. A very low percentage of the black population goes through higher education to get a college degree, thus there are only a few qualified to teach, Meyer said.

MTSU is making a strong effort to attract black professors and having some success at it, but the current number on staff is not the level the school desires, he said.

"The number of qualified black professors available on a proportional basis is so low it will be years before the problem is corrected," he said.

He added, however, that there is a trend toward correcting the problem.

"MORE AND MORE black students are completing higher education. Thus, in a few years the problem will not be as great," Meyer explained.

Parking lots surveyed; many spaces go unused

By YEVETTE MCGOWEN

Staff Writer

Many students complain about the lack of parking spaces on MTSU's campus, however, according to a recent survey, numerous spaces are vacant during the peak hours of school.

Charles Pigg, director of campus planning and construction, conducted the survey and found that the lots in front of the maintenance building, Cummings Hall, married housing, J and K apartments and Greenland Drive have more than 300 vacant slots. His survey revealed that most other lots were essentially filled.

FROM HIS survey he found the majority of vacancies were on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with almost 500 slots available around campus. On Mondays and Wednesdays there were nearly 300 empty spaces.

"I think we can gain 10 to 12 percent in parking capacity if we take a lot and restripe it to accommodate a compact car," Pigg said.

"If it works out, we could go on to more lots."

During the vice presidents' meeting Monday, Pigg proposed that four specific lots be striped for compact cars on a trial basis: the Dramatic Arts, Cummings Hall, LRC and H Hall lots.

RESTRIPING these lots would result in a gain of 52 spaces, he said.

Executive Assistant Otis Floyd proposed that, instead of restriping the DA lot, the temporary lot should be lined for compact cars when it is paved.

President Sam Ingram said that perhaps if 20 percent of spaces in several lots were striped for compact cars, then the spaces should stay full, since 40 percent of the cars on campus are compacts.

Plan stresses awareness of alcohol abuse

By BALINDA BARRON

Staff Writer

A campus alcohol abuse program will begin this semester.

"We are not trying to make a moral issue out of alcohol use," John David Hays, associate dean of students for men's affairs, said. "We just want students to make a responsible decision."

THE PROGRAM, planned by Physician's Assistant Don Young of health services and Hays, will provide information about the effects of alcohol and encourage students to make a responsible decision about alcohol use based on the information.

Both Young and Hays think an established program would help abusers reevaluate their ideas about alcohol.

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Homecoming attracts many queen contestants

By TERRY MORROW

Feature Editor

Homecoming Queen elections are this Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.-6 p.m. at Peck Hall and also from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and the UC lobby with 43 women vying for the title.

From that election, five finalists will be announced and the final winner will be crowned homecoming day.

The only requirements for the title is to be a full-time student with a 2.0 GPA.

Here is a list of contestants and the organizations they represent: Lisa Kay Anible, MTSU Band of the Blue; Jennifer Lynn Bass, ROTC; Nancy Carol Bevels, Chi Omega; Janna Suzanne Bomar, Little Sigma's of the Sigma Chi fraternity; Camala Jo Bouvin, Gamma Beta Phi; Janie Yvonne Bowling, Pi Kappa Alpha; Julie Ann Bratcher, Felder Hall; Sherry Ann Butler, Wood Hall.

SUE FELICE Campbell, Alpha Delta Pi; Jenny M. Cantrall, Little Sisters of Minerva; Donna Carver, Chi Omega; Karen Lynn Cavaness, Alpha Gamma Delta; Lex Anne Cook, Student Teachers Education Association; Susan Cook, MTSU College Republicans; Patti Corley, the Wesley Foundation; Lisa Marie Curtis, Alpha Delta Phi Big Brothers; Jo Ellen Drennon, Pi Kappa Alpha.

