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## Scarlett suggests letter-writing campaign

# No money available for pay equality

by Cathy Wood

Pay equalization for secretaries and clerical workers can only be accomplished through a letter-writing campaign aimed at state legislators and regents, President M.G. Scarlett told about 250 members of MTSU's classified staff Wednesday afternoon.

Money allocated for MTSU clerical salaries is the lowest amount of money given to any regional university for salaries, Clerical Caucus President Virginia Fowler said after the meeting.

A clerk-typist at MTSU earns an average of \$5,712 and a secretary earns \$6,228. At Tennessee State University for example, an average clerk's salary is \$7,612 and the average secretary's salary is more than \$8,000. On the average, MTSU salaries are \$200 lower than other state colleges, Fowler said.

"Scarlett told us that the low enrollment here is a major reason for our low salaries," she said. "Another reason is that faculty pay raises are the first priority, and we can all understand that."

"We said there was no money available in the budget for clerical raises," Fowler continued. "He was sympathetic, but he said his hands were tied and there was nothing he could do."

Clerical staff members should write letters to members of the state Board of Regents and to such politicians as Rep. John Bragg, Scarlett said at the meeting. "Letters should work," Fowler said. "After bags of mail pile up in their offices, they'll listen to us."

The 100-member Clerical Caucus has been asking for consideration of pay equalization ever since its organization two years ago, in addition to trying to solve other problems the clerical workers and secretaries feel they face.

"Students had the ASB," Fowler said, "and the faculty had the faculty senate, but there was no organization for the staff, and we're still lower than a snake's belly."

However, the group is not recognized as the official voice of university clerical workers, she said. "Lynn Haston (vice president for administration) told us he could only recognize the caucus as a social organization, which was the furthest thing from our mind."

Secretarial and clerical jobs are classified into different levels, or steps, Payne said, with pay scales changing with the ascending levels.

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## College writing level down 60 percent

by Jerry Wishart

How fast can you read this sentence? How long did it take to finish that history chapter last night?

About 15 percent of the freshman enrolled at MTSU this year failed to achieve what was the lowest possible admission score—16— on the

has had to drop the level for which the average article is written down to the fourth grade level, Harrington said. She claims that 19 to 25 percent of all Americans now are functionally illiterate, and the figure is growing.

Television is not necessarily the cause of the decline. Studies show TV is actually an aid to students because it provides a broader background and allows the student to potentially learn much faster, Harrington said.

She feels a part of the problem is that the teachers who teach reading now have generally had very little specific training in reading. Recently, trends in legislation across the country have led to higher requirements for teacher certification in reading, but this is not effective because the new teachers have trouble getting jobs.

It was Harrington's opinion that part of the decline may lie more in attitudes within the field of education. Recently, emphasis has moved toward improved self concepts and clarifying values for pre-college level students.

"Teachers have been inclined to dominate, overplan and to exclude community involvement. Now the community has begun to push for more involvement. Teachers' attitudes have also helped weaken community groups such as the PTS until recently," Harrington said.

Michigan and California have state-ordered parent activities and in these states the decline in students' skills is less than in other states, Harrington said.

California recently extended these laws to the point that any new program must show a 60 percent

parent participation to be implemented.

Dan McMurry of the MTSU sociology department felt that the students' plunging academic ability has had a noticeable effect on his courses here.

Recently, when he read of the trouble that high school students had writing the Pledge of Allegiance, McMurry and another teacher decided to have beginning level sociology students in their classes write the pledge.

Disregarding minor punctuation and places where the wording was fairly close, McMurry found only 30 out of 200 students were able to write the pledge correctly.

Donald South, chairman of the sociology department, said that some textbooks are now being rewritten with the new, less capable student in mind.

William Beasley, English Department chairman, pointed out that "the decline in the number of English majors is partially indicative to the decline in reading and English."

The department used to require 1,500 pages of outside reading at the 100 level and 2,000 pages minimum at the 200 level. Now it is down to one or two books at the 100 level and two to four books at the 200 level."

J. Larry Wolfenbarer, assistant professor of economics and finance, said that while the trend to easier textbooks was not as noticeable in his department, the drop in student capability has led to a drop in grading standards.

Harrington suggested that students who want to improve their reading skills visit the reading department.



Alma Harrington, [R] and student Wiwat Piriyanasorn.

American College Testing (ACT) exam according to Alma Harrington, assistant professor of education.

"The average college student reads no better than what is normal for a junior high school student." She added that students in American schools have fallen 47 percent in reading, 60 percent in writing skills and 33 percent in math in the last ten years. She cites figures from the National Institute of Educational Direction.

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# Senator says library poll was misleading and biased

by Valorie Vaughn

A library survey concerning extended hours sent to students was biased and misleading, Senator Patrick Flynn told members of the ASB senate Tuesday.

