



Lamar Alexander, waves at his supporters during his victory party held at the Opryland Hotel Tuesday night. Alexander's overwhelming victory of 55

percent of the votes in the governor's race was celebrated by an approximately 4,000 member audience. [Larry McCormack photo]

Alexander wins

Republican candidate Lamar Alexander made an unexpectedly easy win Tuesday in his second race for governor of Tennessee.

With 99 percent of the votes counted, the state total is Alexander 665,716 (55 percent) of the votes and Butcher 522,837 (43 percent).

Alexander carried Rutherford County with 11,341 votes while Butcher received 8,298.

In the Senate race, Republican Howard Baker won re-election with a state total of 645,656 votes (55 percent). Jane Eskind, Democratic candidate, received 464,591 votes (40 percent). Baker also carried Rutherford County with 10,840 votes and Eskind got 7,725.

In the race for public service commissioner, Democrat Keith Bissell won with a total of 556,240 (57 percent).

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Discrimination suit set for January conference

by Faye Hale

A pre-trial conference concerning former faculty member Rita Decker-Gregg is expected to be held in January, according to a lawyer for the Tennessee Education Association.

Gregg, former associate professor of sociology, is suing MTSU on charges of discrimination stemming from the university's refusal to grant her tenure in 1974.

At that time Ms. Gregg said that

she was not rehired due to the fact that she had criticized the university for sex discrimination and "loose sexual practices" between students and teachers in the sociology department.

The suit will be filed as a class action suit, according to Charles White, Gregg's attorney. It would include all women at MTSU and in the state colleges and university system that haven't been given

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Herbert S. Rand, Jr., regional manager for the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, addresses a group of faculty, administrators and students before he and Mass Communications department chairman Edward Kimbrell unveil a plaque expressing appreciation for equipment the corporation has given MTSU. [Faye Hale photo]

Concert crowd riots

Broken windows and damaged equipment resulted from a small riot at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium last night during a scheduled Black Sabbath concert.

"Black Sabbath will not be able to perform tonight and the concert has been rescheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday," Steve Greil, vice president of Sound Seventy told the audience after awaiting their appearance for over 90 minutes.

Black Sabbath cancelled their performance after the lead singer Ozie Osburn,

decided not to appear. According to other Sound Seventy officials, Osburn's girlfriend was killed in a car accident yesterday after an argument with him Wednesday.

After the announcement was made of the canceled show, the audience began throwing bottles onto the stage and throughout the audience.

Approximately 40-45 police attempted to control the angry crowd. "There wasn't much we could do," Officer Walter Davis of Metro Police in Nashville, said.

Editor chosen for next semester

Karen Zimmermann, Nashville senior, has been chosen spring editor of *Sidelines*, by the MTSU publications committee.

Zimmermann, who was selected for the position over two other students, stressed her wishes to make *Sidelines* a more professional paper.

"I see the goal of *Sidelines* as two fold," Zimmermann said, "The primary function would be to report and the second would be to serve as a learning experience."

When asked about the relationship between the paper and the ASB, Zimmermann said that she felt it should be one of a professional nature. "We have an obligation to the readers to provide a watchdog function," Zimmermann said.

Zimmermann said that she would use the mass communications department to recruit staff members. "I would work with the department, especially in the area of photography, to get students to work with *Sidelines*," she added.

Committee formed to investigate ASB officials

by Janet Hyatt

An investigation committee was formed at Tuesday's ASB House meeting to look into evidence for impeaching ASB Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Ricky Morehead and Attorney General Eddie Davis.

House members Kate Moore, Susan Furnace, Randal Blakeley and Myron Blackburn were chosen as members of the committee.

Floyd will serve as chairman.

Floyd said the committee will get in touch with the State Attorney General's office and a local attorney for assistance.

The motion to form a committee passed in the house following strong debate against it by Tom Duncan, speaker pro tempore.

A bill vetoed by ASB President Mike McDonald concerning in-

ternal affairs was overridden by the house. The veto was overridden by the senate at last week's meeting. With the house's override the bill becomes law.

The bill states that the ASB office must be staffed during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

McDonald reported that he sent a memorandum to Paul Cantrell, dean of students, asking that a full-time receptionist be hired to staff the ASB office.

A bill to amend the house by-laws by adding an implied powers clause was passed by the house.

"Technically the bill takes away some power from the speaker and gives it to the full house. It's a kind of housekeeping matter to make sure the house has a say in things concerning it," Duncan, sponsor of the bill, said.

Also passed by the house was a resolution commending MTSU President M.G. Scarlett.

A bill was passed calling for the ASB's endorsement of the International Relation's Club's invitation to Prince Charles of Scotland and Ida Amin Dada of Uganda to debate their respective claims to the throne of Scotland.

