



**'C'mon nine,
baby needs
new shoes.'**

Meek dorm residents became inveterate gamblers Tuesday night when Residence Hall Programming sponsored their second Casino party in the lobby of Cummings Hall. Using fake money, participants were able to play roulette [left], blackjack [right], poker, craps and other casino games. [Robin Rudd photos]



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Tech students caught in retaliatory act

Charges dropped against four in 'Harvey' theft

by John Pitts

Charges of grand larceny filed against four MTSU students involved in taking a totem pole from the campus of Tennessee Tech Wednesday afternoon were dropped the next day by Tech officials.

In addition, eight Tech students who came here Wednesday night and were arrested by the University and Murfreesboro Police while involved in alleged acts of theft and vandalism were released without charges.

Apparently, the Tech students came to Murfreesboro without

realizing that the totem pole never left Cookeville.

The totem pole, called "Shinny-Ninny" at Tech and "Harvey" at Middle, is given to the winner of the annual Golden Eagle-Blue Raider football game. Thursday's theft was the first time the pole had been touched by MTSU hands since 1973 (the MTSU football team won that year, 17-10).

The four MTSU students were Mike Petty and Wesley Foster, both of Dickson; Jay Simpson, of Fort Knox, Ky, and Mike Smith of Woodbury. All four are 20 years old and are members of Sigma Alpha

Epsilon social fraternity.

More than 30 members of the fraternity were in some way involved in acquiring the totem pole from Tech's university bookstore, where it was chained to a concrete post.

While seven of the SAE's distracted bookstore employees in various ways, another casually walked in and cut the chains holding the totem pole and the case secure to the post. Five others then entered the bookstore, picked up the case and walked out of the bookstore.

Petty and the three others were waiting outside in Petty's car. The totem pole and case were loaded into the car and then driven off campus. There were 17 other SAE's stationed in various parts of the university center and on the campus to aid the getaway.

Petty's car got to Interstate 40, but was stopped there by a Cookeville policeman, who had heard a description of the car broadcast on the police radio.

The four were briefly held at the Putnam County jail.

According to MTSU Dean of Students Paul Cantrell "there was just no basis for a grand larceny charge."

"First of all, these guys didn't have any intent of permanently depriving them (Tennessee Tech) of the totem pole," Cantrell said. "Second, you'd have to assess a value on the pole of more than \$100 and you can't—Tennessee Tech never paid a penny for the totem pole, and neither did MTSU."

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Blanton asks for statewide upgrading of ag. programs

by Bill Mason

Governor Ray Blanton met with four university presidents Tuesday, including M. G. Scarlett, and asked them to upgrade their agricultural education programs, including a separate school of agriculture for MTSU.

The governor said such upgrading would help meet the specialized needs of farmers in the state of Tennessee.

"It is not often that you call up educators and tell them you want them to spend more money, but I'm doing this with agriculture," Blanton said.

The meeting was held at the Ellington Agricultural Center in Nashville. In addition to Scarlett, other university presidents were Frederick S. Humphries of Tennes-

see, Arliss Rhoaden of Tennessee Tech and Robert O. Riggs of Austin Peay.

Blanton said he had no really specific proposals to make to the university presidents.

"Agriculture is still our number one business in Tennessee," he said. "I am going to do a little questioning to see what you can do in your agricultural programs."

Blanton questioned Scarlett about the program at MTSU. Scarlett explained that MTSU has four schools, each with more than 100 faculty members.

Scarlett went on to explain that the department of agriculture has 11 members on its faculty.

The governor then recommended a separate school of agriculture for

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'Harvey'

House passes library hours extension request

by Ben Eubanks

Danny Dunkleberger, who accused the House of apathy at its last meeting, sponsored three resolutions at Thursday's House meeting.

The resolutions, which were all adopted, ask that library hours be extended during final exams, plaques be placed on selected campus trees giving their names and the placing of advertising flyers on cars parked on campus be prohibited.

The House also approved a resolution by Rep. Mark Anthony asking that water fountains be placed in all dormitory lobbies.

The library resolution, initially asked that the library remain open 24 hours a day during the final exam period. But an amendment was added allowing the head librarian to keep it open 24 hours or as long as he "deemed necessary" to serve the student needs.

Janet Talmage, who favored the bill, said the library could stay open the first night all night on a trial basis to see how many students used it.

Talmage said the library wouldn't be expected to stay open for only if a "reasonable number of students" were using the library.

Neither Talmage nor Dunkleberger were specific on how the workers who stayed late would be paid.

One of Dunkleberger's other resolutions sought to have the scientific and common names placed on campus trees. But the

Honor day set for ROTC team

Gov. Ray Blanton has proclaimed Friday, Nov. 25, as "Warrior-of-the-Pacific-Day" in Tennessee in recognition of the MTSU Army cadets, who were winners of the Warrior of the Pacific Trophy for their performance at the Ft. Riley Army ROTC Advanced Camp last summer.

The governor's proclamation will be presented to the cadets in a ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the university's Military Science department. The event is scheduled for 9:25 a.m. with ASB President Bobby Francescon or ASB Vice-president Mike McDonald slated to present the proclamation. McDonald drafted the memo to the governor suggesting such a proclamation.

The trophy signified the cadets' status as first among ROTC cadets from 285 colleges and universities. Cadets were judged on job performance, leadership, troop-leading procedures, physical fitness, land navigation and basic military skills.

In making the proclamation, Blanton called upon all Tennesseans to join in commending the MTSU cadets.

resolution drew sharp opposition from representatives who felt that biology students would just use the tree markers instead of looking up the names themselves for their leaf collecting projects.

