

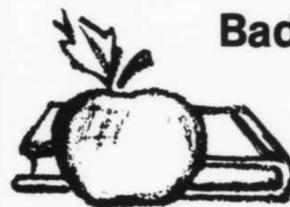
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Music Archives and Research Center to be developed here

By DEBORAH WHITON
Sidelines Staff Writer

The nation's first music archives and research center dealing with pop music is being developed by several departments at MTSU, according to Charles Wolfe, a professor of English.

The center is "basically a special library collection that is going to focus on pop music," said Wolfe.

ACCORDING TO Wolfe, the center will consist of phonograph records, a sophisticated audio and video system dealing with music, a printed component that deals with historical sheet music and song books, and various other pop music material.

Though special educational programs will not be developed for the center, existing programs will have use of it, Wolfe said.

The center is a cooperative effort between the English, RIM, speech and theater and

music departments which will benefit students enrolled in those department courses, said Wolfe.

THE CENTER WILL also be used by the recording industry in Nashville.

It is a "useful resource for the entire music industry," Wolfe said, adding that "our students get first priority."

The music archive and research center was approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission as a center of excellence and received approximately \$339,000 from the state, according to Robert Corlew, vice-president of academic affairs.

The center was one of seven



Photo by Bill McClary

Rebecca Tate, accompanied by pianist Deanne Irvine, auditions for the State Federation of Music Club Awards in the Wright Music Hall Saturday. Both are from UT Chattanooga.

proposals reviewed by the office of academic affairs and sent to the Board of Regents for review. The amount of funding was then decided by THEC, Corlew said, adding that for each dollar MTSU put toward

the center of excellence, the state matched it by two dollars. According to Wolfe, a portion of the money will go toward salaries, but the majority will go toward acquiring materials.

Buckdancing classes begin in February

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Buckdancing classes are being offered at MTSU by world champion buckdancer Jackie Christian beginning Feb. 7.

"I had a lot requests from people in Murfreesboro to teach buckdancing in this area because Nashville is so far away," Christian said.

TWO SECTIONS WILL be offered with section I slated for Feb. 7 through March 14 and section II running April 4 through May 9.

A \$30 fee will be charged for each section. There will also be classes for children ages five to 12.

Christian pointed out that there is a difference between clogging and buckdancing.

"CLOGGING IS different from buckdancing," Christian said. "Clogging came from European influences...; buckdancing, a forerunner of tap dancing, comes from African influences."

For applications, contact the Office of Continuing Education, ext. 2462.

Rehearsals held for 'NewsView' telecast

By SUMMER HARMAN
Sidelines Staff Writer

"NewsView," the MTSU-produced Channel 22 cable news program, held rehearsals this week in preparation for its projected Feb. 1 start-up date, according to News Director Eve West.

"NewsView" will have four two-person anchor teams who will alternately hold telecasts for the 15-minute news program which will consist of news, sports and weather or editorials, according to West.

VIDEOTAPING WILL be done Mondays through Thursdays at 5 p.m. to be aired at 6:30 p.m., West said.

A newscast was attempted four years ago, according to Tom Keller, faculty advisor, but there were not enough faculty members "to make it go," he said, adding that the mass communications department now has enough faculty members to supervise a newscast, as well as adequate equipment.

"NewsView" will be used as a learning tool for mass communications and speech majors, according to West.

"IT'S EXCELLENT practice for those in broadcast journalism interested in news operations," said Kevin Rotter, news producer.

According to Rotter, a long-term project to make "NewsView" a live broadcast for the Murfreesboro community will give reporters and anchors experience in dealing with live television situations.

According to West, the telecast will reach cable subscribers within the city limits of Murfreesboro. Students on campus cannot receive the newscast because the campus is not hooked up for cable.

THE SUCCESS OF "NewsView" depends upon having an adequate number of reporters to gather stories for the newscast, West said.

The anchor teams are: Brian Knox and Tari Stejskal, Ralynn Wood and Debbie Sisk, Kimmy Wix and Kerry Massey, and Lisa Robertson and Larry Pareigs.

Another MTSU program being aired, according to MTSU Public Relations Director Dot Harrison, is "MT Scene," an interview show covering happenings on campus and in the local community. "MT Scene" is aired Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 22 and Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. on WMOT.

Feb. events to commemorate black history

By JENNIFER MANNA
Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU's Office of Minority Affairs, in conjunction with the Black Student Association and the Ideas and Issues Committee, has planned activities for February, Black History Month.

Feb. 1—A green ribbon sale will open in the University Center basement. Green ribbons will be worn throughout February in recognition of Black History Month.

Feb. 4—Zeta Phi Beta will be showing videos of black personalities and speakers in the U.C. basement.

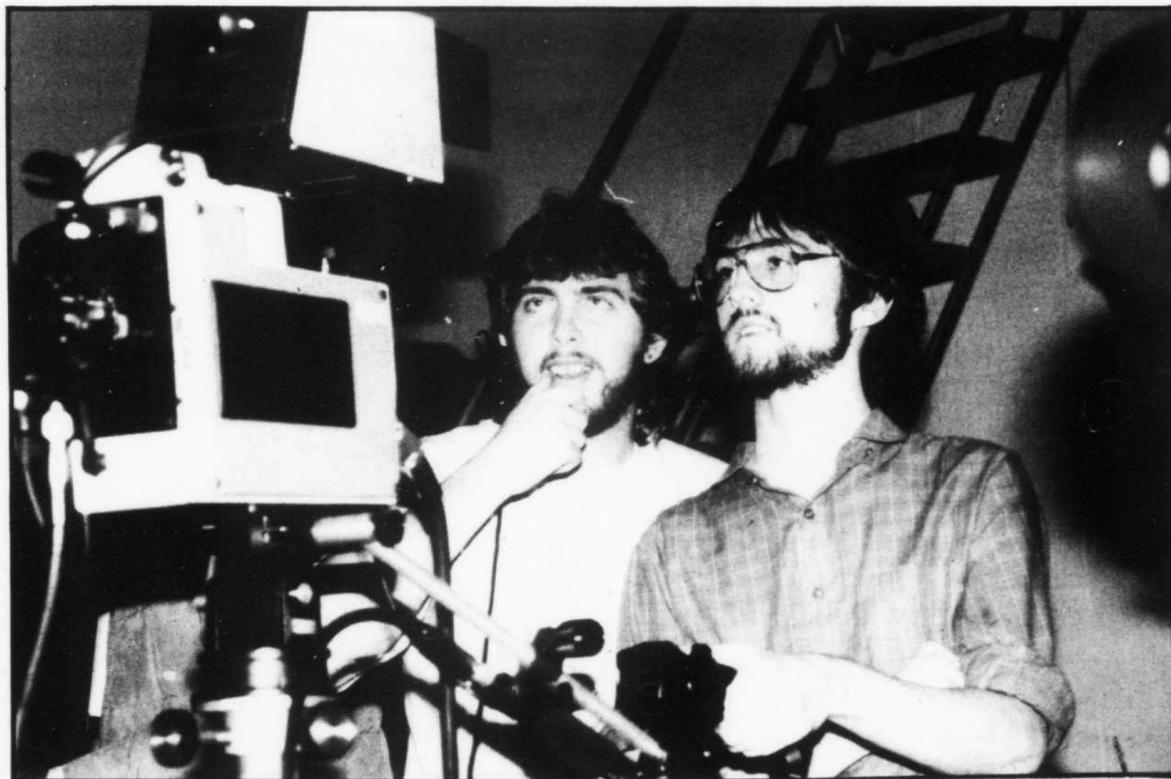
Feb. 6—The Foot Frat will have an African and Black American display in the U.C. basement.

Feb. 10—Morning worship will take place at New Hope Baptist Church which meets at Riverdale High School. Alpha Kappa Alpha's Mr. and Miss Valentine Pageant will also take place with proceeds to go to the NAACP and the United Negro College Fund.

Feb. 11—Sigma Delta Theta will offer a presentation of black history and music in the U.C. basement.

Feb. 13—The Phi Beta Sigma display of famous black Americans and events will open in the U.C. basement.

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Photos by Melissa Givens



ON THE AIR—

James D. Sant Amour and Mark L. Cookson, production crew members, learn to operate camera equipment while Kimmy Wix, anchor, rehearses for "NewsView."

Nashville firm sponsors competition

Photo contest begins in March

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MTSU student photographers are invited to enter the Photo Fair 1984 Student Photography Contest and compete for the \$100 grand prize, according to Karen Zimmermann, Photo Fair co-partner.

All entries must be original and shot during 1984 or during January 1985.

