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Pledge total doubles this semester

By Kevin Cruze
Sidelines Staff Writer

The deferred rush policy implemented last fall appears to be successful, with nearly twice as many men pledging fraternities this semester than did in the fall.

Eight-four fraternity bids

were accepted this semester, up from fall's figure of 48, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

Some Greeks agree the new policy, which prevents a person from pledging before he has completed 12 hours of college work, has increased the

size of their fraternities; pledge classes.

"It (deferred rush) killed last semester's rush," said John Landers, president of Kappa Alpha. "But it has brought this semester's up considerably."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon also

found the new system to be successful, SAE President Herb Perry said.

SAE had the largest pledge class with 26 of its bids having been accepted. Pi Kappa Alpha as next with 18, followed by Kappa Alpha with 16. Kappa Sigma reported seven pledges; Delta Tau De-

lta, six; Sigma Chi, five; Alpha Gamma Rho, four; and Sigma Phi Epsilon, two.

Although Cantrell said he sees deferred rush as a positive influence for the Greek system as a whole, he added that those groups who did not just well to the change did not fare so

well.

Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Nu have not filed a pledge report with Cantrell,

despite a Jan. 27 deadline, prompting the Inter-Fraternity Council to assume these groups have no spring pledges, Cantrell said.



Double take

Photo by Mike Poley

As if once wasn't enough, apparently the university feels repetition is the best way to enforce stop signs, as this pair near the Dramatic Arts Auditorium proves.

Watt new ASB speaker pro tem

The ASB Senate has chosen Marty Watt to replace Senate Speaker Chris Moosher as speaker pro tem.

"I think we see now how important this position really is," Moosher said before nominations for the post were taken during the senate's Jan. 31 meeting. Moosher took over as senate speaker when former Speaker Ron Malone did not return to school.

In his first official action in his new post, Watt presided over the senate while Moosher introduced a resolution that, if passed, would establish a three-year lifespan for lower-division textbooks.

Courses in which changes are "too dynamic" to warrant using the same book for three years may be exempted from the policy, Moosher said.

Courses in computer science, nursing and information systems, as well as criminal justice 240, are exempt, ac-

ording to the resolution. Further exemptions may be made with the approval of the department chairman, the ASB and the vice president for academic affairs.

Moosher patterned the resolution after a policy already implemented at Memphis State University, which he says is "working out fine."

"I see no reason why it can't work here, too," Moosher said.

The resolution must next meet approval from the ASB house before being sent on to ASB President Mark Ross. Ultimately, the faculty of MTSU will have to approve the policy before it can be implemented.

"I think we'll see it a few more times before the faculty approves it," Moosher said of sending it through and sending it through, let the students know that we're working on it, and apply enough pressure, it will eventually pass."

Shoplifting sentences to include merchandise damage costs

By CYNTHIA FLOYD
Sidelines News Editor

Tennessee's shoplifting laws were changed last October to make the statutes more specific, but few students are aware of the changes.

The new statutes provide that a person convicted of shoplifting, which is defined as the "willful concealment, removal or transfer of merchandise without payment or the willful changing of any

price marking," may be required to not only pay for the merchandise taken and a fine of up to \$250, but may also be ordered to pay for damages and the merchant's court costs and lawyer's fees.

"That means that for a \$5 item, you might have to pay a \$250 fine, and if the item were to be damaged--say it's worth now \$2--you might have to pay \$5 for the item, \$3 in damages to the item, lawyer's fees of maybe \$150 and another \$50 in court costs," Roy Campbelle, associate professor of criminal justice, said Friday.

Expressing his concern that

so few people know what Tennessee's shoplifting laws say, Campbelle said that an informal survey of one of his classes

showed that three of those students have shoplifted at least once.

"Maybe they wouldn't shop-

lift if they knew what the law said," he added.

Another change in the law

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AOPi to organize

By LINDA BRYANT
Sidelines Staff Writer

A new national panhellenic sorority will be added to the Greek system at MTSU this fall.

During a Panhellenic Council meeting last Wednesday, it was announced that Alpha Omicron Pi sorority has asked for permission to colonize a chapter at MTSU.

"We are looking forward to colonizing our chapter on this campus," Diane Douglas, public relations director for AOPi, told campus sorority leaders. "Alpha Omicron Pi is a strong national sorority, and we look forward to being a part of the Greek system at MTSU."

Douglas added that she hopes interested women will be excited to have the chance to be involved in the founding of a new chapter, as it is a "rare experience."

The sorority will begin efforts to establish a chapter during the fall rush season.

"I am very pleased that AOPi is interested in MTSU because they are such a strong national sorority. We have had sororities on this campus for 15 years, and this is the first time we have seriously considered adding a national Panhellenic conference member to this campus," Dean of Women Judy Smith said.

Computer down

If you're wondering where *Sidelines* was Friday and why it looks different today, the answer rests with our illustrious computer, "Tank." The Tanker kicked off on us last Wednesday night, and after a mad search for parts (and visits from an extremely harried repairman), we learned that the parts would be here today. At noon. That did us no good for today's paper, so the graphics department kindly lent us their typesetting system for last night's use. We're grateful to them--and to you--for being so patient. We hope it won't happen again. Light a candle for "Tank"--he's going to need it when he goes under the knife today.



Fore!!!

Photo by "Flash" Kimbrell

Sophomore Buck Matheny, left, and junior Tommy Allison take advantage of the sunshine to get in a few holes of golf. While on the back nine, Buck reportedly remarked, "Boy, these snow traps are hell!"

Campus Capsule

Today

A fundraiser for the ASB emergency loan fund will take place tonight at Faces. The \$2 cover charge will benefit the fund. Drinks will be discounted 50 cents, and food will be two-for-one.

Wednesday

The Social Work Club will meet at 4 p.m. in Room 321 of Peck Hall. Prospective social workers plan to eat at Duff's Smorgasbord. If you can't make the meeting, plan to join the group at Duff's.

