

Professorial letter draws hostile fire

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON
Education Editor

"[Tennessee] professors have the potential of communicating directly and quickly with 453,000 people of voting age... The Professorial Caucus... intends to tap the awesome potential at its finger tips for the 'enhancement and advancement of college teaching'..."

"The Professorial Caucus will support no candidate for public office who does not publicly and vocally support a more attractive fiscal policy toward Tennessee's higher education system. And The Professorial Caucus will campaign actively against candidates who show timidity and a lack of candor regarding Tennessee's waning support

for money directed at enhancing professorial salaries."

THESE AND other statements made by the Professorial Caucus in a "position paper" inspired hostility among some legislators who received the paper in the mail.

State Rep. David Copeland, R-Chattanooga, found fault with both the tactics and several grammatical errors of the paper and "a declaration of independence" that accompanied it.

However, King Jamison, the group's organizer and MTSU professor of mathematics and computer science, said last night the hostile reception was unexpected.

ALTHOUGH the group did not intend to intimidate the legislators, "you can never predict how some things will turn out," Jamison said.

The intention of the paper was to inform the legislators of the problem—low professorial salaries—and to suggest the solution—a severance tax on natural resources, he said.

Included with the paper was a U.S. Department of Labor survey comparing the salaries of college professors and other workers.

ACCORDING to the survey maintenance mechanics and truck drivers for public utilities make more per year than a full professor with a doctorate and 25 year experience.

A study conducted by the Professorial Caucus

and included with the position paper indicated a 14 percent severance tax on natural resources would produce approximately \$245 million in new revenue.

The paper also pointed out that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's instructional budget for 1982-1983 was \$245,411,500 for all of public higher education.

WHEN ASKED about the statement in The Feb. 15 edition of The Tennessean that "the letter has been criticized in higher education circles for that the implicit threat by professors with the power to grade students whose vote they might

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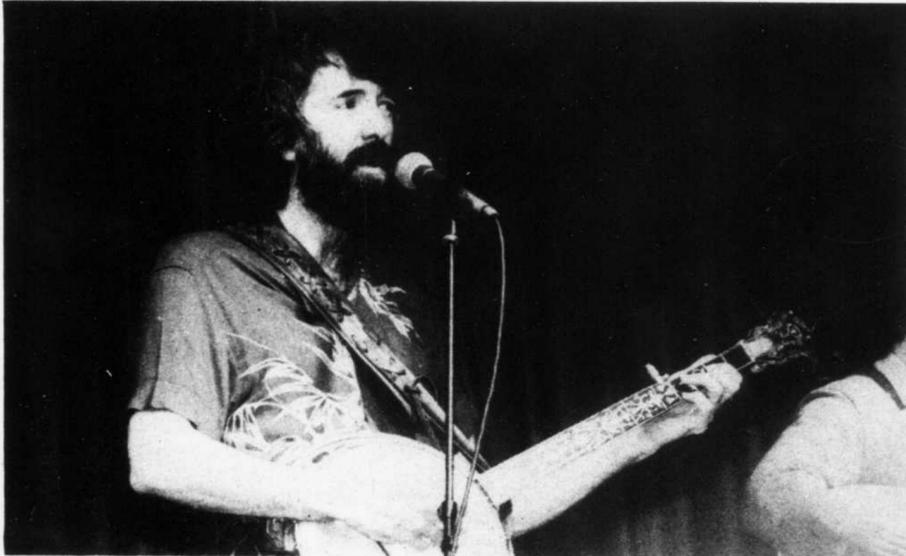
The high today will be near 60 and the low tonight in the mid-40s. Tomorrow's high will be near 60 and the rain will be diminishing.

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Pickin' and grin'in'

Photo by Greg Campbell

John McEuen, a member of the Dirt Band, performs a bluegrass tune in his Monday noon concert in the University Center Theatre.

Spring fraternity rush drops 30 percent from other rushes

By PAULA J. STAMPLEY
Staff Writer

The overall number of men pledging fraternities this spring is down approximately 30 percent as compared to previous spring rushes, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said recently.

The fraternities extended

"I would like to see rush dry."—Cantrell

about 175 bids, but only 107 bids were available to rushees.

THE ACADEMIC restrictions placed on 11 of MTSU's fraternities accounted for the difference of 68 bids, according to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

Those fraternities were placed on restriction after having a grade-point average below the all-male undergraduate average for two consecutive semesters. As a result of the disciplinary measures, 50 percent of their pledges are required to have a 2.3 average or better.

"A lot of these guys whose bids are here [Cantrell's office] would have pledged had they been able to pick up the bid," Cantrell explained.

"THE FRATER...IES sent out more than 15, but they could not have been received because of probation and people not having a 2.3 grade point."

The actual number of men pledging each fraternity is not available because not all fraternities have turned in their rush results.

MTSU statistics reveal that only 50 percent of the men that pledge get initiated in the semester that they pledge.

THE RUSH program is

determined a couple of months before rush starts by the Interfraternity Council. The council also decides which nights the fraternities can serve alcohol and which nights are dry.

"I would like to see rush dry except for maybe preference parties," Cantrell said. "I think it will give people the opportunity to see the fraternities in a sober state as well as after they have had a drink."

Although formal rush has ended, the fraternities can still pledge rushees in open rush. Open rush continues until the pledge program can no longer be completed during the semester.

Exams offer alternative for receiving class credit

By PAULA J. STAMPLEY
Staff Writer

Any student admitted to MTSU is eligible to receive credit by special examination for most MTSU courses, according to the dean of admissions and records.

Credit by special examination may be given for all undergraduate courses listed in the catalog with three exceptions.

EXCEPTIONS are courses described as directed research or independent study, any course from which the student has been exempted by a placement examination or courses not approved by the department.

"This is a good program because it gives students an option where there are not formal examinations," Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions, records and information systems, said. "It is particularly good for older students who

Programs analyzed

More students seek financial aid

By CLAUDIA ROBINSON
Education Editor

In the past four years, fees at MTSU have increased by 87 percent. For this reason, more students are turning to financial aid to finance their education.

With all the different programs available—SEOG, GSL, NDSL, etc.—students may feel intimidated or overwhelmed by the thought of seeking financial aid. A look at these programs will help reduce the anxieties and confusion financial aid evokes in some students.

THE MOST important thing to remember when filing applications for financial aid is to file as early in the year as possible. Any applications submitted after May 15 are

have experience in a particular area."

Methods used for designing, administering and evaluating the special examinations will be left to the discretion of each department, he said. Tests will be comparable to a comprehensive final examination in that course.

THE PLAN drew mixed reactions, however, from other school personnel.

"In certain cases, the exam serves the students very well, but I don't see the broad application of it," Dean of Business Ben McNew said.

"In many instances a student is able to prove on an exam that they are capable of passing the course," McNew added. "In these cases the challenging exams serve a useful purpose."

Head of the history department William Windham said the program is very good for

Committee to question suspension reversals

By PHIL WILLIAMS
News Editor

Members of the Academic Appeals Committee will be meeting with top administrators tomorrow to inquire why more than 70 percent of their decisions about suspensions were overturned this semester.

"Administrative overturns of the committee's decisions have ranged from 7 to 70 percent from the spring of 1980 to this semester," committee chairman Keith Carlson said yesterday.

THE COMMITTEE will meet with MTSU President Sam Ingram and Vice-President for Academic Affairs Jack Carlton who account for the reversal decisions, Carlson said.

Carlson declined to elaborate on specific figures in advance of the meeting.

He told the Faculty Senate last week, however, that 42 of 58 students denied readmission this semester by the committee had been readmitted by either Carlton or Ingram.

OF THOSE readmissions, he said, 32 were by Carlton and 10 were by Ingram.

"We're meeting so we can understand more effectively what happens at the administrative level so there can be better coordination between

them and ourselves," Carlson said.

"Our basic question is 'What criteria were you using?'"

Carlson quoted from the university catalog that the only reason a student's appeal of suspension can be legitimately overturned is if "the student can present adequate evidence of ability, maturity and motivation."

"When the committee denies an appeal, we're not saying you cannot make it in college," Carlson said. "We're saying that to date, you have not demonstrated these qualities."

CARLSON said he had experienced "a great deal of frustration" as a result of the reversals. He told the Senate that sentiments of the committee members had ranged from "whoa, what's going on here?" to calling for mass registration.

The rationale is we have made a commitment to maintain control at the back end," he added, "rather than the front end."

STUDENT committee member Bob Gary expressed doubt in the committee's real purpose in view of the reversals.