Sandra Frank, Cummings Hall; Mary Jo Giles, Delta Zeta; Loyce Ann Johnston, Alpha Delta Pi; Wendy Marie LaLance, Chi Omega; Kim Laster, SAE Pledge Class; Carol Ann Lee, SAE Fraternity; Sandra Gayle Lee, Student Ambassadors; Sheryl Deanise Levy, Kappa Alpha Pledge Class; Melanie Matzek, Kappa Delta; Kimberly Lane Mitchell, Kappa Alpha Order; Lori Ann Moore, Kappa Sigma Star-dusters; Rhonda Jean Morgan, McHenry Hall; Susan Paige Nunley, Schardt Hall.

Laura Lee Palmer, Judd Hall; Vickie Louise Paris, Rutledge Hall; Teresa Anna Perko,

Reynolds Hall; Tamna J. Reece, Brothers of Sigma Chi; Bobbie Denise Reich, Miss Mary Hall; Debbie Resha, Kappa Sigma Pledges; Karen Ann Smeykal, Kappa Sigma; Suzanne Taylor, Kappa Delta.

Lynda Carol Tewell, Alpha Gamma Delta; Suzanne Vasut, Baptist Student Union; Kimberly J. Wilson, High Rise West; Karla Loray Winfrey, Sigma Delta Chi; Linda Kay Young, Pi Sigma Epsilon.



Vaudeville revisited

Members from the cast of the "Riverboat Ragtime Revue" dance the Walkin' Dog on Monday night at the Wright Music Building. The comedy recreated days of the good ol' times on a Mississippi riverboat.

John Turner, freshman candidate for the ASB Senate, challenges all freshmen Senate candidates to an open forum in the UC grill tonight at 7.

Candidates wishing to participate in the forum should contact Turner at 898-4734.

Elections for the ASB Senate will be tomorrow and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Peck Hall and in the UC lobby, and again from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at Peck Hall only.



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Hays cites statistics related to alcohol abuse.

"THE LIFE expectancy of 18- to 24-year-olds is decreasing instead of increasing," Hays said. "A large percentage of traffic fatalities are related to alcohol abuse. One person is killed every 23 minutes by a drunk driver."

Last year two MTSU students were killed, and two were injured in accidents involving alcohol abuse.

As a joint effort between Young and Hays, the program will be operated out of the Health Services Clinic and Hays' office.

YOUNG plans to establish a communication outlet for

students who want to discuss alcohol and related problems confidentially.

Staffs of residence halls will be instructed on how they can render assistance to students with questions about alcohol.

Bass-baritone opens series

The MTSU 1982-83 Concert Series begins with bass-baritone Jan Opalach on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

Opalach, a winner of both the 1980 Naumburg Vocal Competition and the 1979 Metropolitan Opera National Auditions, added an international dimension to his

Residents

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that any problems arising between them in the future need to be worked out together.

"If they have a complaint they can come together with us," John Turner, ASB representative for the dorm said.

career in September of 1981 by winning the first prize for bass-baritones in the prestigious International Vocal Competition of s'Hertogenbosch in the Netherlands.

There will be 100 free tickets for students on a first-come-first-serve basis. The tickets may be picked up on the day of the concert in the music office. Students must have ID cards.

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88 schools debate here

By BILLIE ABRAMS
Staff Writer

The forensics program hosted last weekend the first major regional intercollegiate debate tournament of the debating season.

About 56 varsity and 32 junior varsity debating teams represented about 38 colleges and universities from the eastern half of the United States. Each team has two students.

"THIS YEAR, we gave away over \$1,000 in trophies," Dr. Jim Brooks, director of the forensic program, said. "An entrance fee is charged to cover the expense."

In the spring, debate team coaches across the country vote on topics, Brooks added. The topic, centering on a general policy of government, is selected and announced in July.

The topic is called the national resolution. This year, the resolution is to resolve that all the United States military intervention into the internal affairs of any foreign nation in the Western Hemisphere should be prohibited.

"DEBATERS have been researching and preparing since the middle of July," Brooks said. "Even though everyone debates the same topic you get different views."