Bachus will meet at 4:30 p.m. in Room 316 of the University Center. Members are urged to attend. If you have not signed the charter, you may do so at this meeting.

Thursday

The office of Continuing Education will continue to accept registration forms through today for the Beginning Sign Language course which meets Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 316 of the University Center from Feb. 9 to April 19. For more information, call 898-2462.

Friday

The MTSU Singles Club "faculty and administrators" will have a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Forest Oaks II condominium clubhouse. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and participate in the get-acquainted activities. The Faculty Welfare Committee will be the host for the event.

Today is the deadline for student teaching applications for the fall semester. Applications should be filed in the Student Teaching office, Room 106 in Jones Hall.



Chit-chat

Photo by "Flash" Kimbrell

From left, freshmen Stephanie Stone, Anne Porterfield, Susan Eiswerth, Mary Hosey and Barbara Ray take advantage of last week's pretty weather to chat outside.

Shoplifting

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allows merchants or their security personnel to arrest a shoplifting suspect off the premises.

"Used to be, if you got off the property, you were okay. Now they can chase you and apprehend you away from the premises," Campbell said.

A merchant may sue a person arrested for shoplifting both civilly and criminally.

Possible penalties for shoplifting increase with each conviction. They are:

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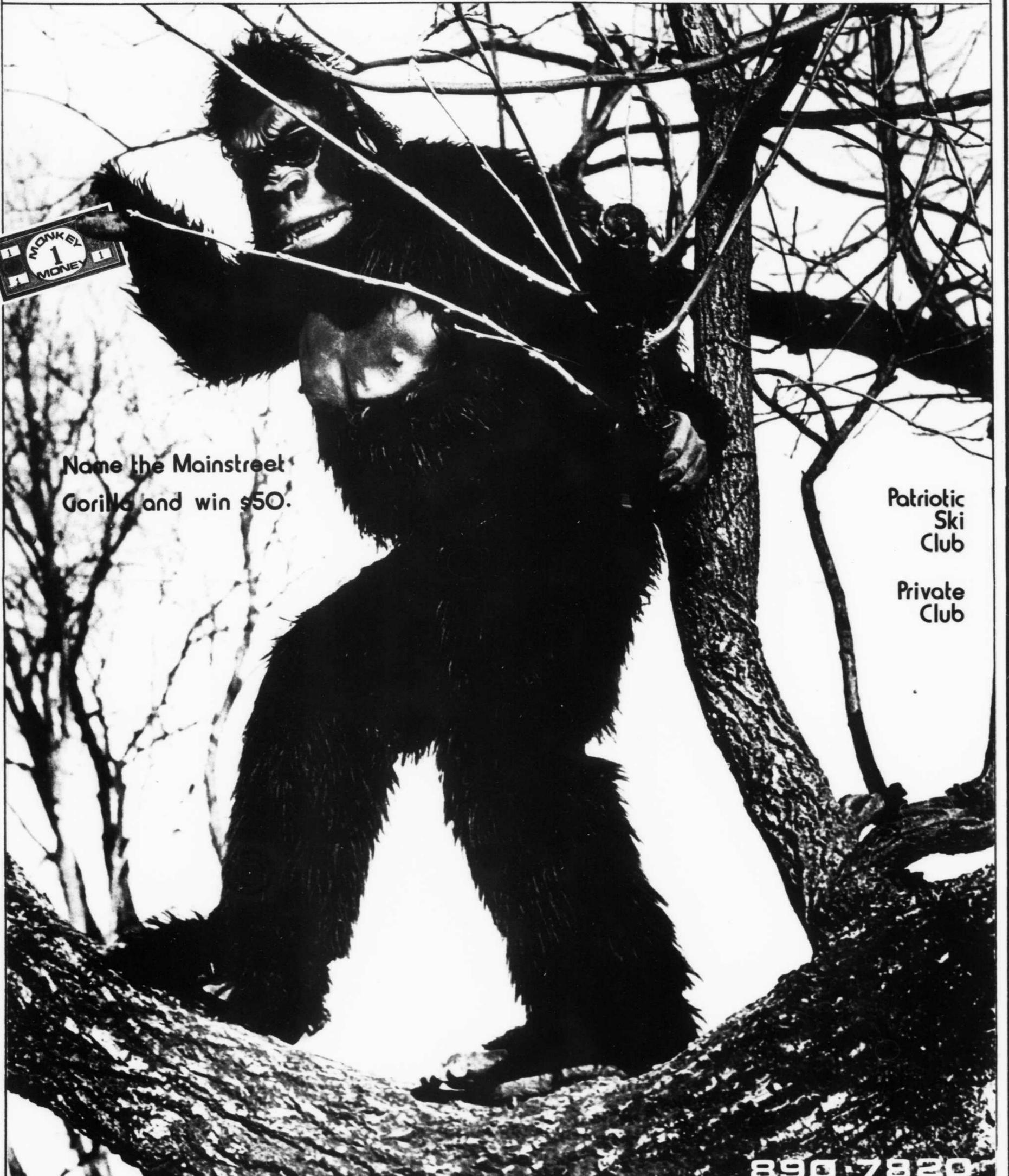
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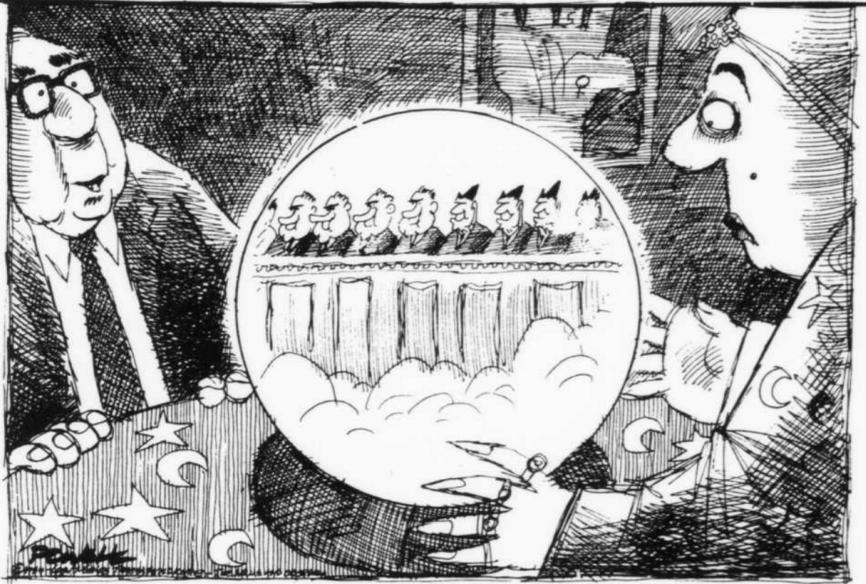
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"I HAVE A CASE COMING BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT IN ABOUT FOUR YEARS - WHAT CAN I EXPECT?"