"I have to wonder what we're

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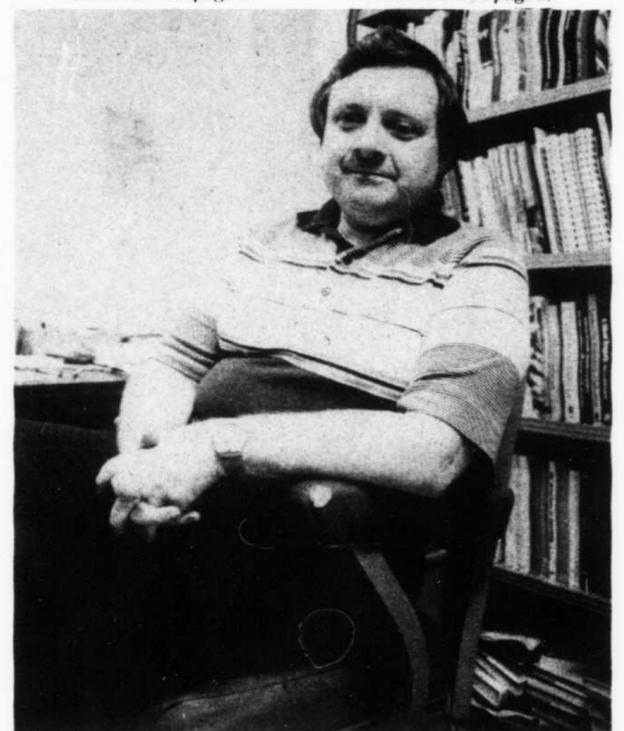


Photo by Greg Campbell

Psychology professor Keith Carlson, chairman of the Academic Appeals Committee, questions why 70 percent of that committee's decisions have been overturned by administration officials.

OTHER conditions are: 1)

MTSU, city school system swap TV services for equipment

By DAVID JARRARD
Editor

MTSU's Mass Communications Department and the Murfreesboro School system have made an "even swap" with city-owned video equipment for educational programming by MTSU students for the city's schools.



Photo by Brian Wright

Split personalities

MTSU students Kevin Fell (left) and Lon Cothron demonstrate their multi-colored personalities at the MTSU Western Kentucky game at Murphy Center.

"What basically has occurred," Murfreesboro Schools Superintendent Roger Landers said, "is we are taking our television equipment that is just sitting somewhere and putting it where it will be useful."

"BASICALLY, in exchange for the loan of our equipment, the MTSU students will maintain it and produce education programs for our schools," he said. "There is not money involved in the transaction—this is an even swap."

Landers said the city's educational TV system began a number of years ago with the aid of federal monies.

"When the funds dried up, we couldn't do anything with the equipment."

"WE'VE GOT everything you need to start a television network," Landers said. "We've got the camera, lights, recorders, on- and off-the-air transmission, switchboards—everything."

Landers said he expected some of the city's school children to be involved in the programs.

"I'm not sure if any of the children will actually be involved in the programming, except maybe for the gifted kids," he said.

THE FINAL contract proposal was accepted Thursday by the Murfreesboro City School Board.

"I am very pleased with this," Landers added.

"It doesn't do anyone any good for the equipment to just sit somewhere. This is a marvelous opportunity. Your students learn, ours profit with educational programming—it's good for everyone."

MTSU professor Edward Kimbrell, who will be heading the program, was unavailable for comment.

Campus Capsule

THE MTSU CHESS CLUB is now holding its regular meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The club meets at 7 p.m. in Room 314 of the University Center. Everyone is invited to come; no experience is necessary. For more information contact David Hood, P.O. Box 8695.

THE HPERS CLUB will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m., in Murphy Center's Main Arena. The topic will be recreation curriculum. There will also be a frisbee exhibition.

THE POST OFFICE now has box numbers available for students who are still on general delivery.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN SUMMER EUROPEAN TOURS will meet today at 7 p.m., in Room 107 of Peck Hall to meet others interested in European study tours, watch slides of previous programs, get answers to questions about various programs, and meet program directors. Refreshments will be served. For more details call Ron Messier at 898-2152.

THE FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS will be held Wednesday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nominating petitions must be returned to P.O. Box 621 by Friday.

For more information contact Margaret Anderson at 2806.

THE KOOL CLUB is sponsoring its eighth-annual Battle of the Haltimers Show, Saturday at 7 p.m., in Murphy Center. There will be a \$3 admission charge.

THE HPERS CLUB will sponsor Jump Rope for Heart Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym. For more information, call Bethany Kline at 898-3129.

SIGMA DELTA CHI will hold its second meeting of the semester tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Room 316 of the University Center.

Topics for discussions include the annual Flea Market, High School Communications Day and the Regional Convention in Knoxville, along with initiation. All members and persons interested in joining Sigma Delta Chi are requested to attend. Refreshments will be served.

THE HOUSTON, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT will have interviews for police officers tomorrow. The Broward County Schools, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., will hold interviews for teachers Feb. 25.

For more information contact the Placement Center.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION will have a Thai exhibition Thursday in the lobby of the University Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring hand-crafted souvenirs, Thai costumes and desserts. Gifts will be on sale with the money from the sales going to the Student United Nations Organization Emergency Loan Fund.

PETITIONS FOR THE ASB ELECTIONS may be picked up beginning next Monday, Feb. 22, in the ASB office, Room 304 of the University Center.

They must be returned by noon on March 8, although campaigning may begin on March 7.

Races will be conducted for ASB president, speaker of the house and speaker of the senate. Elections are also scheduled for five sophomore senators, five junior senators, five senior senators and two graduate senators.

The elections will take place March 17-18.

Appeals committee

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there for," Ingram said. "I think the figures speak for themselves."

Gary said committee members were told Carlton would stay out of the process "and let the committee do its work."

"He [Carlton] might have his reasons," he added. "I guess that's what we're going in there for."

CARLTON said yesterday he did not know what the problem was and would have to wait until after the meeting to comment.

Ingram said he hoped "to clarify the responsibility of the committee and the administrative responsibility."

He said he is in the process of trying to determine the best procedure in academic appeals.

"I'm keeping a record of the ones I let keep in," Ingram said, "and my record isn't too good."

HE SAID that some of the students he allows to reenter do make a change in their grades, while "on others I fail miserably."

"I don't know if it is worth

readmitting two [students] just to save 1. I just don't know the answer."

Ingram indicated he felt administrators had a possible advantage because the committee does not talk directly with the students.

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those students who really need it. He added, however, he would prefer the students to take the course.

STUDENTS seeking credit by special examination should, on forms provided by Gillespie, request approval from the head

of the department in which the course is offered.

Credit received will be recorded as S (Satisfactory) on the student's transcripts upon passing the examination with a minimum equivalent grade of C. A fee of \$10 will be charged for each semester hour of credit.

News Briefs

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (AP) — A raging North Atlantic storm toppled the giant Ocean Ranger oil rig anchored 200 miles east of Newfoundland early yesterday, and all 84 workers aboard were reported missing, including 46 Americans.

NASHVILLE (AP) — The maximum interest charged on most credit cards and consumer loans in Tennessee would increase from 18 percent to 24 percent under legislation introduced yesterday in the Senate.

Members of a special Senate-House committee that has studied the state's lending laws voted unanimously yesterday afternoon to raise the interest ceiling until July 1, 1983, when the proposed law would be automatically repealed.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A large "crawler" has been readied to roll out the space shuttle Columbia to its launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday, officials said yesterday.

The 3-mile move will take about eight hours, space center spokesman Mark Hess said.

CLARKSVILLE (AP) — An Austin Peay State University freshman football player who vanished four days ago had not been heard from yesterday, authorities said.

Rodney Wayne Long, 19, a starting split-end for the Governors, has been missing since Thursday night when he stopped at a hamburger restaurant after refereeing a basketball game at First Baptist Church, university Police Chief Jack Drugmand said.

CLEVELAND (AP) — A man charged with stabbing a bible school student to death tried to kill himself by swallowing razor blades and screws, Bradley County Sheriff Robert Lawson said yesterday.

Lawson said David L. Baker, 21, swallowed several razor blades, a four-inch screw, part of another screw and a small chain Saturday night.

Lawson also said Baker was taken Saturday night to Bradley Memorial Hospital, examined and returned to jail. The sheriff said doctors decided to leave the swallowed objects, revealed by x-rays, in Baker's body unless they started causing damage.