THE ENTRY FEE is \$5 per student, and each student may submit up to five black and white prints, color prints,

and/or color transparencies, Zimmermann said.

From the entries, 12 to 16 prints will be selected by a panel of three judges and exhibited during March from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in Cobblestone Gallery, 1025 Eighth Ave. South in Nashville, Zimmermann explained.

The first prize is \$100; second place is \$25, and third place \$15.

ACCORDING TO Zimmermann, the contest is scheduled in conjunction with

Photo Fair 1984, a photography exhibit featuring the favorite photographs of more than 30 top commercial photographers, which will take place in the H Lobby of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center Feb. 1-28 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily.

The exhibit is a benefit for the Bill Wilkerson Speech and Hearing Center, Zimmermann said.

For contest rules and entry information, students should contact Harold Baldwin, contest coordinator for MTSU.

Feb. events

Feb. 16—The Kool Club half-timers show at Murphy Center will begin at 7 p.m. Afterward the BSA is sponsoring a dance at the James

Union Building.

Feb. 19—Famous Amos, the cookie man, will speak at the Learning Resources Center at 8 p.m.

Feb. 20—Alpha Phi Alpha will be sponsoring its annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant at 8 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

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NUCLEAR A.R.M.S.

TALKS COMING SOON

Association of Recording Management Students

Campus Capsule

TODAY

MTSU YOUNG DEMOCRATS will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the University Center. All old members and individuals interested in joining are welcome.

TOMORROW

MARY MARTIN, A PROFESSOR in the mathematics department of Colgate University, will speak on the topic "Invertible Ideals and Polynomial Rings" at 2 p.m. in Room 360 of Kirksey Old Main. Martin is a graduate of Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro and MTSU. The lecture is sponsored by the Tennessee Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon.

THE DANCE COMMITTEE will meet at 4 p.m. in the Student Programming Conference Room.

THURSDAY

AN ORIENTAL DINNER will be hosted by the Baptist Student Union at the BSU Building 5-6 p.m. at a cost of \$2.50 each. Proceeds are to go toward paying medical expenses for MTSU student Seaman Lin. Donations will also be accepted.

FEB. 3

THE FILMS COMMITTEE will meet at 7 p.m. in the Student Programming Conference Room, Room 307 in the University Center. Policy changes are among the business to be discussed.

FEB. 6

THE HOME ECONOMICS STUDENT Faculty Forum will take place at 10 a.m. in Room 106 of the Ellington Home Economics Building. All home economics majors should bring comments, complaints and suggestions.

FEB. 7

SDX, THE SOCIETY OF Professional Journalists, will meet at 4:30 p.m. in Room 324 of the University Center.

NOTICES

"VOICES OF BLACK AMERICA," a mini-lecture series sponsored by the department of sociology, anthropology and social work in recognition of Black History Month, will take place at 2 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. Walter Searcy, vice president of the NAACP, will speak on "The Necessary Responses to the Demise of the Civil Rights Agenda in the 1980's" on Feb. 5. The Feb. 12 speaker will be Ruth Dennis, associate

professor of psychiatry, on the topic, "Folk Health and Healing in the Black Community." Amos Jones, pastor of Westwood Baptist Church, will speak Feb. 19 on "Meeting the needs of the Black Community." The Feb. 26 lecture is to be announced at a later date.

MTSU INTERCOLLEGIATE BOWLING tryouts have been extended through the end of the month. Interested women should call Leah Patrick at ext. 3733. Interested men should call Steve Ferrell at ext. 3650.

STUDENT TEACHING APPLICATIONS for the fall semester must be completed and on file in the Student Teaching Office, Room 106 of Jones Hall, no later than Feb. 15.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM Students About Feeding Ethiopia (SAFE), sponsored by Omega Phi Alpha, will be available in the University Center basement Jan. 28-29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accept money donations for Ethiopia.

ENTRIES ARE BEING ACCEPTED now for contestants in the 1985 Miss MTSU Scholarship Pageant to take place April 4 in Murphy Center. Jan. 31 is the deadline for entries. For more information, contact Todd J. Buse, campus box 2110.

STUDENTS WHO WISH to keep their names, addresses, phone numbers or classifications from being given out by the Student Information Center should visit Room 124 in the University Center to fill out a non-release of information form. A new request must be made each semester.

APPLICATIONS ARE being accepted for one freshman, the sophomore and one graduate senator for the ASB. Applications are available in Room 304 of the University Center.

MTSU STUDENTS, STAFF and faculty are invited to support WDCN-TV Channel 8 by contributing items for the 1985 Action Auction. Eligible arts and crafts donations become part of an exhibition in Nashville which will open to the general public from March 12-30. Action Auction will be broadcast April 21-28. For information contact Dona Vickrey, Rutherford County Arts and Crafts donations chairman, at 890-6712.

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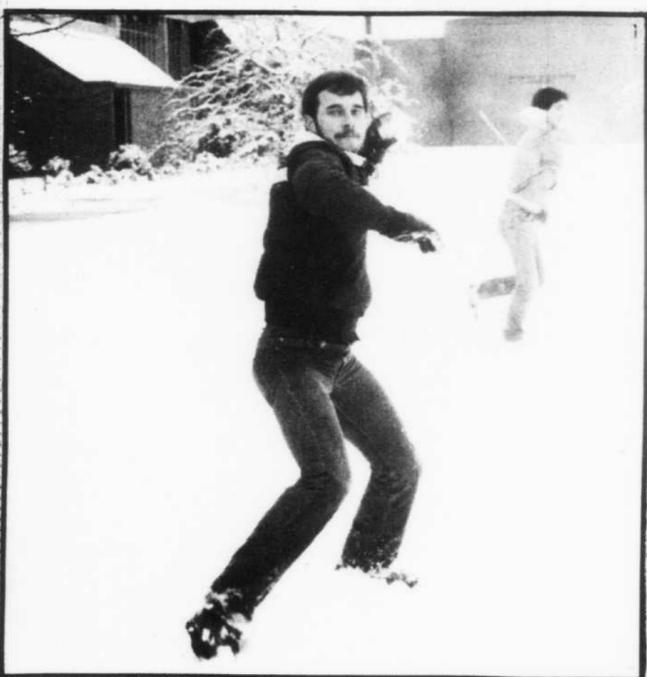
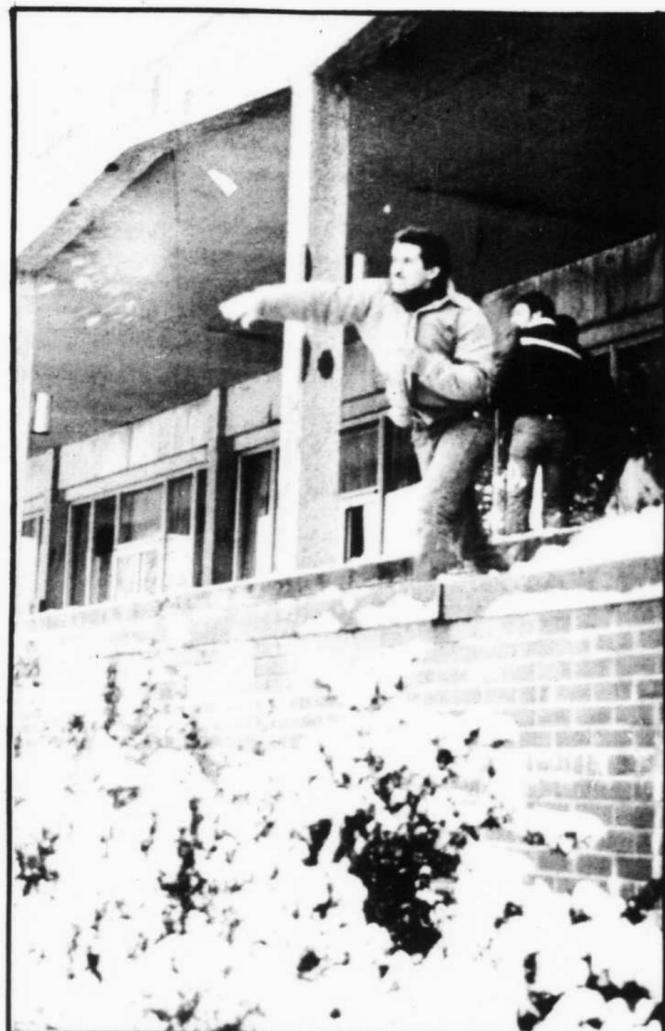
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A snowball fight breaks out Monday afternoon in the University Center courtyard, as students give in to the lure of winter fun.



