

Donelson speaks out on school funds

By STEVE SPANN

Sidelines Editorial Editor

"We have made some very, very stupid decisions about higher education in Tennessee," Lewis Donelson said.

State Finance Commissioner Donelson spoke to members of the MTSU faculty and administration Wednesday night about the current state of funding for higher education in Tennessee.

TENNESSEE CURRENTLY ranks last in the South in per capita tax revenue spent on higher education.

Donelson explained that funding for higher education in Tennessee is suffering because of the low amount of tax revenue available.

Tennessee tax revenue, state and local combined, is the lowest among states in the South except for Arkansas. This can be explained by the regressive tax system used in Tennessee, which places a greater tax burden on those in the lower income brackets.

"THERE ARE NO realistic chances for further changes in the system," Donelson said.

He served on a legislative committee that produced a report in 1971 to the state legislature suggesting new sources of revenue for the state. However, the legislature would not even accept the committee's modest proposal that the amount of revenue collected at least grow with the inflation rate.

"Govenor Blanton did not do a bit of good with that proposal," he said.

Tennessee currently has a revenue/base structure with a growth rate that is only 90

percent of the growth of inflation. In the past, this problem was solved by across the board tax increases, but those increases are not expected to be made now.

"THERE WAS SOME strong element in the recent election that people were saying 'We have all the government we can take—and we don't want anymore,'" he explained. "People say 'We don't want any more taxes.'

"People in Tennessee have been tarred with the federal brush . . . people are unable to distinguish between federal tax and state tax," Donelson said. He went on to say that the average citizen thinks of all taxes collectively as simply "government tax."

As for the possibilities of broadening Tennessee's tax revenue base, Donelson discussed the possibility of a state income tax, a move for more federal dollars, a state lottery and an increase in the state sales tax.

"MOST STATE INCOME taxes were initiated in the 1920's and 1930's—as was Tennessee's. But it was declared unconstitutional by the Tennessee State Supreme Court," Donelson added. He also pointed to a "total unwillingness" on the part of the people in the state to have an income tax.

As for the possibility of asking for more federal funds, Donelson said the state unfortunately doesn't have the necessary matching funds to afford much of an increase here.

NUMEROUS QUESTIONS were raised during the meeting about exactly who was to blame for the lack of initiative in in-

creasing the revenue base by any of the above means. It was agreed upon by most of those attending the meeting there is no initiative among citizens to increase taxes.

"The real burden of the problem is not on politicians," Donelson said. He pointed out that it would not be politically expedient for a politician to favor an increase in taxes [to increase state revenues] when only 8 or 10 percent of the population supports such a move.

He then turned his attention to the faculty members there.

"Where have you been? Where are you?" Donelson asked. "You have more power and influence than anyone in the state."

GIVEN THE CURRENT Tennessee state budget and the unlikelihood of any additional revenue in the near future, Donelson said what must be done is to determine how to spend the few dollars available for higher education.

"For 1981, if we have less than a normal revenue growth, it is predicted we will have a \$75 million deficit," Donelson said. To prevent such a deficit,

Donelson suggested cuts in the state budget and noted some other areas that needed improvement.

"My judgment of higher education in Tennessee is that we have way too much money devoted to buildings and not enough to programs," Donelson said.

He added when the Memphis State medical school was put on probation, the solution by the state was to build a new medical school—at East Tennessee State University.

He said there are problems in the K-12 grade level, which

make the task of higher educational facilities more difficult economically.

Fifty percent of high school graduates in Tennessee are unable to read at the 6th grade level, and universities are forced to offer remedial programs, he said.

"Higher education is doing what high schools should have done," Donelson said. He speculated that \$50 million could be trimmed from the budget if universities didn't have to offer remedial programs.

TENNESSEE ALSO spends an estimated \$110 million on vocational education, and Donelson feels that much of this is wasted on needless high school programs.

"I visited Oak Ridge [a comprehensive high school in east Tennessee] and found the biggest course they had was called 'Basic Communication'—reading and writing," Donelson said.

He also said that people in the state's professional schools should be paying more tuition, or higher education will continue to suffer.

As for changes that could be initiated to solve the financial problems suffered by higher education in Tennessee, Donelson had these possibilities to offer:

- a formula which would make an inflation adjustment in funding schools.
- a formula that funds particular school programs, rather than funding entire schools.
- getting out of estate and excise taxes altogether—which would produce more federal dollars.



photo by Gene Braham

Lewis Donelson, state finance commissioner, spoke to a group of faculty, administration and students Wednesday concerning the state's financial crisis.

Water leaks a part of plumbing problems

By ERIC STEINBERG

Sidelines Staff Writer

A leak responsible for the rerouting of hot water lines through a Family Student Housing apartment this week is but one of several plumbing problems plaguing the MTSU campus, according to officials.

There have also been complaints from residents of Judd Hall, who claim they have been without hot water at least a half a dozen times this semester. University officials have made plans to replace the plumbing in Rutledge Hall at a cost of almost \$90,000.

According to David Bragg, director of university housing, plumbing is the most common problem with campus housing.

"We seem to have more problems with plumbing than wiring," Bragg said. "It's not unusual for drains to back up."

In many cases the wrong size pipe was used," Bragg continued. "The problem is with the original design."

The problem at Family Student Housing resulted from a leak in the hot water line leading from the hot-water heater in one of the resident bathrooms.

According to Bragg, the only

way to get to the leak was to tear out the floor. So, rather than tackle that job and charge the residents more money, officials decided to go around the problem.

"The cost would be passed on to the students," Bragg said. "So we try to do the job as cheaply as possible."

Maintenance officials have chosen to reroute the plumbing by installing exposed pipes on the interior walls. The pipes run from the bathtub up the wall, across the ceiling, through the hall closet, into the dining room

and down the kitchen wall to the water heater.

"This place is starting to look like the projects," Lyle claims. "Whoever designed these buildings should be sued."

According to Bragg, the pipes will be insulated and then painted.

"I'm not going to let that pipe stay in there exposed," Bragg said. "It looks like I'm going to have to go over there and check it out."

Judd Hall, however, is another matter.

Dorm Director Jerry Anderson said that no one is certain what is causing their hot water shortage. The problem at Judd Hall is twofold, he explained.

"The boiler gets so hot that they have to keep the mechanical room door open to let some of the heat out," Anderson said. "Then some unknown person comes in and turns off the hot water—I think."

"I don't think it's any of the students," Anderson continued. "I don't think any of them would know how to turn it off."

"The other morning I had several students that had the noose out and were ready to hang me," Anderson said. "So I called President Ingram."

According to Anderson, Ingram promised to get an exhaust fan to cool off Judd Hall's mechanical room, and, if that doesn't work, insulate the room.

"I'm totally serious," Anderson said. "The room [above the boiler] is so hot, you can't walk barefoot on the floor."

"As long as we have to keep the mechanical room door open," Anderson added, "Judd Hall will have hot-water problems."

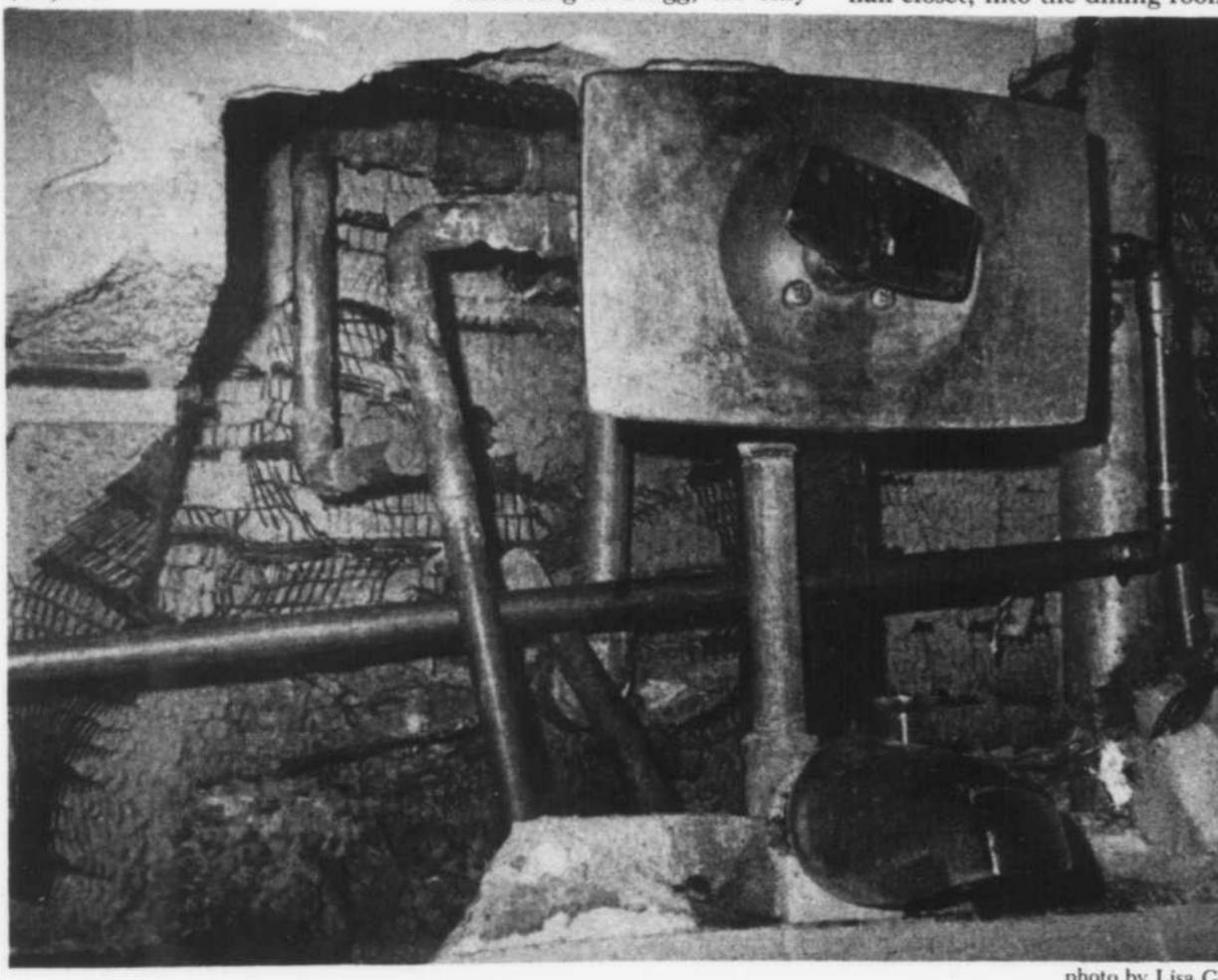


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Construction work being done in resident housing has brought complaints from residents concerning the problems with the plumbing.

Students may be paying too much

By DENNIS MYERS

Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU students may be paying Paul Vaughn Studios an unnecessary \$4 per proof on their pictures for *Midlander*, according to ASB Senator Renee Williams.

Because of Vaughn's advertisement, which states that students must return proofs within seven days or pay \$4 per proof to insure their being published in *Midlander*, Williams is considering an ASB resolution and possible legal action to stop what she terms "possible mail fraud."

"Many students are paying for proofs sent in late in order to insure their getting into *Midlander*," Williams said. "But this isn't right, because those pictures will go into the yearbook whether or not proofs are returned to Paul Vaughn."

"It appears to me that Vaughn's advertisement is mail fraud," Williams continued.

"The advertising brochure claims that students must return their proofs to insure publication; this just isn't true."

Midlander Editor Katherine Casity agreed with Williams.

"Whether or not students return their proofs in time, the pictures will still be published in the yearbook," Casity said.

Complaining about the prices of the Vaughn Studio pictures, Williams said that the limited choices given to MTSU students do not include reasonably priced unretouched photographs, and as a result, students must pay a higher price than they could obtain elsewhere.