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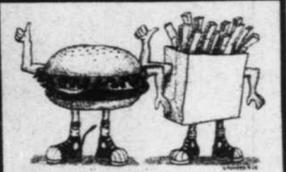
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Financial aid

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and other aid programs are available in the Office of Student Financial Aid in the Cope Administration Building, Room 217. Director Winston Wrenn and his staff will answer questions and to see to it that students get the aid for which they qualify.

• **PELL GRANTS:** The Pell Grant (formerly called the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant) is the most basic grant and is only available to undergraduates. Grants are gifts of money that are not repaid.

Awards range from \$200 to

\$1800, not to exceed one-half of a student's educational costs. (These amounts may change next year.) How much money awarded, if any, is determined by a formula approved by Congress which measures need. This formula assigns each student an index number; the lower the number, the larger the award.

AT PRESENT there is no maximum income limit for Pell Grant recipients. Everyone who qualifies receives a grant.

Students applying for Pell Grants must be prepared to

show the financial aid department their Federal Income Tax Return 1040 or 1040A, statements of household size and number of household members in college and, in some cases, statements from the Social Security Administration and Veteran's Administration.

Pell Grants for the current year are still available to students who qualify and were at least half-time students last fall. The grants can be awarded retroactively and the student be reimbursed for fees last fall and this semester.

• **SEOG:** The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program differs from the Pell Grant Program in that everyone who qualifies for a SEOG may not receive a grant. This is because each school receives a set amount of money it can award in SEOGs. Some students who do not file early may not qualify before this money runs out.

A different formula for the SEOG, so students who do not qualify for a Pell Grant may qualify for an SEOG and vice versa.

• **COLLEGE WORK-STUDY:** The College Work-Study Program provides jobs for students showing need for some financial aid. The financial aid department assigns them to jobs on campus that fit their class schedules, health, academic progress and financial need.

STUDENTS WORK a maximum of 15 hours per week and are paid at least minimum wage. Some graduate students on CWS are paid a salary. The student's wages or salary cannot exceed his established need.

• **NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS:** A national

direct student loan is a four percent student loan which is paid back six months after graduation or leaving school. Up to ten years may be taken to repay the loan, at \$30 a month. A maximum of \$5,000 may be borrowed for undergraduate study over a four year period and \$10,000 for graduate study.

• **GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS:** A guaranteed student loan is a 9 percent loan available through a private lender, such as a bank, credit union or savings and loan association.

THESE LOANS have a federal guarantee against default. The bank is paid the difference between the 9 percent loan rate and the prime lending rate. Only those students whose adjusted family income is less than \$30,000 per year are eligible. Those students with a higher income can qualify if they pass a needs test. Up to \$2500 per year may be borrowed by dependent undergraduates. An independent undergraduate can borrow up to \$3,000 per year.

The total GSL debt you can have outstanding is \$7,500 for undergraduate and \$15,000 total for undergraduate or graduate studies. Loan repayment begins six months after graduation or leaving school. The lender generally must allow at least five years to repay the loan, and may allow up to 10 years. Applications for GSL's may be obtained from a lender or the financial aid office.

If a student cannot find a bank to loan him the money the New York Citibank and the Bank of Maryville are lenders of last resort for Tennessee.



Scholarship winner

Michael Ratkovich of Hermitage (center), a sophomore majoring in Management Technology at MTSU, is the first recipient of the Industrial Studies enrichment fund scholarship. Alphonse Carter (left), assistant professor and chairman of the scholarship committee, presents the academic award.

letter

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WHEN ASKED about the statement in The Feb. 15 edition of *The Tennessean* that "the letter has been criticized in higher education circles for that the implicit threat by professors with the power to grade students whose vote they might attempt to influence," Jamison said, "that's slanderous."

"That slanders the profession and it slanders everybody in the profession and insults the intelligence of students in the colleges of Tennessee."

A list of students' addresses which The Professorial Caucus advocates maintaining will be used for mailouts of brochures and information informing students and their parents about present conditions of higher education, Jamison said.

THE GROUP does not advocate using grades to intimidate the students, he added.

"What we are hoping is to be salesmen for the right course of action with both parents and students," Jamison said. "We hope we can give them the true

information, and the students and parents will take the right course of action.

"We are in contact with students in many more situations than classes—strolling across the campus, sitting in the grill.

"**SOME PROFESSORS** have a very close relationship with some students. There's some mutual respect, and we would hope that that would be useable as a contact, as an entree to expressing whenever we could the right course of action that anyone should take on behalf of higher education."

The Faculty Senate and student government at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville have already sent out brochures to the students' parents, discussing underfunding, faculty attrition and other higher education issues, according to Jamison. These brochures were accompanied by a list of legislators with interests in UTK.

Jamison said he has contacted ASB President Mike Williams about the joint senate student government letter.

Hearing program to aid MTSU students

By DOUG MARKHAM

Staff Writer

With a possible 300 MTSU students with hearing impairments, the speech and hearing clinic will be offering a hearing aid orientation this afternoon, according to the program's director.

Students who have recently been fitted with a hearing aid or wish to be fitted with one may attend the session in Room 216 of the Dramatic Arts Building from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Clinic Director David Arnold said.

THIS IS the first meeting of a new program which is scheduled to meet every third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of March. During that month, the gatherings will be the second week because of spring break.

Participants from outside the university will also be attending the orientation. Most of these people are elderly and are patients of the clinic, Arnold said.

This program is designed to help anyone who has difficulty

with their hearing aids and would like to learn more about them.

AN AUDIOLOGIST and hearing aid dealer will take part in the meeting by demonstrating how to use hearing aids according to the best and most recent techniques.

"The orientation is a way of getting these people [hearing aid users] together to discuss problems they have with their hearing aids," Arnold said. "They'll be surprised to learn how many people have the same problems as they do."

Arnold requests that anyone attending the orientation be accompanied by a friend or relative who can later help them utilize their aids.

"**SOMEONE** needs to be with them," Arnold said. "It doesn't matter who, just someone that will assist them in effective use of the hearing aid."

If you wish to attend, you're asked to contact Carolyne Shaw, Speech and Hearing Clinic receptionist at 898-2661

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On this date

On this date in 1838, historian Henry Brooks Adams was born. "Power is poison," he once wrote. "Its effect on presidents has been always tragic, chiefly as an almost insane excitement at first, and a worse reaction afterwards; but also because no mind is so well balanced as to bear the strain of seizing unlimited force without habit or knowledge of it... The effect of power and publicity on all men is the aggravation of self, a sort of tumor that ends by killing the victim's sympathies."

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We wrote and worried about Hendrix, All-American person

I'm sure that many of you who keep up with MTSU sports, and maybe some of you who don't, will recognize the name of Robin Hendrix.

Hendrix is indeed an outstanding competitor in the arena of women's collegiate basketball, having been named to the All-American junior college first team while playing at Truett-McConnell Junior College in Georgia. She then came here to MTSU, where she became an instant star, finished in the top five in the nation in rebounding (last year) and was named second-team All-American.

THIS YEAR, THINGS were going along very well for Robin and the Lady Raiders of coach Larry Inman when, during a game against Tennessee Tech, Hendrix aggravated an abdominal injury originally sustained during her junior college days. She played the remainder of that game, and almost all of the next game against Vanderbilt in tremendous pain, before doctors advised her that continued activity on her part could result in permanent and irreparable injury.

Of course, Robin left the team and then left school, preferring to be with her family in Kokomo, Ind., during this most trying time. And, of course, *Sidelines* reported the story, as it was of major consequence concerning sports.

We first learned of the story the Monday night after the Vanderbilt game, just about the time Robin Hendrix left the Lady Raiders and MTSU. When it first was told to Photo Editor/Sportswriter Greg Campbell and I, it was more in the form of a rumor than anything else. Despite what some members of the MTSU campus seem to hold as gospel truth, this newspaper is not in the habit of printing rumors. I instructed Greg to check the story as best he could.

GREG, WHO HAS been writing in addition to his photography duties since only January, did a wonderful job of confirming the rumors; determining that yes, Robin Hendrix had left the team, yes she was having serious medical problems, and yes, she had gone home to Kokomo. As this was all being done rather late on a production night, and Head Coach Inman was unavailable for comment, we ran what we had. It wasn't much, but it was accurate, and it was reported well.

We received a letter (see Op-Ed page) concerning this story and the line taken by the writer, Campbell. The author of the letter suggests that in Greg's article, "the right questions were never asked." The author intimates that Campbell's main concern in writing the story was to determine what ramifications the departure of Hendrix would have on the team, and that there was little attention given to her condition and whether or not

she could finish school and obtain her degree.