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Search positive--to a point

The Supreme Court decision to permit students to be searched for the possession of illegal objects, such as drugs or weapons, on the basis of "reasonable suspicion" ostensibly frees teachers and principals from the fear of lawsuits when they search suspected students. The decision connotes violent divisions between students' rights and the rights of the administration, and the issue is not easily resolved.

The rights of the students must be weighed against the dangers illegal possessions bring to the secondary schools. When a 14-year-old walks into the school he attends and guns down the principal, one doesn't want to argue the abstract defense of his rights against search. The Murfreesboro Riverdale High teacher who was knocked unconscious by a student as she entered her room one morning illustrates the reality of the situation on a local level.

The practice of searching students is not new, according to Scott Thompson, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, who noted, "We don't think the ruling changes things much.... The decision provides protection for teachers [and] principals." The decision extends the protection to searches of a student's clothing, billfolds or handbags. Lockers and desks have long been considered rental property and subject to search.

The Supreme Court decision does not end the controversy. The very vagueness of its terminology—"reasonable

suspicion"—assures future lawsuits, if fewer. Charles T. Williams, head of the National Education Association's Human and Civil Rights Division, warned teachers in a recent NEA newsletter to avoid searching students, and to leave the action to a higher authority in an established "chain of command." The danger of lawsuits is still present.

The necessary vagueness of the term "reasonable suspicion" presents the greatest obstacle in one's acceptance of the Court's decision. One man's reasonable suspicion is the next man's tyranny. It is one thing if pre-puberty schoolers are stopped. The decision taken to an extreme suggests that minors have no rights. This is a premise that must be challenged.

The resolution of the issue has passed to the administrations of the secondary schools. The restraint each individual teacher or principal exhibits will determine the strength of the Court's decision. The elimination of dangers presented by students who bring unauthorized weapons and drugs into the realm of school authority is positive. The protection provided administration representatives will free them to act to eliminate these dangers—as long as these representatives do not go too far. The Court's decision in the hands of a zealous administrator will destroy all the good the decision can create. The rule is moderation.

—D.M. Adkerson



"THIS IS JUST TO GET ON THE BUS. AT SCHOOL, WE'LL BE STRIP-SEARCHED, FINGERPRINTED, AND GIVEN DENIM WORK CLOTHES WITH A NUMBER ON IT."

Rant 'n' Rave

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Columnist

Last week I had the undeniable pleasure of paying 89 cents for a gallon of regular gas. It is undoubtedly the lowest price I have paid since I have owned a car. And since prices will apparently continue to go up, we can only look forward to more miles for less money.

The Arab Oil Embargo swept by while I was in high school. Since I didn't own a car, I didn't really pay attention as the American driver was knocked flat on his a-- by the OPEC nations. When I finally was in a position to buy gas, it was 56 cents a gallon.

When I got my first car, it was \$1.30 or maybe a little bit lower. When that car died and I bought my 1959 pick-up, gas was down to 99 cents. It still isn't near the 1970 price of 19 cents a gallon I once saw in North Carolina.

OPEC is in a shambles, its dominating power in the world energy markets a fading vision of the past. However, we shouldn't believe that we now have more energy than we know what to do with. The danger of an Energy Crisis still remains. Uranium, Coal, Natural Gas and Oil are all finite resources. They will run out. Now is not the time to sit on our rears and ignore a

problem that will come back to haunt us.

In fact, the current low energy prices may help speed up the depletion of world energy supplies. Now, while the prices are so low, is the time for a tax on gasoline. A 20 cent tax would raise prices to around \$1.10 for self service regular. Market pressures will more than likely turn around and drive prices back down. The tax revenue could be divided between blanket grants to states for highway and bridge repairs and grants for alternative energy research. Now is the time.

Meanwhile, let's all enjoy the current energy glut—it can't last forever.

Doodles



Letters to the Editor

Pro-choice stance to face harsh judgment later

To the Editor:

Just a few comments on your editorial of the issue of Friday, Jan. 25. Whether abortion is illegal or not women will not achieve equality with men. Apparently you feel free to go to bed with them from the inferences in your article. If so you should be able to determine the inequalities by now.

Secondly, you have the right to control your body in any way you choose, provided you do not interfere with my body while doing so. Swing your fist as long and hard as you choose. Just stop short of where my chin begins!

Thirdly, when you stand before the King of kings in judgment, it will be he and not you who defines murder.

Fourthly, you condemn emotional rhetoric and then proceed to plunge into the same up to your eyebrows.

Fifthly, dependency is not synonymous with agony. One of these days you will grow up sufficiently to find yourself to be dependent on so many things it will make you dizzy. In fact it must be rather heady to live in your exalted and independent atmosphere.

Last, there are several types of law and evade a traffic ticket. Then, on the other hand, you may kill yourself through an automobile accident. You may ignore natural law, and you may not kill yourself when you walk off the top of a five story building. Then, on the other hand, you just might. You may

laugh at spiritual law for a few short years and think you are a free spirit, and then on the other hand, you may die after a hundred years or so.

I think you would do well to look at freedom much more closely. True freedom is not doing exactly what one chooses, nor is it fulfilling the appetites. True freedom is the result of knowledge of truth, and living in harmony with it.

I suppose Jesus would be pretty hard for you to swallow since he said, "I came to do the will of him that sent me." But for whatever it is worth to you, he also said, "If ye are my disciples ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you FREE."

P.S. I never cease to believe I gave my daughter good advice years ago when she was considering joining the Sidelines staff. Although there may be some individuals with religious convictions on the staff, I have read enough articles sounding like yours that I am afraid the image would have been difficult to escape. Why don't you quit advocating bitchery and grow up.

Leon D. Stancliff
Department of Chemistry and Physics

Abortion editorial exercise in illogic, muddled thinking

To the Editor:

Michelle Adkerson's editorial on abortion (in the Jan. 25 issue) was a brilliant exercise in illogic and muddled ideological thinking. It would be impossible to point out all

the fallacies in her argument in a letter that has to be short. But let me point out that women do in fact have control over their bodies. Women can engage in sexual relations or not. Contraceptives are available. But one of the real questions in the abortion issue is whether women should be responsible for their actions. Abortion is not only an inhumane and violent response to an "unwanted pregnancy," but it is also an effort to excuse people from accepting the consequences of their actions.

We all were at one time in the wombs of our mothers. Even Adkerson was, at one time, a fetus. She was born, grew up, and now is writing impassioned editorials in favor of denying the same privilege of living to others. And she justifies cruelty on the grounds that women have to have this "right" to control their own bodies, renounce slavery and celibacy and be equal with men. Big Brother would be proud. Adkerson has mastered Doublethink.

Nathan Deer
Box 233

Question at hand: birth control, not abortion

To the Editor:

If the legalization of abortion was to prove that men and women are equals, then men should have to have abortions also. Impossible? That's right.

Let's face the facts, Miss Adkerson. Women get pregnant and men do not. This is nothing new and over-

whelming, just as self-control and birth-control are not. Would it be so difficult for these women who become "barefoot and pregnant" to find and practice an effective method of birth-control? Instead of spending \$200 or \$300 to take a life, wouldn't it be better to spend that money to prevent a life? Not only would it prevent that life, but it would prevent the pain and

psychological pressure the woman faces.

The question at hand is not of equal rights, for effective birth-control has been around for decades. The question of the "convenience abortion" is: "Does a woman have the right to end a life just because she was irresponsible?"

Paula Arnold
Box 4012



Individual choice obscures justice in 'sea of relativism'

To the Editor:

In response to D.M. Adkerson's article on abortion, I must pose the question to her and all who hold her view: If we allow each individual to decide for themselves what particular actions constitute "murder," then doesn't our judicial system become ob-

scured in a vast "sea of relativism?" The abortion issue is just one symptom of a much deeper and increasingly destructive problem that we face as a nation, this being that our judicial system, for the most part, has abandoned any firm moral basis to support its decisions. The American culture has developed into a humanistic society catering to its changing desires and basing its moral decisions on matters of convenience and its "sensual selves."

David E. Curry
Box 2753

Editorial uses same rhetoric it denounces

To the Editor:

Without engaging in any particular rhetoric, I feel compelled to point out several inconsistencies in your column "Abortion: Choice means freedom."

You say that "the debate should not be masked in rhetoric that appeals to emotion." However, the remarks which you quote by Judy Goldsmith contain such words as "fear," "pain," "injury," "death," "enslaved" and "servitude."

All of these words carry a definite emotional weight. In addition, the cartoon printed to the right of the column contains the words "bomber," "back alley butcher" and "hero."