"They (the library management) are making a definite effort to push it (the controversy of extended hours) under the table," Flynn said.

Flynn also said that the library had each employee fill out a survey to determine if they would be willing to work longer hours. Flynn said that he was told that those employees who answered yes to working longer hours, would be the

first ones used to work till 2 a.m.

Senator Riley Clark said he believed that there was no reason for extending library hours. Clark said, "Students can budget their time if they try."

A motion was passed unanimously for a senate committee to consult the psychology department in hopes of making a valid survey to send to students concerning library hours.

Don Craig, library director, said, "It is too early to obtain the results from the library survey we sent out. It is still being keypunched. However, library employees are the

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"All we're asking for is a valid classification—compensation system," Payne said. "The pay for the different levels is simply not comparable to other universities."

An average national salary for all clerical positions is \$7,872, according to the October memo, which also listed the monthly clerk salary here at \$456 and the secretary salary at \$656. At Memphis State, a clerk-typist earns \$490 and a secretary up to \$788.

"Ten thousand is not much for a good secretary," Fowler said, but admitted that clerical salaries in education are not as high as those in business.

Differences in education and business pose other problems, Payne said.

"Secretaries come in here from working in businesses and they don't know what a dissertation or a quarter-hour is," Payne said.

A program of "in-house training" would alleviate that problem, Payne said, but added that the funds were not available.

"The money is just not there. We could provide opportunities for workers to move up one or two levels, but we can't without the funds," she said.

As president of the caucus, Fowler has encouraged clerical workers and secretaries to take university business courses and to work for Certified Professional Secretaries (CPS) standing, a process involving courses that may take up to five years to complete.

"We need to improve ourselves so that we can do a better job for the university," she said. "We need a greater degree of professionalism in the staff."

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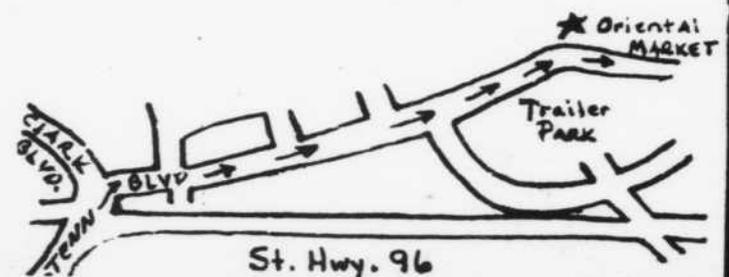
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# Mystery, witchcraft in 'Bell, Book and Candle'

by D'Nice Lawson

For an enchanting evening of magic spells, practical jokes and a mortal's love for a beautiful witch, the University Theatre will present "Bell, Book, and Candle" by John van Druten.

Gillian, played by Lisa Davis, is the young witch casting spells on Shep, played by Bob Forsythe. Except Gillian is unable to fall in love because of her bewitching powers and Shep is engaged to someone else to begin with.

Other characters include Gillian's Aunt Queenie, (Diana Blackwell) who described her role as a "dizzy, well-meaning romantic who is not very good at magic" and Gillian's younger brother Nicky (Martin McGeachy) who said, "I'm mischievous but not that evil until the end."

Author Sidney Redlitch, played by Rick Harrell writes books about witchcraft. "He ends up being hexed by Gillian and afraid she's going to 'zap' him or something," Harrell said.

Two drama productions are presented each semester, according to director Dorethe Tucker, "one on the main stage and one in the arena theatre." These are not only for student enrichment, but as a lab for the theatre majors.

Anyone is welcome to try out for theatre productions. "The arena theatre gives the actors a more intimate type of approach. It's easier for the beginner." Although she admitted none of the cast members are beginners.

"Casting is one of the hardest aspects," said Tucker. "Everyone coming to college has been the star of their senior play. Sometimes it's hard to adjust to the fact that everyone else is a star too."

This is McGeachy's second major part in the drama productions. He also played a leading role in last

semester's "She Stoops to Conquer."

"As a freshman I've been real lucky. I've just been right for the parts. This is the second time I've played this role. The Circle Theatre in Nashville did the play last year."

"I thought it was going to be a breeze," he said. "But Mrs. Tucker is directing it totally different."

Bewitching Lisa Davis said "This is a different type of role for me. I'm not used to being a leading lady. The hardest thing for me is memorizing those lines."

Performances for "Bell, Book and Candle" are Feb. 17-18 and 20-25 in the DA Arena Theatre starting at 8 p.m. For reservations call 898-2716 weekdays 2-5 p.m. MTSU students will be admitted free.