An amendment to the resolution was proposed to have the name markers placed on every tree, on the campus, rather than just selected ones but the proposal failed.

The resolution did not specify what the markers would be made from or what they would look like. Resolution sponsor Dunkleberger was also unsure of the costs of the tree markers.

Debate became heated on the proposed flyer ban.

Frank Brothers, speaking against the resolution, said, "This is one way to extend invitations to the people who commute and don't have campus mail boxes."

But the resolution passed the



Frank Brothers, far left, emphasizes a point in debate over a resolution banning flyer distribution on cars on the campus, in Thursday's House meeting. [Steve Harbison photo]

House by a 27-16 vote and all three resolutions will now go to the Senate for approval.

Dunkleberger said that the ban would apply to both outside and campus organizations.

Senate Speaker Mike McDonald

speaking for the drinking fountain resolution, said seven dorms on the campus do not have drinking fountains in the lobbies.

McDonald added that this was an inconvenience to dorm visitors. The resolution passed unanimously.

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ACT scores in state decline sharply, prof finds

by Steve Miller

Test scores of high school students being evaluated in Tennessee over the past six years have declined significantly, according to Dan McMurry, associate professor in sociology.

McMurry's research reveals that American College Testing (ACT) scores have declined almost two points, in a high school generation, from 19 to 17. This score is almost bordering on the remedial level according to the standards set by ACT, McMurry said.

McMurry was on a select committee on the study of public school in Tennessee during the 88th General Assembly. He is also a writer for the ACT tests.

Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, said the average ACT score of freshmen entering MTSU is 18, which is down one and one-half points over the past five or six years.

"The biggest drop (among the four sections of the ACT)," McMurry said, "has been in social studies." The second and third

areas dropping most were math and English.

"This is surprising to me because there has been a movement away from the basics to humanities and social studies," McMurry said.

The ACT tests are "indicators of performance on about half of all the high school juniors in Tennessee," McMurry said. These tests are relevant to "judging the content of the schools which is math, English, social sciences and natural sciences. They are as relevant as a doctor taking your temperature when you are sick," he added.

"If you asked 20 professors (about the cause of the decline) you would get 20 different lists of reasons," McMurry said.

Some of the different reasons that have been given are "everything from Watergate, children growing up in an era of suspicion, to the Vietnamese War to increased television watching and permissive parents. None of these, either operating together or certainly singled out as factors, seem to account for much of it, to my way of thinking," he added.

Presently, there is no research to

find the causes of the decline, McMurry said. "There is no research, to my knowledge, of trying to account for the reasons for the drop other than some kind of armchair research."



Dan McMurry

"If I had to, right today, assign one cause (to the decline in scores), McMurry said, "it would be the decreased importance of the basic skills in all levels of public education, but especially in high schools."

Tennessee's decline and present level in ACT scores is worse than about two-thirds of the other states. This was not related to a lack of money spent on education, he said.

"Funds have absolutely nothing to do with it in my opinion," McMurry said. "A state spends what they have to to educate children, and not what they want to," he added.

"I believe if they cut educational spending in Tennessee it would improve quality," McMurry said. "What you would cut out would be the frills (audio systems, television, etc.) and what would be left would be reading, writing and arithmetic," he added.

McMurry doesn't think colleges are doing a good job of correcting this problem. "For some reason, we (MTSU) don't screen for low levels of skill and divert them into some specially designed program which I think would be helpful to them," he said.

McMurry feels the recent law passed by the Tennessee legislature requiring a proficiency test for high school seniors in the early 1980's is a "step in the right direction, if it is not raising standards but setting standards."

Yearbook forms due by Nov. 23

Fraternities and sororities who wish to have their pictures printed in the yearbook must have their picture forms turned in to the Midlander office, box 94, by Wednesday, Nov. 23, according to Midlander editor Patricia Harris.

Any forms turned in after that date will not be accepted, Harris said.

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U.S. Rep. Dellums to speak in Tuesday presentation

U.S. Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.) will speak at MTSU at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

Dellum's visit is sponsored by the MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee.

Dellums represents California's 8th congressional district which is made up of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. He is chairman of the House District of Columbia Subcommittee on Fiscal and Government Affairs and serves on the D.C. Judiciary Subcommittee.

Dellums is also a member of the House Armed Services Committee where he serves on the Intelligence and Military Application of Nuclear Energy Subcommittee and the Investigations Subcommittee.

Dellums is currently the secretary of the Congressional Black Caucus and a member of its executive committee. A member of the Democratic National Committee, Dellums is also national co-chairman of the New Democratic Coalition, an organization made up of liberals within the Democratic Party committed to party reform and the implementation of progressive programs in the nation.

Before his election to the House of Representatives in 1971, Dellums served on the Berkeley City

Council from 1967 to 1971. He was employed as a senior consultant for Social Dynamics, Inc., a Berkeley-based enterprise which develops manpower and community organization programs on a nationwide basis. He was also a lecturer at San Francisco State College and at the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of California, Berkeley.

Dellums' first priority after coming to Congress was "ending the war in Indochina" which he characterized as "illegal, immoral and insane adventurism."

His major goal is still to end American reliance on brutality and force to accomplish objectives overseas and at home. He has called militarism, "the mentality that is so afraid of life that it seeks to control it through death," and says it is the basic cause of U.S. problems at home and abroad.

Dellums has also said that the size of the military budget and the power it gives to the Pentagon is still the basic challenge of contemporary politics. Dellums has become a leader in the House in the struggle for a significant reduction of U.S. military manpower overseas.