The idea that each individual should decide whether or not abortion is murder does not hold up well. It either is or it isn't, and if it is, it is not open to choice. The analogy given between slavery and abortion doesn't make sense. Slavery was abolished, not legalized, and it was abolished on the basis of its immorality.

Also, I would question the description of abortion clinics as "understanding, clean, competent environments." This is a generalization, and as the saying goes, "all generalizations are false."

Finally, let me suggest that if women want the choice of control over their own bodies, let them start choosing prior to pregnancy.

Dennis Kearney
Box 9056

Reagan's education GPA 'embarrassing'

By JENNY McMILLION
Sidelines Columnist

"If America is to offer greater economic opportunity to her citizens, if she is to defend democracy and keep the peace, then our children will need wisdom, courage and strength—virtues beyond their reach without education."

These are the honorable words of our president, a word which has perhaps become more identified with the issue of education than any since Lyndon Johnson. But his success comes not in the quest for a "Great Society," but rather in a remarkable ability to turn rhetoric into reality for millions of Americans.

Ronald Reagan's grades in education are distinctly low. And this tends to pull down his whole grade point average, resulting in a rather embarrassing report card, because education must be the cornerstone of success for a policy built around federal deregulation and power of the people. Power requires responsibility, and an uneducated public is unable to be a truly responsible one.

Reagan's newest budget proposal once again fails to strive for equality in higher education. Included in the new proposal are plans to deny federally-guaranteed loans to college students with family incomes above \$32,500 and an overall \$4,000 ceiling on total federal aid for any student per year, including low-income students and graduate students. The plan will also restrict eligibility for Pell grants, direct payments to students with incomes under \$25,000. Students barred from the Guaranteed Student Loan program could still seek loans under another program, which would charge high interest rates while the students were still in school.

The cuts mentioned above will be proposed Feb. 4, and most would be effective in September of 1986.

What the Reagan proposal ignores is that many students from middle-income families cannot meet soaring costs of college tuition, particularly if they come from families with several children attending school. And limiting eligibility for Pell grants once again puts the squeeze on borderline lower-income families. Of course, there is little assurance any of this will pass Congress. Reagan has repeatedly proposed similar cuts, and Congress has repeatedly turned most of the down, opting for even higher spending in education. Reagan often uses these spending statistics to his advantage in speechmaking, but listeners should be aware that Reagan was not behind the spending increases: he was on the losing team.

During his last term, Reagan proposed eliminating education benefits from social

security, eliminating Supplemental Grants and State Student Incentive grants, limiting subsidies in the Guaranteed Loan program to lower- and middle-income students, cutting Pell grants by over 40 percent in one year, reducing appropriations for the National Endowment for the Humanities by half and totally eliminating the education division of the National Science Foundation.

Most of these proposed education cuts combine to mean one thing: students who can afford to go to private and high-cost institutions can go. Middle- and lower-income students will have to settle for what they can afford, if they can afford anything at all.

Equality of opportunity in education, then, seems to be low on Reagan's list of priorities. The bright kid from a poor neighborhood who wants to go to Harvard Law School may never go: his less-qualified friend from uptown will.

Reagan's proposed higher education cuts are not his only

steps on the road to inequality. His elementary and secondary program policies are also exemplary. Consider his persistent support of tuition tax credits, a clever way to bypass the Supreme Court decision which bans federal aid to private and religious schools as unconstitutional. Not only could this lead to indirect federal support of schools which discriminate on the basis of race, sex or handicap (the anti-discrimination clause in Reagan's proposal is weak and ineffective, and complainants have no direct access to courts), it would perpetuate the establishment of numerous private institutions at the expense of public education.

In the long run, tuition tax credits would accomplish one thing—the further segregation of economic and social classes in lower education. In the Reagan proposal, there are no standards for enrollment in the schools receiving tuition tax credits. And because tax credits are usable only to the extent that federal taxes are owed, they would be of no advantage to poverty-stricken students. Do we really want an

education system which isolates children of different backgrounds and cultures from one another?

Discrimination against the handicapped is a related concern. In July of 1984 the Supreme Court under the Reagan administration ruled that school boards cannot be held accountable for attorney's fees for a child successfully arguing a court case under the Education for All Handicapped Children Act. Consequently, we are bound to see a drastic decrease in the number of cases brought to court, as most families cannot afford to pay thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees to seek justice for their children.

Symbolic of Reagan's overall plan in hasty deregulation of federal aid for education are his attempts to dismantle the Department of Education and his consolidation of federal aid into block grants.

Reagan's plan for "excellence in education" revolves around six points: "old-fashioned discipline," drug abuse control, raising academic standards, merit pay, a return to state and local

control, and teaching education basics and values (including school prayer).

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FEATURES

Professor seeks Nicaraguan facts and fiction

By **RANDY BRISON**
Sidelines Features Editor

This is the first in a two-part series about Professor Lance Selva's experience in Nicaragua as a member of Abbie Hoffman's fact-finding delegation there.

To President Ronald Reagan and many Americans, Nicaragua is another Central American stepping stone to the United States which is falling under Soviet influence.

When 1960's activist Abbie Hoffman was at MTSU last month, he called Nicaragua the "most important experiment in human living" in the world, then challenged listeners who were viewing his debate with Yuppie proponent Jerry Reuben to "go down and see" for themselves.

AT THE INVITATION of Hoffman, Dr. Lance Selva, an assistant professor of criminal justice at MTSU, decided to do just that. When the group departed Dec. 28, at the invitation of Hoffman, Selva went along on a one man fact-finding mission.

"I went to see what the facts were for myself," said Selva. "I'm interested in any movement for social change toward a more democratic direction, in both a political and an economic sense."

"The delegation represented all political view-points," he said, adding that one-third of the group was opposed to Hoffman's political stance. In the group of 69, Selva said, there were two movie producers, two lawyers, five professional political



Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Lance Selva stands in front of the Sandinista National Liberation Front flag which he displays in his office.

Photo by Melissa Givens

organizers and many journalists. Most persons, like himself, were there to find out "what was going on."

WHAT WAS AND is going on might surprise a United States public which has had its images of Central America filtered through the sensibilities of American newspapers.

Most Americans, for example, might believe Nicaragua is a communist country. Many of the things Selva and the Hoffman group saw and heard in Nicaragua, however, seem to directly refute that assumption.

"If communism means the state owns the means of production," Selva said, "then Nicaragua should not be called communist, since 60 percent of the economy is privately controlled."

"THAT'S COMPARABLE to Mexico, Brazil or even Sweden," he continued, "but you don't hear anyone calling them communist."

Selva also pointed to the diversity of political organizations in the small country. While a communist nation, as most perceive it, has only one political party, there are several parties in Nicaragua

of the national economy and owned 20 percent of the land.

"The owners of other factories and lands taken over," Selva said, "were compensated. Communist countries do not compensate."

Another major contrast between Nicaragua and communist nations is the fact that Sandinistas have placed priests in places of authority.

THE MINISTER OF Education is Fernando Cardinal, a former Catholic priest. Education has been an area of heavy emphasis by the Sandinistas.

"You do not have priests in political positions in communist countries," Selva said.

Cardinal was defrocked by Catholic authorities because of his involvement with the Nicaraguan government.

"IT'S STRANGE THAT he's kicked out of the church for being a government official," Selva pointed out, "when in Bolivia they [priests] are colonels in the army."

When examined closely, Selva asserts, in many U.S.

administrations, specifically, President Reagan's, statements and assumptions about Nicaragua are either false or hypocritical.

"We [Americans] criticize them for not having elections," Selva said, "until five years after their revolution."

"IT TOOK US [the United States] 12 years to hold an election," he pointed out.

Selva said there'd also been criticism of the Sandinistas for having military leaders as political leaders.

"Who did we pick as our first president?" he asked. "General Washington, a leader of the revolution."

ANOTHER CRITICISM which has been leveled at the Sandinistas has been against their use of censorship. Selva explained that censorship was practiced in Nicaragua, but was "directed primarily at articles about the military."

"They're at war," Selva said, "against military aggression on the Honduran border."

"Think of World War II," he

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beside the Sandinistas, which is the ruling party.

"There is a communist party," Selva said, "that thinks the Sandinistas are sell-outs." The communists believe, Selva explained, that the Sandinistas were too easy on their opponents when the organization seized power.