First hearing slated for Monday

by Cathy Wood

An ASB house investigative committee will hold its first hearing at 6 p.m. Monday in UC 322 to determine if there are any grounds for impeachment of two ASB cabinet officials.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Ricky Morehead and Attorney General Eddie Davis, the two officials charged with violating the ASB constitution, by closing a student's trial will be among the persons scheduled to testify Monday.

Other witnesses include Mack Kelly, ASB public defender; Paul Cantrell, dean of students and Ivan Shewmake, associate dean of students. In addition, a tape of the trial will be played.

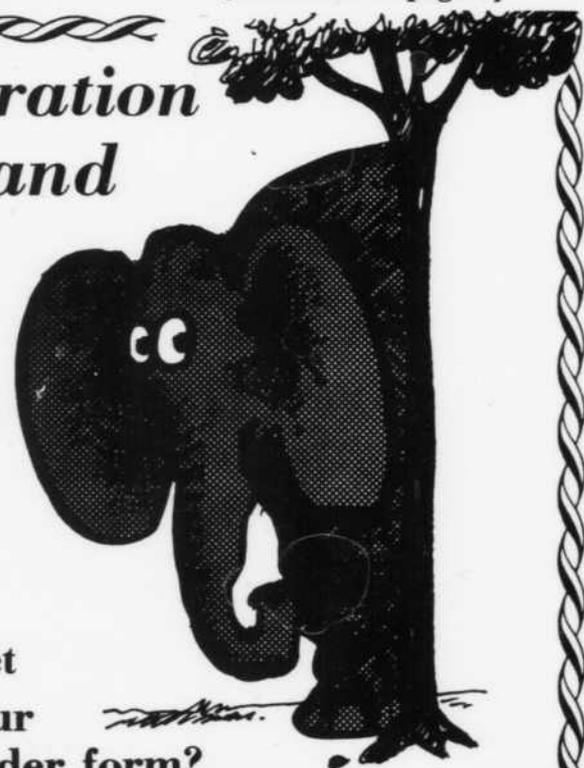
Headed by Mark Floyd, house speaker, the four-member committee met last night to plan the proceedings. "We want these hearings to be open to the public," Floyd said. "We'll tape them so there won't be any question."

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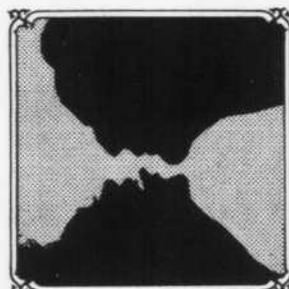
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Alexander walks into unexpected easy win

by Lisa Human
and Jerry Williamson

Some say that the third time is the charm, but for Lamar Alexander it was the second.

In the Chattanooga and Knoxville rooms of the Opryland Hotel, supporters for Alexander began gathering at 7 p.m. in order to celebrate the expected victory of their candidate.

Awaiting the arrival of Alexander, the crowd entertained themselves by watching the election results on the televisions, standing in the long lines at the bars, and conversing with fellow Alexander supporters.

Other entertainment was provided by Alexander's Washboard Band, comprised of students from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, who played such songs as Rocky Top and The Tennessee Waltz. They also played Alexander's famous theme song as the approximately 4,000 member audience sang, "Wouldn't it be great with Alexander there."

After hearing word that Jake Butcher, Alexander's opponent, had conceded the race, Alexander appeared before his supporters while the washboard band played, "Happy Days Are Here Again."

With a smile on his face and his arm around his wife Honey, Alexander stood before the cheering crowd and expressed his happiness at being Tennessee's next governor.

"We created more commotion coming from upstairs to downstairs than I did in six months of walking across the state," he exclaimed, referring to the crowds trying to get to him.

Alexander told everyone that he

had received a call from Butcher. "It was a good call. He said he wanted to do all he could to do help the state. I respect him and his call. We both want to do things for Tennessee together."

The audience ranged from small children to grandmothers, from Democrats to Republicans, all fighting to get closer to the stage and chanting, "We want Lamar! We want Lamar!"

After interviews with local television networks, Alexander stood at the hotel entrance shaking hands and meeting his supporters as they left the hotel. Approximately 10 body guards surrounded Alexander, allowing only two people at a time to meet him.

Upon leaving, he said, "I feel great now. It's finally happened and I'm really proud."

Honey Alexander expressed her happiness saying, "I can't wait to move into the Governor's mansion!"

Student directory plans underway

Plans for a student directory are underway in the ASB office, according to president Mike McDonald. The ASB is presently negotiating a contract with Weldon Wells, a publishing company of Lubbock, Texas. "We're hoping to hear from them in a week or two," McDonald said.