Lisa Davis, who plays Gillian Holroyd, and Bob Forsythe, portraying Shep Henderson, practice a scene from "Bell, Book and Candle." It will be presented Feb. 17-18 and 20-25 in the DA Arena Theatre.

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## Editorials

### Secretaries need support

Clerical and secretarial workers at MTSU are finally getting some kind of response from the administration. Unfortunately, the response wasn't very encouraging.

President M.G. Scarlett spoke to a meeting of 250 of the university's clerical and secretarial staff Wednesday afternoon, answering questions that had been raised by the Clerical Caucus months ago.

Concerned that their pay scale does not compare equally with other schools under the state regents system, the caucus asked in October that the 1977-78 clerical salaries be revised to include larger raises for those eligible for pay increases.

But Scarlett told the group that the university doesn't have that kind of money and recommended "individual initiative"—a letter-writing campaign directed toward state legislators and Board of Regents members to ask for additional funding.

A lack of funds was also the administration's reason for refusing to establish a series of classes which would offer secretaries and clerical workers chances to sharpen their office skills.

The staff members aren't asking for these improvements as personal favors in their individual careers, but as a matter of pride in their employment at a state university.

"MTSU is a great place to work, except for the low salaries," Clerical Caucus President Virginia Fowler said. "There's a good bunch of people here who should be paid for doing their jobs well. Besides, happy people will do better work."

Somewhere in the financial shuffle, the secretaries, clerks and typists got lost. Money is tight everywhere and economical budgeting of state money should be encouraged. The university's staff members deserve full administrative support, both monetary and moral, in their efforts to improve their positions and their ability to work efficiently. They don't need excuses.

### Cans should be recycled

Canned soft drinks have been placed in 13 dormitories this semester to see how well they will sell compared to the cup machines.

When the idea of having canned cokes was first brought up, one of the objections to cans was from an ecology standpoint. Paper cups could be disposed of by burning in the incinerator, but cans would create a disposal problem.

Since the students' requests for cans was granted and the machines are beginning to appear on campus, the time to prove that cans can become an asset to the ecology has arrived.

Aluminum is a recyclable product, like paper. Aluminum is also a natural resource which this country no longer has, according to Patrick Doyle of the biology department.

Doyle, who advises the Biology Club, says that because of its scarcity, aluminum for recycling brings a premium price.

Collecting the cans need not be a problem as collection places could be placed in various places on the campus. They would need to be strategically placed so students would be able to deposit their cans with little effort.

After the cans had been collected, the collecting group would merely need to flatten them for storage purposes. Doyle suggested that a fraternity, sorority or other organization could adopt the collection as a moneymaking venture for charity.

Collecting the cans for recycling would be a great improvement over the present method of disposal where they are buried at the landfill. In the ground they contribute nothing to the environment—recycled, they preserve natural resources.



### Fraternity member finds greek behavior 'obnoxious'

To the Editor:

I am a member of a greek social fraternity, though hardly as active a member as I'd like to be. In the past, I've risen up in defense of the greek system and its members and will do so again if necessary.

But this is not blind faith or trust. An incident that occurred Wednesday night proves it.

An associate of mine joined me for what I hoped would be a peaceful meal at a local pizza parlor. Thanks to the efforts of a few well-meaning [I suppose] MTSU fraternity members, such was not the case.

There were, by my count, about 25-30 members, pledges and little sisters of a campus fraternity (I will spare them the embarrassment of using their name in this public forum) at the aforementioned eating place. In addition, there were perhaps 20-25 other people, families and some other college-age people in the restaurant.

To call the assemblage of greek bodies and the noise they were making distracting would be to badly underestimate the amount of noise 30 people can make when they act with blatant disregard for others around them.

Not all of them, you understand—just most of them. There are still some people who can drink a couple of beers in public without making a Broadway production of it. Clearly, however, there are some who cannot.

If I hadn't been just as disruptive at another time and at another place, I might have summoned up the courage to ask some of the more obtrusive ones to be quiet.

But I remember my first beer, so I didn't.

But I also remember the looks that some of the real adults there were giving those disciples of Bacchus who descended to earth, donned jerseys clearly proclaiming their fraternal affiliations and immediately proceeded to make blazing fools of themselves.

If the fraternal system at Middle Tennessee is ever to break away

from the beer-chugging, egg-swallowing stereotypes of the fraternities we see in movies or watch on television, some consideration must be given to the greek's relationship to the non-fraternal public.

Doing work for charity once a year or conducting a successful social event is not a mark on a ledger, giving a fraternity the right to commit one dumb act on the other side.

The fight to attain and retain respectability starts immediately and never ends. The public, especially those outside the University environment, will remember the bad and forget the good.

What I guess this means is that the fraternity whose glorious spectacle I found myself an unwilling part of should consider confining all future outbursts to their Maple Street rumpus room.