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Sidelights

Campus Rec schedule corrected

Due to a scheduling error by Campus Recreation, the following sign-up schedules for spring semester have been changed:

Basketball league sign-up, Jan. 12; play begins Jan. 15;
Basketball open tournament sign-up, Jan. 14; play begins Jan. 16;

Bowling sign-up, Jan. 14; play begins Jan. 19.

Blues Crusade auditions to be held

Auditions for the spring semester university jazz band Blues Crusade will be held Jan. 8 and 9. All positions in the ensemble, including male and female vocals, will be open to students from any department on campus.

The Blues Crusade will have a spring tour of area high schools, perform a concert at MTSU and sponsor the university's "Swing into Spring Jazz Festival."

For further information about the auditions, contact Professor John Duke, head of jazz activities, at the Music Department.

Fall production performed tonight

"Take It From the Top" is a new fall production by the MTSU Performing Arts Company appearing in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m.

The show includes David Deaton, karate instructor performing a martial arts exhibit set to music and features "Fame" and "Car Wash" choreographed by Jimmi Lou Tate for the Performing Arts Company.

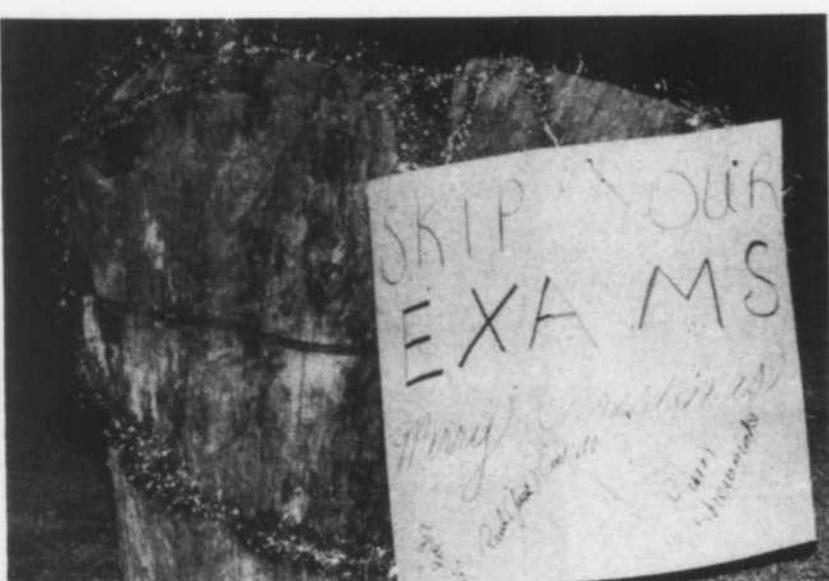


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This stump, decorated with silver tinsel, was found in front of the University Center Wednesday night. The message was obviously forged.

Orchestra to perform Christmas music

By JULIE GEE

Sidelines Staff Writer

Traditional Christmas music will be the highlight at the University-Community Orchestra's 4 p.m. concert Sunday.

The concert will feature a Christmas Carol, composed by music Professor Thom Hutcheson. It will be performed by the orchestra, as well as the MTSU Campus School Choir.

The concert will also feature two main soloists. Soprano Cynthia Perkins, wife of music Professor Jerry Perkins, will perform selections from Handel's "The Messiah."

"Cynthia was on the faculty for quite a few years," community orchestra Conductor Laurence Harvin said. "She still keeps quite active as the choir director of St. Rose Catholic Church."

The other soloist will be oboeist Bobby Taylor from the Nashville Symphony.

"He is the principle oboe with the Nashville Shymphony,"

Harvin noted. "He has given extensive recitals throughout the country."

Taylor will be featured in a four movement piece by Cimarosa-Benjamin, Concerto for Oboe and Strings.

Other works that will be performed include a six movement piece by Handel-Harty entitled "Suite From the Water Music."

Traditional Christmas songs to be performed include "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"; "Sheep May Safely Graze"; "Jesu, Joy of Mans' Desiring"; and an old favorite, "Sleigh Ride."

The MTSU Campus School Choir, under the direction of Nancy Boone, will perform a number of tunes such as "The Twelve Days after Christmas"; "Shepherds Pipe Carol"; "Peace on Earth"; and "Sing, O Sing."

The event will be held in the Concert Hall of the Wright Music Building and there is no admission charge.



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These are the winners of Wednesday night Campus Recreation's 4 on 4 coed basketball tournament. Seated on the top row from left, Elmo Wilson and Kalonji Barnett; seated on the bottom row from left, Linda Hopkins and Minnie Coleman.



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Fall 1980: A quiz on what you know

Do you know what happened this semester?

Here is a quiz to test your memory. Everything in the quiz is based on articles and/or pictures which have appeared in *Sidelines*.

1. Did the university house students in motels again this year?

a. Yes, but only while the weather was still warm enough for swimming.

b. No, the residents in J and K Apartments decided to double up instead.

c. Maybe, 225 students registered for classes, moved into the Holiday Inn and were never seen again.

2. Did MTSU students house themselves in local motels without administrative officials?

a. Yes.

b. No.

c. Don't know.

d. Don't care.

3. Who is the president of MTSU?

a. Randy James.

b. Angie Galloway.

c. Sam Ingram.

d. Danny Tyree.

4. How did Boots Donnelly's Blue Raiders end their season?

a. Very blue.

b. 2-8.

c. 8-2.

d. Don't care.

5. In what sports do most MTSU students participate?

a. Casual, meaningless sex.

b. The MTSU equestrian team.

c. Campus intramurals.

d. Water Polo in the bathtub.

6. Which fraternity's officers were arrested for "keeping a disorderly house"?

a. GDI.

b. Sigma Nu.

c. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

7. What was the *Sidelines* "Paper Caper"?

a. Five top editors were arrested for rolling joints with Compugraphic film.

b. Dennis Myers was caught with a bottle of Wild Turkey in front of Dean Cantrell's office screaming, "I want your boots!"

c. A 6 a.m. sabotage took place on *Sidelines*' Oct. 28 issue.

d. It was all our fault.

8. What happened between Dennis Myers and Boots Donnelly?

a. Donnelly slugged Myers.

b. Myers slugged Donnelly.

c. They eloped to Las Vegas.

d. The confrontation ended in a shouting match.

9. What prompted the MTSU Post Office to stay open extra days during the holiday?

a. The workers' fruit baskets were confiscated by the federal government.

b. Eric Steinberg was caught mailing library books through the campus mail.

c. They were brainwashed by their superiors.

d. A *Sidelines* investigation by Steinberg caused postal officials to reconsider their schedule.

10. Who are the "Moral Majority"?

a. Danny Tyree's high school classmates from Lewisburg.

b. Steve Spann's illegitimate relatives from Hoboken, N.J.

c. A Christian right-wing conservative organization.

d. America's answer to the PLO.

11. Who really was elected homecoming queen?

a. Ms. Piggy.

b. Mona Evans.

c. Carey Moore.

d. Elaine Wagner.

12. Who is the new editor of *Sidelines*?

a. Renee Vaughn.

b. Renee Parker.

c. Renee Williams.

d. Who cares?

13. Who died this semester in the *Sidelines* office?

a. Carol A. Stuart.

b. Howie Peiser.

c. Junior, the cockroach.

d. Kevin Lowder.

14. Who is *Sidelines* anonymous, highly reliable source, close to the administration?

a. Deep Throat.

b. Cut Throat.

c. Paul Cantrell.

d. Byron West.

15. Who is Harvey?

a. Shiny Ninny.

b. The award that goes to the loser of the MTSU/Tech game.

c. Robert Wyatt in drag.

16. What building on campus is now a coed dorm?

a. Gore Hall.

b. Beasley.

c. Reynolds.

d. James Union Building.

17. What well-known columnist and conservative critic gave a speech in the Dramatic Arts that blasted the Carter Administration and the South?

a. Dr. Duke.

b. Wm. F. Buckley.

c. Danny Tyree.

d. David Badger.

18. Which cafeteria on campus has the best food?

a. Gagmore.

b. High Risk.

c. SUB standard.

d. None of the above.

19. What's cooking in Old Main?

a. Students.

b. Teachers.

c. Both.

d. Neither, it's too cold to cook in there anymore.

20. What football team did the Blue Raider squad fight on Parents' Day?

a. Tennessee Tech.

b. Morehead.

c. Pittsburgh Steelers.

d. Japanese Sumo wrestling team.



21. Who is now the lame duck editor of *Sidelines*?

a. Donald.

b. Daffy.

c. Angie.

d. Jimmy.

e. Who cares?



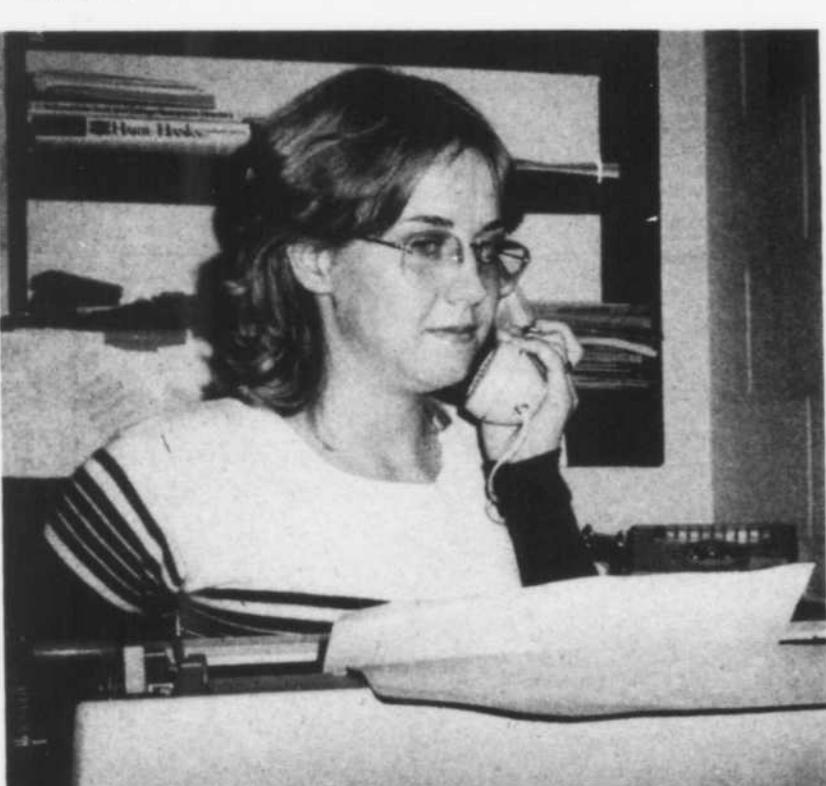
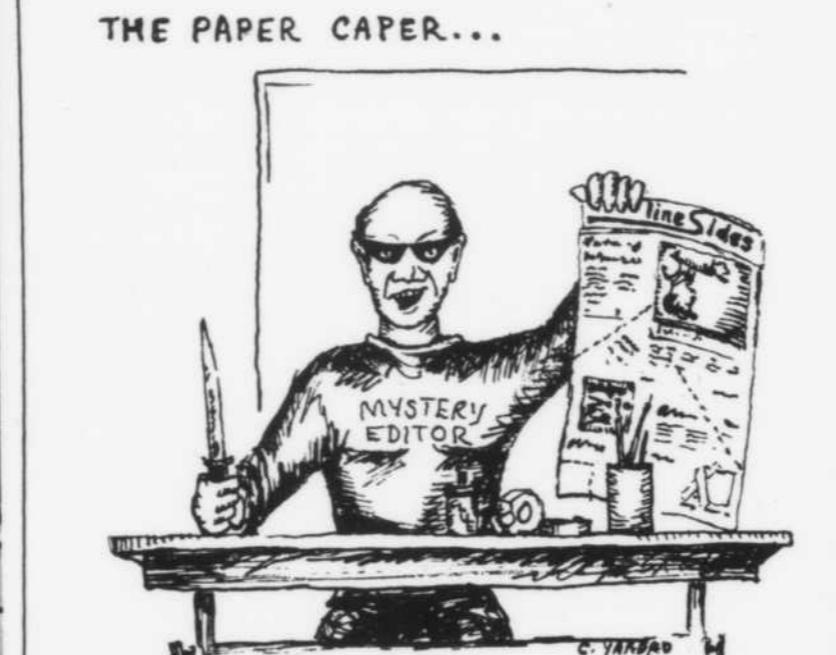
Answers: 1. a; 2. c; 3. c; 4. b;

5. a; 6. b; 7. c; 8. d; 9. a; 10. c;

11. b; 12. a; 13. c; 14. b; 15. a;

16. c; 17. b; 18. e; 19. d; 20. b;

21. c.