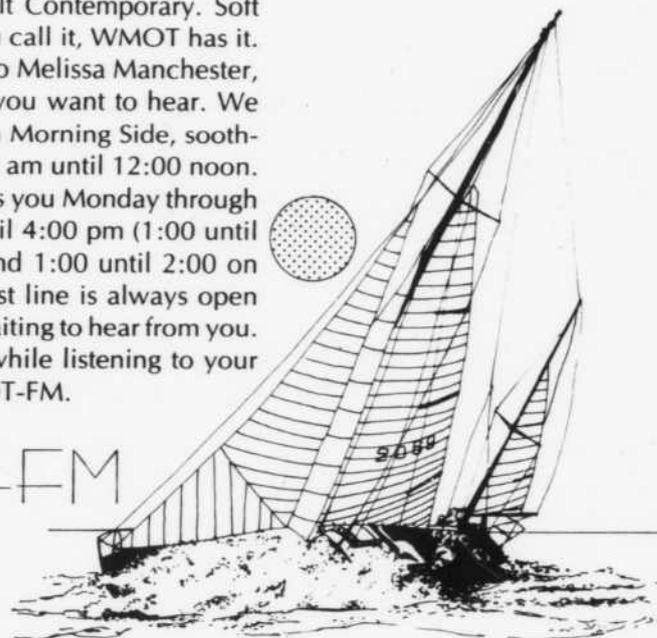
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Who will be new coach?

With Ben Hurt's resignation this week it must be noted that the media has not assassinated his character as an individual. Hurt is probably one of the finest persons you would ever meet, but that doesn't excuse his inability to make a go of the football program. There is a difference in being a coach and an individual.

EDITORIAL

The problem with MTSU football didn't just materialize this semester—it's been around for about three years. The first signs came in the second year that Hurt was head coach—his team went 4-7 for the season and steadily declined afterwards.

Perhaps the major problem has been the recruiting program's reputation. It was injured by the dismissal of several scholarship players in the summer of 1975, Hurt's first year here. That effectively inhibited potential recruits from coming here if they felt the security of their scholarships was questionable.

It's a feeling of relief for both Hurt and the university that speculation over Hurt's resignation has been replaced with speculation over the new head coach. Who will it be?

Charles "Bubber" Murphy has said that the new coach would probably be a hometown boy. This would enable us to get recruits from around the midstate area if we got a coach who is familiar with the program.

Murphy also said that it would probably be left up to him as to whether he would appoint an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations for a head coach from the applicants and then choose one



from those recommendations. If time does not permit this, Murphy said that he would hand pick the coach and submit his choice to President M.G. Scarlett, incoming President Sam Ingram and State Board of Regents, Chancellor Roy Nicks for their approval.

So the outlook isn't as dismal as it may seem, optimism is the word. We have something to look forward to in the next two years with a new coach.

—Richard Layhew

President calls for 'spirit of unity'

Now more than ever before, our student government is faced with the responsibility of working together in a "spirit of unity." There comes a time when we as student leaders must begin to address our efforts to improving student life at this institution. The present ASB administration has in many instances failed to protect the rights of students by not venturing into many aspects of student affairs where deficiencies exist. The relationship between the three branches of the Associated Student

expand if the judicial, legislative and executive branches become conscious of our reasons for existing—to serve the students.

Communication is the key to better understanding among the various branches of government, the media and the student body. Lack of communication breeds misunderstanding. Misunderstanding breeds doubt. Doubt breeds mistrust. Mistrust breeds a vicious circle.

Communication fosters understanding. Understanding fosters

us has a very important role to play in making our democratic system of government work. While we do not always have all the answers, we have at our disposal university officials (particularly those in the student affairs division) who will help us find answers.

Sidelines and WMOT have proven to be effective tools to provide information about ASB programs, projects and issues of concern to the university community. An estimated 90 percent of all external communication for ASB is generated from these student media. The other 10 percent comes about through interaction between ASB officials and members of the university community.

Our second concern is awareness. Webster's Dictionary defines awareness as a knowing or realizing, on one's guard, conscious, informed. In student government, we must always be on guard and sensitive to those areas which will subsequently affect those we should primarily be concerned with the students of MTSU. Positions which we take on issues as ASB officials and/or as representatives of the student body should always be carefully, researched and evaluated. In this way we can feel confident in our decision making.

Third, it is important for us as student leaders to be conscientious in the decision making process, not to follow the crowd or be intimidated, but to do what is right in one's heart.

From our successes and misfortunes, issues and confrontations, we have learned much. From that knowledge we have gained experience and wisdom.

A responsible government does not cease in the midst of either prosperity or controversy. Responsible government evaluates itself, it's original goals and objectives, and subsequently moves on.