"THE ONLY LANDS and factories taken over without compensation," he said, "were those owned by the Somozas." The Somoza family had ruled in Nicaragua for almost 50 years before being overthrown in 1979. At that time, the Somozas controlled 40 percent



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What's happening

Nicholson to star in *Chinatown* sequel

By WILLIAM C. TROTT
United Press International

GOING BACK TO CHINATOWN: After a summit meeting at his Aspen, Colo., home, Jack Nicholson is ready for the long-discussed sequel to *Chinatown*. Nicholson, producer Bob Evans and *Chinatown* screenwriter Robert Towne met last weekend and finalized plans for *Two Jakes*, according to *The Los Angeles Times*.

In addition to reprising his role as Los Angeles detective Jake Gittes, Nicholson will produce the film with Evans, who will co-star as Nicholson's nemesis, real estate heavy Jake Berman. In addition to doing the screenplay, Towne will

direct *Two Jakes* when shooting starts in April. The movie is set in 1948, 11 years after the end of *Chinatown* and gives a look at the real estate and oil businesses during the post-World War II days in Los Angeles.

DANCED OUT: Gene Kelly has no trouble admitting he's too out of shape for today's dance steps. "No, the kind of dancing I'd want to do, I'd have to get up every day and work," he says in an interview on ABC's "20-20" Thursday night. "I'd have to work out. At my age—no soap. Too tough."

Kelly, 72, who narrates and is featured in *That's Dancing*, a movie montage of great dance segments, says it took him awhile to make the adjustment from dancing on stage to dancing on film.

"On stage your dancing is like sculpture," he said. "It's three-dimensional. It's seen by an audience with two eyes. The camera has one eye. It changes the dancing to a

painting—a flat thing."

WOODY REPRISE: Diane Keaton's most recent movie roles, including *Reds*, *Little Drummer Girl* and the soon-to-be released *Mrs. Soffel*, have been on the serious side, but she wouldn't mind another project with former boyfriend Woody Allen.

"I'd love to do something with Woody and Mia [Farrow, Allen's current girlfriend]," she said in an interview with *Vanity Fair*. Keaton admits she was "spoiled by Woody" while making *Annie Hall* and *Manhattan* but also enjoyed working with Mel Gibson in *Mrs. Soffel*, in which she plays a religious woman who falls in love with Gibson's bank-robbing character.

"It was not difficult for me to imagine what it would be like to be hopelessly in love with Mel," she said.

CATS IN CHURCH: Lloyd Webber brought *Cats*, *Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Joseph and the Amazing*

Technicolor Dreamcoat to Broadway and now has written his first liturgical work.

Lloyd Webber's requiem mass will have its world premiere in New York on Feb. 24 at St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church, one of Fifth Avenue's most fashionable churches. Lorin Maazel, conductor of the Vienna Philharmonic, will conduct the St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble, and Placido Domingo will be among the soloists while the Winchester Cathedral Choir will come from England for the performance, which will be recorded by Angel Records.

Lloyd Webber will come from London for the occasion, taking time off from restoring the Palace Theater there, which he bought last year, to its original Victorian splendor.

GLIMPSES: Prince Andrew returns next week for another tour of duty in the Falkland Islands, where he flew a navy helicopter in Britain's 1982 war with Argentina.



Emmylou Harris sports the new look which is part of her 1985 country-rock tour. Harris will be kicking off her tour from Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Polk Theatre. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster locations.

Nicaragua

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continued. "We practiced rationing and censorship, yet we criticize them."

"WHEN WE CRITICIZE the Sandinistas," Selva said, "we must place their actions in the context of world events, remembering that they are essentially in a state of war against U.S.-backed aggression."

"We must relate back to World War II when we placed our own population under severe restrictions, both economically and politically," Selva added. "We not only had censorship, but it was also us who put Japanese-American citizens into resettlement camps."

"Perhaps before throwing stones we should examine our own history."

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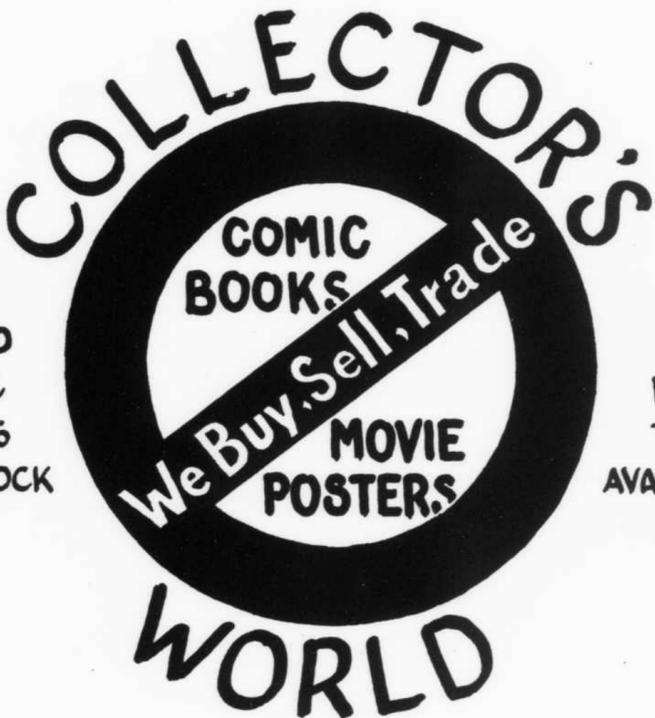
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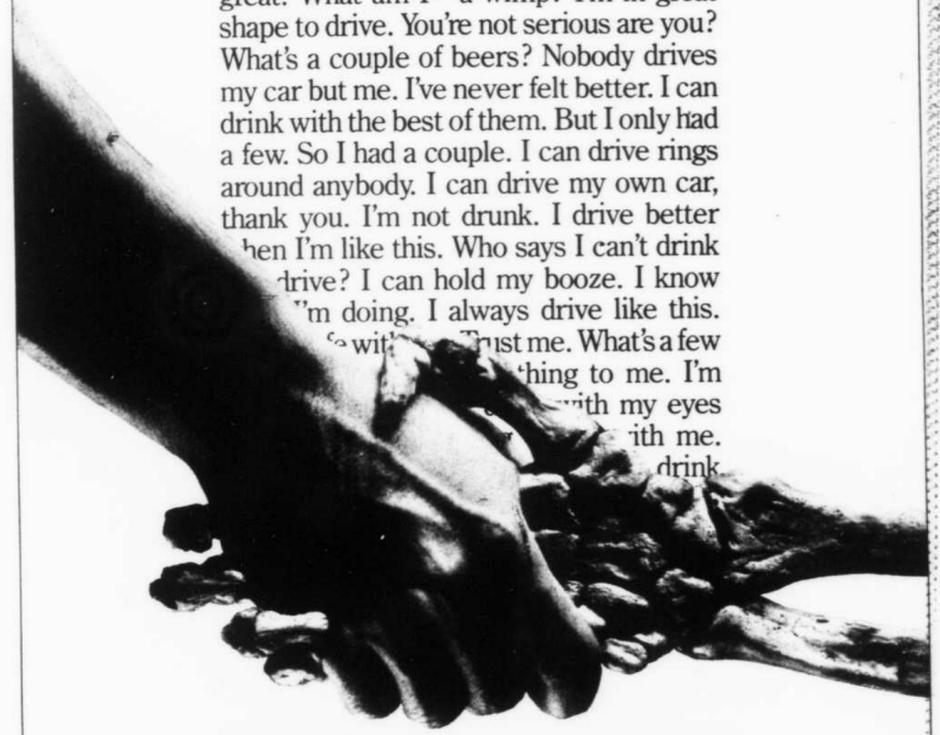
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SPORTS

Stewart frustrated

Raiders miss again

By MIKE ORGAN
and RANDY BRISON

Murray State escaped a scrappy MTSU team which had the game in hand in the early stages of the second-half for its sixth conference win 63-59 in Murray, Ky., last night before an estimated 5,000 fans.

The Raiders roared back from an eight point half-time deficit to tie the Racers on a Russell "Slim" Smith slam at 30-all just three and a half minutes into the second half. A stingy MTSU defense kept MSU shut down from that point as the Raiders, paced by freshman Kerry Hammonds, took a six-point lead.

AS SO OFTEN before, the MTSU lead was short-lived. Mike Lahm, 6-foot-11 MSU senior, pulled his team back into striking range, scoring six of the Racers' first eight points of the second half. Charles Glass dropped a short jumper with just over nine minutes to play, giving MSU a lead it never lost.

MTSU first-year coach Bruce Stewart was frustrated with his team's near-miss, which seems to be becoming a habit with the rebuilding Raiders.

"We did the usual," said the coach. "We played good for a 10-minute spurt and then turned around and gave them the game."

"WE'VE GIVEN UP three of the four conference losses."