Wild Kingdom fever latest fad

By ERIC GROWDEN
Sidelines Columnist

In Los Angeles, a ridiculous tragedy takes place in the city zoo.

The participants are two youths and a wildcat, along with a crowd of innocent bystanders. One of the teenagers crawls into the pen with the wildcat and is badly mauled by the creature as he tries to wrestle it to the ground.

Meanwhile, his companion, sporting a sweater, powdered wig and fake moustache, describes the full protection of a life insurance policy.

These youngsters belong to one of the more recent fads that encourage temporary insanity—commonly known as cult groups. No, I don't intend to raise the grim spectres of Jim Jones and Guyana, but rather the flitting shadows of *Rocky Horror*, and this latest one, *Wild Kingdom*.

Having set out to investigate this phenomenon myself, I called on a friend of mine who was a Kingdom freak.

The subject, Jimmy, was already in the den before the altar of television, awaiting the episode. He's normally kind of shy, but once the show comes on, he doesn't notice anything else, my friend said.

At this point, a blood-curdling scream issued from the den, and in answer to my inquisitive glance, he said the show was starting and we could go in.

Jimmy wore the sweater and fake moustache with which we are already familiar.

He watched the opening credits and then gazed intently until he recognized the episode, at which point he stood up by the set and began reciting Marlon Perkins' monologue to perfection: "While Bill tries to remove his arm from the mouth of that crocodile, I'd like to tell you about your family's most urgent need—life insurance for your provider."

"What would you do if your breadwinner was dismembered—like Bill—or even killed in an accident?"

That's what happened to the Nebronski family, but their provider was covered by a policy from..."

After this dull recitation (and a commercial break), the show returned with Marlon and Bill sitting in their office, the encyclopedia on the bookshelves behind them. A bloody, bandaged stump hung from Bill's right shoulder, and he held an ape in his lap.

Upon seeing it, Jimmy cut loose with a rising screech akin to a chimpanzee orgasm.

I had seen more than enough to sicken me at this point. The only pleasure offered by this phenomenon is total escape by means of idiocy.

There are many more conventional means to that end that don't make a fool of a person—like the dying art of reading. Perhaps some people are natural exhibitionists, but I'll follow the old proverb that says, "Better that everyone consider you a fool than to act like one and remove all doubt."

Rant 'n' Rave

By DALE DWORAK
Sidelines Columnist

Because of such controversial issues as abortion and school prayer, the United States is two states short of calling a constitutional convention. Your first reaction is probably: so what? What does that have to do with me? Well, think about it for a moment.

There has only been one Constitutional Convention: the one in the 1780s that led to the replacement of the weak Articles of Confederation and its first 10 amendments, which are known as the Bill of Rights. A new convention would be able to rewrite the Constitution as it saw fit and to submit it to the states for ratification. Your elected officials would vote on it, not you.

The question to ask yourself is this: Would the Congress and President of the United States vote for the Bill of Rights? I doubt it. Freedom of speech, religion, the due process clause and other basic rights that we take for granted will be in jeopardy if this convention is called. Also in grave danger will be the power of the Supreme Court. Because of its many controversial decisions, the Court is a prime target of a lot of special interest groups.

A new convention would not necessarily stick to proposing an anti-abortion amendment or one legalizing school prayer, but would also look into changing the document itself. The First Amendment says Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of

speech or of the press. Wouldn't Reagan and the Congress love to muzzle the press and silence those who oppose their policies? A Constitutional Convention will give our government the power to take away our rights. This, need I repeat, cannot be allowed. The Constitution is fine as it stands; it really does not require any tampering by those who are so misguided as to feel they have our own best interests in mind.

If the Constitutional Convention is called and if the Constitution is fundamentally changed, "we the people" will not be allowed to vote on it—that honor will belong to our elected officials. Do you trust them with your freedom? I don't.