Clockwise starting from the top right-hand corner of the page: Football coach Boots Donnelly and his daughter Bunny; Ms. Piggy; Harvey, the totem pole; the fight the Blue Raider team got into; Renee Vaughn; and *Sidelines*' artist conception of "the paper caper."

Former judge advises pre-law students

By STEVE SPANN

Sidelines Editorial Editor

Former Federal Administrative Law Judge D. C. Daniels warned a group of

potential law school students yesterday of the pitfalls inherent in practicing law, advising that personal commitment and motivation are the key factors in

being a success in that profession.

The 72-year-old Daniels, who presently serves as counsel to his son's law firm in Murfreesboro,

spoke to approximately 20 students at a meeting of the MTSU Pre-Law Society yesterday afternoon in Peck Hall.

"If you can't get motivated to take on the trials and tribulations of practicing law," Daniels said, "then don't get into it."

Daniels stressed the point that anyone interested in practicing law had better have the drive and motivation necessary for that profession.

"If you have the motivation, there's nothing better to get into," said Daniels. An unyielding motivation is necessary for practicing law, he added, because the nature of the profession requires a conviction.

"You gotta have commitment...you gotta have motivation," Daniels emphasized. "If you are willing to sit elbow's length with an accused murderer—if you don't have the feel for that man—to miss a night's sleep to help that man, then don't get into it," he continued.

Daniels grew up in a family of 12 in Paris, Tenn., and became city attorney there after he

passed the bar exam. Soon after, he went to Washington, D.C., where he became the youngest prosecuting attorney for the Federal Trade Commission practicing for eight years.

He then worked in Navy intelligence during WW II and went back to the FTC as that organization's chief of staff. In 1963, Daniels was appointed to a position as federal administrative law judge. After leaving that post, he entered his present position as counsel to his son's law firm.

"If a lawyer has any reservations about trying a case, then it is his professional duty to reveal those facts to the proper authorities," Daniels said, "that is where your honor and integrity come in the practice of law."

He spoke about the exciting possibilities of law and also about the possible pitfalls. Daniels called it "the good and the bad."

"Criminal law is the most exciting law you can find," Daniels said. "The good news would be that—if you are a small-town person—you immediately become an important

person. You do have an air of respectability about you if you pass the bar.

"Here of late, they've started suing lawyers for malpractice," Daniels said. He said he pays about \$300 a year for malpractice insurance and he doesn't even practice very much anymore. He also talked about how lawyers still must go to court for malpractice cases, and pointed out the fact that even if they aren't guilty, they must still pay for insurance. Often a case such as that can be a black mark against them.

Daniels also had some advice for any students who graduate from law school and begin looking for a job. He suggested that if he were going to practice law now, that he would work for the government—because that would mean working for your fellow man and small businessman.

"You've got to stand up and do what you think is right," Daniels said, "regardless of the cost. It's fun to fight—when you know you're right—and your heart's in it too."



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Shari Nelson hugs Santa Claus at the Wednesday night Panhellenic Christmas party for underprivileged pre-schoolers.

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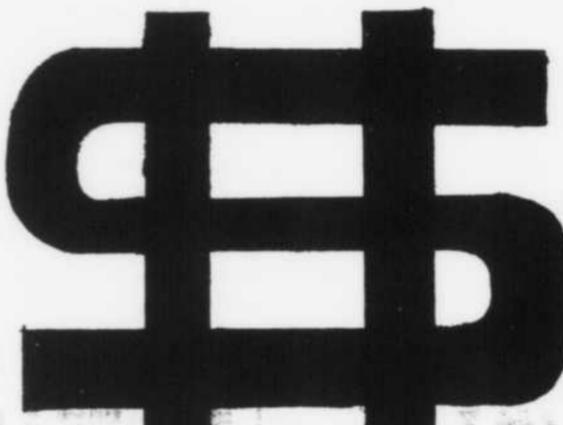
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11:50 SAT

9 MWF
11 MWF

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6 M

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12:15 TTH

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Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 12, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 13, 1-3 p.m.

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Study tips make exams easier

By DONNA SMITH
Sidelines Staff Writer

The dreaded Final Exam can be a nerve-racking experience, but like death and taxes, it just cannot be avoided.

Since you cannot run away or hide in your room until next semester, a few tips to help you conquer your finals have been taken from *The Residence Hall*

Companion: A Guide to Campus Living.

THE NIGHT BEFORE—Assuming that you have already learned the material, you can review instead of cram. Review the material for about three hours the day before the test. If this is not the case, see *Survival Guide for All-Nighters: Cramming*.

After reviewing, go straight to

Free films shown next week

The MTSU Films Committee will offer four free films next week in the U.C. theater as their way of saying "thanks" for student support of the fall movies.

- "Billy Jack"—Monday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.
- "Lawrence of Arabia"—Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
- "Brian's Song"—Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
- "Hunchback of Notre Dame"—Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Next semester "Caddy Shack," "The Jerk," "The Shining," "Blues Brothers," "Brubaker," "Rocky Horror Picture Show," "American Gigolo," "Apocalypse Now,"

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bed. Things that you do after studying could interfere with your recall of the material the next day.

EXAM DAY—On the day of the exam try not to rush before taking the test. Have all the necessary supplies. Take a last look at your summary. Arrive at the exam room early and try to relax.

THE TEST—You will probably be faced with either an essay test or an objective test. On essay tests, read the questions very carefully. Watch for cue words like compare, prove, defend and outline, and do exactly what the question says.

Before you begin writing, outline your major ideas. Most instructors will be more impressed with a well organized response than a random outpouring of your knowledge.

State main ideas at the beginning of the paragraph and be concise. Leave room for additions.

Objective tests generally consist of multiple-choice or true-false questions. On multiple-choice questions, you should first eliminate answers that are obviously wrong.

If you are unsure of an answer, make a mark beside it and come back to it. Don't spend too much time agonizing over one question. If you have no idea, go ahead and guess.

On true-false questions, be suspect of sentences containing words like always, never and only.

Skim the test before you begin in order to determine how much time can be allotted to each section, and watch the time.

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from the editor

1980: Brought to you by your campus newspaper

Well folks, this is it. This is the last issue of *Sidelines* to be published in the year 1980.

Throughout the semester a number of articles have appeared on the pages of the paper every Tuesday and Friday. There were stories of all types—news, feature, sports and columns.

It was our express purpose to provide everyone at MTSU with a newspaper—and that included reporting local, state and national news. The staff has tried to focus on issues of importance and provide students and faculty at this university with a paper that reflects the day-to-day occurrences that affect us all.

It has been a learning and a growing experience for all who have worked on the *Sidelines* staff—reporters, photographers, columnists, editors and the production staff.

We can only hope that our readers have enjoyed the first half of the school year as much as we did.

Next semester will mark a change in leadership at *Sidelines*. The current editor will step down and the newly chosen one, Renee Vaughn, will take over the reins as editor in chief.

One goal of this semester will be carried over to the spring: to try to get students, faculty and administration to read the paper and think about what was said.

If people wrote letters to the editor because they were thinking about what was said, then we reached our goal this semester. We were overwhelmed by the amount of letters to the editor we received. More than 130 were sent to *Sidelines*. Most were printed—except when they were libelous or when space did not permit.

The fact that students and others were concerned enough to write that many letters to the paper says a lot about how *Sidelines* was being taken seriously and how people thought about what they read.

Why do we want people to write letters to us? Because it lets us know how you feel about what we write.

Even if we stir up controversy over pornographic materials, the campus police chief's resignation, Ms. Piggy and the football team brawl, we are attempting to do our job as professional journalists.

No matter how much we strive for perfection, we always seem to fall short of our goal. But this is better than not trying at all.

The staff has grown as both journalists and as a family.

Through the long production nights, the editors and staff writers who have endured the hectic schedules have now gained the knowledge of how a newspaper works.

We have grown as a family by spending a lot of time together. Invariably on production nights, we attempt to keep our sanity by telling crude, rude and socially unacceptable jokes until dawn [when the paper is finally done] and by surviving the ups and downs of learning to work with one another.

To be a staff member, one does not have to possess any special knowledge of writing or journalism, but it is imperative they have the dedication and willingness to learn the tricks of the trade.

We feel we have this dedication and are willing to put out a paper that is not only readable, but one that is read.

With finals beginning next week, we sincerely hope that all of you survive to have a restful vacation and a joyful holiday season.

The Sidelines' Staff

Sidelines

Dec. 5, 1980

On this day in 1933, the Twenty-first amendment repealed the Eighteenth, and what Herbert Hoover called "a great social and economic experiment, noble in motive and far-reaching in purpose" was finished. Prohibition was over, and it made possible William Cowper's edict concerning alcohol and education: "All learned and all drunk."

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Viewpoints



retrospect

by Dennis Myers

America awaits new year

*Thou hast conquered, O pale Galilean;
the world has grown grey from thy breath;
We have drunken of things Lethean,
and fed on the fullness of death.
Laurel is green for a season,
and love is sweet for a day;
but love grows bitter with treason,
and laurel outlives not May.
Sleep, shall we sleep after all?
For the world is not sweet in the end;
For the old faiths loosen and fall,
the new years ruin and rend.*

WE STAND on the threshold of a new America, but yet we turn to the ways of old. We live, not for tomorrow, but for yesterday. We carry the baggage of years of hatred only to learn that it's not the baggage we hate—only the porter.

How did we fare in keeping the spirit of Christmas during 1980? A brief review of some of the nations news tells the story.

SILENT NIGHT
Four elderly black women gunned down in Chattanooga. Five killed in Greensboro.

Fourteen children missing and presumed dead in Atlanta.

HOLY NIGHT

God doesn't listen to Jews, according to Baptist minister Bailey Smith. Liberals are not Christian, according to many conservative religious groups.

ALL IS CALM

Afghanistan is invaded by the Russians. Iran and Iraq become locked in a bitter war to determine control of the Shat Al Arab.

ALL IS BRIGHT

The fate of the 50 American

hostages in Iran is still unknown as they enter day 400 in captivity. Poland shudders under the impending threat of a Soviet invasion.

As we enter 1981, America seems headed out of control—the Great Eagle flies only occasionally, and often without direction. Our leaders appear unable to lead and our people unwilling to follow.

World affairs, once determined by America, now seem dictated to her by other countries. The United States appears to be lying fallow in a fertile field—our industries no longer set the pace, but, instead, seem pressed to keep up with the new industrial leaders of the world.

SOME religious organizations, once content to proffer Christianity, are now bent on legislating morals and political ideologies. They breed intolerance and clamor for a return to puritan ethics—but not for themselves, only for others.

1980 has been a year of struggle, a year of violence, a year of political reactionism. It has been a year fraught with natural and man-made calamities—a year many of us will be glad to see over.

But what of 1981, what does this new year offer?