As sports editor, I must take responsibility for anything that appears on the sports pages of *Sidelines*. And, as sports editor, I respond to the well-intentioned letter from the concerned reader by saying that what he contends in his letter is first of all not true and secondly a slight towards a class person and a good reporter, Greg Campbell.

DURING THE COURSE of trying to confirm the story via telephone, Greg's first question was often something along the lines of "How is she physically right now; is she O.K.?" closely followed by "Do you know if she'll be back at MTSU?" These are questions any good reporter would ask.

The problem was simply this—the people whom Greg talked to that night simply did not have the entire story lock, stock and barrel. *They didn't know or weren't sure.* And, as I said, this newspaper does not print unconfirmed information. Keep in mind that confirmation of the story was attempted only a matter of hours after the events actually took place, and that the head coach was incommunicado.

We went with what we had. In the next issue of *Sidelines*, I was able to speak with Coach Inman, and the nature of that article centered almost entirely around the emotional and psychological aspects of what had happened, rather than what Hendrix's loss would mean to MTSU on the playing floor. The only reason we didn't have that facet in more detail earlier is that we just could not fit all the pieces of a complex puzzle together in the time allotted us.

AS I MENTIONED earlier, the reader's letter was very well-intentioned, and I applaud his genuine interest in both a young lady who has brought recognition to MTSU and the campus newspaper. However, I'd like to say that we were and continue to be interested in Robin Hendrix's progress as she recovers from what was a serious and very nearly permanent injury, as are all of us at MTSU and around Murfreesboro.

One of the most important things about reporting sports is that you must strive never to forget the human element. You must always remember that those are people inside those helmets and in those uniforms and pads. They hurt, they bleed, and sometimes, as big and as tough as they are, they cry. You've got to always remember—they are players, combatants, competitors, and gladiators second. They're people first.

We remembered that, and we'll continue to.

—BOB GARY

by Garry Trudeau



U.S. government is supporting massacres in El Salvador

Random Rumbin's

By MICHAEL TOMPKINS
Editorial Editor

If the puppet-government of Poland were "friendly" to the United States, i.e., non-communist, would the Reagan administration look beyond the wide-spread suffering and human rights violations the Polish people are being subjected to?

Not likely, you say? Well, then why does the Reagan administration condone the severe human rights violations, including incidents of cold-blooded mass murders, perpetrated by the "friendly" government of El Salvador?

AND NOT only El Salvador. The "friendly" governments of Chile, South Africa and Argentina (and others, no doubt) are literally getting away with murder while the powers in Washington look the other way. Why? Apparently because the Reagan administration views human rights as less important than the perception that the United States is "checking" the spread of communism.

The expression "better dead than red" seems to be taken quite literally in Washington. El Salvador, Chile and Argentina receive foreign aid from the U.S. government, supposedly to stem the spread of communism in strategic parts of the world. Washington tolerates open trade with the white minority South African government because of the enormous vested interests U.S. corporations have there—even while the black majority is oppressed through apartheid.

While all this goes on, the Reagan Administration has recently decided to make

available reports of human rights violations in the Soviet Union and Soviet-bloc nations.

TO RAIL against the denial of human rights in communist nations while supporting repressive non-communist governments is the height of hypocrisy. The Reagan administration is certainly not the initiator of such hypocrisy. It has gone on for years and years. Even the Carter administration's high-handed policy of condemning human rights violations was rendered a cruel joke by its tolerance of vicious regimes, especially those in Chile, Argentina and South Africa.

But, while human rights violations are old hat, and would continue if our government stopped sending aid, our government can help stop the brutality by using foreign aid dollars as a bargaining point. At least then we wouldn't be subsidizing and thus increasing the violence against civilians.

Perhaps this method would be most effective in halting human rights violations in El Salvador. And that's where Ronald Reagan and his administration come in.

THE GOVERNMENT of El Salvador, deemed "friendly" because it is non-communist, is responsible for massive slaughters of its citizens—some anti-government guerillas, but many innocent people caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. Just being in El Salvador can, unfortunately, put one in that category.

According to estimates by Amnesty International and the American Civil Liberties Union, nearly 25,000 civilians have been murdered in El Salvador in 1980 and 1981. These callous murders are mainly random government retaliations for guerilla attacks, with little regard as to who is a guerilla and

who is not.

I suppose relatives of these innocent victims are mighty relieved to hear the Reagan administration say human rights violations are on the decline in El Salvador.

BY CONDONING these murders, by sending military "advisors" to El Salvador (who may be doing more than advising, according to recent news reports), and by sending arms marked for persecution of powerless people, the U.S. government bathes itself in hypocrisy in the world's eyes.

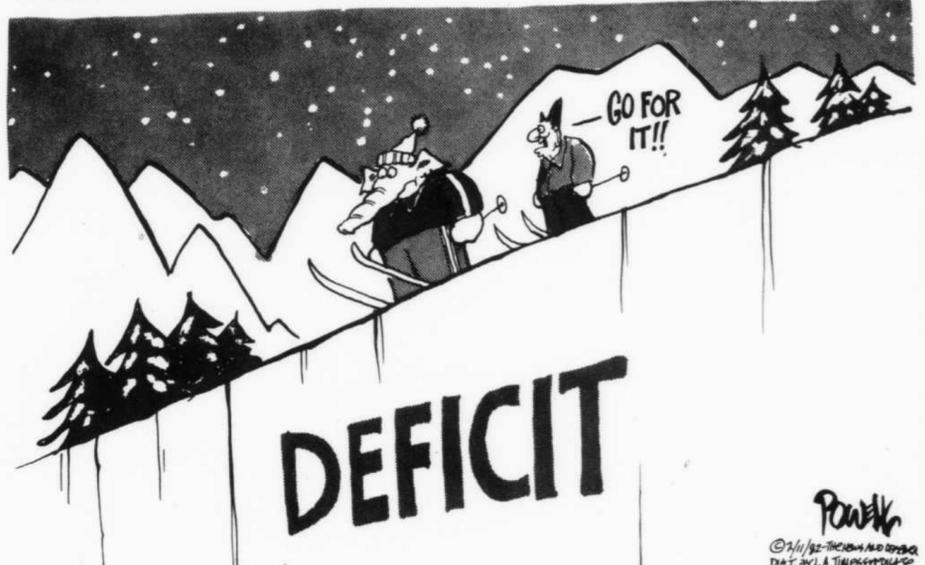
How can America champion liberty and democracy to the world when we not only tolerate but support degradation, brutality and vicious murders in our Central American backyard?

How can we tell the El Salvadorian people that their constant suffering at the hands of government troops is necessary to "save them" from communism? Given the reality of a non-communist government, they must indeed wonder how bad communism could be.

I FOR ONE think the Reagan Administration should make clear to the government of El Salvador that U.S. aid—of any kind—will quickly be terminated if civilian murders continue. Otherwise we should get the hell out of El Salvadorian affairs and give the people a chance to establish a just government.

We can't you say? The domino theory, you say? Perhaps. But, given communist Afghanistan, communist Poland, and, 90 miles from Florida, communist Cuba, I'm not too worried about a communist government in El Salvador. And I doubt that the majority of El Salvadorians are either.

Doodles



From Our Readers

Bookstore column didn't tell the whole story

To the editor:

Re: Pete Van De Vate's column on the MTSU bookstore (Feb. 12 issue).

Two statements in this column annoy me. First, what does an all-MTSU graduate staff at the bookstore have to do with "providing" students with the books they need at the least cost?

If this refers to the employees' helping a student to determine the best buys in texts, I think the writer should attempt to purchase a textbook once in a while. If the MTSU grads are employed there simply because they are paid less, this should be remedied.

Secondly, "student returns at semester's end" will not have an appreciable effect on lowering text prices when students purchase required texts for a certain price only to learn that it is listed as "non-required" and is worth literally nothing in resale value.

Why sell a textbook back for nothing (especially if it's in one's major) when it's worth much more?

There is one fact of which the columnist is unaware. It has become apparent that students are penalized for a bookstore's inability to order the correct number of books for a particular course.

I cite as one example the case of an Anthropology 235 course (in which I am enrolled), where the professor instructed the university bookstore to order approximately 30 texts for a section.

The books arrived (all 15 of them), priced at \$14.30 each. The texts were sold immediately, and the remaining number ordered. Two weeks later, the rest of the books arrived, priced at \$16.45 each!!

I will not accept cries of "increased shipping costs" and other such bunk as an explanation for this increase. Why should students, I ask again, be forced to pay more for the same text (not a newer edition) simply because of some sort of clerical error on the part of the bookstore?