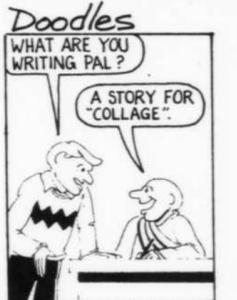
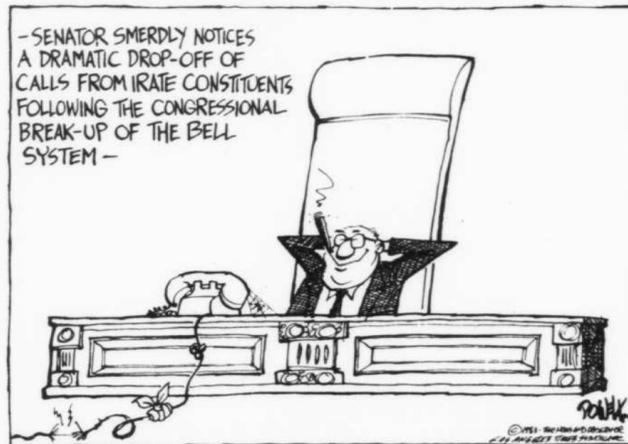
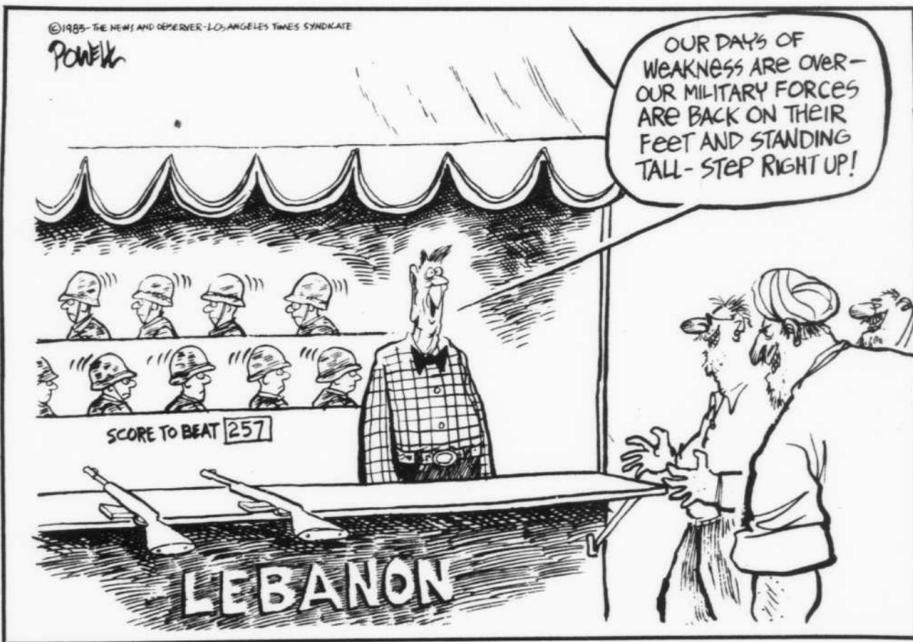
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From Our Readers

Dworak's views Prompt reader's counter charges

To the Editor:

I just finished reading Dale Dworak's "Rant & Rave" (in the Jan. 31 issue of *Sidelines*). I am truly amazed at this young man's insight and intelligence. Not only does he want to be a U.S. Congressman when he grows up, but he also does not want to be a U.S. Congressman. I'm still trying to figure that one out. Actually, I have only two points to this letter:

- 1) If Dworak's experience as ASB representative has been so boring, perhaps he should resign the position to someone who can add interest and vitality to the program, and
- 2) I think the U.S. Marines are doing a great job in Beirut; besides, dead Lebanese don't

have to worry about starving to death, anyway.

Ted Wagner
Box 3781

Editor's note: your letter more than speaks for itself.

Parkinga problem: but it's not nice to pave mothernature

To the Editor:

Four weeks into the semester and the elusive parking space issue surfaces again to haunt us once more. It seems to me that it's always one basic DEMAND coming across the airwaves: GIVE US MORE PARKING SPACES! The general student solution I hear echoing over and over calls for the supreme leaders of our university to throw money and additional asphalt at the parking problem.

Paving over more of Mother Nature's work for a problem which D. Clifton Wright described in his column (Jan. 31 issue of *Sidelines*) as temporary, is a crime! If enrollment is expected to drop in the future and a parking lot would not be necessary, why even conceive the idea? There are a lot of better ways to utilize the money, which common sense dictates. Move over, James Watt; you're not alone!

To those students who live within one mile of campus and are physically capable, I offer this suggestion: invest in a used bicycle and backpack. The results will be surprising. Not only will you save gas money and aggravation from trying to find a parking space; just think how much healthier you'll feel.

Those of you like myself who live near campus and already walk or ride a bicycle to class, I applaud you and keep up the good work! If most or all of us

did this, I'm sure the long-distance commuters out there would greatly appreciate our assistance.

Anyway, perhaps someday, Mr. D. Clifton Wright, when A.T.C. clears you to land, you will appreciate nature's beauty while we and it are still around. In the meantime, keep your windows clean and your eyes open; I hear MTSU looks nice from the air this time of year.

Bruce Postel
Box 1259

...But there are parking spaces, reader writes

To the Editor:

Well, it's the beginning of a new semester and once again it's time for the commuter students to start complaining about the parking situation. Yes, I'm referring to D. Clifton

Wright's column in the Jan. 31 issue of *Sidelines*. This entire campus is geared toward the commuter student. For example, movies at the UC Cinema are not shown on weekends, which is not surprising, since every Friday, the weekly bomb scare forces thousands of commuters and part-time residents alike to evacuate campus with incredible haste—leaving behind them a sea of empty parking spaces.

The simple fact is that in my two years of residency on campus, I have never seen the lot outside K-apartments full. The only conclusion I can draw from this is that the majority of commuters are physically or mentally incapable of walking the quarter-mile distance across the baseball fields—which are successfully traveled by the 350 residents of J and K apartments every day. No sympathy!

John Gray
Box 1576

features

Actress Beth McDonald follows a dream

By RANDY BRISON
SIDELINES Staff Writer

Actress Beth McDonald still remembers vividly her first professional auditioning experience.

"The first time I went for an audition, it was for the musical 'Godspell,'" McDonald said.

"I sat in the very back of the house. I watched the people who were auditioning before me. I hadn't even put my name on the list to audition."

"The caliber of talent was spectacular. I was totally frozen."

McDonald said the need in her to compete was tremendous, but she was stunted by a fear that she was inadequate.

"I felt I was a very tiny fish in a very big ocean. This feeling was, for me, overwhelming," McDonald said.

When McDonald was asked by the director if she would like to audition, she said "no thanks," stood up, and walked out of the theater.