It offers only what every new year offers: the realizations of the hopes, dreams and aspirations of its people. The American people must decide if they aspire to a new year or a replay of the last year.

THE NEW year offers an opportunity for all Americans to unite in an effort to destroy many decades of hatred and prejudice. But whether or not we find ourselves able to bury our insidious underside, the new year does offer hope.

We Americans have always had an abundance of hope, but, while we have had our share of successes, we have been unable to cast aside our prejudices.

Hopefully, 1981 will find America finding itself.

under the rim

Patriotism takes a wrong turn

WHILE walking along a shady, tree-lined street in Yourtown, U.S.A., I happened upon a notice nailed to a telephone pole. Written in large bold letters across the top of this innocent looking piece of paper were these words: IF YOU LOVE YOUR COUNTRY, READ THIS!

Feeling assured that this notice applied to me, I read further, anticipating perhaps some local community organization's announcement of a patriotic picnic, or maybe some plea for voluntary public service. Much to my dismay, however, this is what met my startled eye:

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heathen Indian as a legitimate citizen of this great nation and protest the importation of inferior foreigners onto our shores. We reserve the right to ridicule, physically abuse, or kill any person, or persons, who do not hold to these beliefs.

"WE, THE Association of Neo-Redneckerlanners, do hereby dedicate our lives to the promotion of White Supremacy. We whole-heartedly believe that the pure white race is superior to all others and should be, by divine right, the sole inhabitants of these United States. Let all those who oppose us beware, for we shall stop at nothing to force our doctrine upon this great

nation and bring about a pure white race. Let our motto sound throughout the land:

"IT TAKES PEOPLE LIKE US TO SHOW PEOPLE LIKE THEM, WHAT PEOPLE LIKE US ARE REALLY LIKE.

"Come to our rally-Tues. 7:30- In Ned's barn: Open to the public."

As appalling as this message was, I couldn't help but laugh a little. I pictured some poor demented soul waiting in vain in some dreary, weather-beaten barn for a crowd that would never show. Because no one really thinks that way . . . do they?

by Charlie Hunt

Uppers and downers not a pleasant trip

By DEBORAH DIGGONS

Special to Sidelines

To some students final exam week is the season to be jolly, so if you notice a classmate is unusually animated, he may have found a little artificial energy. He may have been eating "black widows."

These "black widows" don't crawl on you and they won't bite you either. But they may give you the crawls if you bite them.

"Black widows" are biphedamines and just one of several stimulants students may use to increase alertness, postpone fatigue and study for exams. Other kinds of stimulants known collectively as "speed" or "uppers" are "pocket rockets," "mother's little helpers," "bennies," and "beans."

Stimulants such as these may lead a person to believe he is capable of accomplishing feats far beyond his normal capabilities. But short-term use is not usually dangerous.

Pharmacists note two side effects as the results of short-term use. One is that a person who has been awake for long periods is more prone to make a mistake than someone who has had a good night's rest.

Another side effect is the period of depression and fatigue, known as "crashing," which may follow the drug's peak period. Usually the only way to

Book review

Allen makes life more bearable

By STEVE SPANN

Sidelines Editorial Editor

The comic and the serious fuse together in the latest product of Woody Allen's love/hate relationship with the world.

It's called *Side Effects*, and it's the third collection of comic writings by one of the few writers today who can actually make us laugh out loud. In his new book, Allen covers topics such as the predicament of modern man, Abe Lincoln and the UFO menace.

As for the predicament of modern man, Allen's ideas should be of interest to the collegiate crowd. His best insight is offered in "My Speech to the Graduates":

"More than any time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly."

The homage to Lincoln is called "The Query." It is a short three-act play starring Abe, his wife and his press secretary. Allen pokes fun toward a historical figure we are told we are supposed to respect, as he recreates the homespun tale of folksy Abe answering the question about how long a man's legs should be.

Except this time, the whole affair is simply a ploy by Lincoln to make himself appear witty in front of the press. The problem is, no one but Abe thinks it's clever. The matter troubles him so much that he is unable to sleep and asks his wife for a bourbon—but she answers: "I said no! You've been jittery lately. It's this damn civil war."

Allen continues throughout with much the same strategy—taking subject matter we should hold some reverence for and twisting it around in true comedic fashion.

On the subject of hovering UFOs, Woody offers this: "My own theory is that for creatures from another solar system, hovering may be a socially acceptable mode of relating."

He presumes it may even be pleasurable for them: "I myself once hovered over an 18-year-old actress for six months and had the best time of my life."

In addition, Woody covers his favorite topics in other passages: sex in "The Lunatic's Tale," death in "My Apology" and

offset this condition is by taking more of the substance.

If a student gets too nervous or jittery on "speed," he may be tempted to take a "downer." The ever-popular Valium is widely used, but a bad case of "the crawls" may call for "biscuits."

These "biscuits" are not the kind you spread jam on. They are Quaaludes of methaqualone, hypnotic sedatives used as sleeping pills.

Other kinds of depressants or "downers" are "Christmas trees," "bars," "rainbows," "reds" and "goofballs."

Most "uppers" and "downers" come under Schedule II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act. Schedule II drugs are those defined by law to have the highest potential for abuse. Although these drugs are not available legally without a prescription, they may be purchased illegally for amounts ranging from \$2 to \$20, depending on market conditions.

Possession of Schedule II drugs is a felony punishable by not less than four years and not more than 10 years of imprisonment plus a fine of not more than \$15,000.

These drugs become available to students in a variety of ways.

Sometimes a student will slip a few out of the parent's

medicine chest at home. Some parents may not notice that the pills are missing.

Local pharmacists say most drug stores in the Murfreesboro area will not even stock the Quaaludes or amphetamines; they reason that high abuse rates are compounded by drug store robberies.

And because doctors don't routinely prescribe them, pharmacists prefer not to stock them.

Although some drug stores in Nashville and the larger metropolitan areas keep them in stock, local pharmacists do not believe that the amount stolen or legally prescribed accounts for the upsurge in the abuse of these drugs.

This leads them to suspect that suppliers of the underground market get the drugs from clandestine labs—bathtub operations. One pharmacist explained, "some enterprising person with a working knowledge of chemistry can easily produce some of these substances in large quantities, but these drugs are usually of a poor quality."

"These people may even have pill presses with the manufacturer's emblem and identification number, making the drug appear to be authentic," he continued.

Another way "ups" and "downs" reach the hands of students is through legal methods.

"Unfortunately, some doctors as well as some pharmacists are less than discriminating when it comes to prescribing Quaaludes and some of the stimulants," the pharmacist said. "A prime example of this, although somewhat extreme, is what

happened to Elvis Presley as the result of the unscrupulous practices of a doctor."

Sometimes people may even steal prescription pads from doctor's offices and forge prescriptions. "Some are quite good at it, too" a pharmacist said. "The people who try things like this are not always your stereotypical junkies."

"In fact, just last week, a well-dressed middle-aged

woman tried to cash a script, as they say," he continued. "That means she tried to fill a forged prescription."

Pharmacists warn students who may get on the final exam week merry-go-round of "ups" and "downs" that while the short-term user is not likely to develop a dependency on these drugs, the lack of sleep and poor eating habits could injure the general health of a student.

Film mixes good and evil

By MARK HELTON

Sidelines Staff Writer

Claude Chabrol's new film "High Heels" is truly a mixture of good and evil. Instead of embodying well-defined characters with simple ideas of good and evil, Chabrol mixes things up—and the battle between them becomes even more complicated.

Dr. Paul Cimet (Jean-Paul Belmondo), a basically evil-minded playboy, marries Christine Dupont (Mia Farrow), an ugly duckling with a crippled leg, in order to become heir apparent to the Dupont family estate. Things become complicated, however, when Christine's sister Martine (Laura Antonelli) returns from London to attend their wedding.

SOON PAUL becomes romantically involved with Martine and begins to neglect poor Christine, who becomes wise to his game and involves herself with Dr. Bertier, Paul's associate at a Paris hospital.

Paul deludes himself into thinking that he is guiltless and that he lives in the best of all possible worlds: on the one hand, he is married to the ugly yet brilliant and wealthy Christine; on the other, he has his mistress Martine, the brainless yet beautiful sister-in-law.

Paul tries desperately to stabilize this *menage a trois*, but there can be no equilibrium in it because of the power struggle between the three. Paul suppresses Christine's desire to have a baby and then fathers Martine's daughter. He comes to believe in the facade of his masculinity—that he can keep two women, albeit sisters, happy at the same time. Paul is the typical bourgeois egotist who uses his power as a man and as a doctor to take advantage of women, relatives and patients.

"HIGH HEELS" is a classically constructed *roman policier* that uses melodrama to trace the decline of Western

culture and the political and metaphysical ramifications of its destruction.

Paul exemplifies everything that stands for the welfare of the modern state. He knows that he is the master of anyone who tries to destroy him.

Christine echoes Paul's bourgeois mentality when she slyly persuades him to commit suicide as she seeks revenge for his neglecting of her in favor of Martine.

THE FILM begins with Paul as the guilty party and Christine as an innocent victim. By the end, however, the revelation of guilt has been reversed and Christine is corrupted with an evil-bourgeois mentality.

Chabrol seems to be saying that every individual is guilty to a certain degree—some more than others—and no social upheaval can change this fact of human existence.

"High Heels" is a testament to this fact.

Opera soprano Cruz-Romo to sing as the second of four classical artists

By JULIE GEE

Sidelines Staff Writer

Acclaimed soprano Gilda Cruz-Romo will appear at MTSU on Jan. 13 at 8 p.m., the second of four international classical artists performing for the Wright Music Building's inaugural season.

Cruz-Romo has appeared with opera companies around the world including the Metropolitan Opera, the Paris Opera, the Vienna Staatsoper, the Teatro Comunal of Florence, the Arena di Veron, the Teatro Dell' Opera of Rome, the Liceo of Barcelona, the Teatro Colon of Buenos Aires and the Dallas Civic Opera, along with many others.

In the nationally televised role of "Othello's" Desdemona, Cruz-Romo scored great personal success.

A native of Mexico, Cruz-Romo made her American debut in 1966 with the Dallas Civic Opera, singing the title roles in "Tosca" and "Anna Bolena."

She went to New York in 1969, and in 1970 made her Metropolitan Opera debut on the Company's spring tour singing the role of Maddalena in "Andrea Chenier." That fall she

made her debut on the Met stage as Cio-Cio-San in the popular "Madame Butterfly."

A limited number of tickets are available free to students presenting valid IDs—one ticket per ID. They may be picked up



Gilda Cruz-Romo



Auditions for Concert Choir and Chamber Choir will be held Monday Dec. 8 in the Saunders Fine Arts Building 115. Both groups will travel to Washington D.C. and New York. Openings are in the following sections: soprano, alto, tenor and bass.

Exit/In concert benefits NARAS

The De Garmo & Key Band, a Christian-rock duo from Memphis, will be featured at the Exit/In Tuesday night in a benefit talent showcase sponsored by the Nashville Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

The event is entitled "This Ain't Hollywood" Showcase: An Evening of Real-Life Music"

Mainstream Music Emporium schedules musical groups for December

Upcoming events at Murfreesboro's Mainstreet Music Emporium are:

- Dec. 5 and 6, The Piggys, admission \$3.
- Dec. 9, Razz, admission \$2.
- Dec. 11 through 13, Bradford Blues Band, admission \$3.
- Dec. 16, Pebble Daniel, admission \$2.
- Dec. 18 through 20, Rapture, admission \$3.
- Dec. 26 and 27, Winters Bros. Band, admission \$3.



At the Kappa Sigma house, members of the MTSU football team struggled and won the tug-of-war contest against the brothers of Kappa Sigma. Sponsored by Miller Beer, the events were overshadowed by the 20 foot Miller Lite balloon.