"This is basic to domestic reform also, since the Pentagon's voracious



Players perform in Thursday's production of "The American Dream" in the DA auditorium. [L.-R.] Richard Ring, Denise Veazey, Kathy Bryan [seated], Shirin Sohrabi and Bob Forsythe. [Steve Harbison photo]

appetite for the taxpayers' dollar is threatening to starve the civilian side of government."

Dellums is now completing a comprehensive Health Care bill. "Health is one of the most important domestic reforms, since uncertainty and expense has made disease and the threat of disease a major cause of anxiety and insecurity

for Americans," he said.

The presentation will be paid for through the Ideas and Issues Committee. The contract, made between MTSU and Dellums' agent, will pay \$2,298 for all expenses and fees for Dellums, his agency and his aide.

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Reader attacks 'Mandingo' critic's pomposity

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Kish's letter of Nov. 11, 1977: Mr. Kish's "immense burden of being the 'conscience of society'" bothers me. It bothers me that one person would feel as though he were a perfect representative of his society when he has not been appointed or elected by his peers. I wonder if all of Mr. Kish's attitudes are this pompous.

Some comments: Agreed, *Mandingo* was not a documentary. But neither was it a film designed to entertain in the traditional sense. It was a film designed to present a message and/or story that the director, producer, and the author of the book felt should be told.

(Although, unlike Mr. Kish, there were many people who enjoyed the film; every showing came close to being a sell-out, and very few people walked out.)

Why should films like *Mandingo* not be shown? The Films Committee tries to choose films so that every student will want to come to the UC theatre at least once. As I said, a lot of people came to see *Mandingo*.

As to "growth"—I did not like *Mandingo* either, but it revealed graphically to me some of the aspects of slavery I had not thought existed. It bothered me, but it did not entertain me.

Anyone who went to see had to have some idea of what he was going to see. If he was shocked, perhaps it was because he was not ready to face graphic reality. Retreating from it is not necessarily a characteristic of maturity.

I have my own opinions, Mr. Kish, and I resent you taking the responsibility for them since I drastically disagree with you. Also, in my opinion, anyone who considers a hideous film like *Love Story* a motivation for intellectual and emotional growth to be himself intellectually and emotionally stagnated and in no condition to judge the stagnation level at MTSU or anywhere else.

Ramona Pope
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P.S. If Mr. Kish feels he can improve the quality of the films shown here, he is free to submit an application to the Films Committee.



Band director, not coach rates attack--band member

To the Editor:

Referring to several letters in the *Sidelines* concerning the job Coach Ben Hurt is doing, I would like to say that I can only feel sorry for the many people that cut down Coach Hurt for the job he is doing. Coach Hurt has been an excellent coach and deserves much praise. I'll be laughing at all of the critics of Hurt when MTSU finishes high in the OVC.

The only thing I ask is why do they cut down someone like Hurt. There are many more people and organizations throughout the university that deserve criticism. Band director Joseph Smith is lacking in many areas. The quality of the music played at halftime sounds like a fifth grade concert. The music selection of Mr. Smith's is full of classics and popular music

if you were alive in the 30's and 40's.

I'm sure that attendance at ball games would improve if we got rid of Mr. Smith and attempted to teach the band members to play at college level. As far as I'm concerned Joe Smith has lost far more games in a sense than Ben Hurt.

How can a team get psyched when a band is performing music that has been played on and off continuously for the last 20 years? I suggest that we start a new thing at the next home football game. It is called "sing along with the band," for I am sure that anyone who has followed MTSU football knows the band songs by heart. Put criticism where it is due and Joseph Smith, this one's for you.

Ben Morrison
MTSU Band of Blue
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Current concertgoers lack respect that CS&N deserve

To the Editor:

CSN was wasted on a lot of the folks who showed for the concert Thursday. A few of the younger people weren't used to listening to good vocals and acoustic work: something that takes an attention span to enjoy.

I suppose that those younger folks have been exposed to so much loud, trashy, talentless, commercial noise that they have forgotten (if they ever knew) the people who were making good music in the Sixties.

Times have changed. I remember when CSN made their debut at Woodstock. Even before that Nash was with the Hollies, Crosby with the Byrds, and Stills was with Buffalo Springfield. I guess that one would have to have been

involved with that music to appreciate it.

CSN was great in concert, and it was a relief to sit and listen without being run out from the noise. Lots of people were rude, but they probably would've gotten off more on Charlie Daniels or Ted Nugent. Different strokes. Nash tactfully shut the rude people up, so my enjoyment wasn't impaired except for occasional outbursts from people who couldn't handle their pig tranquilizers.

I can't complain. I enjoyed the concert more than any I've seen. I hope than some of the young folks will listen to some early CSN and enjoy what they had to sit still to listen to.

C.F. Armstrong
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ASB court called a 'circus'

To the Editor:

Upon recently being subjected to a session of the ASB Traffic Court, I feel I must enlighten other students who expect to receive a fair and unbiased trial.

The ASB Traffic Court is a circus and a mockery of justice. As I understand it, the judges which preside over the court are selected from students majoring in criminal justice. Although I can see how this would provide a tremendous facility for gaining experience in the art of applying justice, I do not feel this experimentation should take place at the students' expense.

In order to stand in judgement over an individual (and deliver a fair decision) you must possess a high degree of integrity and you must have experienced a great deal of life. I do not believe that the judges presiding over the court

have had the time to gain such experience. Even assuming that they have had the opportunity—I do not feel that they could yet have the capacity to apply that knowledge maturely. I know I don't.