McDonald, who was in Murfreesboro recently as part of the Nissan Affiliate Artists program, eventually got over her fear of auditioning. Her theatrical career includes several Broadway plays, and off-Broadway plays, appearances in two TV soap operas, "One Life To Live" and "Another World," and a role in the motion picture "The Bell Jar."

Local performances included visits to the Tennessee Women's prison, the Nissan Corp., and several public schools. It was at the prison, however, that McDonald felt her greatest while here.

"I had to get over the sense

of confinement," McDonald said.

"Once I'd gotten over that, they (the prisoners) were a great audience and very hungry for what I have to offer—and I don't mean in a way of just passing the time."

"This was really amazing to me. What I was doing spoke to these people a lot."

"I think the backbone of my 'informance' is daring, and daring to dream. What an important concept to hold on to when you're in prison!"

McDonald said her desire to contribute, to give people a "dream," is the adversity she

has faced in her life.

"There is no show business figure in my family," McDonald said.

"I'm from the Mid-west where there is no big show

business following, but my dream was always to act."

"Sometimes dreams seem impossible, and yet, if there's something you love, something that really makes your life a joy, one really must pursue it."

McDonald admitted that much hard work must go into making her dream a reality. She takes acting and dancing lessons several times weekly, and singing lessons "when I can afford them."

Despite the hard work, McDonald has not yet reached her dream, and realizes that she may never.

"Everyone who's made it big can trace their career back to one lucky break over which they had no control," McDonald said.

"I'm not ruling out doing something else, but I'm not giving up, either."



Photo by Dee Parker
Nissan Affiliate Artist Beth McDonald speaks candidly about show business in an informance on campus last week.

Chinese celebrate 1984 'year of the rat'

By DAWN WATERSON

Sidelines Staff Writer

What is the year of the rat? Most Americans aren't sure. However, if you were Chinese, the year of the rat would have significant meaning.

Dr. Li-Ping Tang, an MTSU psychology professor, said the original year of the rat began many years ago a a legendary story.

"An announcement was made by Kun Ying, the female Buddha goddess, that of 12 animals, whoever won the race to the temple would be the first animal of the year," Tang said.

Legend has it that though the race was a tedious one, the rat became the first Chinese

zodiac animal. Every 12 years, a different animal is represented.

In addition to this year, people born in the years 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960 and 1972 are also of the year of the rat.

"Rat people have been blessed with great personal charm or a taste for the better things in life and considerable self-control which restrains a quick temper," Tang said.

Chinese year, Tang said, is on the lunar calendar which began around the year 4682 in honor of the first Emperor, Huang Ti, in 2698 B.C.

Tang said the celebration for the Chinese New Year usually begin on Dec. 15. The

Chinese in the past quit their jobs during their month-long celebration sabbatical.

Traditional Chinese foods eaten during the celebration are fish and a cake. The cake represents progress, while fish stands for an abundance of good luck for the year.

"Traditional costumes are made of silk and are blue or black in color," Tang noted.

Chinese traditions today are simpler than in the past, especially since students with oriental parentage celebrate their homeland's New Year here in the United States, Tang said.

In fact, the Chinese Student Association of MTSU presented its own traditional New

Year's festival on Sunday night in the University Center theatre.

Chinese words of welcome and an Oriental stage performance opened the festival. A lion dance and the feeding of the loin opened the traditional festival with color.

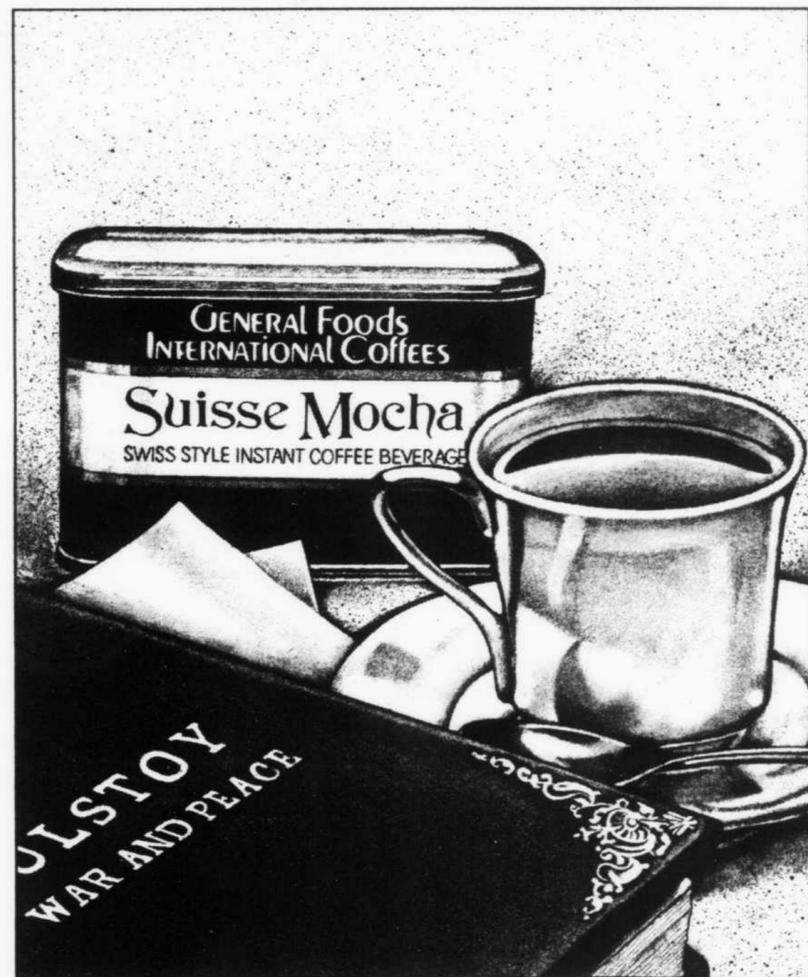
Chopin's "Ballade Christine Opus 47 in A flat major" was performed by a group of folk dancers who accented the musical theme with a ribbon dance. A chorus sang selections from "Joy of Youth," "Lovely Peace" and "Happy New Year."