Despite Stewart's growing frustration, MTSU exhibited

signs of improvement against the Ohio Valley's number one team.

The mistakes which continue to hamper the Raiders are typical of many rebuilding squads. Trailing by four with MSU in its patented delay game, freshman point guard Neal Murray walked after a Hammonds steal with 2:11 to play, missing a chance to cut the Racer lead to two. Seconds later Lonnie Thompson turned the ball over after his own steal, as Hammonds fouled-out on the ensuing MSU break.

MTSU WAS 29 of 68 from the floor, finishing with nine more field goals than MSU, but was outshot at the free throw line 23 to one. The Racers hit 42.5 percent from the field.

Lahm dominated the early going with four blocked shots and a game-high 20 points. Guard Craig Talley pitched in 13 for MSU.

Smith led the balanced MTSU scoring attack with 15 points, while the OVC's top scorer Kim Cooksey and Thompson added 14 each. James Johnson started his second straight game scoring six points before fouling out with 4:47 remaining.

The Raiders head to Statesboro, Ga., to face the Georgia Southern Eagles Thursday at 6:30 p.m. OVC play will resume for MTSU against Tennessee Tech Feb. 4 to end its seven-game road stretch in Cookeville.



Freshman Neal Murray (10) glides to the basket during Saturday's MTSU-APSU game at Clarksville. Photo by Bill Kingsley

MTSU Ladies outrun Racers

By RANDY BRISON
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders rolled to their ninth consecutive victory last night, plastering Murray State 91-76 to remain undefeated and atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

All-American candidate Jennifer McFall continued her

blistering scoring pace, leading MTSU with 27 points. Freshman Alice Lawrence, who had 22 points against Austin Peay Saturday, added 25 points.

THE LADY RAIDERS had little trouble with Murray State's women, leading 53-30 at halftime.

McFall also led MTSU with

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Govs Ladies' 12th victim

By SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

The MTSU Lady Raiders cruised to a 80-58 victory over the Austin Peay Govs to remain the only unbeaten team in the Ohio Valley Conference.

MTSU, 6-0 in OVC play and 12-3 overall, was led by freshman Alice Lawrence with 22. Tonita Cannon was top scorer for the Lady Govs with 13.

APSU HAS LOST three straight in the OVC and are 14-4 overall.

Lady Raider Coach Larry Inman said Lawrence had a "great game," and she deserved a lot of credit for the win.

Inman added that even though Lawrence is just a freshman, "she does a great job" for MTSU and that Saturday night's game was "one of her best."

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Knock out gives MTSU first road win

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

After suffering through some tough breaks this season and losing several games by narrow margins because of such breaks, the MTSU Blue Raiders saw the tables turn in their direction for a change Saturday night at Austin Peay's Dunn Center.

As usual, the Raiders had jumped out in front of their foes with a comfortable lead. Then again, as usual, the momentum swung to the other bench—the Austin Peay Governors in Saturday's case.

AFTER WATCHING his team's lead dwindle from 13 points to a mere three, MTSU Coach Bruce Stewart called a timeout. This is, of course, a tactic used by all coaches to slow the momentum against their team. Well, it wasn't the timeout, but what happened

during that 30 seconds that stalled the Governor's aggression and paced the Raiders to their third Ohio Valley Conference win at 84 to 68 over APSU.

While Stewart held his conference, MTSU cheerleader Ty Kennon broke into a series of backward handsprings across the court. Official Bobby Heatherly was headed from the court to the bench when he met Kennon, or rather Kennon's shin which contacted Heatherly's jaw and sent him to the hardwood unconscious.

"He fell like a tree," fellow MTSU cheerleader Vince Hargrove said of the incident that looked like something from a Bruce Lee movie. "He never saw Ty coming and Ty never saw him until it was too late."

"IT WAS THE biggest surprise of my life," Kennon said. "I can't see anything

when I'm doing those except what is directly behind me, and he came from the side."

The game was delayed for 15 minutes while Heatherly was attended to and taken off the court on a stretcher to Clarksville Memorial Hospital. After spending the night there, Heatherly was said to be awake and alert with a minor concussion.

Kennon was not injured but remained silent on the sidelines for the rest of the game.

AS THE GAME resumed, the Raiders came back hot, and the Governors suffered a touch of hypothermia.

"We were faced with the same situation that MTSU was, and we did not handle it as well," APSU Coach Howard Jackson said about the final nine minutes.

Besides the abbreviated APSU comeback, the Raiders enjoyed a good game, ac-

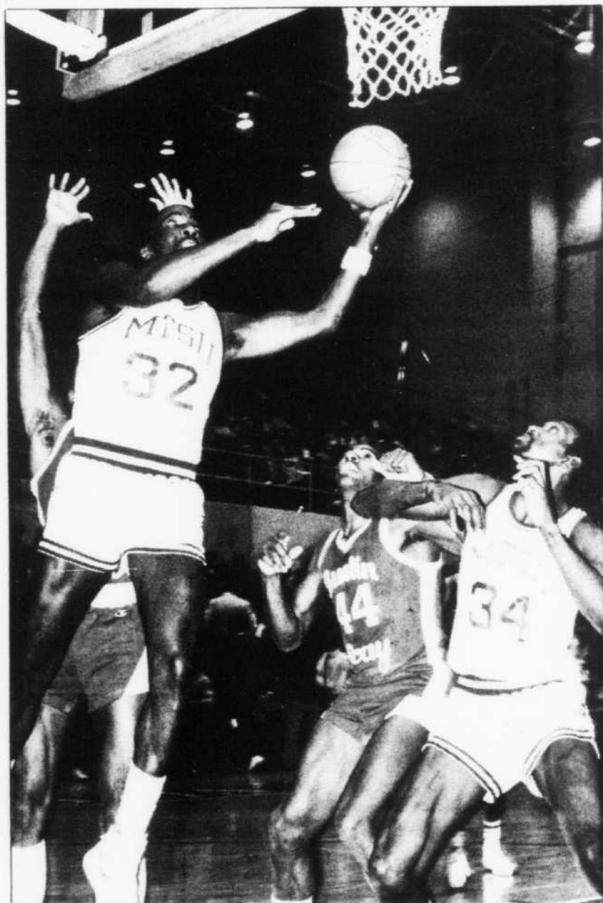
ording to Stewart. MTSU dropped in 55 percent of its shots from the field in its first win in Clarksville since 1982.

KIM COOKSEY GOT back on track and rifled in 12 of his 19 shots from the field and three of four from the line to pace the thawing Raiders with 27 points. Senior Lonnie Thompson added a cool 17 points, 15 in the second half. Russell Smith chipped in 13 while James Johnson got his first starting nod since early in the season and added seven.

Robert Biggers, who sparked the APSU comeback which saw the Governors outscore MTSU 10-0 in a three-minute span, led his squad with 26 points.

After winning its first road game since the Tennessee Classic back in November, MTSU improved its record to 8-8 overall.

APSU slipped to 3-3, 7-11.



James Johnson (32) muscles for two against Austin Peay Saturday as MTSU's Russell Smith (34) and APSU's Robert Biggers (44) battle for rebound position. Photo by Bill Kingsley

Governors impeach spirit frat president

By GARY FRAZIER
Sidelines Sports Writer

The Spirit Fraternity has struck again. This time though there was a problem.

"I was thrown out of the auditorium for throwing toilet paper across the basketball court," Gary Duncan, Sigma Theta Phi president, confessed after the Austin Peay game Saturday.

THE INCIDENT occurred shortly before the close of the first half of play and forced the game to stop momentarily.

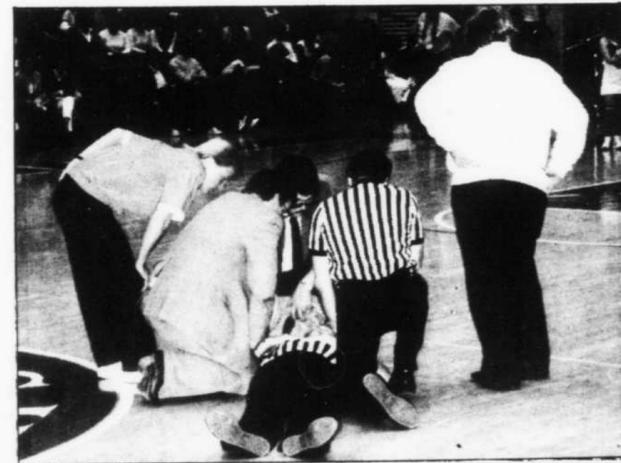
"I guess I just got too en-

thusiastic," Duncan said. "I wouldn't have done it if I'd known it was against the rules. (Tennessee Tech fans did the same thing at Murphy Center twice three weeks ago and no one was thrown out.) I was just trying to get our team and our crowd supporters more fired up."