I say bring back Blue Raider Bookstore for some healthy competition!!!

Gina Fann
Box 7201

Facts about Nathan Bedford Forrest twisted

To the editor:

I wish to respond to the article by Khadija Abdullah and Cheryl Kinley-Davis in the Feb. 12 issue of *Sidelines* concerning Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Most of the facts given to us seemed to be slightly twisted if not downright untrue. Picking on a dead man is both easy and in poor taste and I feel compelled to come to his defense, since the facts that they chose to omit or twist are the ones that make Forrest seem more like a man than a monster.

Forrest lost his father at an early age and was forced to deny himself a formal education in order to support his family. Undaunted, he still managed to rise from "rags to riches."

He was very kind to his slaves and many slaves owned by other masters begged Forrest to buy them. If they condemn Forrest for owning slaves, then they must also condemn George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

As far as courage and conviction go, Forrest had both. He once, armed with only a pocket knife, single-handedly kept a lynch mob off a man accused of murdering one of his (Forrest's) own best friends.

When the Civil War broke out, he outfitted his men from his own pocket. His "unconditional surrender" tactic was borrowed from Ulysses S.

Grant, and was not used on women and children. Forrest, unlike his Union counterparts, did not make war on civilians.

If you use any logic at all you can see that it makes more sense to try to bluff the enemy into surrendering rather than to attack and get a lot of people killed. Concerning the Ft. Pillow incident, both Confederate and Union prisoners' accounts show that the Black troops were drunk and, having been deserted by their white officers, continued to fire at the Confederates after the fort officially surrendered.

When the war was over, Forrest told his men to go home and be good citizens, but Tennessee's Governor, William Brownlow, decided to persecute all ex-Confederates by taking their rights away.

Rather than cry about it, Tennessee's men decided to fight for their God-given rights, and the Klan (which bears no resemblance to its modern namesake) made war, not on the freed slaves, but on the state government.

The ex-slaves were merely pawns on the government's chess board and got caught in the middle. When William Brownlow left office, Forrest ordered the Klan disbanded, stating that its job was done.

Please don't take my word for all of this. Go to the Tennessee Room and look it up. I suggest you try Robert Corlew's *Tennessee, A Short History* and John Weyth's *That Devil Forrest*.

I suppose now they will accuse me of preaching Naziism, as they do those who question them. They seem to feel that anyone who doesn't accept their word as gospel is totally blind, but their twisting of historical facts proves that we aren't the blind ones after all.

Chuck Bobbitt
Box 5403

ERA would benefit men as well as women

To the editor:

After reading the last edition, particularly the open forum, I felt Mr. Sloan's letter demanded a reply.

In the first place Mr. Sloan, how will homosexual marriages hurt women? Are you afraid that with the passing of the ERA all the men in the country are going to turn gay overnight and leave all of the heterosexual women out in the cold? I do not really think that is what will happen.

It was also stated that the ERA would further induce reporters of the female gender into the locker rooms of professional athletes. You show great consideration for America's athletes Mr. Sloan, however my question is this, why worry about one female reporter when there are a million women watching the locker room interviews on the television?

As ridiculous as it sounds the preoccupation with unisex toilets was raised once more. The ERA, of course, was never meant to raise the question. What the amendment does state is that no person shall be discriminated against because of sex. It seems to me that an "equal but separate" bathroom will totally eliminate that question.

Your view of the amendment is completely backwards when you state that the ERA will mean that a woman cannot claim victim status if she is raped. Actually it is men who are discriminated against where rape laws are concerned. Under existing rape laws a man cannot charge a woman with rape, only assault. The ERA would mandate a change. Once again the ERA does not state that women cannot be victims. What

is stated is that is women are victims, as in the case of rape, then men may claim to be victims also.

Just exactly what will the ERA mean to America? It will mean that all people will be protected by law against discriminatory practices.

The law will enable divorced men to more easily gain custody of their children. Men will no longer have to prove that a child's mother is unfit to raise that child. He will simply be required to prove that he is a good candidate for the job.

It will declare that women must receive equal pay for equal work.

So you see Mr. Sloan, the ERA is not written for women. It is written for all people of both sexes. It simply seems that the ERA is a "female" amendment because women are the most discriminated against group in America. It is for this very reason that all people need the Equal Rights Amendment, including you, Mr. Sloan.

Mark Samples
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U.S. 'melting pot' would destroy minority's cultures

To the editor:

Editor's note: The following excerpt is from a letter by David J. Ray, in reference to the column "Stepping from the shadow" by Khadija Abdullah and Cheryl Kinley-Davis:

"The United States is not a mosaic, where separate segments of society may declare their own interests and concerns as needful of separate and special consideration and promotion, while simultaneously remaining part of the general picture of a larger society. The United States is a melting pot, and if a person does not identify his interests and concerns with those of the general and predominantly white population, then he cannot and should not expect to participate in the culture, opportunities, and wealth of the larger society."

If these words, written by one of our fellow students, do not frighten you, or at least promotesome symptoms of anxious uneasiness, then I must conclude that you are either apathetic (unconcerned unless directly affected) or very sympathetic to the extreme right in this country (Ku Klux Klan, John Birch Society, and the American Nazi Party).

Each of these groups officially adheres to a doctrine which emphasizes forced conformity to what it perceives to be a superior culture and/or religious outlook, which is the gist of the fore-quoted passage.

In a nutshell, Hitler's view of minority groups was that they were responsible for the economic woes and cultural degradation of the German nation. Therefore, these "inferior" beings, principally Jews and Slavs, had to be exterminated in order to save the country.

Like many a white American, especially if he or she is Protestant with an Anglo-Saxon surname, of today, Hitler saw no room in society for minority groups who had the audacity to declare their different heritage and their uniqueness as a people.

This intolerance of diversity (which appears to be an innate characteristic of most persons of Low German cultural and language background. Investigate if you do not believe me: English intolerance and persecution of the Irish, African blacks, Indians—both Hindu and Moslem—Middle Eastern Moslems from Egypt to Afghanistan, and Aborigines) led to the massacres of more than six million of these "sub-human creatures."

The idea of our country being a melting pot is an insult to all Americans who come from a non-white, non-Protestant background. This melting pot has functioned in the past and continues today. Its purpose is to Anglicize all Americans.

This strongly implies that all cultures are inferior to the Anglo-Saxon. Are the majority of Americans with white skins who attend Protestant churches on a weekly basis still so bigoted that they cannot see the beauties inherent in the languages, music, literature, cuisine, and religions of other cultures?

Blacks, Hispanics, Jews, Irish, Poles, Italians, American Indians, Greeks, Chinese, Japanese, Middle Easterners and Southeast Asians are all Americans if they possess citizenship. Yet, because their origins are radically different from Anglo-Saxons, they will act and react somewhat differently.

These minorities have been mistreated in the name of cultural superiority for much too long a time. We white Protestants, who are living off the spoils our forefathers stole from less fortunate minorities, must now accept all people of all cultures as our equals in all conceivable ways, including that of recognizing their differences tolerantly, in conjunction with accepting them as true Americans.

Contrary to the beliefs of David J. Ray, columns which present the viewpoints of minorities do not foster an atmosphere of adversity. The adversity emerges when those who have, refuse to recognize the validity of the complaints of those who have not.

One excellent way of denying the validity of minority claims is to minimize or deny their emphasis on their distinctness as a people within the American rainbow.

Those of us who are either unwilling or too narrow-minded to accept as our equal countrymen these people who emphasize their unique heritages are the ones who are unworthy of the benefits supposedly available to all Americans.

Remember that the Soviet Union is very much intolerant of minorities and actively attempts to Russify them in their melting pot.

Jimmy Cantrell
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Writer attempts to 'clear the air' on ERA ratification

To the editor:

In response to Warren Sloan's letter ("ERA would hurt nation") in the Feb. 9 *Sidelines*, I must point out that most of his concerns are not well founded.

The ERA might "hurt women" (to use his terminology)—however, I doubt that it will hurt women for the reasons he has stated.

Mr. Sloan states that homosexual marriages will spread with the ratification of the ERA. Yet, he fails to point out the harm inherent in this. Could it be that female as well as male homosexuals could marry under the ERA?

He feels that the ERA will cause an increase in the number of broken families. Again, he does not support this belief. It is thus little more than a fear.

Mr. Sloan says that women

will be able to join Boy Scouts under the ERA. Women can join Boy Scouts now, without the ERA.