Key Blanton witness to testify in secret

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Behind closed doors at the U.S. District Courthouse, the government's star witness against former Gov. Ray Blanton plans to tell his story Friday before a television camera.

Only attorneys will get a sneak preview of the trial of Blanton and two former aides accused of accepting payoffs in

return for Nashville liquor licenses granted in 1976 while Blanton was in office.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati refused Wednesday to admit reporters or the public to the videotaping of the deposition by Jack Ham, an ailing Nashville businessman.

According to an Oct. 29 indictment, Ham got one of the liquor licenses in return for

\$22,000—20 percent of a year's profits from his Donelson liquor store.

Ham used the money, the indictment says, to repay part of a \$38,000 loan to Blanton from Nashville's Commerce Union Bank.

Prosecutors say the deposition—a statement which has the legal weight of testimony—is needed because Ham is critically ill and may not be able to attend the April 20 trial.

Charged with Blanton with conspiracy and mail fraud are Clyde Edd Hood, his special assistant from 1975 to 1977, and James Allen, a Johnson City businessman who was his 1974 campaign manager.

All have denied—either personally or through their attorneys—any wrongdoing.

Hood wanted the deposition made public, but Judge John W. Peck ruled that it should be videotaped in private. The 6th

Student Ambassadors on tour to perform musical variety

The MTSU "Student Ambassadors on Tour" will present a fast-paced musical extravaganza incorporating song, dance, acrobatics and karate Monday night at 8 p.m. in the Dramatic Arts Auditorium.

The group was organized this fall to represent MTSU at high school assembly programs and civic affairs; it was selected by audition from students who had no prior commitments to other performing groups.

The Ambassador's show is choreographed by Anne Holland, assistant professor of HPER, with special choreography by Jimmi Lou Tate.

Dorothy Harrison, director of public relations, said that the group, like many of MTSU's musical groups perform a vital function by acting as university ambassadors to the community.

"There are various groups which do this—the jazz ensemble, 'The Blues Crusade,' the

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War games aid Raiders

By WAYNE PANTER
Sidelines Special Writer

Just as the 101st Airborne Division of Ft. Campbell, Ky., left for Egypt for war games, MTSU's Forrest Raiders of the Army ROTC Department did likewise.

The Raiders recently participated in war games at Cedars of Lebanon State Park in Lebanon.

The purpose of the games was to give the Raiders the experience of using the classroom tactics in a combat situation. The Raiders are an infantry-oriented unit and are trained in military tactics.

Raiders faced opposition from Carson-Newman College, Vanderbilt, the 270th Cavalry National Guard unit and the

405th Military Police of the Army Reserve.

Two days were devoted to patrolling and setting up ambushes against the other units.

A group of about six Raiders under the direction of Darden Shadrach led a successful attack on the Vanderbilt forces.

Cadet Shadrach said, "We sent a reconnaissance team to check out a dry creek bed. They reported back saying they heard voices."

"We left our equipment behind," the cadet continued. "We decided to pick it up later after we raided the enemy. There was about 18 of the Vanderbilt unit, and we hit them so fast they never got off a shot."

Another session was devoted to prisoner of war training. The 405th Military Police unit from the Army Reserve of Nashville conducted the training.

Forrest Raiders were subjected to harassment by being locked inside a locker and having the MP's beat it with a wooden log.

Captain Daniel Murphy, Raider adviser and ROTC instructor, said one of the reasons for the weekend exercise was for the Raiders to meet their counterparts, and he felt the weekend went well.

"We did an excellent job," Murphy said. "We went up against the other schools and came out looking like a regular Ranger unit."



Residents of Monahan Dorm get into the Christmas spirit while decorating their tree. Pictured from left are; Erin Heim, Lisa Holt and T.J. Fillingham. There are just 20 more days until Christmas.

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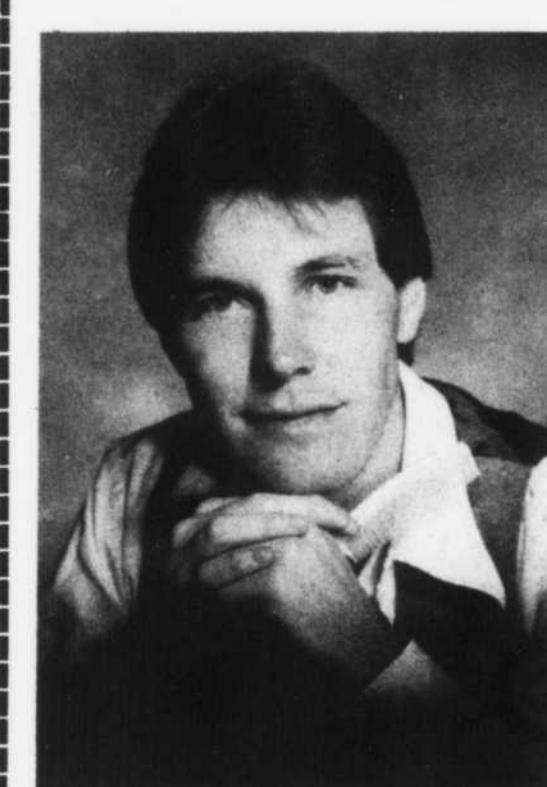


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Raiders stun So. Alabama

By SCOTT ADAMS
Sidelines Sports Writer

Stan Simpson's Blue Raider basketball team made one of the biggest leaps forward in the history of MTSU roundball Wednesday night in Mobile, Ala., by downing nationally-ranked South Alabama 80-79 in front of a stunned Jaguar crowd.

Pancakes Perry hit a 15-foot jumper with eight seconds remaining to give Middle the lead for only the second time in the game.

South Alabama's Rory White missed a shot which would have put the Jags up by three with :33 to go, and then Herb Andrew missed a 15-foot game winner with time running out to preserve the Raider win.

"I've been in coaching for a lot of years, and I've been associated with a lot of big wins both in high school and at MTSU," Simpson told Blue Raider radio announcer Monte Hale after the game, "but personally this has to rank

higher than any of those."

SOUTH ALABAMA came into the contest ranked in the top twenty in two major magazine polls with the exact same team that had made two straight trips to the NCAA tournament.

The Jags played up to their national ranking in the initial 20 minutes, but thanks to a strong performance by Buck Hailey, the Raiders managed to stay close and only trailed by seven, 42-35 at halftime.

With Hailey on the bench

with foul trouble for a majority of the second half, Rick Campbell picked up the scoring slack and poured in 22 of his eventual 28 points in the final stanza.

"I think it was a case of the guys finally starting to really blend their playing talents together," Simpson said from his home last night. "Mentally and emotionally you couldn't ask for a more together group, but it takes awhile for a group of players to learn each other's moves in game situations."

"I DON'T EVEN think that the people who came back from last year realized how much they could contribute," Simpson continued. "I'm sure there will be a little bit of a letdown today and tomorrow after such a big win, but we're really going to work on that in practice."

Simpson had some special words of praise for Hailey, a junior college transfer from

Georgia, who scored 12 of the Raider's first 14 points.

"I think we're [the coaches] all guilty of building up some of our recruits little too much because we're so excited about signing a player the caliber of a Buck Hailey," Simpson said. "And instead of it working in our favor, it reverts pressure on the player."

"IN BUCK'S CASE though, I think he figured he had a lot more to prove than he really did," Simpson continued. "Hopefully, Wednesday's game gave him his confidence back."

Campbell's 28 points led all scorers for the game. White for USA had 22 followed by teammate Andrew with 18.

For the Raiders nine players broke into the scoring column. Hailey and Chris Harris both pitched in 12 points while Perry and Jerry Beck tossed in ten apiece.

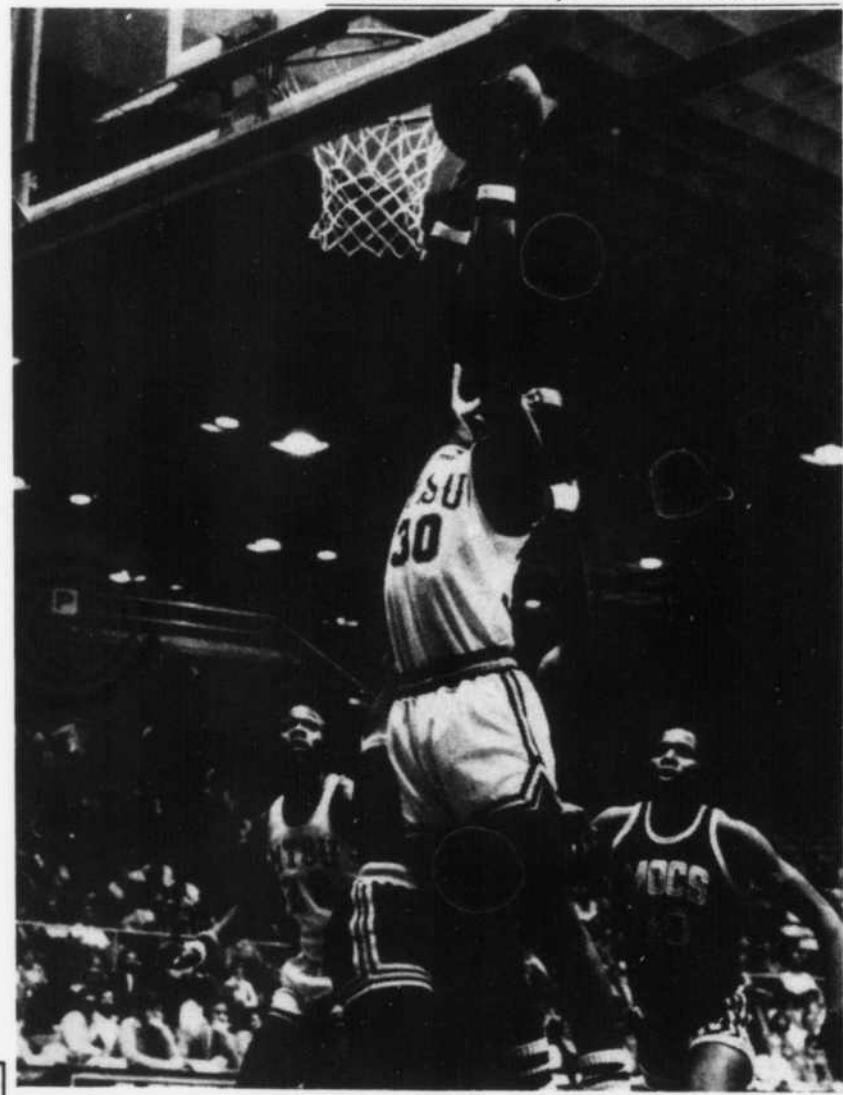


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Rick Campbell (30), who has played a big part in the Raiders' quick 2-1 start, had 28 points in the victory over nationally-ranked South Alabama Wednesday night. Here Campbell takes one off the board against UT-Chattanooga here Monday night.

Sports

Vandy challenges Lady Raiders

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

The Lady Commodores will come storm-trooping in here tomorrow night to combat the MTSU women's basketball team, but it won't exactly be a war-front.

Tomorrow's matchup between Vanderbilt and the Lady Raiders is being billed as "Family Night" with tipoff at 7:30 p.m.

In an attempt to draw more interest in women's basketball at MTSU, the athletic department is sponsoring the family-ticket discount, where families will be admitted for five dollars.

"WE DON'T CARE if there are ten or 15 in the family," MTSU head coach Larry Inman said. "They all get in for the family price."

The Lady Raiders are fresh off an opening-season win against Belmont 77-55 here on Monday night. But the Vandy squad invades Murphy Center with an impressive three-game winning streak, upsetting Memphis State and nationally-ranked Auburn, and easily defeating David Lipscomb.

"Vandy's not big, but they really press and get up and down the floor," Inman said. "They use a basic 2-1-2 zone defensively but play well. Like us, they play for the percentage."