To work toward this "spirit of unity" we must publicly address the real areas of student concerns, as well as deal with those internal areas of concern to us in the ASB. It would allow the judicial branch, the highest ranking and most important element of our government, to utilize its effort on "due process" for our students; allow the legislative branch to focus its attention on deficiencies in the student life that concern the students we serve; and allow the nucleus of our student government—the executive branch—to follow up on these areas of concern and implement programs and projects to serve the students more effectively.

OPEN FORUM

Body have not been as effective as they should be. Lines of communication have broken down in many instances, subsequently causing a breakdown in the effectiveness of our government.

Our government as a whole has great potential to serve the student body. Yet such potential will only

confidence. Confidence creates a "sense of unity." This is why it is important for us as appointed and elected officials to attend our respective meetings, to talk things over, to jump at the chance to clarify a rule or regulation for one another, to realize that no matter how we view our positions, each of

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Please send all letters and comments to SIDELINES, Box 42.

Racism charges: needless wounds

To the editor:

Throughout the past few weeks the students of this university have been continually confronted with charges of personal bias and racism.

This has culminated from two recent events: the election of a black homecoming queen and charges of racial bias made against two ASB senators.

I felt the need to address this situation after a comment was made to me last Friday afternoon, regarding the fact that I was the highest ranking "white" official in student government. "What are you going to do about the blacks taking over the university?" this person asked.

If we are not careful we will have one another continually inflicting these needless wounds.

Every student on this campus possesses many different traits which makes him individual. It is our duty, as human beings, to insure that no single person's traits are hidden from our eyes by the nearsightedness of our minds. We must strive to overcome these false differences and begin to think of others, not in terms of color, but in terms of ability.

Furthermore, we must join together and support one another and use each other's characteristics for the benefit of all. We must avoid this type of petty bickering, for it will only cause us separation which will keep us from reaching our full potential as a university.

Kent Syler
ASB Vice President
Box 1



Recording industry management students enjoy the luxury of a concert tour bus used by the likes of Willie Nelson, Heart and Lynyrd Skynyrd. The \$60,000 home on wheels belongs to Showbus, Inc., from Smyrna who brought it on campus yesterday. Although it's not used as a hotel-substitute, the bunk beds, stereo system and videotape screen make the ride real pleasant. [Robin Rudd photo]

Midstate newspapers helped coach resign

To the editor:

I am a first semester freshman here at MTSU. I am not totally familiar with the history of the football program at this school, but I am aware of what has transpired in the very recent past. Quite a few media people have stated their opinions concerning the MTSU football situation, and now I would like to take my turn.

media blitz against anyone to match the vicious grilling that has been administered to Ben Hurt in certain mid-state newspapers. No one deserves what this man has been made to tolerate over the past few weeks.

I would like to make one thing clear before I go any further. I am not defending the man's ability as a coach because I am not qualified

know enough about the detail's of coaching to make an intelligent judgment as to whether or not a man is a good coach. I wonder if certain professional journalists and student journalists feel that they do.

I do, however, feel entirely qualified to comment on the area of sports journalism and the ethics involved (or as the case may be, the lack of ethics). I feel that in sports journalism, as in any type of journalism, there exists a fine line between negative editorializing and character assassination. I feel that this line has been crossed, and was, in fact, crossed long ago. There is no place for the base statements and drawings we have seen in certain mid-state sports sections. To comment on the progress of a football team is one thing. To label one man out of that entire organization as "incompetent" and to blame the failure of the organization on that one man is not responsible journalism, let alone ethical journalism. It is, however, the easy, simplistic way to go.

The student journalist who has followed this story all the way through should be pleased. He and Larry Woody of the Tennessean are probably two of the main reasons that Coach Hurt resigned. I do know for a fact that they have brought one of the finest men that I have known a lot of grief. Coach Hurt has been a gentleman throughout the entire controversy, never answering either individual in kind. However, it would be no less than both Hurt and the writers deserve if he did indeed tell them precisely what he thought of them.

Bob Gary
Sidelines Sports Writer
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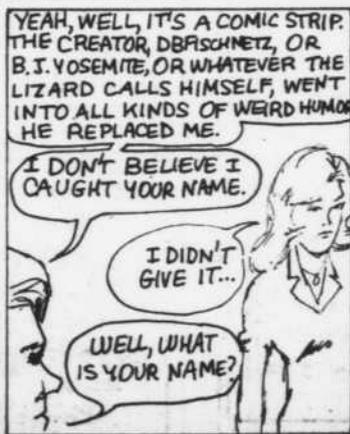
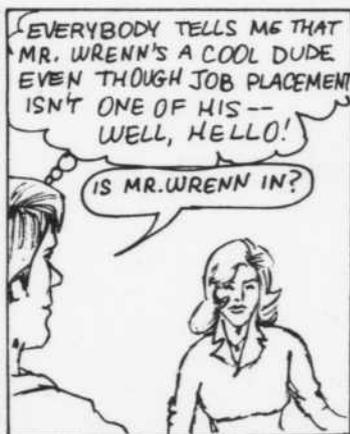
I have been a sportswriter for almost seven years in junior high, high school and now college. In all this time I have never seen a print

enough to make a judgment in that area. I have never been a football player or coach and I probably never will be. I don't think that I

SHAKERS



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Athletics versus academics in \$270,000 aid

by David Pierce

This year MTSU will give approximately \$170,000 in scholarships to athletes and \$100,000 to students for academic purposes.