Students debate eight rounds, he added. They take the affirmative, defending the resolution, four times and the negative view four times.

"After each round the judge makes a decision and puts it in a sealed ballot," Brooks said. "After all of the teams have

debated eight rounds the ballots are opened, counted and the top 16 teams debate in elimination rounds."

A FRESHMAN from Central Michigan University debating in junior varsity says she favors the affirmative view. "You know what to expect when you debate the affirmative," said Bethany Raymond, a biology major.

The judges are debating team coaches. They do not judge their own teams.

"A judge is looking for how well a team defends or attacks the resolution," said David Ling, a speech-communication's professor at Central Michigan University.

"YOU LOOK for the quality of evidence and how effectively the team presents or defends the resolution. It's a very rapid style of presentation," he added.

In April the top 60 teams participate in a national championship tournament and the national champion is chosen.

"Every team is independent and the tournaments are by invitation," Brooks said. "It is not like typical conference competition. It's very wide open."

SOME OF THE best teams in the country are from small state schools, Brooks added. Last year, a team from West Georgia College won the national championship.

Small colleges compete against large universities.

"It's an exciting experience," Ling said. "When you're a school the size of Central Michigan and students get an opportunity to compete against

students from schools such as Dartmouth and Southern California."

THE TEAMS and coaches stay in motels in Murfreesboro.

"Universities have a travel budget for debating teams," Brooks said. "Some schools provide nice budgets and others very little. In those cases the kids end up paying for it themselves."

"THE RIGID schedule sometimes presents problems," Brooks said. "But these students are super-achievers and this is all they do. This is their social life. As a rule, they are very successful people."



The first intercollegiate debate tournament was held here Saturday through Monday attracted debaters from all over the United States. The debate topic concerned U.S. foreign policy with the military.



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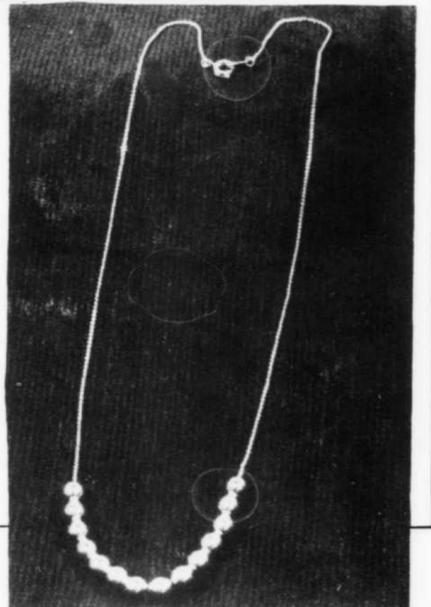
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Public colleges need protection; state 'support' changing to 'aid'

Inflation, increasing educational costs and decreasing federal aid have caused private colleges and universities to experience a decrease in enrollment over the past few years. These decreases have been especially heavy among minorities and low-and middle-income students.

While inflation has reduced the ability of parents to pay the higher costs, many students have been hurt by cuts in federal aid, even though all the cuts requested by the Reagan administration did not make it through Congress.

THE RESULTING flight from private schools has increased enrollments at Tennessee public colleges and universities this fall, including 10 percent increases at three community colleges.

This has resulted in an increased burden on state schools to educate those students who have been caught in the wedge of higher costs and less aid.

The increases in enrollments come on top of the imposition last fall of enrollment caps. The state said, in effect, it could only afford to educate so many students, give or take 5 percent. The others would just have to do the best they could.

THIS HAS LEFT the schools, which have experienced increases that exceed the cap, high and dry. They are forced to make up for the shortage of funds necessary to educate these additional students from their general budgets.

At the same time, the percentage of educational costs contributed by the state has decreased from 55.2 percent last year to 54.3 percent this year, while the students' contribution has increased from 16.4 percent to 18.5 percent.