Finally, he stated that women cannot be drafted under the present system. Women can be drafted; they cannot be sent into combat. And while the ERA may allow women to be sent into combat, we should remember that other countries have very efficient female combat teams, and apparently their women are "made for" the "mental and physical strain" of combat.

And as for the court system being composed of idiots, perhaps it is, but I doubt that the ERA can change that.

Mr. Sloan was mirroring the same old, tired fears that men who fear equality have hidden behind for the past no-telling-how-many years. If anyone is against the ERA for specific reasons, I would ask him to think those reasons out, rather than to interject clouded thinking into a clouded issue.

Otherwise, we cannot clear the air.

Terry Alan Henley
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Lack of evidence that ERA harmful responded to

To the editor:

Warren Sloan ("ERA would hurt nation"), seems to have a lack of understanding and is making some wild guesses as to what ERA will do for women (or any minorities which it represents).

Maybe if he had some evidence to back up his statements there would be less disagreement.

To begin with, Mr. Sloan stated that ERA would increase marriages among homosexuals. Homosexual marriages will take place with or without the ERA, so what harm will that present? And how will ERA increase these marriages?

My second argument concerns the statement made about the increase of families breaking up if there is an ERA. Where did you come up with this conclusion, Mr. Sloan? I don't see any connection between the ERA and the breaking up of families.

Mr. Sloan mentions the possibility of unisex toilets. This is an improbable action because the majority of people would not agree to it and in the event that it is voted on, the idea would more than likely be ditched.

ERA stands for equal rights, not sharing public restrooms with total strangers. Women want to be treated as equals to men, not as men.

Mr. Sloan commented that the ERA would make it possible for girls to get into the Boy Scouts. I don't think that anyone who doesn't qualify for the Boy Scouts (which is everyone but boys) will be able to enter this organization.

Sports, on the other hand, is open to everybody. There is no reason why boys and girls cannot compete together. He wrote that girls have forced baseball teams to let them in on equal status. Why is this wrong?

Mr. Sloan exaggerated when

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he said that rape laws would be struck since women will not be looked upon as potential victims. ERA cannot make rape legal. Rape is a crime. Just because ERA makes men and women equal does not mean that a man who forces a woman to have sexual intercourse with him should go unpunished.

Last of all, Mr. Sloan said that under ERA women could be drafted and put in combat units and that they would not be able to handle the physical and mental strain. Although I have met few women who are in favor of the draft, I do believe that there are some who would do anything they are capable of doing if the draft is installed.

He said he would hate to see women sent into combat. I'd hate to see anybody sent into combat, but who is to say men rather than women are more capable of handling it? It is known that combat is a physical and mental strain, but he is wrong to say women are not capable of it. I will not deny that most women are incapable of combat duty, but at the same time so are many men.

Mr. Sloan has accomplished only one thing in his article and that is to make himself sound like an idiot. I can understand a person having an opinion, but if he plans to voice it, do so with intelligence. So, Mr. Sloan, if you insist on voicing your chauvinistic views, at least have something to back them up.

Charlotte Haynes
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Robin Hendrix a student first, athlete second

To the editor:

I was disappointed with the *Sidelines* coverage of the injury of Lady Raider Robin Hendrix and her apparent withdrawal from school.

It seemed to me that the emphasis was in the wrong place and that the right questions were never asked.

The question should not have been, "will her internal injuries leave her in a condition such that she can't play collegiate basketball," but rather will she recover from her injuries and be a healthy student who can finish her degree?

The question should not have been, "if Hendrix re-enters MTSU will she be able to return to the courts," but rather will she be healthy enough to re-enter and finish her courses of study? Did the *Sidelines* reporter even ascertain what her major is, or what her advisor thought of her injury?

Of course she was important to the team, and I realize that the story was on the sports page, but is it not more important that our athletes are students than that they are second-team All-American?

If the *Sidelines* gets way up to Kokomo, Indiana I would like to say to Robin, "Get well soon, and come back to join the most important team at MTSU, the students!"

Roy W. Clark
Box 130

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features

Talk show to inform community

By DEAN SNOOK
Staff Writer

"Monday Night Update," a new weekly talk show on Murfreesboro Cable Channel 12, is co-hosted and co-produced by Edward Kimbrell, a professor of mass communications at MTSU, and John Rhinehart, general manager of Murfreesboro Cable Co.

"Monday Night Update" features guests whom Kimbrell refers to as "movers and shakers and doers." These are people who are deeply involved in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County.

KIMBRELL says the purpose of the program is not to pursue the guests aggressively, but to maintain a "laid back atmosphere." Questions and topics discussed are informative in nature with the basic purpose being to inform residents of Murfreesboro and the county about what is going on in their community.

The program offers a chance for people in Murfreesboro who are affecting the lives of residents to explain and detail new services, programs and events taking place in the city, said Kimbrell.

One such recent guest, Robert Prytula, of MTSU's psychology department, discussed the forthcoming opening of a rape crisis center in Murfreesboro.

GUESTS, like Prytula and Rep. John Bragg will not only inform viewers but will hopefully be helpful for the community's opinion leaders and policy makers, Kimbrell said.

The program is the result of a collaboration between Kimbrell and Rhinehart. In an interview last fall, Rhinehart expressed great interest in community affairs and the need for a program like "Monday Night Update." Kimbrell says he and Rhinehart both feel Murfreesboro is changing, and the citizens want to be kept abreast of how their lives are affected.

As an example of our evolving community, Kimbrell mentioned the Nissan plant in Smyrna and the effect it will have on local politics and economics.

"MONDAY Night Update" is only the beginning for Murfreesboro Cable, said Kimbrell. Rhinehart has plans to use the program as a base for total local programming on Channel 12.

In order to reach this goal, plans include an issues program that will spotlight local politicians who are seeking office in the upcoming elections.

The program will be a good way for voters to study candidates and their positions, Kimbrell said.

While the development of "Monday Night Update" seems to be off to a slow start, the key factor here is to move cautiously, Kimbrell said. He added that programming of this kind is not built overnight. Kimbrell pointed out the desire of Rhinehart and himself to maintain quality as the cornerstone of Channel 12 programming.

KIMBRELL says at first he was a little nervous about the program because he had never done much work on camera. His experience in broadcast was as a radio newscaster in Chicago, and he feels that television does not lend the anonymity that radio does.

But the quality of guests on the program has made things easier for him because they have been bright, articulate people

eager to talk about their various interests. Because of this, Kimbrell refers to the program as a "labor of love."

"I hope the program will become a showcase for Murfreesboro and Rutherford County," Kimbrell said.

HE ADDED that doing the interview is giving him the incentive to stay more informed himself. His viewers are showing interest and he has received much constructive criticism and ideas for programs. Kimbrell says this is a real compliment.

"Monday Night Update" which airs at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 12, is a good example of the talent present in the MTSU faculty. It offers a service to our community and "its fun too," Kimbrell said.

Public relations role personal, diversified

By JENNIFER WELLS
Feature Editor

"Everybody practices principles of public relations somewhere," Dot Harrison, MTSU's director of public relations said at last Wednesday's Honors Lecture Series.

Harrison said everyone is engaged in public relations, either for ourselves, our family or for those for whom we work. Depending upon the person and their attitude, perceptions conveyed can be positive or negative.

IN A MORE formal sense, an office of public relations can be defined as helping "an organization and its public adapt mutually to each other," she said. "It is an organization's efforts to win the cooperation of groups of people."

MTSU's public relations office is "a newsroom, a complaint center, an information center, a consulting agency [and] a special events coordinator," Harrison said.

According to many public relations practitioners, the public relations field is at a very critical stage, Harrison said.

"PUBLIC relations people have BEEN so busy doing public relations for everybody else that they haven't done very much public relations for their own profession," she added.

Although many institutions hire a public relations person, Harrison said, managers and staff often don't fully understand the role of those persons, and therefore are unable to use them effectively.

Harrison said that an effective public relations person takes a broad view of many areas and does a "balancing act" to get attention and support for the organization they represent.

"IN A WORLD of specialists, the public relations person has to be a generalist, an interpreter or the intermediary," she said.

Tomorrow's lecture will be presented by Professor Emanuel Fenz of Eastern Michigan University. His topic, "Communication Between Ethnic Minorities in South Tyrol," deals with the process of assimilation of one culture into another. The lecture will be at 3 p.m. in Room 316 of the University Center.

'Jumpstreet' spotlights black music in film

"Black Music in Theatre and Film" will air on WMOT on the weekly program "From Jumpstreet" Sunday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

Blacks elevated the role of minstrel to an art form which led to the development of the American musical.