Chinese martial art, performed by Giann-Shyan Wu and Ling Chiu, brought drama to the festival.

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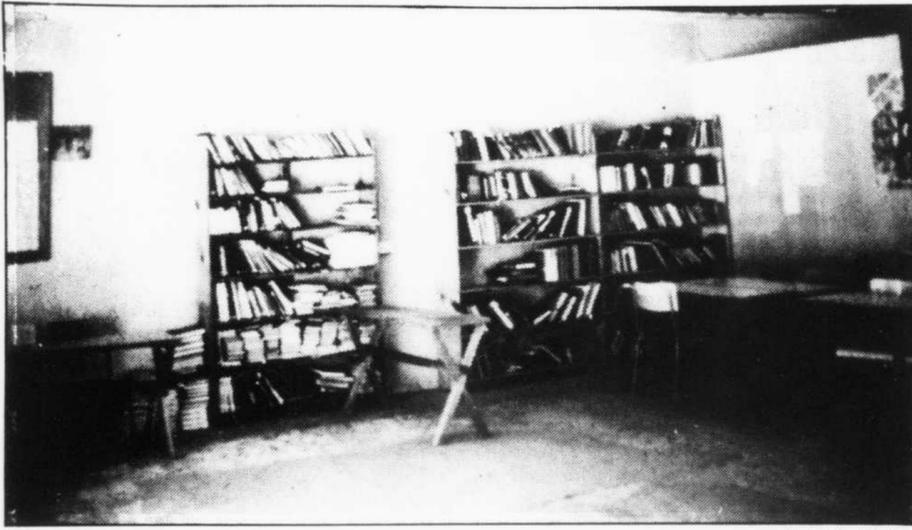


Photo by Paul Ducker

This junior college library is where part of the books collected for Dominica by Dr. Paul Ducker goes.

By **LYNDA TEWELL**
Features Editor

Thanks to a concerned educator here in Murfreesboro, students in Dominica, a small East Caribbean Third World country, have a chance to get a better education.

Since his retirement from MTSU's department of chemistry and physics in 1980, Dr. Paul Ducker has been busy helping Dominica stock its college and high school library shelves with donations from local students and assistance from such groups as the Wesley Foundation and Methodist Volunteers-in-Mission.

Ducker and his helpers traveled to Dominica in December, taking with them 1,000 books Ducker collected from donations by students at MTSU, Vanderbilt, Tennessee

Tech and Austin Peay University.

"The 1,000 books are just a start," Ducker said.

"Institutions need 10 times as many books as we sent. Any two teachers at MTSU own the same amount of books the Dominican school libraries have on their bookshelves."

The project received more attention after it was featured in a Sept. 2 *Sidelines* article, Ducker said, but help is needed again from students and faculty to send more books to Dominica.

"One thousand books sounds like a lot, but when you're trying to stock libraries, it isn't many, he added.

We're trying to get all of Rutherford country involved," Ducker said.

This is something that



communities and individuals could do better for them than the government can."

Ducker, through his project, the "Third Alternative," is trying to give Third World countries assistance so that they, in turn, can assist themselves.

Anyone interested in helping Dr. Ducker can contribute recent textbooks in good condition to the cause. Deposit boxes are located outside the University Bookstore and in all academic department offices.

Crazy Bob finds his perfect '10'...on campus!

By **RICHARD MAXWELL**
Sidelines Staff Writer

The number after nine. It's the amount of pins in a bowling lane or the number of fingers on both hands. That number means something different to each person. But to one person I know, it means something totally different. To him, 10 has never been just a number.

To my old friend, 10 has

never been anything less than an obsession. For as long I have known him he has been obsessed with finding a perfect 10.

I had never really paid too much attention to this until just recently when his obsession took a new turn.

A few days ago, I was sitting over in the grill with my old friend Crazy Bob. I was being subjected to his usual barrage

of totally tasteless and unredeeming jokes, and loving every minute of it. His jokes were interrupted every few seconds by a number.

Now Crazy Bob is the only person I know who can be talking and stop the conversation to call out a rating and pick up right where he left off without missing a word. He is a real artist! But I've known the crazed one for years and I

didn't think it was possible for him to shock me.

He was about to prove me wrong.

Crazy Bob had just finished a particularly nasty joke that would have offended four races and three religions. He gave me a few seconds to stop laughing and then began to launch into another joke. Well, when Crazy Bob does something, he does it in a big way. This was

going to be no exception.

He finished the first line of the joke and paused. I knew a rating was about to come.

"Ten. . . ." was all he got out.

Everything started to happen at once. His mouth dropped open. His eyes glazed over. His face turned white. For a second, I thought it was just a normal reaction to the food, but I began to get concerned

when he started to shake. And you could actually hear a humming sound as his salivary glands began to pump drool.

Crazy Bob looked up at me. "Ten!" he said and fell forward into his french fries.

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Sports

Inman's troops set for Peay, Murray

Lady Raiders look for key weekend road wins

By MIKE JONES
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU's Lady Raiders need victories on the road this week to up their Ohio Valley Conference record and have a shot at the league title.

The defending OVC champs travel to UT-Martin tonight for a 7 p.m. non-conference battle with the Lady Pacers. Thursday, the Ladies face Austin Peay in Clarksville before

journeying Saturday to Murray State for a rematch with the Lady Racers. MTSU has defeated each team earlier this year.

Under Head Coach Larry Joe Inman, the Lady Raiders are currently 5-2 in the OVC, one game behind league leaders Morehead State and Austin Peay. At this point in the

season, Inman said that nothing and nobody can be taken lightly. But little things like nagging injuries and minor illnesses are starting to take their toll on the team.