The Lady Commodores, 12-14 overall last year, will return four of five starters led by Aljeanette Bramlett, last season's leading scorer with an 18.3 average.

TWO FORMER PLAYERS under Inman when he coached the high school AAA state champion team at Mt. Juliet will be on the Vandy squad. Sheila Johannson, a junior who was red-shirted her freshman year, has been hampered by a knee injury. The 5-9 high school All-American forward has managed to score at a 10-point average for the Lady Commodores while seeing limited action.

"Jo's had three knee operations, and I hate to see it," Inman said, "but she's not playing up to her capabilities because of the knee injury. However, she's still plugging in there."

The other Mt. Juliet alumnae out for blood is junior Cathy Bender, a 5-5 guard who returns to the backcourt with 5-7 senior point guard Allison Floyd. Floyd has led the team in assists for the past three years while Bender, the leading defensive guard, had a total of 84 steals last year, enough for a national ranking.

Gayle Kinzer, a 5-11 forward from Nashville, and 5-11 center Cindy Freeman, a redshirt freshman last season, will be counted on by Vandy to hit the boards in the absence of 5-9 forward Teresa Lawrence, who graduated last year.

"VANDERBILT IS going to bring a good club in here Saturday," Inman said. "They have played more games than we have and have had time to work out the kinks of early-season play. They showed everybody what they could do by beating both Auburn and Memphis State last week."

The Lady Raider squad, after the one game, is led in scoring by freshman Cassandra Howard with a 15 ppg average, and Robin Hendrix and Daphne Newsome with a 14 ppg mark. The Middle Tennessee team looks to sophomore guards Ester Coleman and Sherry Smith for experience.

"We have a good chance of winning," Inman said, "but we're not expecting an easy win by any means."

MIDDLE TENNESSEE won both meetings between the schools last season, a narrow victory 67-66 in Nashville and a commanding win 76-57 in Murfreesboro.

After the home contest with Vanderbilt, MTSU will make its last Murphy Center appearance of 1980 on Monday night, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m., hosting the Tiger Gems of Tennessee State.

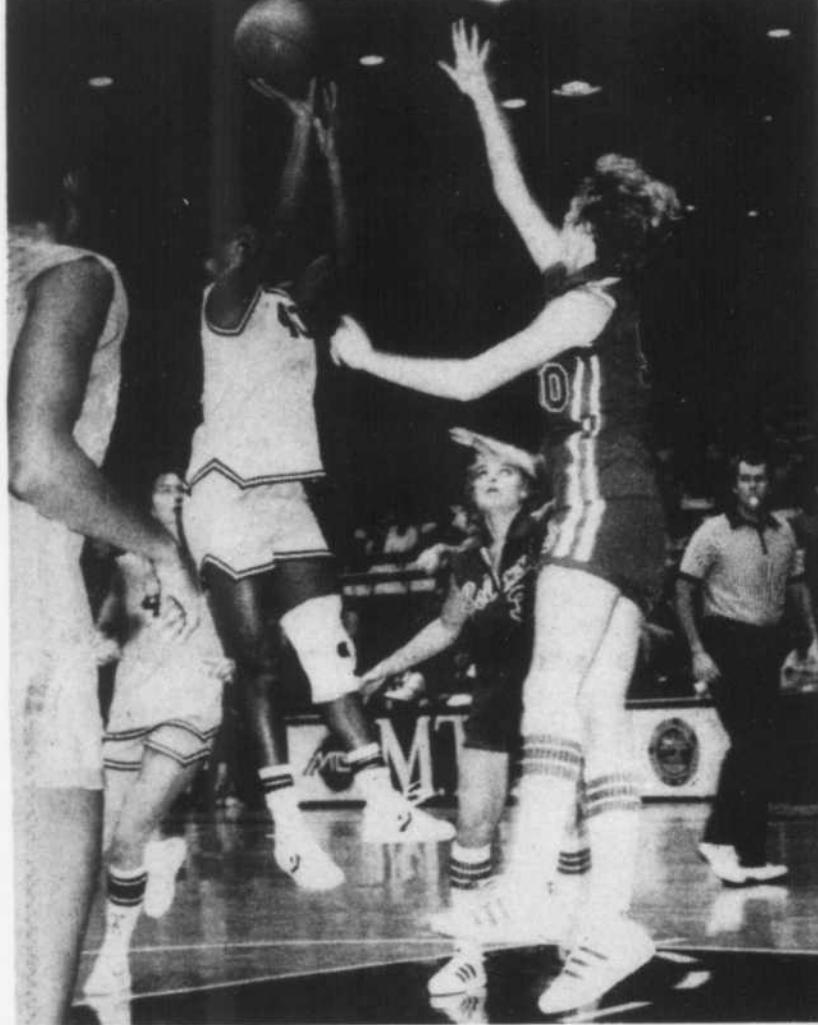


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Freshman Lady Raider Cassandra Howard (40) shoots over the head of a Belmont defender. Howard leads the MTSU team into tomorrow night's game against Vanderbilt with a 15-point per game scoring average.

Sophomore strong safety Mix just enjoys playing

By CAROL A. STUART
Sidelines Sports Editor

Sophomore safety Dennis Mix exemplifies the spirit of the Blue Raider football team—he just plain enjoys playing football.

Although the defensive back from Warren County broke a vertebra in a pre-season scrimmage, he managed to get back into action in the third game of the season and eventually became the highest solo tackler on the team.

"I enjoy playing better than anything," Mix said. "Just going out there and playing."

Mix finally got into the action, and by the next game he was starting—just like he did as a freshman. In the Raiders' first win of the season against Akron, the safety turned in what he considers "my best game."

Against Tennessee Tech, the last game of the year, Mix turned in some pretty outstanding statistics, including a superb interception.

"I like the interceptions," he explained later, "but I just like making the tackles. You can tell because that was the only interception I got this year."

Mix's neck injury came back to haunt him several times during the season, but he says, "I wanted to play."

"It didn't matter how much pain it was going to be," Mix said. "I wasn't going to tell the coaches because, heck, I wanted to play."

And play, he did. Combining with fellow safety James Griffin, Mix helped bring the MTSU secondary into the light in the OVC. Several times, previews of the weekly games by the OVC were touting the "bright spot is the MTSU secondary" and one such preview even called Mix "perhaps the hardest hitter in the OVC."

"I like to tackle and everything, and the way I see it, you might as well hit them as hard as you can because that's going to intimidate them," Mix said. "And if you intimidate them, the next time they might not catch the pass . . . because they're going to be watching you—not the ball."

Mix's nightmare came during the pre-season when his injury

occurred. The sophomore safety could easily have ended his college career with the broken vertebra, but he was determined.

"I really felt bad," he recounted. "I really was down, especially when the doctor told me it was going to be at least a month, and that would run into two games in the season."

Mix, however, in the true spirit of the rebuilding MTSU program, stayed with it. The team lost, game after game, before finally winning the last two contests of the 1980 season.

"We were really young this time," Mix said. "We always made mistakes. We were in a game all the time, and we were playing well and doing good, and then somebody would make a mistake—I would make a mistake or somebody else would make a mistake—and it would cost us."

Even though he is spending the off-season talking some of those state-ranked Warren County players into joining the MTSU team, Mix is more concerned about competing in the OVC next year.

"I'm looking forward to next year because we won the last two in a row," he said. "Everybody's attitude is great, and everybody wants to win."

"It's all in experience; if you've been out there and been in it, you'll know what to do—when to expect it."

Mix seemed to be, like a lot of the Blue Raiders, a little disappointed in student support, although, he said, "I know the support will be up if we come out winning next year."

"But I know the team has already learned to play without support because we did it against Akron," Mix continued. "We can win without fans."

"I know we're going to win, but I'd like the fans to start showing up," he said. "We're turning this whole program around, and it's going to be a winning program."

Mix is the epitome of the outlook for the MTSU squad.

"As a team, I'd like to win the OVC," he said. "If possible, to go on to the national play-offs by the time I'm a senior."

Whatever the Blue Raiders decide to do, Dennis Mix will be there along with the squad—he enjoys playing.

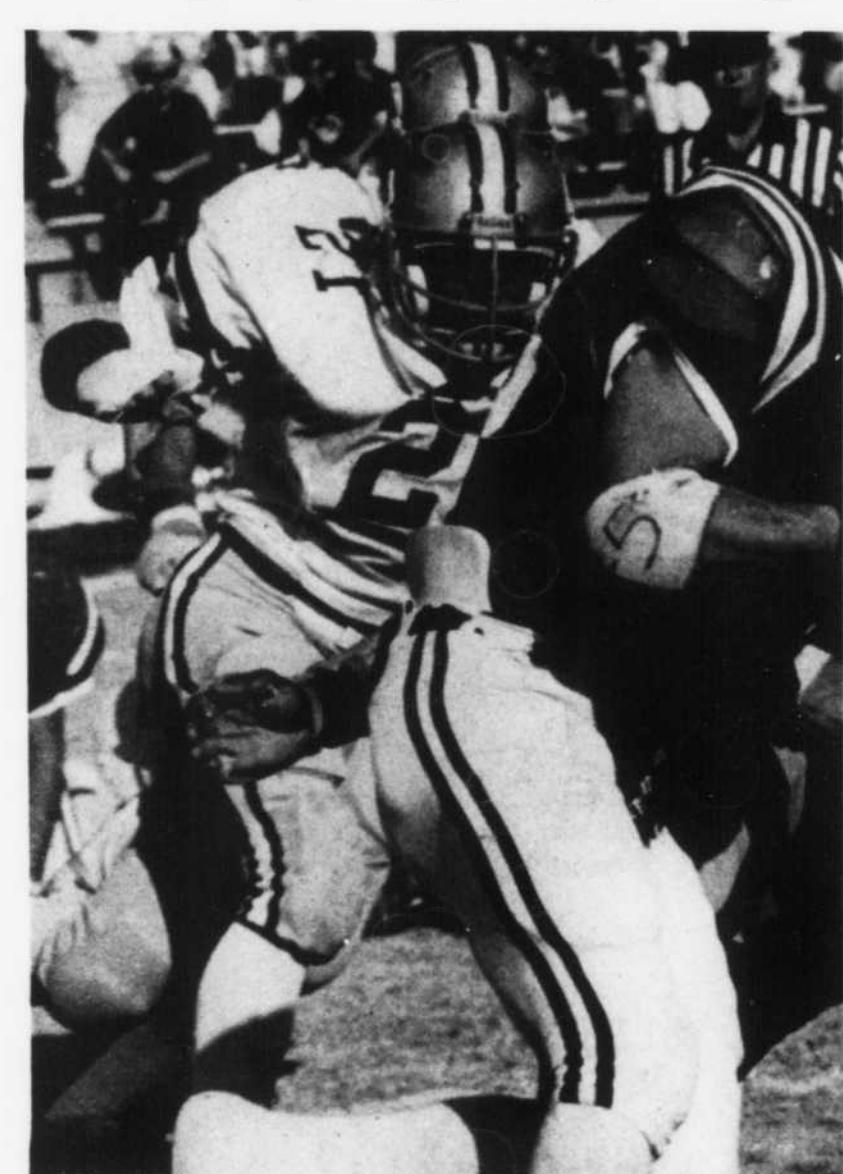


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Dennis Mix, a sophomore safety from Warren County, makes a stop in one of the 1980 Blue Raider games. Mix, a standout defensive back, says that he just enjoys playing and expects to see the MTSU program turn around quickly.

Tracksters await indoor

By RONALD ROBERTS
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's indoor track team is preparing for what will hopefully be another successful season. The Blue Raiders open the 1980 indoor track season on Jan. 24 at Murphy Center with the Meet of Champions.