"Black Music in Theatre and Film" examines blacks' contributions to theatrical music and is highlighted with performances by L. O. Sloane's Refined Jubilee Minstrels, and by conversations with Sloane and singer Pearl Bailey.

WMOT Highlights

Tuesday: Jack Flanders, 6:30 p.m. Jack and a little wizard known as the Marquis of Carumbas journey into the marshes of Kush Squosh where they discover a sunken city where giant puffballs cling to walls and ceilings in "The Marquis of Carumbas."

Wednesday: All Things Considered, 7 p.m. This news-feature program features in-depth reporting and a look at the day's events today and each weekday evening at 7.

Thursday: Lord Peter Wimsey, 6:30 p.m. A doctor's post-mortem confirms the "natural death" of an old woman. Lord Peter, however, isn't satisfied and sets out to prove that there was, indeed, foul play in this particular case in the first of this new seven-part series "Unnatural Death."

Blue Raider Basketball, 7:15 p.m. The MTSU men's team take on Murray State.

Friday: Shades of Brown, 5:30 p.m. The short life and musical legacy of jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown are profiled through interviews with close friends and fellow musicians in this Black History Month special.

Nightfall, 6:30 p.m. A ham radio enthusiast accidentally discovers how to pick up transmissions from the future, then notices that they are becoming increasingly closer to the present in "A Short Wave Goodbye."

Saturday: Prairie Home Companion, 5 p.m. Guests this week include Tannahill Weavers, the Butch Thompson Trio, French-Canadian folkingers Lillian Labbe and Don Hinckley.

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Sports

MTSU drops national TV debut; Beck outstanding

Raiders 'bow' to Western 75-64

By BILL WARD
Staff Writer

MTSU, in the end, just didn't have as many players who were ready for prime time as did Western Kentucky Saturday night.

With a season-high 8,750 spectators and a national-television (ESPN) audience looking on, the Hilltoppers parlayed a balanced attack and the fleet feet of Bobby Jones into a crucial 75-64 win over the Raiders.

The quick-as-a-hiccup Jones scored 11 points in the last 6:35 of the first half, as Western roared from a 21-15 deficit to a 37-25 halftime lead. Nine of Jones' points came as a result of layups, as he simply out-ran or out-maneuvered anyone in his path.

NONE OF the Raiders, it seemed, could keep up with Jones, who finished with 18 points in what Topper coach Clem Haskins called "his best game ever."

"Jones was definitely the key to the game," MTSU mentor Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said.

But Jones had plenty of help, as three other Western players, led by All-OVC center Craig McCormick with 19, scored in double figures.

FOR THE Raiders, on the other hand, the story was a painfully familiar one: Jerry Beck put forth a superb effort, Rick Campbell tossed in a few rainbows, Chris Harris played a solid game on defense and the boards, and the wing forwards couldn't hit the broad side of the Art Barn.

As the Buck Hailey-Dwayne Dorsey tandem goes, so go the Raiders of late, and the 2-for-14 field goal shooting by the pair once again left the home side with but two scoring threats.

Beck, who's "definitely playing the best ball of his career," according to Simpson, solidified his near-lock on a second consecutive OVC Player of the Year award with 26 points and 13 rebounds, both game highs. The 6-foot-7 senior hit 10 of 14 from the field and continues to lead the loop in that department (63.1 percent) and in rebounding (9.4 per game).

WESTERN'S offensive

balance and assortment of defenses was more than enough to offset Beck's magnificent play, especially once the visitors built a comfortable halftime lead.

That cushion came about largely because of an 18-2 Western flurry that was highlighted by stunning outbursts by Jones. In two spurts, one covering 22 seconds and the other 23, he had two steals and hit four layups and a free throw, more often than not weaving in and out of some heavy traffic.

"I think anytime there's an opening between two or even three guys, I can know when to turn it on," Jones said.

"WE KNEW before the game that we were going to try to run whether we were ahead or behind," he added. "Even if we were up by 15, we were gonna push it up the floor."

While the Toppers were seizing control of the game, and taking the crowd out of it, the Raiders couldn't buy a bucket. For the night, MTSU hit only 38.6 percent from the field (27 of 70), while the visitors bagged 56.2 of their shots (27 of 48).

"Our shot selection was not that bad," Simpson said. "We just missed some of the best shots of the night during that stretch. Western was just the better ballclub on this particular night."

A COUPLE of offensive droughts in the first half didn't help, either. The Raiders scored only four points in the game's first 5½ minutes and only six points in the final 8:40 of the opening stanza.

The loss virtually eliminates the Raiders from title contention, and a berth in the four-team OVC playoffs is now anything but a sure thing,

especially with "the season's toughest road trip," (Simpson again) to Murray and Austin Peay, coming up this weekend.

The Raiders are now 8-4 in the OVC, are battling Morehead State (9-4) and Tennessee Tech (8-5) for the third- and fourth-place slots in the conference. Murray (10-2) and Western (11-3) have playoff berths virtually locked up.

"IT WOULD take a miracle for us to win the regular-season title," Simpson said after the game. "And I've found that most coaches who depended on miracles ended up selling World Books."

Lady Raiders claim win over WKU Lady Toppers

By BILL WARD
Sports Writer

The strong inside play of Jennifer McCall and a sticky man-to-man defense keyed the MTSU Lady Raiders to a 69-62 win over Western Kentucky at Murphy Center Saturday night.

McFall, a 6-foot freshman from Columbia, scored 16 first-half points and finished with 22 points and 13 rebounds, both game highs. She also held Western ace Diane Depp to 13 points, five below her average, keying a defense that had the Lady Toppers laying brick after brick in the first half.

THE VISITORS bagged only 6 of their 25 first-half shots and hit only 36.8 percent for the game, largely because of a late surge that cut a 25-point Lady Raider lead to the final margin of seven.

Meanwhile, the MTSU guards were forcing an incredible 17 turnovers by Western guards Kathy Jo Henry and Cindy

"I just wish the tournament was being held at Bemidji, Minn."

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Raider Ramblings: Chris Harris became the 16th member of MTSU's 1,000-point club with a basket five minutes into the game...Among those in attendance at the game was ex-Vanderbilt coach Richard Schmidt...The ESPN crew, to a man, agreed that the facilities were super and that the telecast went smoothly. Athletic department officials hope, and believe, that they'll be back soon.

Young, while Lady Raider starting guards Eva Lemeh and Maria Salas committed but four.

The win, the fourth in a row for the home side, left MTSU in third place in the Ohio Valley Conference race with a 5-3 record, behind Morehead State (7-2) and Tennessee Tech (6-2). The Lady Raiders are 15-4 overall.

COACH LARRY Jo Inman's club dominated virtually every statistical category except rebounding, where Western won 44-36. MTSU hit 43.8 percent (28 of 64) from the floor and 86.7 percent (13 of 15) from the charity stripe. They committed five fewer turnovers (20-25) and had five more steals (10-5).

For all intents and purposes, it was two games in one; the first 32 minutes, dominated by MTSU, when the home squad built a 57-32 lead, and the final eight, a sloppy, drawn-out affair which the lady Toppers dominated, outscoring the hosts 30-12.

Lemeh, a transfer from Vanderbilt, backed McFall with 16 points, hitting 7 of 12 from the field and 2 for 2 from the line.

WESTERN was paced by Lillie Mason, with 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Gina Brown, who scored 18 and hauled down 11 rebounds.

The Lady Raiders' next game is Thursday night at Murray State. Earlier this year, MTSU defeated the Lady racers, 90-67.

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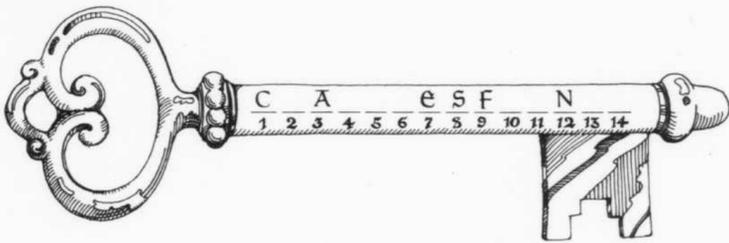
Chris Harris of MTSU goes high to score point number 1,000 in his career as a Blue Raider. Despite Harris' efforts, Middle Tennessee came out on the short end of a 75-64 score against Western Kentucky.