"Our practices haven't been well the last couple of days," Inman said. "We've had some injuries—little nagging things. You know how it is. This is one

of the worst years we've had for that kind of stuff."

The Lady Raiders downed the Lady Gobs in overtime at Murphy Center two weeks ago and then routed Murray State the following night.

"If we're not right mentally, either of these teams can get us," Inman said. "These are going to be crucial games.

"But I think Tech and Eastern are the teams to beat," he continued. "They have a lot of momentum going. Austin Peay is going to be tough on anybody. Murray can be tough, but they're not playing well."

MTSU's men's team travels Thursday to Austin Peay to try and continue its winning

ways. Currently on a two-game winning streak, the Raiders split with the Governors already this year, downing them in the Tennessee Classic before losing to them here last week. The Blue Raiders are currently 2-5 in the conference. Thursday's game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Raiders rip Panthers; Thompson scores 26

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

MTSU reserve pout-guard Lonnie Thompson poured in 26 points to lead the Blue Raiders to an 84-61 victory over Saturday night Georgia State here.

Thompson, who played in place of LaRae Davis, absent for a family funeral, hit 11 of 13 shots from the floor and four of five at the line. In addition, he had eight rebounds and five assists.

"We knew he was capable," MTSU head coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said after the game. "He's been on the verge of playing well. He made some key put-back ups and probably played his best game defensively."

MTSU shot 59.2 percent from the floor, compared to 52.8 percent for Georgia State.

After early trouble with the Panthers, the Raiders took the lead for good at 7-6 on a 20-footer by Maury Mapes with 17:47 remaining in the half.

The Raiders extended their lead to nine points several times, the last coming on a baseline jumper by freshman Bryant Woodford to make it 23-14 with 8:44 left in the half.

Georgia State went on a 15-10 run for the remainder of the half to pull within 33-29 on a Tony Graham jumper at intermission.

The Raiders steadily began to pull away in the second half.

Georgia State came as close as 52-47 after a timeout by the Panthers with about 10 minutes left.

"I told them (at the timeout) that if we were going to win, we had to keep them from getting second-shot baskets," Georgia State Coach Tom Pugliese said.

Instead, Georgia State continued to shoot from the outside and MTSU pulled away. Following the timeout, the Raiders went on a 24-8 spree culminating in a Doug Lipscomb dunk with 2:08 left to take a 76-55 advantage.

"We played well in the first half, but we just didn't get any effort in the second half," Pugliese said.

Before the final horn, Simpson emptied his bench, and reserve point guard Leon Issac responded with four points.

Looking toward the upcoming road trip, Simpson emphasized the need for a total effort against Austin Peay and Murray State.

"We need to play them one at a time," he said. "For us to be successful, we need to squeeze every bit of soap out of the rag."

MTSU will be back at home for a short two-game home stand Feb. 16-18. The Raiders will tackle preseason conference favorite Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.



Photo by Jim Bond

Slim!

Russell "Slim" Smith fires a jumper against Tennessee State during the Raiders' 77-71 win over the Tigers Thursday night at Murphy Center. Smith finished with 25 points including an assortment of thunderous slams.

Smith slams, jams way to Cougar frat

By DON TILLET
Sidelines Sports Writer

Phi Slamma Jamma has a new fraternity brother.

MTSU junior forward Russell "Slim" Smith scored a season-high 25 points—including three mammoth dunks—to lead the Blue Raiders to a 77-71 win over Tennessee State here Thursday.

The Blue Raiders jumped out to a 21-9 lead after the first 11 minutes of play. TSU, however, began whittling away at the margin and led briefly at 29-28 on a basket by Jose Crisp, who had 20 on the night.

MTSU scored on a Raleigh Choice basket with 19 seconds to go in the half and led at intermission 32-30.

The Raiders came out ablaze in the second half, with Maury Mapes canning two long jumpers to give his team a 40-32 advantage. MTSU led by 10 at the 14:39 point on a Doug Lipscomb layup.

Smith began his heroics with two consecutive three-point plays to make it 55-41 with 12:34 remaining.

"I felt like it was time to go," Smith said. "I put the show on and started slamming."

The Big Blue Tigers weren't through yet, however, as they reeled of 12 of the game's next 15 points to pull within 57-53 with 8:28 remaining in the contest.

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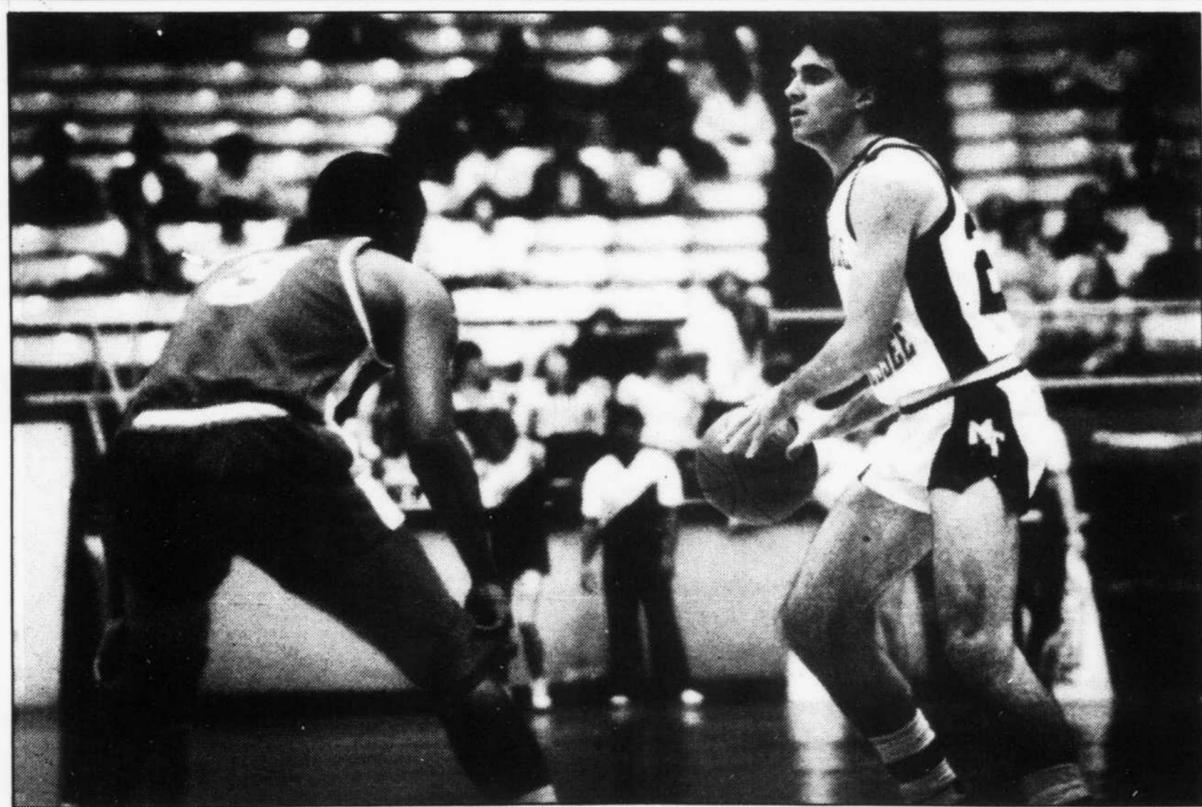