"I think the people at Austin Peay should have warned me not to throw anything first rather than just throw me out."

DUNCAN WAS eventually allowed back into the auditorium after he cooled his

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Referee Bobby Heatherly lies unconscious after being knocked cold by MTSU cheerleader Ty Kennon's back flip during the MTSU-Austin Peay game Saturday night. Photo by Bill Kingsley

Long jumper qualifies for NCAA

Johnson's jump lifts Raiders to second place

By MIKE ORGAN
Sidelines Sports Co-editor

Dwight Johnson jumped 26½ feet in the long jump Saturday to qualify for the NCAA and pace his MTSU team to second place in a five-team indoor meet at Murphys Center.

Southeast Missouri took home the top honors in the meet with 78 points. MTSU followed with 72. Western Kentucky finished third with a distant 37½. Murray State placed fourth with 29½, while Austin Peay finished last with

five.

"WE'RE YOUNG. I mean real young," MTSU Coach Dean Hayes said. "The biggest thing this meet did for us was give our young kids some encouragement for the future and helped get them ready for the OVC championships. They got broken in a little bit Saturday."

The Raiders are led by Johnson and Steve McQuisten and are made up of about half freshmen as a squad, according to Hayes.

Johnson's jump was a half inch short of a school record.

He also became MTSU's fourth jumper ever to exceed eight meters. "That puts him up there with some pretty impressive company," Hayes added.

FRESHMAN JAMES Duhart from the NCAA also qualified for the NCAA by finishing second in the 500 meters with a time 1:02.73. SEMO's Kevin Lyon took first in the event.

Sean Smith had a busy day competing in three different events. "He [Smith] is a good all-around athlete, and he is very versatile, so we thought we'd keep him going," Hayes

said.

Smith finished second in the long jump, third in the high jump and fourth in the high hurdles.

MTSU'S RETURNING Ohio Valley Champion shot putter McQuisten won his event with a throw of 53-7.

Johnson was second in the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.40. Another MTSU football player, Mike Pittman, finished third at 6.46, while John McDowell was fifth with a 6.50.

Scotty Harris won the 60-yard hurdles in 7.65. Derec

Haynes placed second with a 7.67. Haynes also took second in the 440-yard dash with a time of 50.41.

MTSU CROSS-COUNTRY standout Mark Byrne took third for the Raiders in the one-mile run.

Skipper Willbanks, brother of MTSU women's basketballer Kay, was second in the high jump with a 6-10. Smith was third at 6-8, while Bobby Dolan finished fifth with a 6-4.

Dedrick Brown placed fifth in the 500 meters with a time of 1:06.32. Jerry Malone placed fourth in the 880 run with a

time of 1:57.82.

RODNEY YOUNG took third in the triple jump at 46-foot-3¾.

In Johnson's last event, the 300-yard dash, the sophomore finished second with a time of 31.27. Teammate Leon Newman's time of 32.29 was good enough for fifth.

Danny Green placed fifth in the two-mile run with a lifetime high time at 9:24.22.

As a team MTSU took second in the mile relay with a time of 3:22.4. Brown, Haynes, Duhart and Malone formed the team.

Outrun

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16 rebounds, while Kaye Willbanks had 14 boards along with her 16 points.
The Lady Raiders will be at home Thursday to play nationally-ranked Mississippi. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

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heels outside. The 25 STP members did not let the unfortunate incident upset them, and they immediately set about cheering even louder for the Blue Raiders.

Govs

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THE LADY RAIDERS led by as many as 12 points in the first half and was leading at halftime, 38-28.
APSU closed the gap to eight early in the second half, but never led in the contest.
The Lady Raiders wrap up their four-game OVC road trip with Murray State tonight and come home to face sixth-ranked Ole Miss Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

No further mishaps occurred, and the Raiders rambled on to their third OVC win. The recently formed spirit fraternity upped its record to five and one.
"We'll be looking forward to Feb. 9 when Austin Peay plays here," Duncan concluded with a mischievous grin.

APSU Coach Howard Jackson said after his team's loss: "We were coming back, but our crowd just didn't come through for us."



Photo by Bill Kingsley
Freshman Alice Lawrence for two of her team-high 22 points against APSU's Lady Governors Saturday.

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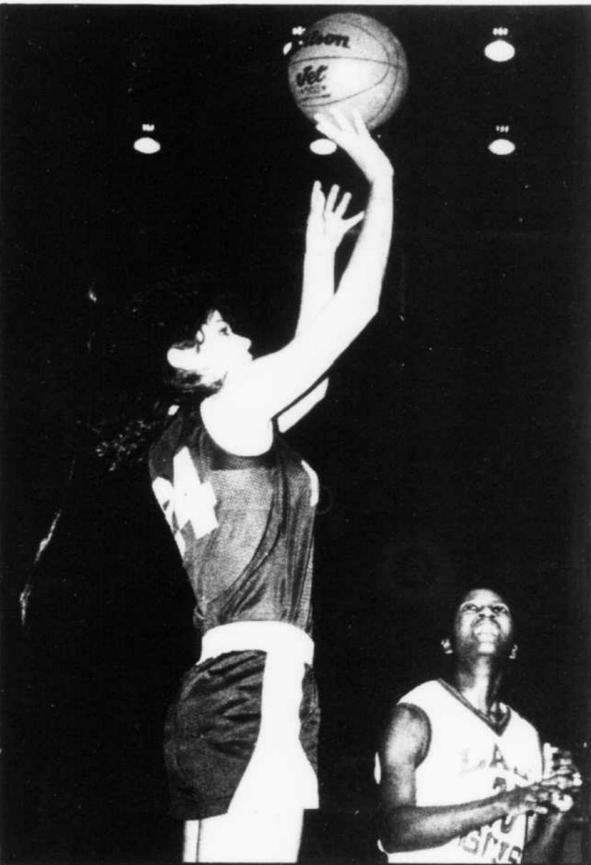


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Lady Raider Kathy McDonald

Recruits unaffected by drug controversy

ANDERSON, S.C. (UPI)—The parents and coaches of three top high school football recruits who recently committed to South Carolina say the drug probe at Clemson played no part in their decisions.
David Hodge of Simpsonville, Kevin Rourk of James Island and Ryan Bethea of Columbia recently made verbal commitments to attend the University of South Carolina on football scholarships.

CLEMSON RECRUITED each player, but Hodge and Rourk's mothers and Bethea's coach said the recent drug scandal at Clemson did not sway the athletes.

Two Clemson track coaches have resigned, and State Law Enforcement Division agents are investigating reports of

illegal distribution of prescription drugs at the school.

"I don't think the drug thing had anything to do with it," Carolyn Hodge told the Anderson Independent-Mail. "In fact we spent last weekend at Clemson. I think he's smart enough to realize that what's happened at Clemson could happen anywhere. We were very impressed by the people at Clemson and the coaches."

MRS. HODGE SAID that her son, who plays defensive end, chose South Carolina for academic reasons. He also considered North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, she said.

Dean Fowble, Bethea's coach at Richland Northeast High School in Columbia, said

he believes reports that some Clemson football players used steroids are exaggerated.

Bethea, a tight end, was one of the mostly highly recruited football prospects in the state and was sought by a number of schools nationwide.

"I PERSONALLY DON'T believe [steroid use] is that widespread," Fowble said. "I think it's a case of a few isolated players using them, and you probably have that going on anywhere. There may even be one or two using them [at Richland Northeast]."

Rourke's mother said her son, who also is a defensive end, had made up his mind to attend South Carolina before

reports of the Clemson drug investigation were published.

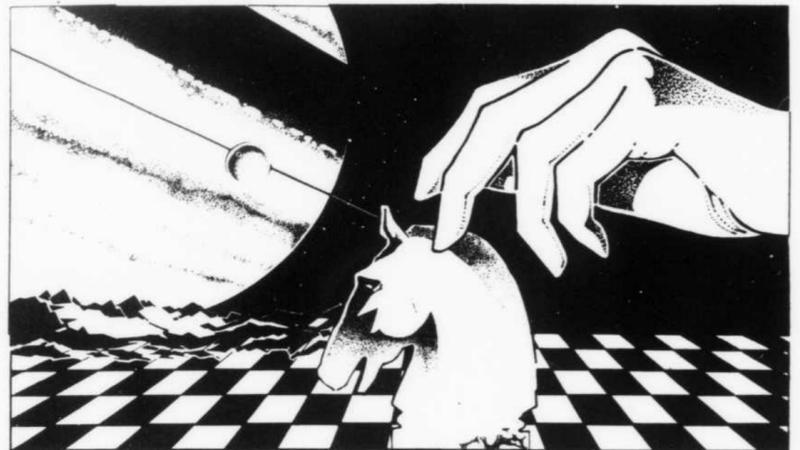
"I think it's unfortunate," Sandra Rourke said of the situation at Clemson. "He had really narrowed his choices way down before that all came out, but I don't think it would have made a difference anyway."