There's nothing wrong with a bunch of guys going out and having a good time.

Having a good time, however, means making sure that those in immediate contact with you are also having what they construe to be a good time.

While those who were chugging beer, grabbing girls and yelling were probably having a good time, the middle-aged couples nearby were not. Thus, it becomes the responsibility of the group itself to enforce certain constraints, such as self-control and common sense.

So, when the Interfraternity Council at MTSU comes together in a couple of years to evaluate the first ten years of fraternity life at MTSU, they may wonder why public perception of their aims and goals is so low, and why apathy reigns in their midst.

The answer may well lie in the fact that so few of the chapters ever bothered to live up to the high ideals and considerations that each member so solemnly and mindlessly mouthed during their initiation ceremonies.

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# Press coverage of men hurt by 8 p.m. games?

by Chuck Cavalaris

An obsession to surpass the requirements of Title IX by MTSU President M.G. Scarlett is apparently responsible for the decreased coverage of men's varsity basketball games, several sources have told Sidelines.

Under his interpretation of Title IX, Scarlett said Wednesday, the men's and women's basketball programs at MTSU should operate basically on a 50-50 type agreement.

"The equal opportunities clause (of Title IX) means the women should have a chance, even if it hurts the men a little," Scarlett said. "Equal opportunities mean equal opportunities."

"I realize the men's program may be hurt some," Scarlett continued, "but it's not deliberate. This is a minimal thing compared to when women get full equity. When the women get equity, the men will have to give up more."

Scarlett ordered several moves to adhere to his strict definition of "equal opportunities" before this season began.

Besides moving the starting times of both games up 30 minutes, Scarlett said he also provided dressing quarters in Murphy Center for the women and made suggestions to ensure the women received sufficient practice time.

"I realize the women's program isn't as popular as the men's,"

Scarlett explained. "These moves were necessary to comply with the law and build some enthusiasm for the women in the community."

"Naturally we need all the revenue we can have. So, I've been trying to sort of piggy-back the women's program with the men's," Scarlett added.

In answering criticism of his mandates, Scarlett has frequently said that he "does not need any help in running this university." This may be true, but does the athletic department need Scarlett's help?

No other university in the Ohio Valley Conference begins its games as late as MTSU. My knowledge of the decisions inside the Cope Administration building concerning university procedure is limited.

But I do know a few things about newspapers and silly things like

deadlines.

Larry Woody, a sportswriter for The Tennessean, was successful in convincing Tennessee Tech to change their 8 p.m. men's starting time back to 7:30, but Scarlett refused to reverse his order.

Also, it is impossible for The Tennessean to meet deadlines and send a photographer to take pictures of just the first five minutes of an 8 p.m.

game in Murphy Center...last year that wasn't the case.

The late starting time is a hassle to other sportswriters, too.

Bo Melson, sports editor of the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, complained after a recent home game, "...these late starting times are killing the smaller papers in this area. The coverage suffers and it will cost our newspaper nearly \$200 this season just to cope with it by hiring extra help."

Yet, Scarlett remains steadfast in his decision...like a captain going down with a sinking ship.

There is nothing wrong with upgrading women's athletics. Players like Jan Zitney and Liz Hannah have proven their talents and deserve the right to play. Frankly, they can dribble and shoot a basketball better than most men.

But must their program be drastically improved at the expense of the men? Which team represented the conference in the NCAA tournament two of the last three years?

Indeed, it is the varsity men's basketball program that has the chance to provide more recognition than any other athletic team on campus...or any organization, for that matter.

Why can't the women—as they surely can—develop a following and still allow the publicity due the men's team?

Maybe the Murphy Center sources are correct when they say Scarlett "is trying to be a pioneer in women's athletics and isn't man enough to admit he is wrong in this case."

After all is said and done, though, it is Scarlett who will determine the final outcome. He can attempt to improve the women's program now...and write the obituary for the men's as well.



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# Pianist Karl takes honors, sets recital

Grace Karl, senior piano major at MTSU, who claimed top honors in the recent Southern Division Collegiate Artist Competition, will be presented in recital at 8 p.m., Sunday, in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The recital is free and open to the public.

Karl will represent the region in the National Finals of the competition in Chicago during the first week in April. The Korea-born pianist will be the first Tennessean

competing in the national contest. She will be in competition with winners from six other regional divisions of the country.

In winning the southern division title, Karl competed against pianists from Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida in addition to Tennessee.

Before her win in Louisville, the young pianist won the Mid-South Concerto Competition in Jackson. She will appear Feb. 25 with the

Jackson Symphony Orchestra in a regular subscription concert.