If the ASB Traffic Court is to be a real court, all cases handled before it must be shown the utmost in fairness and integrity. The court must learn to treat those appearing before it with respect. In short, a student should not have to hire F. Lee Bailey to obtain a fair and honest decision—one that can be respected.

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I do not give my permission for this letter to be shortened or edited in any way except to correct grammatical or spelling errors.

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Financial aid forms are now simpler**Student loan payment no problem here--Wrenn**

by Ben Eubanks

Students applying for financial aid will no longer have to fill out as many forms, according to Winston Wrenn, director of Financial Aid.

New forms, which will be used for the upcoming year, have reduced the number of aid application forms from four to one.

ACT's Family Financial Statement has now been modified so a student can apply for a Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), the Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA) and an MTSU award through the one ACT form, according to Wrenn.

"It used to be when a student came in for financial aid, he left with four different forms going to three different places and all with different deadlines," Wrenn said.

Financial aid at MTSU can be obtained through the federal, state and university levels. It includes grants, loans and work scholarships.

Federal financial aid comes through the BEOG. It goes to undergraduates only and does not have to be paid back. Wrenn estimated that there are about 1500 students on campus who receive the BEOGs.

Tennessee Student Association

Awards (TSAA) is derived from the old Tennessee Student Association Corporation which was declared unconstitutional. It too does not have to be repaid, though it is only available to Tennessee residents.

Wrenn said the new one-form application would greatly help students who applied for the TSAA. The deadline for application is May 15.

"After that the ax falls, and they don't accept any more applications," Wrenn said.

"In the past they would have to send in an application as well as a financial statement and many students would not get both forms completed in time. Now the ACT people will send in the form. All the student has to do is fill out the part about the assistance awards on the ACT form," Wrenn said.

Wrenn also recommended that students who apply for the TSAA complete their forms by April 15.

MTSU also offers aid through its work-scholarship program which pays registration fees. A student in the program has a four-hour per week campus job. About 350 students currently are in work study programs.

Low-interest loans are available from the federal government, through its National Direct Student

Loan (NDSL) program. These loans have a 3 percent interest rate and come from either the school or commercial lending institutions.

The NDSL program has been in the news lately because of problems with students not repaying loans.

"When the loans are due, most colleges and universities don't have the facilities to collect on the defaults like the banks do," Wrenn said.

Wrenn said that since MTSU does not make loans to students except through commercial institutions, it does not have the repayment problems other universities have.

"Most of the banks will try to help students from their home town," Wrenn said, adding that the relationship with the home town bank also helps the repayment problem. MTSU students received over \$1.08 million through the loan program this year, according to Wrenn.

Wrenn estimated that from 25 to 30 percent of MTSU students could qualify for aid if "they would just come by and let us help." He added that many "middle class students could qualify depending on such factors as family size, value of home or kind of car."

"I think it's important that if a student thinks he will need financial aid in the fall that he let us know early, surely before May 15. We can help him fill out the forms and answer any questions he may have," Wrenn said.

Recital slated

Phi Mu Alpha and Delta Omicron, professional music fraternities at MTSU, will present their annual Christmas recital at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building.

Directed by MTSU music major Mark Perry of Joelton, the program is organized and presented by MTSU students.

Phi Mu Alpha and Delta Omicron, the men's and women's fraternities, respectively, will present a choral program of several familiar Christmas tunes.

The selections will include Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," a 16th century carol, "Jesus Christ is Born Today," "Masters In This Hall," "Angels We have Heard On High" and an English tune entitled "Coventry Carol."

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The recommendation apparently surprised Scarlett, who called the proposal a "complex question."

"We would have to have more money," Scarlett said. "We would have to have a dean and set up an administrative structure."

Blanton complimented MTSU on its horse science program, and recommended expansion into a specialized animal sciences program.

"I would like for your to give some thought toward expanding that part of your university," the governor told Scarlett.

Blanton told the university presi-

dents that farmers are being required to use chemicals and seeds which they know little about. He said universities should develop education programs that would provide for the specific needs of farmers.

"It's sickening to me that we don't have enough information to furnish our farmers what they need to know," Blanton said.

MTSU and the other schools are all planning preveterinary medicine programs, and Blanton said he wants those programs available only to Tennessee students.

"We want to spend Tennessee dollars on Tennessee taxpayer's children," he said.

Charges

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Nashville businessman Fred Harvey donated the totem pole to enhance interest in the MTSU-Tech rivalry in 1960.

University Police picked up four of the Tech students on campus late Wednesday night, according to Assistant Dean of Students Ivan Shewmake.

"One of them was taking the letters off the side of Clement Hall," he said. "They were charged with destruction of state property and possession of alcoholic beverages...they could have been

charged with public drunkenness, too," he said.

The charges were later dropped, Shewmake said.

Four other Tech students were picked up by Murfreesboro Police early Thursday morning after they allegedly removed a large quantity of alcohol and soft drinks from the Kappa Sigma party barn, located on North Maple Street.

University officials and officers of Kappa Sigma conferred and decided not to press charges against any of the Tech students, Shewmake said.

Return of requested books approved by rules group

by Cathy Wood

A recommendation that faculty members be required to return library books if university students need them was discussed in the university rules committee meeting Wednesday.

All policies not set by the Board of Regents are under the committee's jurisdiction.

Chaired by Kay Hamilton of the psychology department, the committee consists of three other faculty members, six undergraduate students and three administrative officials.

Recommendations from the committee are sent to Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs. He sends them to Pres. Scarlett, who gives the recommendations to the board.