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Get 'em Raiders

MTSU senior point guard Maury Mapes prepares to pass against a Tennessee State defender. The Raiders downed the Tigers before an enthusiastic crowd at Murphy Center 77-71 Thursday night.

Nesbitt travels country; hurdles high in 'Boro

By CARLTON WINFREY
Sidelines Sports Writer

"He has been running the hurdles well and has met the NCAA qualifications this season," MTSU track coach Dean Hayes said in reference to hurdler Kenny Nesbitt.

Just how good a hurdler is this Nesbitt guy?

Well, going into last weekend's meet he was undefeated in the 60-yard high hurdles for the 1984 indoor season. At the Illinois Invitational two weeks ago, Nesbitt ran the 60-yard hurdles in 7.2 seconds.

A graduate of Madeira Beach High School in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he was a track and football standout, Nesbitt said he doesn't think about being undefeatable.

"I just do what comes natural," he said. "I don't care my training style. I won't practice any harder or less than what I'm doing now."

Nesbitt said he first started running while in junior high school.

"I started running track in the seventh grade," he

explained. "But, I didn't run the hurdles until high school."

He said he became a hurdler by mistake.

"Me and a friend of mine in school who was supposed to run the hurdles were joking around when he said he was not going to run the hurdles and told me to," he recalled.

Nesbitt ran the hurdles and won, and his high school coach was pleased with what he saw.

After high school, Nesbitt thought about attending the University of Florida, but decided to enroll at Baker University in Kansas, where he was a split end on the football team.

"Baker was a much smaller school than MTSU," he said. "The town (Baldwin City) was real small, too."

Nesbitt said he heard about MTSU's superb track program from an old friend and fellow St. Petersburg resident Andrew Kirnes, a former Blue Raider track star.

During his first year at MTSU, Nesbitt was a member of the shuttle hurdle relay team that had one of the top five times in the world that year.

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Photo by Keitr Tippitt

MTSU junior Lonnie Thompson works hard for two points under the basket against Georgia State.

Smith slams, jams into frat

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After a baseline jumper by Smith, who also had 14 rebounds and three blocked shots, TSU went on an 8-1 spurt to pull within a point at 60-59.

MTSU Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson's triple stack combined for 13 of the last 17 points scored by the Raiders. In addition, the team hit nine of 10 free throws down the stretch to pull out the win.

"We've been through so much that we need to learn how to win," Simpson said. "From a confidence point of view, this was a must win.

From a learning situation, we could have blown them out, but we need lessons in poise."

MTSU overcame 19 turnovers against a variety of presses to subdue TSU, now 8-11 on the year.

Harper leads Ladies

FROM STAFF REPORTS

First place finishes by Angela Harper and Millie Daniels highlighted MTSU's performance at the Lady Raider Invitational No. 2 Saturday at Murphy Center. Harper, a senior from Wilson, N.C., set a new school indoor record in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, ½ inches., while

Daniels won the 880-yard run with a time of 2:27.

Terri Elders finished fifth in the shot put with a throw of 32' 10", and teammates Pat Kohl and Meg Creggor placed sixth and seventh in the mile run. Coach James Key's Lady Raiders will be idle until the Metro Invitational at Virginia Tech Feb. 25

Tennis team defeated

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Johnson City, TN.--MTSU's Blue Raider tennis team suffered setbacks during the weekend in Johnson City, losing three matches.

After picking up two wins in a 7-2 loss to East Tennessee State University, the Blue

Raiders were shut out by Lander College and the University of Kentucky.

Freshman Ken Ventimiglia and the doubles team of David Wehrle and Peter Beare were winners against ETSU. Lander hammered MTSU 6-0, while Kentucky beat the Raiders 9-0.

Wrestling club slates meeting

The MTSU wrestling club will hold a meeting in Room 313 of the University Center Wednesday at 6 p.m. for all those interested in participat-

ing this year.

Those who can't attend should see Dave Skinner in Room 208 of the UC.

Nesbitt travels country

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He said his goals for this year are to run a :45 in the mile relay and to run at last 13.6 in the 110-hurdles outdoors.

Nesbitt spoke highly of Coach Hayes.

"Hayes has a good philosophy in coaching," he said. "He can get along with everybody on the team, which is something your rarely find."



Photo by Jim Bond

Lipscomb working hard

MTSU senior forward Doug Lipscomb prepares himself to shoot against Tennessee State during Raiders' 77-71 whipping of the Tigers Thursday night at Murphy Center.

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