The largest academic scholarship offered is the work-study scholarship which covers registration cost of \$441. An athlete, however, can receive a full scholarship including registration, room and board and out of state tuition if necessary.

That covers approximately \$2,500 for out of state students and \$1,800 for residents.

Even though athletic scholarships nearly outnumber academic scholarships two to one, Charles Haston vice-president of administration, feels that the athletic department couldn't do with any less. "We have to be competitive," he said. "The OVC tells us how many scholarships we're allowed,

and we usually use them all."

OVC member schools award no more scholarships than 55 football, 15 basketball, 12 track, 10 baseball, 10 wrestling, four tennis, four golf, 12 women's basketball, 12 women's volleyball, 12 women's track and eight women's tennis. These are renewable each year.

"An athlete will not lose his scholarship during the course of the year as long as he's in school and making normal progress," Haston said.

An academic student, however, must be enrolled as a fulltime student and maintain a 2.8 grade point average.

Since, in some cases, an athlete may receive 10 times as much in scholarships than the non-athlete it may appear that MTSU is promoting sports rather than academics. But this is not the case, according to James Jackson, vice-president of business and finance.

"To have a competitive athletic program, you have to have scholar-

ships," Jackson said. "But to have a good academic program, it's been proven that you don't need scholarships."

Sports such as football bring in money from gate receipts. But funding for academic scholarships is more difficult, Jackson said. And the selection process is a problem.

"It'd be nice if we could offer a full academic scholarship," he said. "But the greatest problem here would be the selection process. How would you choose the recipients? Would it be the valedictorian or salutatorian of their high schools? How could they compete with each other," Jackson added.

"In sports it's pretty much cut and dry. If the coach thinks you have the ability, he'll give you a scholarship. But there's never been a full academic scholarship at this university, he said. To my knowledge no other university offers one either and I don't really anticipate a full academic scholarship in the future."

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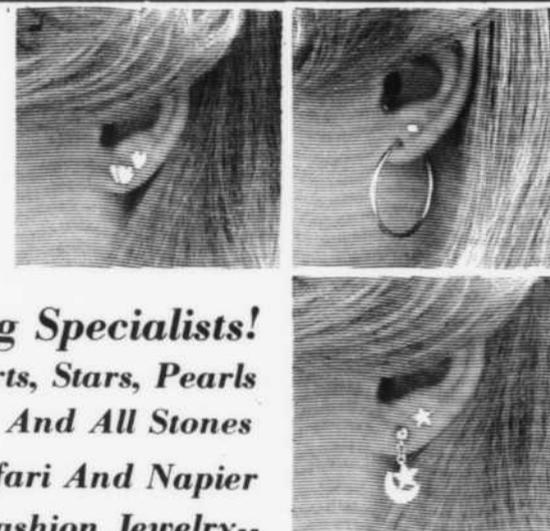
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Leading characters are Laura Leopard, as Mrs. Bramson, a fussy little old lady, Barney Cockarell, Jr. who will play Dan, a young bellhop, and Pat Anderson, who will play Olivia, a young companion for Mrs.

Bramson.

Other actors include Robert Aden as the Lord Chief Justice; Teresa Looney, as Nurse Libby; Cindy O'Brien as Mrs. Terence; Valerie Galloway, who will play Dora Parklow, and Martin McGeachy as Inspector Belsize.

Tickets will go on sale at the University Theatre ticket office Nov. 7.

\$4,100 raised for St. Judes Week

A grand total of \$4,100 was raised during St. Judes week this year with ADPi leading all greek organizations with \$1,002, all of which will go to St. Judes Children's Hospital in Memphis.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon lead the fraternities in fund-raising with \$785, followed by Kappa Sigma, with \$672.

Other sororities participating were Alpha Gamma Delta, who came in second with \$379, Chi

Omega, third with \$362, Kappa Delta and Delta Zeta.

Mark Tabor from Kappa Sigma and Kathy Lee from ADPi made the most money individually in the walk-a-thon.