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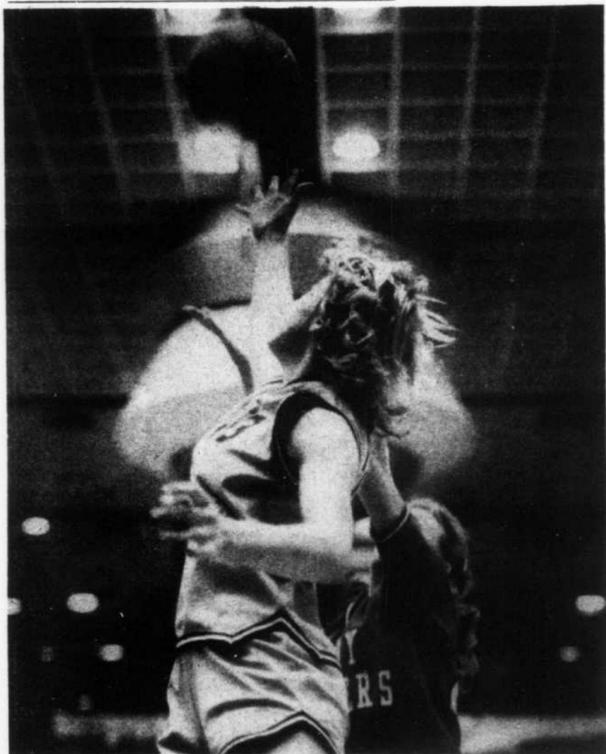


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Cyndi Lynley (43) of Middle Tennessee scraps for a rebound Saturday night against Western Kentucky. The Lady Raiders took a big OVC decision over the Lady Toppers, 69-62.

The heavyweight boxing world has been in a bit of a lull since the glory days of Ali, Frazier, Norton et al. The spotlight in the ring has moved to the lighter weights, with Sugar Ray Leonard heading the list of lighter weights that has become so popular.

The boxing world has been looking to next month's heavyweight showdown between the undefeated champion Larry Holmes and the undefeated challenger Gerry Cooney to re-establish the prominence of heavyweight boxing. And up until now the promotion has been successful. But the fight is in jeopardy.

COONEY HAS INJURED his shoulder and has been ordered by his doctor to stop sparring for a while. He can continue his roadwork to stay in shape, but he cannot throw a punch. Next month's fight is still on, but the injury to Cooney could be a blessing in disguise.

Cooney's statistics are impressive. He's undefeated, with almost all of his wins coming by knockout. He's one of the hardest punchers to ever step into the ring; capable not only of knocking out an opponent, but also of breaking bones with a punch. Physically, he's bigger, stronger, and almost as quick as Holmes. He also uses the ring to his advantage, cornering his opponent to move in for the kill. But there are other statistics that may outweigh the impressive ones.

In 1981, Gerry Cooney spent less than two minutes in the ring. He took just 54 seconds to destroy an over-the-hill Ken Norton, and another minute to K.O. an equally inadequate Ron Lyle. Granted, both were great fighters in their prime, but little more than helpless in the face of a stronger, younger Cooney.

ALSO CONSIDER, THOUGH Cooney is undefeated, his list of opponents is not a Who's Who of boxing. It's basically a Who's That; made up of fighters rarely heard from before or since.

Granted, Cooney came along at a time when there was not a long list of worthy contenders for the heavyweight crown. But his way to

the top was made easier than most for one basic reason; he is the most promising white heavyweight of his time, and those atop the boxing world saw the chance to return the heavyweight division to its glory days by having a white man contend for the title.

You must understand that neither of the fighters or any of the managers or promoters are really racist. As a matter of fact, Holmes and Cooney greatly respect each other's talents, as well they should. Moreover, this fight is not being billed as one for racial supremacy in boxing, but there are racial undertones.

THE HOLMES CAMP resents the fact that Cooney got the easy way up for a title shot. The champion feels he had to fight to earn everything he has the hard way, so he looks at this fight as good vs. evil; his hard, honest road to the top against Cooney's easy way up. Holmes resents not Cooney personally but what he feels Cooney stands for.

If the Cooney camp is smart, they'll postpone next month's fight until the challenger's shoulder fully recovers. It won't hurt the boxing world either. They can afford to build up the fight a little longer.

Finally, a prediction. If and when the fight takes place, there are a couple of things to remember. Cooney has never been past eight rounds, so the longer the fight goes, the more the edge to Holmes. The champion has been knocked down before, and a Cooney knockdown would not be easy to shake off. But Holmes has shown the ability to bounce back after a knockdown.

I think the fight will be decided by a knockout, but it's hard to say who'll win. A Cooney knockout would likely come in the early rounds, while a Holmes win would come in the latter stages of the fight. I give the edge to Holmes to win their first meeting, but there will be a rematch.

Track team takes meet

By BOB GARY

Sports Editor

Don't tell Dean Hayes that his MTSU men's track team probably wasn't the top athletic attraction at Murphy Center this past weekend.

While most of the attention centered on the Blue Raider basketball squad's nationally televised matchup with Western Kentucky Saturday night, the MTSU tracksters "ran away" with a six-team meet earlier in the day.

TRAILING the Blue Raiders, who scored 81 points to come out on top, were Murray State with 57½, South Carolina with 38, Georgia (minus Herschel Walker, who opted for the Millrose Games in New York) with 37, Memphis State with 16½ and Austin Peay with 10.

"We're very solid right now, really," said Hayes yesterday reflecting on the meet. "If we stay healthy, we should be ready for the OVC indoor meet in two weeks."

Speaking of solid, the MTSU performance in the long jump was just that, as the home team swept the top three spots. Andre "Pip" Kirnes took top honors with a leap of 24 feet, 11 inches. He was followed by Orestes Salami at 24.7½. Meeks also

claimed top honors in the triple jump with an effort of 49-3¼.

JOE O' LOUGHLIN was once again in fine form as he set yet another personal record in the mile run, winning in 4 minutes, 6.2 seconds.

MTSU's Herb Newton and Tim Johnson finished 1-2 in the 600-yard run, in times of 1:10.80 and 1:10.94, respectively.

The Blue Raiders flexed their muscles in the short sprint events as well. Take as evidence Kenny Shannon's 6.3 second time in the 60-yard run.

HAYES MIGHT already be licking his chops, waiting for the OVC indoor championships in two weeks.

"I think we are very strong as a team right now," Hayes said. "We took this meet in stride, and I think we really put the hurt on the rest of the league."



Photo by Greg Campbell

Middle Tennessee's Andre 'Pip' Kirnes flies through the air with the greatest of ease on his way to a win in the long jump this past weekend. MTSU took first place in the six-way meet, and Kirnes jumped 24 feet, 11 inches.

Karate meet to be held here

Nashville's David Deaton is featured on the cover of the April 1982 issue of Karate Magazine, the number one selling karate magazine in the United States.

Deaton, a karate competitor for over 15 years and an instructor here at MTSU, was ranked as high as number one in the Southeast Region during 1981. He placed well in national competition during the past year, defeating many of the nation's top-rated fighters.

On Feb. 20, Deaton will host the region's second ever A-rated karate tournament, the Southern American Karate Championships, here at MTSU. The Professional Karate Association (PKA) selected Deaton's tournament as an A-rated event because of the high calibre of competitors in the event and the professional organizational efforts in Deaton's previous events.

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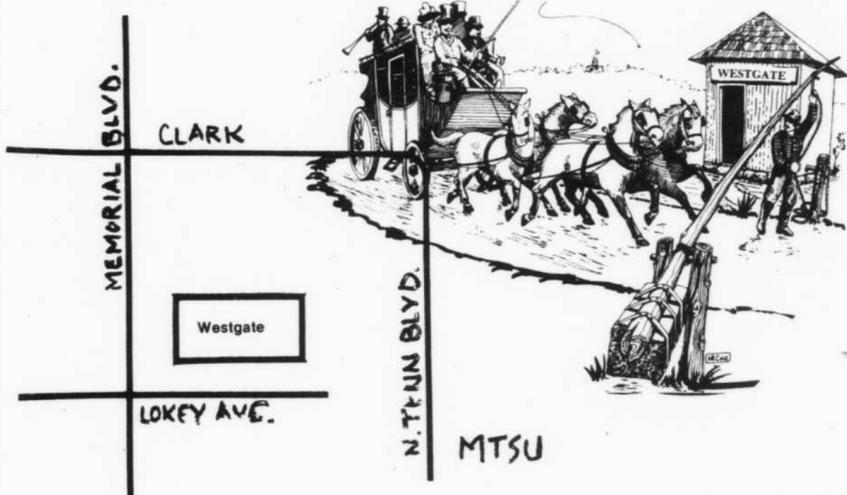
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