Track coach Dean Hayes said that Clemson (ACC), Auburn (SEC) and Furman (Southern Conference) will be competing in the meet against MTSU. Hayes said Clemson has quality people and pointed out that Clemson is the first team other than Maryland to win the ACC track title in 26 years.

LOOKING PAST the Meet of Champions, the Blue Raiders have a tough season ahead in the OVC. According to coach Hayes, Murray State, Western Kentucky and MTSU should be in a dog fight for the title. He tabbed Eastern Kentucky as the darkhorse pick in the conference. No OVC track team has ever successfully defended their title nor won both the indoor and outdoor titles.

The Blue Raiders will be strong in many areas this season. Two All-Americans, senior Greg Artis and sophomore Andre' "Pip" Kirnes, will be returning to compete in the long jump. Artis currently holds the OVC long-jump title with a jump of 26-1 1/2. Coach Hayes says that Artis is "very competitive." Kirnes finished fifth in the

NCAA indoor meet last year and placed eighth in the NCAA outdoor meet.

MIDDLE DISTANCE races (600-meters and 440) are also a strong point for this year's team. Mike Davidson, a transfer from Tennessee Tech, is the defending indoor 600-meter champion in the OVC. Anthony Washpon, who finished third in the 600-meters, is another key middle-distance runner.

Three freshmen quarter-milers have been very impressive in practice this year. Tim Johnson from Shelbyville, Gary Mitchell from New Jersey, and Ron Davis from Atlanta. Senior Barry Gambrell is another key quarter-miler expected to have a good season.

Other members of this year's team are: Tom Yelverton, one of the top high school pole vaulters in the state with a jump of 16-1; Jim Fitch who finished third in OVC shot-put competition last year; Miguel Williams, a transfer student, finished second in the nation in the 60-meter high hurdles; Cross Country runner Joe O'Laughlin; Dana McCutcheon who is defending 800-meter OVC champ; and two freshmen half milers, Earnest Lawrence and John Davis.

"This year's team is very young," Coach Hayes said. "We have 12 freshmen, 10 sophomores and nine juniors and seniors total. We'll get some experience before the OVC meets."

Inman, Neal help to start 'Boost-her' club

By LISA OVERSTREET
Sidelines Sports Writer

A group of about 12 people headed by coaches Larry Inman and Sandy Neal are in the process of formulating a Boost "Her" Club in support of MTSU women's athletics.

"To get more people, students and local community members, to give recognition to players and people in the athletic department is the goal of the Boost "Her" Club," according to Inman.

THE CLUB WILL raise money for women's athletics and generate enthusiasm and involvement from the people these athletes represent, Inman continued.

Getting a new idea going is always a tough process.

"Some promotional things are in the works," Inman said. "In another year we will be strong."

The University of Tennessee adopted a program much like the Boost "Her" Club. They, too, began with about 12 interested people and are now 600 strong.

Time is the only problem the group has to contend with.

"**THE INTEREST** is there," Inman said. "We represent a large population, a college campus and Murfreesboro."

Additions to the Boost "Her" Club are in the planning stage. For instance, an on-campus Boost "Her" Club is being considered in order to concentrate on student support.

The Boost "Her" Club is designed as a supporter of all women's athletics at MTSU. Caliber athletes participate in the women's athletic program—top athletes from this country and foreign countries, according to Inman.

"**PEOPLE IN THE** community should get to know these athletes," the MTSU head women's basketball coach said.

Total school and community involvement, athlete recognition and money-raising projects are goals and objectives of the Boost "Her" Club.

"Most of all, we want to encourage people to come out and watch—to be involved," Inman explained.

Ward's Weekend Winners



photo by Lisa Gwin

Karate students Keith Perrigan and Ed Taylor battle it out in a sparring match, despite the fact that Taylor had broken his foot only a few days earlier. The students are members of the MTSU Karate Club which was visited on Wednesday by the author of the textbook used here in the karate classes.

Roundballers are just beginning

By STEVE PRICE
Sidelines Sports Writer

As the curtain is beginning to close on the fall semester, both Larry Inman and Stan Simpson's "hoopsters" are taking center stage in Act I of their 1980-81 roundball activities.

The Lady Raiders commenced Monday night with a 77-55 drubbing of Belmont College, and the men's team, after struggling to salvage a split of their first two games, pulled off the upset of the year by stunning nationally ranked South Alabama 80-79 in Mobile on Wednesday night.

BOTH TEAMS will continue to face competition throughout the holiday season.

The Lady Raiders will take on Vanderbilt (Dec. 6) and Tennessee State (Dec. 8) in Murphy Center before they board their traveling roadshow and head for tournament festivities.

On Dec. 17-20 Coach Inman's ladies will be facing some stiff competition as they participate in the Mississippi University for Women (MUW) Christmas Invitational Tournament in Columbus, Miss.

The MUW tournament has attracted some of the finest teams in the country, according to Coach Inman.

"WE HAVE what we feel is a good chance to play some of the best teams in the nation. We're going to be playing against Clemson University, who is nationally ranked, Mercer, South Alabama, Florida State, and MUW will also be there," Inman said.

Inman also felt that his team could gain a lot by winning the MUW.

"I feel like if we could win the MUW tournament, we could have a shot at being nationally ranked," the third-year coach said.

The Lady Raiders will then pack up and head for Florida, where they will take part in the Hurricane Classic on Dec. 29-31.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE will be playing three games in this tournament with their first foe being Jackson State (Miss.), last year's state champion.

Their second foe will be Miami of Ohio, a team the Lady Raiders thrashed 73-49 last season in the consolation game of the Northern Kentucky Invitational.

The final opponent for the Lady Raiders will be the University of Miami, the host school of the tournament.

The ladies will then return home to open up their conference slate against Morehead on Jan. 3.

COACH INMAN commented on this year's version of the Eagles,

saying, "Morehead is supposedly going to be down a little bit, but they've got some young kids."

"If their young freshmen play like our freshmen played last year," Inman continued, "they could be really in the thick of it because nowadays your freshmen players coming in are about as good as a lot of your varsity players because they've had such good programs to build up to it."

Game time will be 5:15 p.m.

The men's version of the Blue Raiders enter their holiday activities having already given Coach Simpson an early Christmas present. Their upset over South Alabama sparked the "Ramrod" to say in his postgame show that this victory was his greatest thrill in his coaching career.

THE BIG BLUE must now come back down to earth by Monday to take on a good North Alabama team in Florence, Ala.

The team will then return to "Home Sweet Home" as they play five of their next six games in beautiful Murphy Center.

On Dec. 18 the Raiders will host Clinch Valley and then Westmar on the 20th.

The team will then make a quick trip to Atlanta on Dec. 22 to face Georgia State and return home Dec. 30 to do combat with an always strong Tennessee State squad.

State sported a 19-7 record last year which included a 75-63 win over the Raiders. Coach Ed Martin's lifetime record at Tennessee State is an impressive 246-121.

THE RAIDERS will then prepare to face a tough conference schedule which includes, at one point, seven games in a row on the road.

For openers the Raiders will scrap with Morehead (Jan. 3) and Eastern Kentucky (Jan. 5) at home.

The Eagles return four starters from a 15-12 club (7-5 in the OVC). Their biggest problem will be replacing Charley Clay, a 6-7 forward-center who earned all-Ohio Valley Conference honors his junior and senior years.

The Colonels of Eastern Kentucky also ended last year with a 15-12 mark (7-5 in the OVC). They will return two lettermen in guards Tommy Baker and Bruce Jones. The Colonels, however, must operate without last year's sensation James Tillman who averaged 27.2 points per game.

Tip-off time for all men's home games is 7:30 p.m.

by Bill Ward

DALLAS at **OAKLAND**—This should be an entertaining contest, with a ton of passing and Jim Plunkett's scrambling adding a spark of levity. Oakland's defense has excelled of late, but the Raiders haven't been facing teams with as many quality players at skilled positions as the 'Pokes have. The key matchup here is Cowboy WRs Tony Hill and Drew Pearson versus Oakland's CBs Lester Hayes and Monte Jackson. Hayes, the loop's leading interceptor with 11, should add at least one "oskie" against shaky QB Danny White. The Raiders' pass blocking, best in the NFL, faces a severe test here, but other teams have had success double-teaming Dallas DT Randy White, and even the immobile Plunkett should get off of huge successful rainbows to Cliff Branch, Bob Chandler, and Raymond Chester. If star Raider running back Kenny King plays, Oakland will romp; since he is doubtful, and placekicker Chris Bahr needs to redeem himself after Monday's night's disgraceful showing. It looks like OAKLAND by 3.

NEW ENGLAND at **MIAMI**—Two weeks ago, the Pats finally gave Matt Cavanaugh a start against a fine Colt outfit; New England scored 47 points, its highest total of the season. Last week, the starting nod strangely went to Steve Grogan, who responded by throwing six interceptions against the 49ers, who have the weakest pass defense in the league. If coach Ron Erhardt hasn't learned a lesson, then the Pats don't deserve to make the playoffs. They must win this one to do so.

Either of these QBs should be able to exploit the Dolphins' dream secondary, but Cavanaugh has done a better job of play-calling, not to mention executing, when he's been in there. Miami has only two offensive weapons, Nat Moore and Tony Nathan, and the Pats will likely key on them in order to pressure rookie QB David Woodley to do it all by himself. Even the nonparallel coaching of Don Shula shouldn't be enough to pull this one out. NEW ENGLAND by 8.

FLORIDA at **FLORIDA STATE**—The Seminoles have the nation's second-ranked defense (and could finish first by allowing less than 170 yards in this tilt) and by far the number one kicking game in the college ranks. Punter Rohn Stark's 45.7 yard average places him third in the country, and his net average of 43.4 is tops in the NCAA; Bill Capeci has hit 21 of 28 field goals and 36 of 37 PATs to lead all kickers. But it's the Seminole defense which should spell the difference here: only 203.3 yards (second to Pitt) and 7.2 points (second to none) allowed per game.

The offense, keyed by QB Rick Stockstill and RB Sam Platt, has been conservative, committing but 15 turnovers so far, but supercoach Bobby Bowden's charges have had four weeks off and may well have used the practice time to add some new wrinkles, which they'll need to stave off their bitter rival.

Charley Pell's ballclub is still smarting from last week's nationally-televised rout by Miami, and what better chance to redeem themselves than on the tube against the third-ranked Seminoles. But it's not to be, as Florida State has lost but once in Tallahassee since Bowden arrived five years ago. FLORIDA STATE by 6.

LOS ANGELES at **BBUFFALO**—It's hard to tell whether L.A. will want to whip former mentor Chuck Knox more than he will want to get back at the team that fired him, or vice versa. Regardless, the Bills need more, as the Rams are virtually assured of at least a wild-card berth in the hapless NFC. The Buffalo shotgun and rookie phenom Joe Cribbs (913 yards rushing so far) face their toughest obstacle of the year. But Knox should be able to instruct savvy QB Joe Ferguson how to beat the vaunted Ram 'D,' and Cribbs should exceed the 1000-yard mark in this one. Vince Ferragamo, more than any QB this side of Bert Jones, loves to challenge coverages with wacky calls, but it won't be enough here. BUFFALO by 4.

NOTRE DAME at **SOUTHERN CAL**—Although the Trojans have the nation's number one all-purpose runner in Marcus Allen and an extremely dangerous receiver in Kevin "Bug" Williams, the Irish still have more offensive weapons. They have super runners in Phil Corral and Jim Stone and a super pass-catcher in Tony Hunter. The key here is which of the two inexperienced quarterbacks, Notre Dame freshman Blair Keil or Southern Cal's Scott Tinsley, performs best on clutch third-down plays against two college's dowdiest defenses (fourth and ninth nationally). The second-ranked Irish look to avenge last year's 42-23 loss and must win to have any hope for the national championship; their defense, headed by a fiery linebacking corps, must produce. They did against Alabama, but the Tide, playing without a decent passer, was a one-dimensional team. The Trojans are not. In an upset special, SOUTHERN CAL by 3.