Or as State Board of Regents Chancellor Roy S. Nicks put it at Friday's preliminary higher education budget hearing, "We are on the verge of transition from state-supported public higher education to state-assisted higher education in Tennessee."

COMPARED TO the other thirteen states in the Southeast, Tennessee ranks dead last or nearly last in categories such as faculty salaries, per student appropriation and student enrollment.

The Legislature needs to review its spending priorities to prevent Tennessee from falling further into the abyss of economic instability caused by a shortage of a trained and educated work force.

Tennessee already suffers from a shortage of persons with training in the high-technology areas. The state must avoid falling farther behind or its 11 plus percent unemployment rate will soar, even when the economy picks up again on the national level.

The best way to insure that Tennessee catches up with the rest of the Southeast and, maybe, the nation is to adequately fund higher education. The Legislature must take these steps now to protect the state's future.

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Letters From Our Readers

Guest view

By Congressman Albert Gore Jr.

Recently I learned of a scheme to raise TVA hydroelectric rate to offset the federal deficit—a misguided plan devised by Budget director David Stockman and several cabinet members behind the backs of the Congress and TVA.

Under the direction of James Watt, the Secretary of the Interior, an interagency working group of Administration economists and officials from four federal agencies has been quietly looking at ways to raise hydropower rates above the actual cost by 1000 percent of \$400 million a year of the U.S. Treasury.

SINCE hydropower is one source of electricity for TVA, rates overall would go up more than 25 percent. With intense determination this group had pursued its course, as outlined by Secretary Watt and the President's Budget Director, David Stockman. The group first met last July 29th.

The group is led by William Niskanen, a member of the Presidents Council of Economic Advisors, who was asked to appear last week before a panel of members of congress from the Tennessee Valley and the Pacific Northwest (which also has public hydropower) to answer many puzzling questions about the groups purpose and goals.

Niskanen calmly revealed his group's agenda, which so far has included the collection of data on rate policies of TVA and other public power agencies, without directly informing the

leaders of these agencies of their true intentions.

AFTER I first learned of the group's existence, I contacted TVA officials and was told they knew nothing about this plan, which would drastically change its rate structure.

Behind a cloak of secrecy, this group has carefully collected rate data, cautious not to reveal its study to the public.

Under questioning by the panel of congressional leaders, Niskanen confirmed that he was instructed by Secretary Watt not to allow his group's work to come to the public's attention until after November 2nd because of "its political sensitivity."

THE GROUP was told to submit its report to Secretary Watt after the November elections this year.

This attempt to alter the direction of our nation's public power rate policies and to balance the federal budget on the backs of the TVA electric ratepayers has now been brought to light for the scrutiny of TVA consumers.

I strongly object to the group's intentions for three reasons. First, any intention to dramatically change public power rate structures with overwhelming impact to millions of hydropower users should have the full participation of public representatives and the public power agencies from its beginning.

SECONDLY, hydropower is a public resource and it seems unfair to require its users to pay more than its actual cost. The public power system was developed many years ago to increase the standard of living and quality of life in the Tennessee Valley.

And third, the impact of so drastic a rate increase would place additional financial burdens on a region whose people earn, on the average, less than most Americans. Many people are forced already to make impossible choices between buying electricity and buying basic necessities.

This issue has prompted the development of a strong in the Congress. Many members of the political aisle, have joined together to fight against the continuation of this group's efforts.

WE IN THE Congress must send a clear signal to the Administration that any attempt to undermine our laws designed to protect ratepayers will stir a storm of protest and opposition. I hope that by bringing this study to light, we can stop it dead in its tracks, before any more precious time and valuable talent is wasted in the pursuit of its senseless goals.

However, the Administration has not yet backed away from the effort and I think it should do so before November, not after.

Dorm visitation rules antiquated

To the Editor:

This letter is about the "nineteenth century rules" at Monahan concerning visitation. I'd say the dorms with visitation are the ones in the nineteenth century and the ones without visitation are in the seventeenth. Just hearing the word "visitation" makes me sick. Visitation reminds me of giving a dog a bone for being good.