A student of Dr. Jerry Perkins, Karl began her piano training at the age of three under the guidance of her mother. She made her concert debut with the Korean Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra at the age of 10.

She recalled, "I was really happy about performing with the symphony. I wasn't too nervous, but I think it was because I was still little."



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# Effect of cold on Valentine roses in M'boro uncertain

Cold weather in California has caused a decrease in the availability of roses all over the nation, but Murfreesboro florists are not sure how this will affect their supply.

Most florists agreed with Martha Ann Moppet, of Rion Flower Shop, when she said "The cold weather has affected everyone, but as far as prices are concerned, it's hard to say. There is always a scarcity of roses during the Valentines season and prices go up some."

Is it the cold weather, or the valentines' season that has caused a scarcity of roses?

Larry Pugh of Friends and Flowers, another florist's shop, said a dozen roses have gone from \$20 to \$22, but this is about the same as last year. He believes Friends and Flowers has not been affected to a great degree and agrees that both cold weather and the valentines' season have caused prices to go up.

Jetton Floral Company says the price of roses has increased "because of the large demand for Valentines' day."

The flower shops in Murfreesboro will not receive their Valentine roses until several days before Valentines' day. Because of this, they do not know if there will be a problem or not.

"The trucks from California haven't delivered to our whole-salers in Manchester yet," Peggy Koster, of Kelton's Flower Shop, said.

According to Shirley Hudson, owner of Hudson's Flower and Gift Shop, their supply of roses has been cut to one third of what they received last year. Hudson said it is the scarcity of sunlight that has affected the supply of roses, but "five more days of good sunshine will set everything back to normal."



Norma Wyndham enjoys her meal during a luncheon Wednesday which was one of several events held in celebration of Black History Week. [Cindy Hicks Photo]

## Senator

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persons who worked up the survey that was used."

In other business, the senate unanimously voted to have any senator who has missed two or more meetings to come before the senate, and explain his absences. If a senator's reasons for excessive absences are not approved by the group, he will be asked to resign.

At the present time the senate has 19 members. It is supposed to have 22 members. One senior graduated, one freshman transferred and one graduate student has yet to attend a meeting. Bobby Francescon, ASB President will appoint three new senate members to replace the ones that have left.

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# Art prof. tries to convey feelings through jewelery

"I am an expert and I try to convey how I feel through my work," Klaus Kallenberger, assistant professor of art, said yesterday.

Sixty pieces of Kallenberger's jewelery are on display in the library on campus. He called the collection "wearable jewelery, not jewelery for investments."

Kallenberger, also a goldsmith and sculptor, said his pieces are "one of a kind."

When asked to quote prices on his works, he said, "I don't want people to think of my things as money." Prices of the pieces are available on request in the library.

Kallenberger explained that materials and time are not all that go into the pricing. He said that he may make something in two hours that would take a student several weeks to complete. The feeling of accomplishment also is involved in the prices.

The collection, which are a few of his pieces made in the last three years, will remain on display until the end of February, according to Kallenberger.

He said that he will make special orders on request. "I do very fine with wedding bands, but I do not set diamonds," Kallenberger said.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

**FRIDAY**  
Luncheon and Meeting: Education Department, Metro Deans of Education, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Dining Room A, SUB  
Wrestling: SEIWA Tournament, 1:30-4 p.m., 7-10 p.m., Murphy Center  
Dance: Student Information and Minority Affairs, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Woodmore Cafeteria

**SATURDAY**  
TOEFL Exam: 8 a.m.-12 noon, UC 314  
ACT Exam: 8 a.m.-12 noon, Tennessee Room, SUB  
Wrestling: SEIWA Tournament, 1:30-4 p.m., Murphy Center

**SUNDAY**  
Recital: Grace Karl, pianist, 8 p.m., DA Auditorium

**MONDAY**  
Carnation Sale: Delta Darlings, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement  
Movie: "The Towering Inferno," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. UC Theatre  
Ballot Marking: Pizza Hut Classic, 6-9 p.m., Tennessee Room SUB

**TUESDAY**  
Job Interviews: Provident Life & Accident Insurance Co., signup at Placement Office  
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Recruiting: Navy, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement  
Bake Sale: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., UC Basement  
Membership Drive: Pi Sigma Epsilon, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement  
GED Test: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., UC 314  
Carnation Sale: Delta Darlings, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Basement  
Clerical Caucus: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., UC 324  
Movie: "The Towering Inferno," 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UC Theatre  
ASB Traffic Court: 4 p.m., UC 318  
All Sing: Tau Omicron, 7 p.m., Murphy Center  
Dance: Delta Sigma Theta, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Tennessee Room SUB

### Art course for children offered

"Creative Art for Children," which is co-sponsored by the art department, is being offered to children in grades one through eight, one day a week.