Changes may be made at any of these points.

Bobby Francescon, student member of the committee, said several students had complained to him about faculty members refusing to return library books.

Library policy states that a student who needs a book which has been checked out, can send notification to the faculty member who has the book.

That person is then expected to return it.

But Francescon said faculty members, who have no time limit on keeping library books, sometimes do not relinquish the book.

Voting to research the problem, the committee asked Francescon to write the recommendation. It will be presented at the next meeting.

In other business, the committee

approved minor changes in *Rescue*, the student handbook.

A statement prohibiting contempt or perjury at university hearings was accepted as an addition to the handbook.

Grammatical changes and wording clarifications in *Rescue* were also approved.

"We want student input on such questions as dorm policies and visitations hours," Hamilton said. "but we don't get it."

Last year, the committee had to change university rules in accordance with new guidelines from the Board of Regents. But this year, according to Hamilton, there are no major revisions necessary.

Flying team places fifth in regional meet

MTSU's flying team placed fifth at a regional meet on Nov. 11-12, according to team member Jeff Abramovitz.

Nine teams participated in the Region 8 meet of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association in Vincennes, Ind.

Students placing in the contest were: team captain Jim Finley, third in computer accuracy and fourth in instrument flying; Abramovitz, third in pre-flight safety; Allen Ekland, seventh in power-on precision landing and Steve Sevier, eighth in power-off precision landing. Col. Jean Jack, team advisor, also attended.

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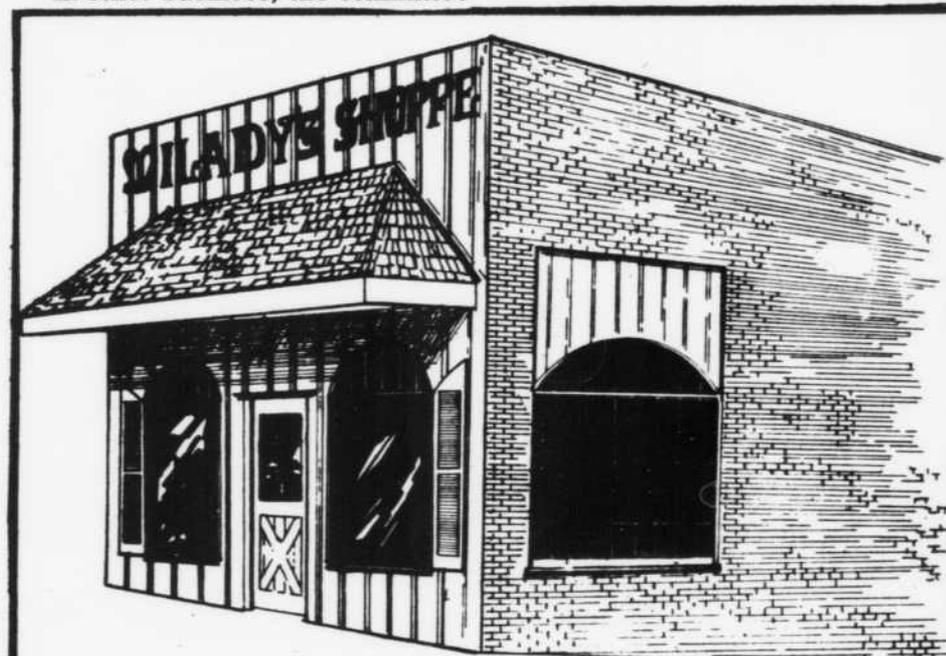
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Bake sale: KA Southern Belles, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., UC basement
 Senior pictures; Midlander, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC 316
 Meeting: Society of Financial and Accounting Managers, 11:45 a.m., SUB Dining Room B
 Luncheon: Mergenthaler personnel, noon, SUB Dining Room C
 Meeting: Personnel Office and State Board of Regents, 2 p.m., UC Theatre
 Women's basketball: MTSU Thanksgiving Tip-off Tournament, 6, 7:45 and 9 p.m., Murphy Center
 Speaker: Middle Tennessee Christian Center; John Clayton, 7:30 p.m., LRC Multi-Media Room

Plays: "Oops! There Goes My Zipper Again!" and "The American Dream," 8 p.m., DA Arena Theatre
 Recital: Music department; David Lee, 8 p.m., UC Theatre

SATURDAY

ACT Exams; 8 a.m.-noon, UC Theatre and UC 322 and 324
 Meeting: MTSU Foundation Board of Trustees, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., SUB Dining Rooms A and B
 Women's basketball: MTSU Thanksgiving Tip-off Tournament, 9 a.m., 10 and noon, Murphy Center
 Luncheon: Girls' State Annual Reunion, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., SUB Dining Room C
 Speaker: Middle Tennessee Christian Center; John Clayton, 7:30 p.m., LRC Multi-Media Room
 Plays: "Oops! There Goes My Zipper Again!" and "The American Dream," 8 p.m., DA Arena Theatre

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SUNDAY

Concert: Music department; Concert choir, 3:30 p.m., DA Auditorium
 Meeting: Films Committee, 6:30 p.m., UC Programming conference room

MONDAY

Job interviews: State Farm Insurance Company (sign up at Placement Office)
 Bake sale: Pi Omega Pi, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., UC basement
 CLEP Examination; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., UC 314
 Shoeshine: Alpha Gamma Delta, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., UC basement
 Movie: "Enter the Dragon," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre
 Basketball: ROTC department; Junior and senior classes, 4-5 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
 Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., UC

314

Recital: Music department; Robert Vanatta and Cyndy Lee 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