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Detroit	ST. LOUIS	by 3
CHICAGO	Green Bay	by 10
CLEVELAND	Jets	by 13
KANSAS CITY	Denver	by 4
San Diego	WASHINGTON	by 17
SAN FRANCISCO	New Orleans	by 5
SEATTLE	Giants	by 10
Baltimore	CINCINNATI	by 6
TAMPA BAY	Minnesota	by 4

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MTSU women picked tops in conference

Last season the MTSU Lady Raiders surprised everyone in the Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball race by sweeping to the league championship, going unbeaten in six OVC contests.

This year the league coaches are picking the Lady Raiders to repeat their performance, according to a preseason poll. Middle Tennessee captured five of six possible first-place votes to claim the top position.

ALTHOUGH THE women teams compete in the AIAW, which is divided into state leagues, the OVC schools hold a six-game round robin championship in addition to outside competition.

The Golden Eaglettes of Tennessee Tech are the choice to finish behind MTSU, polling five second-place votes and one first-place vote. Western Kentucky was picked to finish third, followed by Austin Peay, Morehead State, Murray State and Eastern Kentucky.

Tech returns seven letter winners from last year's 23-10 squad. Combined with two outstanding freshmen recruits and two transfers, coach Marynell Meadors expects to have a shot at her 10th 20-game win season as she begins her 11th year as Eaglette head coach.

TECH JUNIOR FORWARD Jerilynn Harper is coming off a 14.7 ppg and 7.3 rebounds per game season. All-OVC freshman Holly Hoover will return 10.2 ppg and 7.9 rpg averages to the Eaglettes after a short recovery period from an injury suffered earlier in the season.

Seniors Barbara Damm, Robyn Markey and Janet McGee will join sophomore Emily Tyler in a veteran backcourt. Freshmen Mindy Campbell and Jo Swartz are expected to add help immediately. Campbell set her high school scoring record with over 2,300 points at Nashville Christian, and Swartz was UPI Player-of-the-Year in Ohio as a senior.

Players like junior Denette Kolbe (6-0) and transfers Teresa Duncan (6-1) and Kathy Och (6-2) should give the Eaglettes an added advantage in height.

WESTERN KENTUCKY enters 1980-81 with eight veterans and a crop of outstanding recruits. Coach Eileen Carty's team should be quicker and stronger than last year's 8-19 team. Leading the Lady Toppers will be All-OVC picks Lauri Heltsley and Alicia Polson. Polson, a 5-10 forward, averaged 13.2 points and eight rebounds last year.

Jane Lockin, a 6-4 sophomore, returns along with former All-OVC freshman pick Shari Price. Joining Price in the backcourt will be Vivian Higgs and Cecilia Mimms. Sharon Garland and Geri Grigsby, transfers from Kentucky, are welcome additions, according to coach Carty.

"We've had good competition at every starting position,"

Carty says, "which is pushing our best players to be even better."

CONFIDENCE IN their offensive game and improved outside shooting ability should be strong points for the WKU cagers. Looking to the outside, Carty is concentrating efforts on improving offensive rebounding.

Carty's graduate assistant coach this season, by the way, is former MTSU basketball player and student assistant coach, Nancy Bolen.

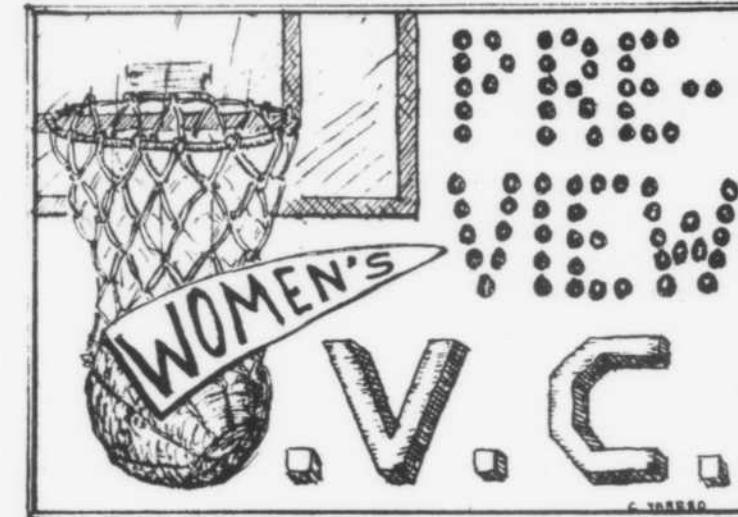
Austin Peay returns all five starters from last year's surprise

meldorf, 5-11 Dot Burk, 6-1 freshman Lynn Miley and 5-11 recruit Priscilla Blackford. The middle is solid with the return of 6-0 Martha Rust and 6-2 newcomer Linda Reinke.

Guards Robin Harmon (12.2 ppg) and Irene Moore (11.6) are returning starters whom the Lady Eagles will look to for leadership.

Depth is available in 5-7 all-state guard Rita Berry. After a 21-9 finish a year ago, the second straight 20-win season for Morehead State, Wells looks forward to the 1980-81 challenge.

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OVC team. Faced with predictions of a last-place finish, coach Pam Davidson's Lady Govs finished 4-2 in conference play and in a three-way second place tie.

All-OVC selections Golena Rucker from Murfreesboro and Elaine Swafford from Soddy, Tenn., pace the 1980-81 team. Rucker was second in the league in rebounding average (11.2) and first in total rebounds (349). Swafford and Rucker tied for team scoring honors with a 14.2 scoring average.

OTHER PLAYERS to watch include returnees Susan Dillehay (11.0 ppg) and Jeanne Hinchee, the 79-80 OVC assist leader, along with 6-2 freshman Tina Cottle. Juco transfers Kellie Rushing, Marsha Miller and Lillian Cain provide a solid base of support.

"Our improved depth will be the biggest difference this year," Davidson said. "I feel we'll be a better team than last year, but our record may not show it."

With the loss of all-OVC and all-state picks Donna Murphy and Michelle Stowers, Morehead State basketball coach Mickey Wells will be looking for new faces to assume team leadership.

"Their loss will have a great effect on our team," Wells said. "It means that we'll have to find two players who are ready to step in and replace them at forwards."

POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS are 5-7 Loretta Hum-

"This season will be a challenging experience for our coaching staff and players," Wells said. "Competition is the backbone of any team, and our practices should be very spirited for playing spots."

MURRAY STATE Lady Racer basketball coach Jean Smith will initiate the 1980-81 season with three impressive elements laced in her roster that were missing last year—size, depth and an abundance of experience.

Fueled by a "very successful" recruiting campaign, Smith will welcome back nine lettermen and enter her fourth season at Murray with an excellent opportunity to improve on last year's 12-19 season record.

Smith returns all five starters, including the standout back-court duo of Laura Lynn and Janice McCracken, and she has stocked her inside game with four newcomers who measure six-feet or better.

"The real key to our success this season will be finding the right combination," Smith said. "I'm not expecting our strength to surface early in the season."

"WE WILL BE experimenting and charting the progress of the newcomers," she continued. "It seems obvious that we do have the personnel to get something accomplished this year."

Lynn averaged 14.6 points and shared team honors in assist leadership with McCracken, who also contributed 12.4 points to rank second in scoring.

Seven members of last year's team, plus five outstanding freshmen recruits, will form the nucleus for the 1980-81 Eastern Kentucky women's basketball team.

Leading the returnees for second-year coach Dianne Murphy's Eastern team is 5-9 sophomore guard-forward Tina Wermuth, who was a first-team All-OVC freshman team choice in 1979-80. Wermuth averaged 9.4 points and 6.6 rebounds per contest.

OTHER PART-TIME starters returning include 6-1 senior center Sandy Grieb, 8.9 ppg and 5.6 rebounds; 5-10 junior for-

ward Sandra Mukes, 8.4 ppg and 7.8 rebounds; 6-1 junior center Chance Dugan, 6.6 ppg and 5.0 rebounds; and 5-8 sophomore guard Diane Johnson, 5.2 ppg.

Newcomers include: 5-11 forward Sandy Kinkon, 5-6 guard Marsha Charles, 5-6 guard Lisa Goodin and 5-6 guard Freda Hagan.

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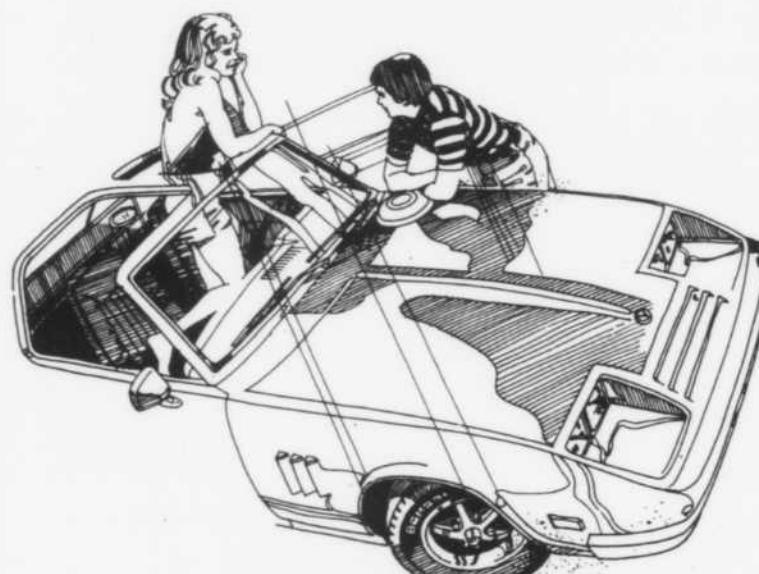
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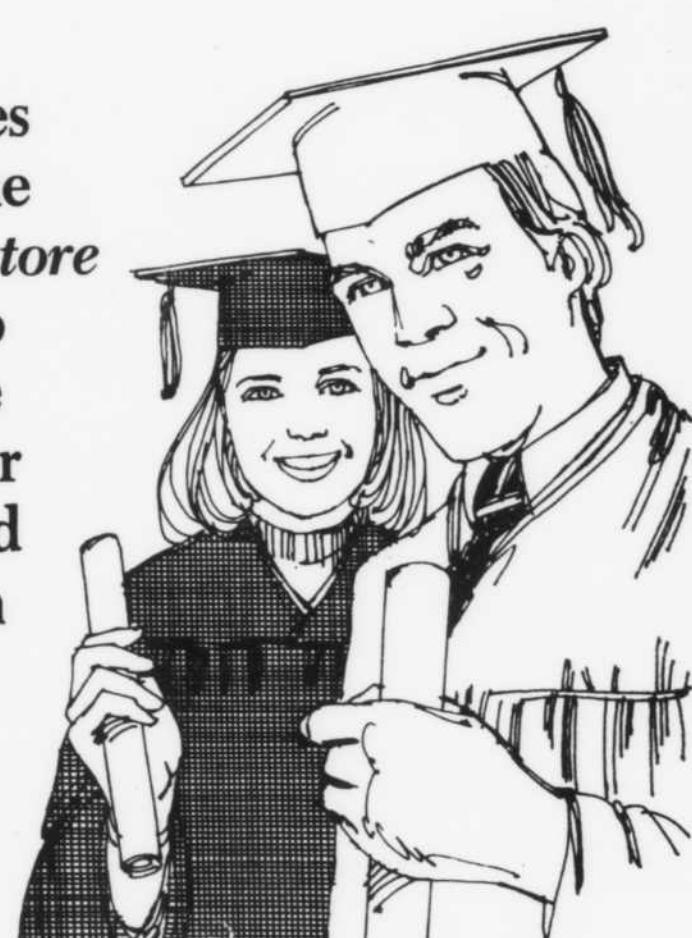
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