Fee for the course is \$25 which includes all art supplies to be used. Basic activities include emphasis on hand-built ceramics (clay), fibers, drawing and painting.

Further information concerning these courses is available from the Office of Continuing Education at 898-2462.



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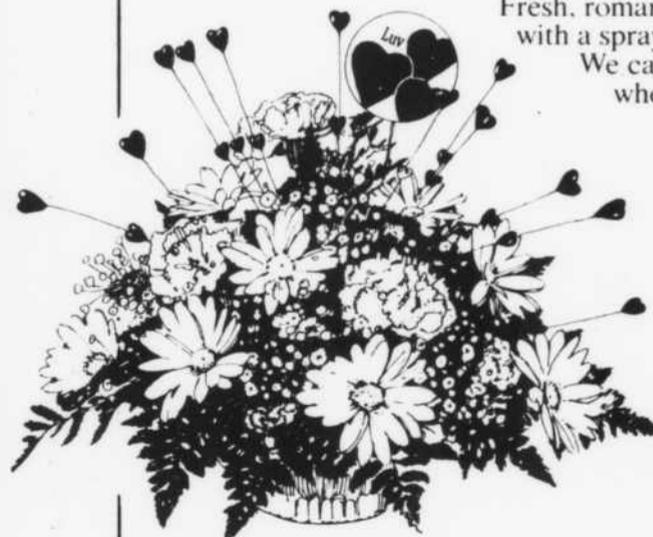
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# Delicate lead faces road challenges

by John Pitts  
Sports Editor

A conference lead is a delicate thing, and Middle Tennessee's temporary claim to the OVC's first place is in imminent danger.

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The Raiders jumped into first place after surviving a pair of one-point wins last week.

An overtime defeat of Western Kentucky cleared the way for MTSU to take the lead. MTSU is 7-2 in the OVC and 15-5 overall.

East Tennessee is second in the league and Western Kentucky is third.

First challenge for head coach Jimmy Earle's team is Tennessee Tech, the team that shocked MTSU 65-60 in Murphy Center less than a month ago. The Golden Eagles are one of three teams now in a tie for fourth place in the conference with 5-4 records.

The Raiders venture from Cookeville to Johnson City for a Monday night encounter with East Tennessee, the most improved team in the league this season. The Buccaneers sport a 6-2 conference record and

are in the midst of a five-game conference winning streak. Their last OVC loss was to Middle Tennessee in Murfreesboro on Jan. 16.

"Our schedule does not favor us," Earle told the crowd at Thursday's faculty press luncheon in the SUB. "We're in first place now, but our schedule won't help... if there's a team that the schedule does favor, it's East Tennessee," the MTSU coach said.

East Tennessee faces four of its last six conference games at home. After playing three home games in a row, the Bucs will go on the road for a pair of OVC games against Morehead and Eastern Kentucky, then return home to face Morehead again in a game postponed from Jan. 21 due to inclement weather.

Tennessee Tech's remaining schedule isn't bad either, with the Golden Eagles entertaining foes at home for four of its last five OVC games.

"We've got our work cut out for us...If a team is going to win a championship, it ought to win it the hard way," Earle declared. "I'll be honest with you—I'm not sure how hungry our basketball team is...I guarantee that Tennessee Tech is hungry and I guarantee that East Tennessee is hungry and they're going to be waiting for us.

Earle feels the trip to Cookeville



Residents of H hall mark Pizza Hut ballots for MTSU's Bob Martin in competition Thursday night in Murphy Center.

and Johnson City may provide the key to Raider chances for an OVC title. "If we could possibly go on this road trip and sweep it, we would be in a super position to win the league...it's a big, big challenge," Earle told the audience at the luncheon.

Against Tennessee Tech, MTSU and their nationally-ranked defense [averaging 61.5 points per contest] must do some things they couldn't do against Tech in Murphy Center: rebound better [Tech outrebounded Middle 31-28] and shut down junior guard Jimmy Howell.

Howell, a team leader in assists and steals, hit a personal season-high 22 points to lead his team to the win. He hit six of six from the foul line in the closing minutes of the game to help ice the upset.

In addition to the standout guard, Middle Tennessee must adequately defend senior center Bobby Porter, a 6-8 team leader who averages 14.6 points and 7.1 rebounds per game and forward Bobby Troupe, who averages 10.2 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Porter and Troupe combined for 20 points and 21 rebounds in the MTSU loss.

Another threat for Cliff Malpass' Golden Eagles is freshman forward Marc Burnett, who hit six of seven field goals in the earlier MTSU-TTU tilt. Burnett averages 12.2 points per game.