IT'S SAID that we have these rules to protect ourselves from our roommates, whom without these rules would have their boyfriend/girlfriend over all the time resulting in no one studying. That's false, as there are plenty of students at other universities who get good grades and are allowed to live like an adult.

At other schools, RAs are just that; an assistant to be called upon when residents need their help. Here an RA's job consists of being a substitute parent who calls upon the students, making sure that the Board of Regents' moral standards are enforced.

MTSU SHOULD catch up to the twentieth century and have unlimited visitation. Security guards should be left in the girls' dorms, but their jobs should be limited to keeping unwanted, dangerous males out. Girls could bring male guests in anytime, but sign them in for safety

against criminals getting in.

I urge everyone who wants to be treated like an adult to drop a line to *Sidelines*. Show support for this or another similar plan. Campus mail doesn't require postage.

Sincerely,

Jim Nowin
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Booking acts difficult work

To the Editor:

The letter to the editor that Mr. Hollis had in Wednesday's *Sidelines*, was most effective in showing his ignorance of how MTSU books concerts.

First of all they do not issue backstage passes. These come from the promoters and management for the particular groups.

SECOND, I think it would be a good idea for Mr. Hollis to go speak to Harold Smith, Director of Student Programming so he can learn all about the MTSU's concert booking process. Then he will change his mind.

Booking concerts is a big job. There is a lot of money involved. MTSU tries to make money when they bring a concert here. Therefore it is to their advantage to book as many acts as possible; which they do.

The question Mr. Hollis raised "How many people on this campus would make Alabama their first choice?" Alabama tickets were

sold out in one day. Does that answer your question?

MTSU IN past years has had Elton John, The Who, Dan Fogelberg, Jackson Brown, Eagles, The Beach Boys, Commodores, Kansas, Moody Blues, Electric Light Orchestra, Boston, Jimmy Buffet, Elvis Presley and more.

They are trying to get Crosby, Stills and Nash and Billy Joel for this semester.

This proves that MTSU books more than country acts. Just because a group is on tour does not mean that they will come to Murfreesboro. There are a thousand things to be considered.

Well that's about all I have to say except "thank you" Harold Smith and the rest of student programming and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Eric Steinberg
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Student returns Tyree's volley

To the Editor:

I find it curious that Danny Tyree accuses others of playing "word games."

Sincerely,

J. Wells
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Cross country takes Fisk Jubilee victory

By MAT WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The MTSU Blue Raider cross country track squad turned in a first place performance this past weekend at the Fisk Jubilee Meet.

The Raiders captured first place with a total of 42 points, while Belmont was a close second with 46 points.

OTHER TEAMS finishing high in the field of 13 squads included Jackson State with 54 points, David Lipscomb with 107 points, Tennessee Tech with 144 points and Tennessee State with 145 points.

Coach Dean Hayes, MTSU's 18-year veteran track mentor from Naborville, Ill., was satisfied with the victory.

"I was pleased with yesterday's race," Hayes said. "We now have four guys up front that look tough."

THE FOUR men are junior Jeff Skinner, who placed first with a time of 24:33, sophomore Robert Willis, senior William

Brooks and freshman Billy Porter.

Willis came in second with a time of 24:43, while Brooks, who is only in his first year of competition, looked good, according to Hayes, and finished seventh with a 25:19 clip.

Porter, the former Overton High star, clocked a 25:43 to place a respectable tenth.

OTHER Raiders competing include Tim Webb, Brian Martin and Robert Buck, who provided important additional scoring with their depth.

Looking ahead, Hayes is cautiously optimistic but realizes that with Skinner, his only returning runner, it will take time to prepare his troops for future successes.

"Our biggest goal is to challenge for the OVC title," Hayes said.

With the championship slated for Richmond, Ky., on Oct. 30, Hayes may have the necessary time to mold his men into legitimate contenders.