Sigma Nu, sponsoring fraternity, held a party last Saturday night and awarded trophies to first place winners. Tabor and Lee will be awarded prizes by Sigma Nu at their next sorority and fraternity meetings.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY

Debate Tournament: 11 a.m.-10 p.m., UC, DA Auditorium, Old Main and NCB

Dinner: Department of Math and Computer Science; 6:30 p.m., dining Room B, JUB

Oneg Shabbat: Jewish Students; 8 p.m., 802 Shawnee Drive

SATURDAY

National Teacher's Examination: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., UC and DA Auditorium

Football: MTSU vs. ETSU; 1:30 p.m., Jones Field

Reception for Blue Raider Club Members, T-Club and Guests: Athletic Department; 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Blue Raider Room

SUNDAY

Concert: Moody Blues; 8 p.m., Murphy Center

MONDAY

Nurses Career Day: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., UC 324

Senior Pictures for Midlander: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dining Room A, JUB

Luncheon and meeting: Sigma Delta Chi; noon-1:30 p.m., Dining Room B, JUB

Movie: Fellini's Casanova; 3:30, 6 and 9 p.m., UC Theatre

Induction of New Members: Gamma Beta Phi; 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB

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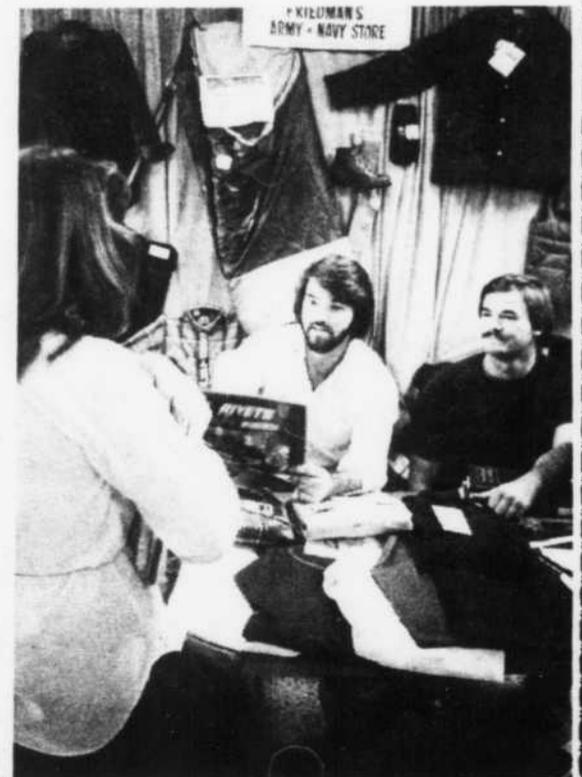
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Discrimination

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tenure or have been fired due to sex discrimination, he said.

Those named in the law suit include Gov. Ray Blanton; the State Board of Regents; Pres. M.G. Scarlett; Jack Carlton, vice president of academic affairs; Charles

Haston, vice president of administration and former sociology department chairman Donald South.

"I assume I'm included in the law suit because I'm president. In cases such as this the head of the institution usually is included," Scarlett said. He hasn't been called

on to be actively involved in the case yet, Scarlett said. "The only reason Gregg was not given tenure was because of recommendations of her superiors," he added.

However, Gregg has stated that she was never told what her teaching deficiencies were and she was not given a hearing by the university.

Even though Gregg's case is still in the pre-trial stage, White said he expected a favorable outcome of the case. The case will be heard in a U.S. district court in Nashville sometime next year.

Ms. Gregg's case involves discrimination in the areas of pay, promotions and tenure, White said.

To be rehired, teachers must receive recommendations for re-employment by their department heads. Present sociology department chairman, Kendall Blanchard, said he had no information on the case and that all those in the department who would know anything about the case were no longer there.

Haston said that he was named in the suit because Gregg thought he was the affirmative action officer for the university at the time of her leaving. "I wasn't in that position and I think that if the courts do rule in her favor she would not be rehired since it's been such a long period of time since her leaving," he said.

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Persons asked to testify at the hearings can present a five-minute statement before they are questioned by the committee members, he said. "While we are not required to provide counseling for any of the witnesses, they can certainly bring their own," he added.

Although the committee does not have subpoena power, persons who refuse to testify can be charged with contempt, Floyd said.

Tuesday night the committee will

question the five justices present at the trial. Wednesday's witnesses include Kent Syler, speaker of the senate; Riley Clark, election commissioner; Bryon West, chief of staff; Janet Hyatt and Doug Cole, Sidelines reporters and Cheryl Saggese and John Paffrath, senators and co-sponsors of the impeachment resolution.

"The committee reserves the right to recall any witness after his first testimony," Floyd said. "We may also ask other people to testify after the hearings begin."

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Nine seniors play final home game

by Doyle Parham
Sports Editor

For Ben Hurt and nine seniors on the football squad Saturday will be the last game that they will play at MTSU. Since Ben Hurt resigned as head football coach Monday morn-

ing, the Blue Raiders will try to end the season on a high note.