The coach of an uncommitted out-of-state player who asked not to be named said he will discuss the Clemson drug probe with the recruit before a decision is made.

"I don't know how it will affect his decision," the coach said.

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Quirks in the News

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (UPI)—Readers who have a hard time returning library books on time soon may find themselves doing hard time in jail.

Missouri lawmakers are considering two measures that would make it a crime to keep library books more than 60 days past their due dates.

ONE, WHICH IS backed by

the Missouri Library Association, would make it a felony for borrowers to keep materials worth more than \$150 out two months past their due date.

Violation could mean a maximum five-year sentence and a \$5,000 fine.

The other bill would make it a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a 30-day jail

term and a fine of up to \$300.

The director of the Kansas City Public Library, Dan Bradbury, says the library lost more than \$250,000 worth of materials to library card carriers last year.

"We're losing a quarter of our budget on non-returns," he said.

Viewing Nicaragua through the eyes of an MTSU professor

CEDAR CITY, Utah (UPI)—Radiation from nuclear bomb tests and fallout from possible future wars were both on the minds of people who attended vigils called to note the 34th anniversary of the nuclear testing in Nevada.

Songs, prayers, statements and candle lighting marked vigils in more than a dozen cities in the United States and Japan sponsored by Citizens Call, a Cedar City-based organization formed to aid the victims of radiation from nuclear testing at Yucca Flats, Nev.

VIGILS ALSO included a plea for the success of nuclear arms limitation talks between the United States and Soviet Union in Geneva.

"I think it is particularly relevant to remember we're finally engaged in nuclear arms talks, and we pray they will be successful and they will include an end to testing so there will be no more nuclear victims," said Janet Gordon, head of Citizens Call.

Gordon said about 35 people attended the Utah vigil Sunday to mark the Jan. 27, 1951 anniversary of the first of many open-air bomb tests at the Nevada site that the group claims caused cancer in people living downwind.

OTHER VIGILS TOOK place in New York, Boston, Washington, Nashville, Kalamazoo, Mich., Helena, Mont., Denver, Tuscon, Las Vegas, the San Francisco area, Cheyenne, Wyo., Albuquerque, N.M., and in the Idaho cities of Boise, Nampa and Idaho Falls.

In Boise, 15 anti-nuclear activists braved the cold to stage a candlelight vigil.

"Remembering the victims who have died and are suffering from nuclear fallout is the primary purpose for this event," said Claire Turner of the Snake River Alliance. "With the current arsenal of over 26,000 nuclear weapons and on-going weapons tests in Nevada... Americans will be supporting a \$35 billion

program in 1985."

A CEREMONY ALSO took place in Hiroshima, Japan, at the memorial to the victims of the first nuclear bomb dropped by the United States during World War II.

A U.S. District judge last year awarded \$2.6 million to nine of 24 victims of the Nevada testing, ruling their cancer was caused by negligent actions of the government. In addition, the judge said the survivors of one victim, who died before the decision was final, were entitled to compensation.

The 24 cases were selected as representative of about 1,200 plaintiffs who filed suit against the government claiming either they or members of their families developed cancer due to radiation from fallout from the tests.

THE GOVERNMENT has filed a notice of appeal.

Gordon said her group estimates the plaintiffs represent one-tenth of the

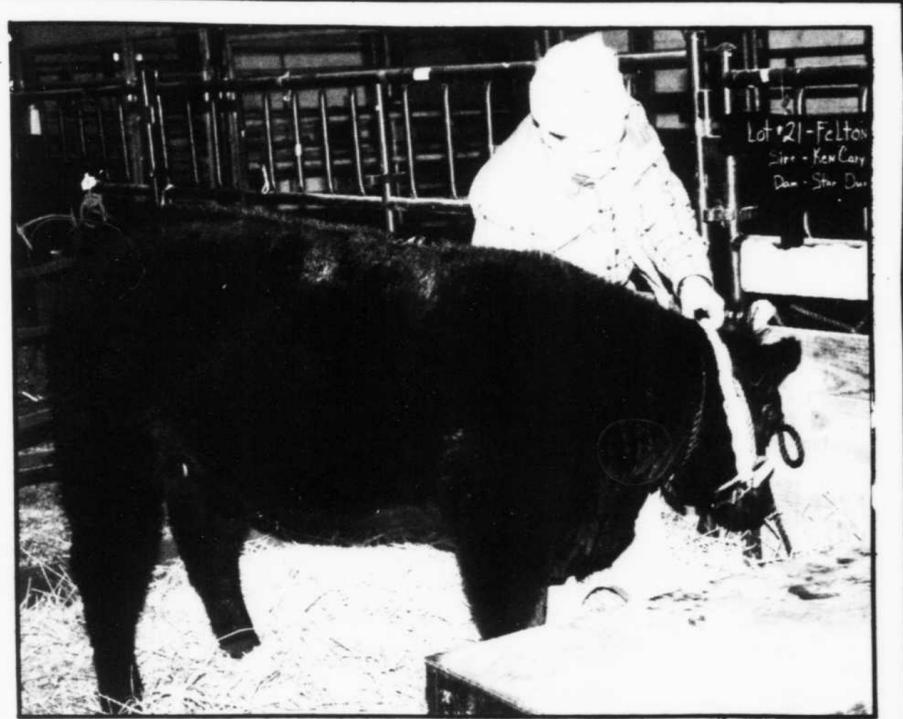


Photo by Angela Lewis

SHOW TIME!—Felton's Erica gets ready for the ring at the 23rd annual Tennessee Angus Association Show and Sale held at the MTSU Tennessee Livestock Pavilion last weekend.

people living downwind from the tests who were affected by radiation spread through the area by winds.

A 1963 treaty prohibited open-air testing, but underground testing has continued. Gordon said that by Dec. 31, 1984, there had been 630 announced tests in

Nevada, 425 of them since the test-ban treaty.

"HOWEVER, ALL OF the tests are not announced, and in 1982, they began to announce probably less than half of them," she said.

Gordon said over 10 percent of the tests leak radiation and that the government had

admitted there have been 62 accidents at the test site.

"The legacy is, of course, there was a dramatic increase in cancer rates among downwind residents, test-site workers, veterans used during maneuvers during tests and workers all along the weapons cycles," she said.

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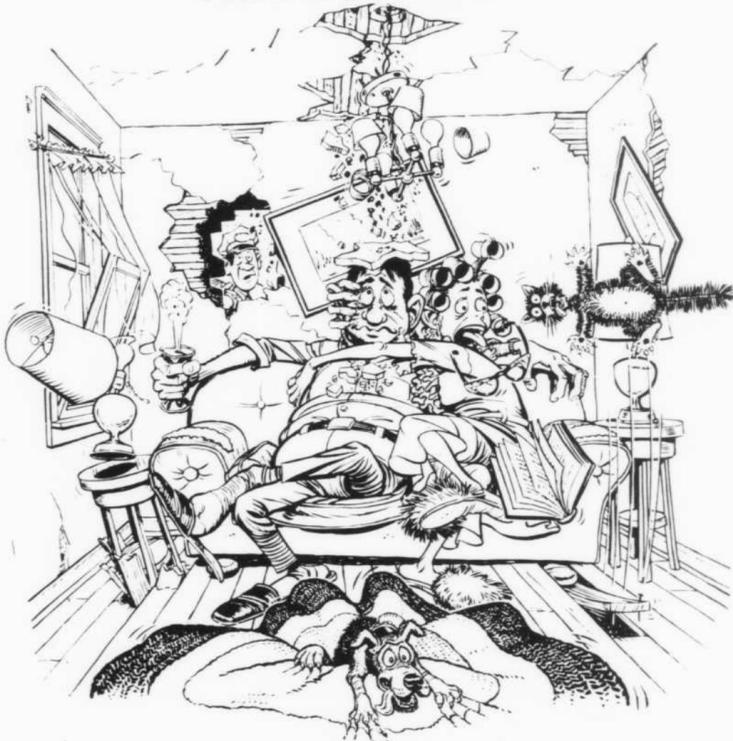
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