SportsRapSportsRapSportsRap

by Mike Jones

After seeing the heartbreaking loss which the Blue Raiders suffered Saturday, my spirits had been considerably dampened and watching football was not at the utmost priority in my life at that time.

I walked in my spacious apartment to find that the afternoon had nothing in store for me except sleeping or television. I chose the latter.

MY ONLY real choice was football. Thinking I would soon go to sleep, I turned the set on to watch the Georgia vs. Mississippi State game. I was treated to one of the most pleasant afternoons that a football fan could ever ask for.

The main and only reason for my enjoyment was in one man on that field. That man was Herschel Walker.

I have seen Herschel many times before, and hope to see him many times again, but I will never forget the afternoon I had with the greatest running back ever to step on the grid.

MANY will argue the last statement, which doesn't surprise me. Many great ones have gone before him, but there has never been a better athlete. He's Herschel.

Herschel is blessed with the perfect human body. He is big, yet not overly muscular, and is endowed with power unlimited. He is fleet of foot and wise of mind. His bursting speed is simply a work of art that has to be seen. He's Herschel.

Fan attendance dismal at home football games

By LYNNE BONNEY
Sports Writer

The attendance at the Raider football games has almost always been poor. Although there are several big draws in one season, the attendance record averages out at an estimated 8,166 persons per game.

There are several factors contributing to this. For one, MTSU has always been a "suitcase college." Many students are needed at home and leave for the weekend. Also many students work on the weekends, working their way through college or to earn extra money.

SO MUCH for these folks, but where are the rest of you? Other teams have big crowds. For instance, Eastern and Western Kentucky always have a large cheering crowd. Austin Peay, though small, usually has most of its students attending at least a few of its home games.

The big draws of the season are homecoming and the first home game of the year. Also this past Saturday's game drew an estimated crowd of 8,000. The

fact that the game was televised attributes to the large number of people.

The biggest disappointment of last year, according to Ed Arning at Sports Information, was the Murray State game. The Blue Raiders were 4-2 and Murray State was undefeated in the OVC. Only 6,000 people attended that game.

THE LARGEST number of people attending the ballgames seems to be the fraternities and sororities. There are, however, lots of other students and several diehard community fans who support the Raiders each week.

One of the best reasons for coming to the ballgames is to support our team, boost their morale and spur the Raiders on to victory each week. Students, however, must not see it that way because the stands are still not packed and crowd control has not had to be enforced.

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Zips sneak by Raiders in final seconds

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

The failure to capitalize on key situations and the foot of Akron's Dennis Heckman led to an Akron victory over MTSU by a 19-16 margin. The game was truly a white knuckler.

Heckman's four field goals were the deciding edge in the contest. The Akron place-kicker had a banner afternoon for the Zips, nailing home three pointers from 44, 52, 48 and 40 yards away.

MTSU place-kicker Kelly Potter, probably the most highly touted kicker in the conference, could not find the accuracy and went one for three on field goal attempts.

Potter's 22 yard kick came with 9:29 left in the game and helped to spark the devastating comeback that nearly gave the Raiders a resounding victory. It was truly the most exciting game played this year at Horace Jones Field.

The cameras of ABC Sports and the largest fan throng of the year made for an explosive afternoon of football, even though the game really didn't start until the second half.

NORMALLY the starting quarterback is Brad Zeitner, but he was sidelined with a collarbone injury and Butch Hamby was given the nod from the Blue Raider skipper "Boots" Donnelly.

Zeitner finally trotted onto the field in the second half and calmly proceeded to direct the Raiders to 16 points and almost snatched victory from the grasp of the Zips.

The first half was not without its exciting moment, however.

MTSU GAVE the fans some intensity early when Vince Hall burst for a 39 yard scamper on the first play from scrimmage for the Raiders. Hall waltzed through a hole in which a four-lane highway could have been laid and the fans erupted for the regional television audience.