TUESDAY

Album hour: "Saturday Night Fever" and "America Live," 1 a.m., WMOT-FM
 Movie: "Enter the Dragon," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre
 ASB Traffic Court: 4-6 p.m., UC 324A
 Multi Media first aid: HPERS department, 6-10 p.m., AM 204
 Banquet: Tau Omicron, 6 p.m., Tennessee Room
 Meeting: Buchanan Players, 6:30 p.m., DA Arena Theatre
 Meeting: Chess Club, 7 p.m., UC 314
 Film: Fine Arts Committee; "Doris Chase Multimedia Dance Film," 8 p.m., UC 322
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Members of the Rifle Corps perform during halftime at a recent home football game. They are, from left to right, Tammy Jaccbs, Lynn Sands, Anna Forte, Paula Goode, Suzanne Sands and Pam Sylar.

Features 'trooper' styling

Uniforms brighten band

by Pete Love

Fans watching the MTSU "Band of Blue" perform at this year's football games may have noticed a few changes in the appearance of the marching band, including new uniforms for the expanded flag and rifle corps.

This year's corps have been expanded over last year and consist of 16 flags and six rifles. These girls have been outfitted in new hats and skirts which Suzanne Sands, a junior from Nashville, describes as "more colorful, more comfortable and a better representation of the spirit of the school."

Lynne Sands, a freshman from Nashville and 1977 rifle corps captain, describes the new uniforms as "more stylish and having a better appearance on the field" than the shorts worn by the corps last year.

Janet Cato, a freshman from Nashville, agrees and says the skirts look "much more military than the shorts," have more flair and allow more freedom of movement than the shorts.

The new uniforms feature "trooper" style hats accented with red plumes. The skirts are navy blue with a red and white insert in the side pleats to accent the red, white and blue color scheme of the corps.

In addition to improving the corps' appearance, Denise Jones, a senior from Madison and 1977 flag corps captain, says "the spirit of this year's corps has been greatly improved by the new uniforms."

This improved spirit is shown each time the "Band of Blue" takes the field. According to Lynne Sands, this year's corps are "far from perfect, but steadily improving."

Behind the scene of each performance lies much extra work and many hours of practice. Members of the corps must report to a one-week training camp during July. Besides the regular three-a-week practices, the corps often have extra practices on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

In addition to the extra rehearsal time, the girls often endure physical pain. Common injuries faced by members of the rifle corps include jammed fingers and broken blood vessels—and a finger or even a wrist can be broken if the rifle gets out of control during a routine. This year, Lynn Sands of the rifle corps suffered a broken thumb.

Members of the flag corps must keep an eye out for those who march near them, including band members. Frequently, while learning a new routine, members of the corps and fellow band members are struck by a stray flag pole.

Despite all of the extra work and risks of injury, Janet Cato says that she "enjoys the corps because there were many innovative ideas used rather than basic movements."

A head-chopper routine will be featured during the pre-game show of Saturday's Tennessee Tech game. During the Homecoming pre-game show, the flag and rifle corps performed to Bach's "Tocata and Fugue."

The work of this year's corps will continue since a winter color guard will form after football season ends. This guard will perform at some home basketball games and is open to anyone interested in becoming a member.

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Raiders meet Mississippi State in tipoff tourney

by Scott Adams

Mississippi State, who topped Murray State 77-61 last night in Murphy Center, will meet MTSU at 6 p.m., tonight in semifinal action of the first annual Thanksgiving Tipoff Tournament. Kentucky, who slipped past Memphis State 101-94 last night, will meet the Mississippi University for Women at 7:30 p.m.

Mississippi State ran away from Murray in the first game as the Lady Racers seemed to have tournament jitters. Regaining their composure, Murray battled back to tie the game at 17. The remainder of the first half was a see-saw battle with Mississippi taking a slim 34-30 lead to the dressing room at half.

The second stanza opened with Mississippi State in a tough 1-3-1 full court trap. Led by the quickness of Laura Springer and Julian Harris, and the impressive inside shooting of Lisa Bolin, Mississippi State pulled away and was never ser-

iously treated again. Leading the scoring for MSU was Springer and Bolin with 22 points each.

Capturing the scoring honors for Murray was Jackie Mounts and Laura Lynn, with 16 and 14 respectively.

The second match-up of the night pitted the Kentucky Lady Cats from Lexington against the quicker, streak-shooting Lady Tigers from Memphis. The first quarter saw the Lady Tigers jump out to a quick 10-point lead, using a tenacious 3-1-1 full court trap, and the consistent outside shooting of Betty Booker.

Kentucky, after a quick time out, fought back to take the lead and kept it, carrying a 51-48 advantage to the dressing room at halftime. After the break, KU used a tough

2-3 zone defense and a good inside game to jump to a comfortable 12 point lead.

After being held to a meager four points in the first six minutes of the half, Memphis St. got their full court trap clicking again, and quickly closed the gap to five points. Kentucky, hurt by the loss of their two stars by way of fouls, remained calm and hung on to win by seven.

The balanced offensive attack of Kentucky was led by Pam Browning and Maria Donhoff, both

hitting 20 points. The Memphis State run-and-gun show was led by Betty Booker with 29, and Mary Boatwright with 16.

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Raiders

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Tech, leads the conference with a 40.6 average.

Defensive line coach Ray Hughes said Tech had the best pair of runningbacks MTSU has played in Cecil Fore and Lamar Mike. Hughes also explained that the Golden Eagles have been playing two quarterbacks this season. Milton Jenkins, the Eagles starting quarterback, has been injured but definitely will play Saturday. Hughes called Jenkins the "best all around" quarterback the Raiders have faced this season.