The Blue Raiders (1-7-1) host the Buccaneers of East Tennessee (3-6-0) Saturday and try to end a five-game losing streak, and also close out their home careers on a

high note.

Suiting up for the final game will be safeties John Diefenbach and Pat Siegfried, defensive tackles Gary Harton and John Caveness, linebacker Barry Minatra, center Darrell Williams, runningback Rob-

bie Rogers, punter Randy Saunders and kick-off specialist Luke Leitz.

Siegfried will not play because of an injury he received earlier in the season, but the other eight will be geared to play.

Both teams are coming off of losses last week. East Tennessee lost to Morehead 31-30 when a two point conversion attempt failed on the game's final play while MTSU was being thrashed by Ohio Valley Conference leader Western Kentucky by a score of 54-0.

East Tennessee is led by Mark Hutsell who is averaging 141.0 yards rushing out of nine games. Total offense he is averaging 210 yards per game, compared to 164 yards per game from the whole squad of MTSU.

East Tennessee, a former member of the OVC, is now in the Southern Conference, although not eligible for the title. They have a 2-1 record against Southern Conference teams, including a 21-14 win over SC leader Western Carolina.

ETSU's other win came against Tennessee Tech as the Bucs routed the Eagles 38-17 in Johnson City a month ago.

"That win shows that they can really play when they put things together," said Hurt, whose resignation is effective at the end of the season.

The coaching staff might be hoping just to survive the Blue Raiders' have lost 14 different starters to injury in the past few weeks.

Whether the seniors and Ben Hurt will have fond memories of their last home game at MTSU will depend on the outcome of the game Saturday. The game will begin at 1:30 p.m.



The nine seniors that will be playing their last game at MTSU Saturday against East Tennessee State are: front row left to right: Robbie Rogers [24], Pat Siegfried [3], John Diefenbach [38], and Luke Leitz

[90]. Back row, left to right: Barry Minatra [29], Gary Harton [72], Darrell Williams [56], John Caveness [71], and Randy Saunders [8].

Jaboley & Turner bring life to wrestling

by Cindy Howe

Three years ago, James Jaboley brought to life a touching promise to win a state championship.

Jaboley, a 5'5", 118 lb., freshman wrestler from Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, made



Gordon Connell

that promise right after the death of his brother more than five years ago. "I promised my mother I would win her a state championship," he said. "I guess it's that promise that keeps me motivated," he added. He has lived up to his promise and last year put the icing on the cake. Jaboley, three times state champion, was voted most valuable wrestler in the state last year.

Jaboley's brother was a well-known wrestler at Notre Dame, and his freshman year placed 4th in the state. His sophomore year he was killed in a car accident less than a mile from his home as he was returning from wrestling practice.

"The most gratifying experience I ever had was putting on my brother's uniform," Jaboley said. "I wore it the whole time I wrestled, until the school changed them."

"I looked at three other schools, before deciding to come to MTSU, but everytime I went to one they would show me their great facilities and their great program, Coach Connell was different. He laid it on the line. He told me what I could

expect, and also said he thought I'd like it here. He has been an excellent coach and a great personal friend if I had a problem. I'm sure it was his honesty that drew me here," he said.

There has been a rumor that the wrestling team may be dropped from the program next year, and so far has proven to be just that—rumor. "I think it would be ridiculous to drop such a promising program," Jaboley said. "It has been as successful as football and they're not dropping football. We're not a major sport, but we're a promising one. I would say by the time I'm a senior, MTSU will be widely known for their wrestling team," he added.

Jaboley doesn't have his goals for this year set as high as those he held in high school. "Right now I just hope to make the starting team," he said. "I also hope to see a lot of people out to support us. It takes away from the matches if a team isn't well supported. We need fans there yelling for us. I'm sure if they came they wouldn't be disappointed," he added.



Mark Hutsell

Relay race scheduled

All persons interested in an indoor race to be held in Murphy Center Nov. 14 are urged to contact the recreation office in the Alumni Gym.

Cagers defense impressive at Motlow

by Richard Layhew

The Blue Raider basketball team played an inter-squad game in Tullahoma Tuesday night at Motlow State where the blue team, the

starters, defeated the whites, the reserves, 70-58 in one of the three pre-season scrimmages.

"Our defense was impressive," head basketball coach Jimmy Earle

said, whose 1977-78 team was ranked fifth in the nation defensively.

Junior forward Leroy Coleman led all scorers with 20 points assisted by senior forward Greg Joyner's 16 points and 14 points by senior forward James Riley.

Greg Armstrong, senior point guard had 4 points, John Denan, freshman guard had 8, Mike Frost, freshman center had 8 and David Thornton, junior guard had 9 to round out the scoring for the blue team.