East Tennessee, MTSU's Monday night foe, struggled to a 6-8 record in the OVC last season, but has already won more regular season games [14 so far] than a Buc team has managed since 1970.

Middle edged East Tennessee 68-61 in an meeting earlier this season, but Sonny Smith's squad played that night without the services of point guard Cat Watson, who was sick with the flu.

Since returning to the ETSU lineup, playmaker Watson has led the team to the aforementioned string of conference victories, including a 69-64 upset of Austin Peay in Clarksville and a 75-69 defeat of Eastern Kentucky on the Colonels' Richmond, Ky., home-court.

Team leaders for the Bucs include guard B.J. Johnson, who scored a game-high 19 points in the loss to MTSU in January; forward Jim Smith, who averages 14.9 points and 6.5 rebounds per game and defensive ace Scott Place, the OVC's fourth leading rebounder at 9.4 per game. He rips the nets for a 12.6 average.

Smith and Place were held to a total of 17 points and eight rebounds in the earlier matchup.



Sharon McClanahan of Middle Tennessee [22 in white] and Trish Bell of Tennessee Tech fight for a rebound in the last meeting of their teams. In that game, Tech won 88-81. [Thom Coombes photo]

## Women renew rivalry

by John Pitts  
Sports Editor

Ask any member of the Middle Tennessee women's basketball team which opponent she would like most to soundly defeat, and most of them would fire back the same reply—Tennessee Tech.

The rivalry between the two programs began in 1974, when Tech whipped the Lady Raiders 73-53 in the initial meeting of the teams. Since then, Tech has piled up an impressive 8-1 record, losing just once (last year in Murphy Center).

This season, the Tech-Middle rivalry was renewed last month on the Raiders' home court, and the Golden Eaglettes came out victorious, surging ahead late in the game to take an 88-81 win.

The Raiders and Eaglettes will hook up again Saturday night, and Tech will be looking to defend itself against the stiffest challenge yet to the first place position it has occupied in OVC women's standings for most of the season.

Tennessee Tech lost a surprise battle to Morehead Wednesday night, blowing a last-second chance to tie the game and coming away with an 82-80 loss.

That defeat was the first in five conference outings for the Eaglettes, who have put together a mediocre 10-10 record this season. MTSU is 11-8 overall and 4-2 in conference play.

Due to the peculiar arrangement of the women's conference games this season, the outcome of the MTSU-TTU game will count only on the Golden Eaglettes' OVC record, as the meeting here last month counted only on MTSU's conference record.

Still, the Raiders have a chance to defeat Tech and move into a three-way tie for first place in the first women's OVC race.

But the Tech team that Middle will face Saturday night bears only a faint resemblance to the team they faced Jan. 14. The emergence of Carla Tart as a dominant force under the backboards has keyed much of Tech's success, according to head coach Marynell Meadors.

"Carla is working herself to death to get open inside...she's 5-11 and going against girls 6-2 and 6-3 and competing right with them,"

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# Campus hosts wrestling tournament

by John Pitts  
Sports Editor

One of the oldest and most prestigious collegiate wrestling tournaments in the nation gets underway Friday in Murphy Center, with what could be the best field in its history.

A total of twelve teams will be represented in the 28th annual Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament, which begins Friday at noon.

Defending tourney champion Tennessee will be joined by pre-bout favorite Alabama, Middle Tennessee and nine other teams from the south.

This is probably the strongest field in the history of the meet," noted MTSU coach Gordon Connell, who is serving as director of the two-day meet.

"I think Alabama has to be the favorite...Tennessee is the defending champion, but they've lost some people since last season," Connell said. "After those two teams, Auburn, UT-Chattanooga and Florida Tech will be top contenders...we hope to be in there somewhere," the fourth-year head coach added.

Connell's team picked up fifth place in the SEIWA tournament last season, but finished fourth in 1976



**Tommy Smith**

Several MTSU wrestlers are expected to be title contenders, facing challenges from dozens of top-notch wrestlers, including several All-Americans and NCAA tourney qualifiers.

In the 134-pound class, four wrestlers have a strong shot at the title, including Middle's Tommy Smith, a senior from Nashville. He will challenge defending SEIWA champion Ray Downey of Auburn, 1977 runner-up Rick Stone of Alabama and Brian Dunning of Tennessee.

MTSU's Mike Kuziola, a junior and one of Connell's most successful wrestlers this season, will find rough going in the 150-pound class.



**Mike Kuziola**

Johnny Stallings of Auburn, Most Valuable Wrestler in the Southeastern Conference last season, will be challenged at 150 by Larry Tusick of Alabama. Kuziola defeated Tusick in the Alabama Invitational earlier in the season.

The third Middle Tennessee wrestler who should challenge in the title bouts is Kyle Smith in the 158-pound class.