Hamby failed to generate any offense whatsoever. There were no passing attempts for the Raiders in the first half. Hamby found his receivers well covered and was forced to either eat the turf or ramble for yardage himself.

The end of the first half saw Akron leading 9-0. The Zips had also managed to generate some 129 yards total offense against the Raiders' 87.

The second half was a new game.

KELLY Potter watched a 50 yard attempt sail wide to the left early in the third quarter. The sophomore bootster suffered his worst outing on the season.

Akron upped their margin to 16-0 when Kevin Meade found slotback Jeff Finley in the end zone for a touchdown.

Brad Zeitner entered. AN EIGHTY yard touchdown drive was instigated by Zeitner immediately, assisted by the brilliant backfield tandem of Colwell and Hall. Colwell, the bruising mule at fullback, had carries of 14 and 11 yards. Slashing Vince Hall scampered for 14 yards on a screen pass from Zeitner. Tight end David Little, made a pro-style catch on an aerial from Zeitner for a 20 yard reception.

An outstretched Jerry Lockhart gave the Raiders their first score, hauling in a Zeitner pass from eight yards out.

The Raiders were on the move as the excitement reached fever pitch.

JIMMY Merryman punted on the next Raider possession from the 50. Zip return specialist, Dave Wrigley was nailed by a host of Raiders and coughed up the football. Freshman John Garret pounced on the ball at the Akron five. The stadium rocked with mountainous fan intensity.

The hoopla was negated when MTSU failed to touchdown and had to settle for a Potter field goal. The score was Akron 16 and MTSU 9 with 9:29 left in the game.

Akron was shaken by the Raider comeback, and the fans erupted further when Arthur Washington picked up a Ron Brant fumble around midfield in the next Akron possession.

ZEITNER showed quarterback expertise on the ensuing drive and Kevin Baker leaped into the end zone to pull the Blue within one.

Kelly Potter hammered the PAT all the way to Peck Hall to tie it up. The midstate area was flooded with the screaming joy of the Raider loyalists.

The clock read 2:46 in the game and the momentum

belonged to the men in blue.

AKRON proceeded to win the game with six seconds left on the clock as Dennis Heckman sailed a 40 yard field goal through the uprights.

Questions arose after the game-about what went wrong. Would MTSU have won if:

POTTER had hit the field goals?

Zeitner had ran the ball himself into the end zone from the five?

Zeitner had been inserted earlier?

Akron managed to get the better of MTSU in total offensive

yards with 289 yards to the Raiders 265.

Akron's passing attack proved to be a major spoiler. The Zips threw for 201 yards. MTSU threw for only 84, all of which came in the second half.

THE ELUSIVE tailback stylings of Vince Hall got him more yards than any other ball carrier in the game with 82 yards on 18 carries. Danny Colwell chipped in 69 yards on 17 carries.

A bright spot in the loss was the punting of Merryman. Merryman kicked five times on the afternoon for a 45.2 yard average in his best punting game of the 1982 campaign.

The defense of both teams had fine afternoons.

MTSU'S linebacking corp of Ridings and Roberto combined for an amazing 30 tackles on the day. Arthur Washington had six tackles and four assists.

Akron's sophomore linebacker Ed Grimsley pounded the Raiders with eight tackles and nine assists. Grimsley's outstanding play this season has surely already earned him a spot on the 1982 All-OVC team.

The heartbreaking loss

dropped the Blue Raiders to 1-1 in the conference and to 4-1 on the year. The Akron game marked the end of a four game

home stand and will be the last time the home fans will see the Raiders until the Homecoming game against Austin Peay.



Tailback Vince Hall drags a clinging Akron defender down field in the Raiders 19-16 loss to the Akron Zips last Saturday.

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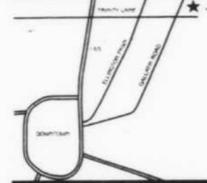
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