Jenkins has been replaced while injured by Jimmy Maynard. Maynard leads the conference in touchdown strikes, despite the substitute role.

Hughes went on to say that this was due in large to Tech's fine receiving corps.

Grapplers travel to 'Bama Invitational

After posting impressive wins against Tennessee Tech and Georgia Tech in its first two matches, coach Gordon Connell's wrestling team travels to Tuscaloosa, Ala., Saturday to compete in the Alabama Invitational.

In addition to the Crimson Tide, who is hosting the tournament, the field also includes Auburn, Georgia Tech, LSU, Maryville College and Athletes in Action.

LSU is expected to be the strongest team in the tournament, according to Connell.

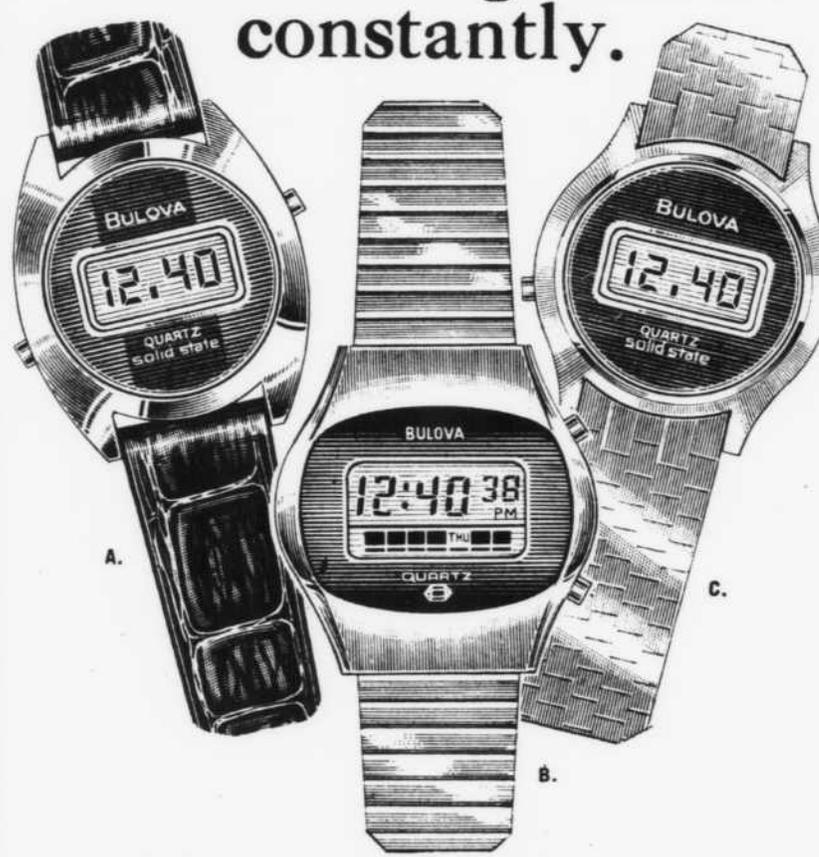
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Raiders look for end of frustration

In what is annually the biggest game of the season for both schools, Middle Tennessee faces intrastate rival Tennessee Tech Saturday in the final game of the season for both schools.

MTSU head coach Ben Hurt confirmed yesterday that this game will be no less important than any other Raider-Eagle matchup. "I'd rather beat Tennessee Tech than anybody else on our schedule," Hurt said.

Taylor went on to blast MTSU's schedule this year: "If we played the same schedule as Austin Peay or Tennessee Tech, we would be 7-3 or 8-2."

And one of the toughest games on the schedule will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 on Jones Field. Tennessee Tech comes into the game with an 8-2 record. The Golden Eagles were undefeated going into their game with Eastern Kentucky two weeks ago when the Colonels upset Tech. Tennessee Tech faced Austin Peay next, with both teams tied for the conference lead, and the Govs upset the Eagles in Cookeville to claim sole position of the OVC lead.

Going into its game with Eastern two weeks ago Tech was ranked third in the nation in Division II play. After the loss, Tech slipped to seventh. Then came the showdown with Peay. The loss to the Govs dropped the Golden Eagles out of the national rankings and ruined its chances of gaining a post season bowl berth.

Tech has something to prove this weekend, if it's nothing more than to regain some pride.

The same holds true for the Raiders. This time last week, talk was high around campus about the



RECORD SETTER—Raider fullback Mike Moore will attempt Saturday to become the first runner in MTSU history to gain 1,000 yards in each of three consecutive seasons.

possibility of winning the OVC championship. MTSU had suddenly found itself in the midst of a battle for the conference title. Then came Saturday.

Saturday brought with it a disappointing loss at the hands of lowly East Tennessee State, 38-17. This loss, coupled with Peay's upset of Tech, tossed Middle's Cinderella hopes for a championship out the window. The Raiders are looking for a little pride, too.

Senior runningback Mike Moore goes into the final game of his college career with the chance to do something only few people have ever done in college football. If Moore gains 73 yards Saturday, he will have gained 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons, the first Blue Raider ever to accomplish that feat.

And with 269 rushing attempts thus far this season, Moore is in great shape—barring injury—to break the OVC's season rushing attempts record. That mark was set by Tech's Larry Schreiber in 1968 at 286. After graduation, Schreiber went on to play seven years at San Francisco.