Connell will field wrestlers in every class but heavyweight, a problem created by the sudden departure of one wrestler and the academic ineligibility of another at the beginning of the semester.

Despite that glaring deficiency,



**Kyle Smith**

Connell's team won the Mid-Southern Conference title two weeks ago and swept a triangular match against Appalachian State and Maryville last weekend.

Kuziola and Kyle Smith both picked up title wins in the Mid-Southern match, while all three of the contenders picked up double wins in the finals of the recent triangular sweep.

There will be three sessions of wrestling action: Friday at noon, that evening at 7 and Saturday at 1 p.m. Admission to each session will be \$2 per ticket, and there will be two matches on the Murphy Center floor at all times.

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# Bob Martin-Pizza Hut ballot drive to continue

Efforts are continuing to send MTSU's Bob Martin to the seventh annual Pizza Hut All Star Basketball Classic, slated for April 1, in Las Vegas.

The resident halls turned out last night to try and make Martin the second Blue Raider to play in the all star game. Sports information director Jim Freeman expressed hopes of gaining 100,000 votes for Martin. Martin will need over 300,000 votes to make the team according to Freeman.

The number of ballots turned in was well under the goal set by Freeman with "H" Hall leading all dorms with just under 15,000 votes.

Martin and Otis Howard of Austin Peay are the only players from Tennessee being considered. This should help both Martin and Howard, since they will not have to compete against ball players from other Tennessee schools.

Another ballot-marking session will be conducted in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building Monday night, beginning at 7:30

Since MTSU is on the road at East Tennessee that night, Freeman expressed interest that townspeople and students alike turnout to aid in sending Martin to the game.

## ★ ★ OVC standings ★ ★

Men's			Women's		
Teams	OVC	All	Teams	OVC	All
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	7-2	15-5	Tennessee Tech	4-1	10-10
East Tennessee	6-2	14-6	Morehead State	4-2	12-4
Western Kentucky	6-3	10-10	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	4-2	11-8
Austin Peay	5-4	11-8	Eastern Kentucky	4-3	8-8
Eastern Kentucky	5-4	10-9	Western Kentucky	3-3	12-5
Tennessee Tech	5-4	9-10	Murray State	3-4	8-12
Murray State	1-8	5-15	East Tennessee	2-5	9-7
Morehead State	0-8	4-13	Austin Peay	1-5	6-10

**Saturday's schedule:**  
 Western Kentucky at East Tennessee  
 Middle Tennessee at Tennessee Tech  
 Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky  
 Murray State at Morehead State

## Women

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Meadors, an MTSU graduate herself, said recently.

"We are relying heavily on her right now because she has shown us she can do the job...she's constantly getting better and better," the Tech head coach said.

Tart bagged 15 points and pulled in seven rebounds in the Eaglettes' win over MTSU.

Other threats to MTSU come in the form of center Pam Chambers, who scored 21 points and pulled in nine rebounds in that win in Murphy Center; guard Gayle Hastings, who fired in 18 points in the contest and plenty of depth that Meadors is not afraid to use at any time.

Middle has been on a hot streak in conference play lately, winning four straight official conference games to make a slow and deliberate climb up the OVC ladder into striking position for the conference lead, or at least a share of it.

Senior forward Liz Hannah leads the team with 18.2 points, aided by Patrice Amos (16.4) and Sherry McKinney (12.6). Hannah and guard Karen Carter hooked up for 20 points each in the loss to Tech earlier in the season.

Amos is the third leading rebounder in the conference, averaging 13.0 per game to lead the Raiders.

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# Hale is Sounds' voice

Monte Hale, voice of the Blue Raiders for the past 17 seasons, will debut as voice of the Nashville Sounds baseball team beginning April 13.

The Sounds, a Cincinnati Reds-owned AA minor league team, will open its first season that night against Memphis at the newly-constructed Herschel Greer Field in Nashville.

Hale, associated with Murfreesboro radio station WGNS for almost 16 years, purchased local station WMTS in December. WMTS-FM

will serve as the flagship station for the Sounds broadcasts. Hale will be aided in the broadcasts by Jay Colley, color man on the present Blue Raider basketball network broadcasts.

There will be more than 100 games broadcast, including all 72 home games and about half of the games on the road, including games against Southern league opponents Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Charlotte, Columbus and Savannah, Ga., Jacksonville and Orlando, Fla., and Montgomery, Ala.



University Police chief Matthew Royal [center] and six of his "cheerleaders" strike a pose for the camera during Wednesday night's benefit basketball games for the Evansville basketball program. More than \$400 was raised by the contest, which pitted WLAC against the police and Sigma Alpha Epsilon against H. hall. WLAC and H hall were winners. [Steve Harbison photo].

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