Senior guard Cordell Haynie led the white team with 16 points and was their only double figure scorer. Chris Harris, a freshman forward, and junior guard Derek Render both had 8 points, sophomore guard Curtis Fitts had 7, freshman guard Tim Johnson had 6, sophomore forward Mark Lynn had 3, and sophomore forward Raymond Martin had 1 to complete the scoring for the white team.

The Blue Raiders travel to McMinnville for their second scrimmage at Warren County Junior High school Nov. 14 before they make their first appearance at the Murphy Center for the annual blue-white game Nov. 20.



Leroy Coleman

Volleyball team ends season

The Lady Raider Volleyball team posted two victories Tuesday night against Tennessee Tech, but fell short in three other games against the same team. The scores were 16-14, 9-15, 15-12, 16-18, and 9-15.

The game against Tennessee Tech was the final game of the season. The Lady Raiders finished with a 12-15 overall record.

This Friday and Saturday the Lady Raiders will participate in the state tournament to be held in Cookeville.

Cross country schedules meet

Four members of MTSU's cross country team will compete in the NCAA regional cross country championship at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., this Saturday.

MTSU will not, however, compete as a team in the meet. In order to compete as a team, a school must field five runners in the meet and MTSU will only carry four.

"The main reason we're going is to get some experience in a big meet. We have a young team and we need the tough competition to prepare us for the future," said MTSU track coach Dean Hayes.

MTSU's best hope for reaching the finals is Junior Gary Perry, Hayes said. Joe O'Loughlin, Dana McCutcheon and Jay Simonetta will also compete for MTSU in the meet. "We're working towards next year. If we add one more strong runner for next season we'll be a competitive team," Hayes added.

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LaLance feels that time is near to become champ

by Henry Fennell

MTSU's men's tennis team wound up their fall practice schedule Saturday with a 6-3 win over Western Kentucky.

The fall schedule is only a rehearsal for the real thing to come this spring, but head tennis coach Dick LaLance believes progress has been made through the fall work.

"If we can maintain our level of play at this point we should be in real contention for the Ohio Valley Conference Championship this spring," said LaLance.

After two years as runner-up in the OVC, LaLance and his team feel their time is near. "Finishing second," LaLance said, "is like kissing your sister." With all of last year's lettermen returning, the Raiders are likely to be the pre-season favorites in the OVC.

The Raiders are lead by trio of players in a close race for the number one singles position. Peter Roberts and Peter Hefferan, both of Melbourne Australia, along with Dale Short of Murfreesboro, are battling for the team's top spot, just the kind of situation coaches' hope for. The Raiders also return lettermen Tony Fernandez, Stuart Thompson and Danny Wallace.

Newcomers on this year's team include freshman Bates Wilson of Trenton, New Jersey, and junior college transfer Randy Schubert. Schubert came to MTSU by way of Roane State Community College and has already moved into the starting line-up.

Coach LaLance has dismissed practice for the team until January, but many of the players will be working on their own until then. Roberts and Hefferan will be going home to Australia (where summer is about to begin) to get in some warm weather practice during Christmas break.

The Raiders' regular season begins Feb. 4, at Vanderbilt. "This year's schedule is the toughest ever. The Raider netters will face national powers such as Tennessee and Michigan State, in addition to their regular OVC opponents," LaLance said.



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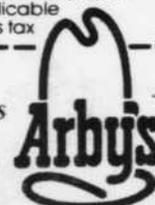
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Jaboley

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Ricky Turner is another strong freshman contender. Turner, a 5'8" 134 pound matman from Catholic School in Memphis, placed 3rd in the state last year. He is pleased with the program here and like most of his teammates has found Coach Connell to be an excellent coach. "He spends more time with you on the mats than most coaches," Turner said. "He has helped me a great deal with my techniques," he added.

Turner agrees with Jaboley that

it would be wrong to drop the wrestling team. "We have two or three guys, like Pat and Frank Simpson and David Buck, who have a strong chance at going to the NCAA tournament and winning. That would be a landmark for us. The sport isn't a major one, but it should be," he said. "I'm not sure why the team isn't well supported. The program in Memphis isn't either, but it should be," he continued. "I think maybe people confuse it with live wrestling.

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Backgammon boards will be on display for players and spectators during the opening night of the tournament. Frank Flitcroft, a member of the International Back-

gammon Association from Nashville and a craftsman and designer of custom made backgammon boards and tables, will exhibit his products during the opening night of the tournament. The boards and tables made by Flitcroft and his wife Debbie are custom made from selected American hardwoods and leathers. Jane Jones, proprietress of "The Peddler," an antique and gift shop located in the Murfreesboro Mall, will exhibit "ready to play" boards from her shop.

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