Defensive lineman Reggie Bell enters the game against Tech atop the OVC record chart for tackles

behind the line of scrimmage. Bell has dumped opposing ball carriers 21 times for losses totaling 126 yards.

Randy Saunders is also leading the conference in punting, despite a sprained ankle which kept him out of action against East Tennessee. Saunders, who should play against [continued on page 13]

Season tickets scarce, expected to sell out

With less than two weeks remaining before the first home game, only about 300 basketball season tickets remain unsold, according to ticket manager Jim Simpson.

A massive local campaign to sell out the tickets has been averaging about 30 sales per day, and "at that rate they'll be gone by December first," Simpson said.

"The people who have waited each year to buy seats for just the big games are very likely to find themselves sitting in unreserved bleacher seats this year," he added.

As long as seats are still available, tickets will remain on sale until Dec. 1, the date of the Raiders' home opener against Athens College.

Sports

The home game is the last game for 13 seniors, also.

Marshall Taylor, MTSU's offensive co-ordinator, expressed his feelings about the Blue Raider football team and the schedule which MTSU has played. "We are a good football team and we're capable of beating anybody in the OVC," Taylor said.

"The players just have to decide they can compete. Our players are dedicated and they've showed a lot of character in staying with it."

Blue-white game planned

Head coach Jimmy Earle will show off his MTSU basketball team in Murphy Center Monday night in the annual blue-white scrimmage game.

In the squad's first public showing, at Shelbyville last week, a blue team composed mostly of last year's starters trounced the white team 90-62. Monday's game at Murphy Center will be the final appearance of the squad before the regular season opens Nov. 28 against Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

Earle's team has been picked to

win the Ohio Valley Conference in several pre-season polls. With four of five starters returning from last year's team, and what Earle called "the best group of freshmen since I have been at Middle Tennessee," his team's strengths should be experience and depth.

Despite the experience Earle has cited his team's morale as its greatest asset. "They have a super attitude," Earle said last week. "It is really enjoyable to have practice with these guys every day."

"They will flat get after you," he added.

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They got Harvey!! (But they didn't get away)

by John Pitts

If the Wednesday afternoon attempt by a number of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity members to take a totem pole from the Tennessee Tech bookstore sounds suspiciously like a military operation, thank Jim Rungee.

Rungee, whose father, Col. James Rungee, is a former instructor of Military Science here, begrudgingly takes some of the credit for the "Raid on Cookeville."

"Two of us went up there last Friday...we spent most of the afternoon casing the place. At the meeting Sunday night, I drew a layout of the Tech bookstore on the blackboard and that's how we got started," Rungee said.

As he recalls, "there were actually four diversion groups inside the bookstore." According to his estimates, at least 30 SAE's from MTSU were inside the Tech university center when the totem pole-snatching incident took place.

To hear Rungee tell the story, there were probably more MTSU students inside the bookstore than Tech employees.

"First of all, I called the Tech bookstore manager and identified myself as a Tech Interfraternity Council representative interested in buying a mass quantity of jerseys," Rungee said.



Members of MTSU's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity chapter prepare for the long trip to Cookeville to kidnap 'Harvey' Wednesday morning. [Ricky Mansfield photo]

In no particular order, Rungee said there were:

- Three fraternity members "keeping the cashier busy—they brought more than \$100 worth of books to the cashier and then said they didn't have any money."

- Two others "keeping the lady at the jewelry counter busy."

- An SAE (who suffered a broken neck this summer, and who still wears a neck brace) faked an injury and lay writhing in pain on the floor in the rear of the store.

Then, on a pre-arranged signal, another SAE entered the bookstore and nonchalantly produced a set of bolt cutters. Restraining chains gone, five others quickly carried the totem pole to the waiting car of Mike Petty, Rungee explained.

"There were at least 17 SAE's stationed at all sorts of places in the general vicinity just to distract people. We kept the stairs clear and watched out for the police," Rungee added.

Mike Petty, a senior from Dickson, was one of the four who were stopped by the Cookeville police and arrested for grand larceny.

Petty said he had a vague feeling something was not going according to plan when he saw the totem pole

outside the Tech bookstore for the first time. "When they brought it outside the doors of the university center, I knew it was too big to fit in my car," he said.

But, in their haste, Petty and his cohorts jammed the case in the back seat as best they could and roared off the Tech campus.

"We went down Dixie Avenue (a street that runs through the Tech camps and into downtown Cookeville) with both back doors open—I was missin' other cars and telephone poles by inches. Man, I'll never drive that way again," he said.

Rungee's original plan called for Petty to drive to another location near campus and put the totem pole in another car.

"We decided we were going to head home ourselves...and we almost made it," Petty recalled sadly.

Petty said the Cookeville policeman who stopped him said "well, you tried" before turning them around and taking them downtown for booking. "He said later that if he'd known the trouble he was getting us into, he might have let us go," Petty added.

After it all was over, SAE president Wade Sugg, also a Dickson native, stressed that the totem pole incident "wasn't an official effort of the fraternity."

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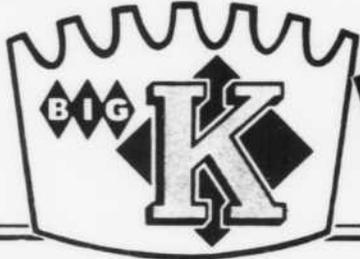
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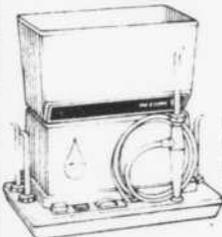
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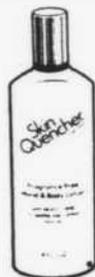


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