Three hopefuls announce in ASB presidential race

Charlie Akers, Dennis Huffer and Charles Lea announced Wednesday that they are candidates for the ASB presidency; they join John Jackson in the race for the top student government post.

Akers, Franklin junior, is a physical education major and has served in various class offices, as director of the Student Ambassador Program, as a delegate to TISL and as a member of the Academic Study Committee.

Winchester junior Huffer is an English major and a member of the Sigma Club and Phi Alpha Theta, honorary history society.

Senior Lea is a native of Lebanon and majors in political science. He has served as election commissioner and president of the Young Republicans, Pi Sigma political science fraternity and Delta Tau Delta social fra-

Akers stated in his announcement, "In the past, elected ASB officials have not really represented the student body as a whole; I want to see one of the biggest elections ever held-turnout from every student."

"I want people to take my experience and qualifications and compare them with other candidates. I feel if they do this they will see I have the abilities to execute the office," he continued.

Huffer indicated that he entered the presidential race because he "thought it time for an independent to come forward and wrest control from the big fraternities.

The presidential aspirant added that he would "concentrate on making the student government more effective" noting that student government now is "a sham and a farce.

"I feel that the majority of students have been overlooked," Lea stated. "Student government has not been responsive to them, and they have lost faith in the ability of the ASB to serve them."

He added, "I want to open up good communications between the students and the government and find out what they want; we must mass support for the issues that the students want carried to the administration and the state

Politics must be taken out of the ASB government, he said, noting that such politics were "evident in cabinet appointments.

Akers cited the need for a committee to serve as a coordinating body between students, faculty and administration and a committee to coordinate university-community relations.

Another proposal by Akers was that a committee be formed to study the possibility of having a test file for "independent" students in the library.

He stated that such a program was already in operation at the University of Tennessee and was self-supporting with tests being dispensed for a nominal fee.

Huffer stated that his platform included an investigation of the University Bookstore with appropriate action taken on the findings of the study.

Changes in the operation of the library are also needed, according to Huffer. He stated that the library should remain open all night and machines should be utilized to facilitate checking out books.

The presidential candidate said that the university should adopt a tripartite form of government composed of students, faculty and administration with no one group having a veto over the other two in the operation of the government.

Lea indicated that he would continue the fight for the abolition of dorm hours and would work for an experiment in co-ed dormitories if students wanted it.

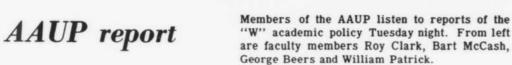
Lea pledged to keep the ASB office open at all hours including the evening and to work to improve communication with the

He stated that one of his prime concerns was getting rid of "stereotypes in student govern-

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Huhta

James Huhta, president of the AAUP, discusses his views on the "W" academic policy and other

AAUP releases results of 'W' investigation

Results of an American Association of University Professors committee investigation of alleged irregularities in the "W" academic policy were released to that group Tuesday night in an open meeting.

The 15-page report was drawn up by a three-man committee which included chemistry professor Roy Clark, mathematics professor George Beers and English department chairman Richard

Contained in the report were findings of the committee concerning the "W" policy and opinions and recommendations of the committee members.

Committee chairman Clark in

recommendations stated, "The issue confronting the faculty is how could the faculty be so unconscious of the workings of this university that such a bastard grade could be born in secrecy, grow to frightening proportions and finally trot with impunity across our grade sheets, kicking sands in our evaluating

The report indicated that the AAUP committee was formed by AAUP president James Huhta on March 2 because "in late February rumors reached the AAUP executive committee that there were cases of grading irregularities connected with a mysterious

By Jim Leonhirth

Copies of the report were distributed to those in attendance at the meeting, and Clark discussed the disclosures and analyses of the investigation.

Problems of the "W" issue, the report stated, were the existence of the grade of "W" and its application to students who are withdrawing from the university, the secret existence of a grade of "W" for students who are withdrawing only from a few courses but remaining in the university and the superimposition of the grade of "W" over the different and intended grade given by the instructor, both with and without his consent.

In 1965, James Martin of the guidance office recommended the grade of "W" for a withdrawing student who had psychological problems, according to the report, and this request was authorized by then President Quill Cope.

Committee members were unable to determine the number of "W's" given during the period 1965-68, but in the period 1968-71, the report shows that 155 students received 2249 hours of "W" credit, although no distinction was made between withdrawal from the university and withdrawal from an individual

The report states: "Dr. Wagner (vice president for student affairs) informs us that Dr. Scarlett authorized the "W" for individual courses in the spring of 1971. Dr. Scarlett doesn't recall this, and thinks he probably inherited this policy from Dr. Cope's administration."

Wagner, who was in attendance at the meeting, indicated that he was not on campus during the spring of 1971 but that it had been his understanding that the policy was authorized following a study of advisement and academic failures by an ad hoc committee.

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AAUP study

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The report stated that a mechanism was established in the spring of 1971 for implementation of the policy which included recommendation by the guidance office of a withdrawal, approval of the withdrawal by the Academic Appeals Committee and notification of the instructor that a "W" was to be reported.

Notification was not always carried out, according to the report. Wagner indicated that he had begun an investigation of unreported "W's" and thus far had only found three cases.

A letter from Wagner to Clark was quoted in the report stating that in September, 1971, Scarlett gave Robert MacLean the authority "to administratively withdraw a student from a course when it was obvious that the student had been maladvised and was taking courses that he did not need or that he could not be expected to successfully complete." MacLean serves as advisor to students without decided majors.

Kirksey unaware of 'W'

The report states that Howard Kirksey, vice-president for academic affairs, was unaware of the existence of the "W" grade until December, 1971, when several instructors wrote to Kirksey protesting that they were being asked to give non-existent grades.

Meetings of the Academic Advisement Committee, which Mac-Lean chairs, were held in early March to discuss the "W" policy. During the committee's March 14 meeting, the report indicates that the committee passed a recommendation to the president that the "W" originate in the guidance and counseling office, the health services building or in Dean Mac-Lean's office.

The report further states that the committee voted that the "W" grade must have the concurrence of the professor and will be used

in cases of "extreme extenuating circumstances.'

The committee asserts that it has evidence of grade changes following the end of a semester.

In his recommendations, committeeman Peck states that the W/P can be used to accomplish the purposes for which the 'W" was apparently devised, the latter appears to be an unnecessary and confusing extension of the grading system."

AAUP passes resolution

Beers' recommendations were passed by the AAUP as a re-The recommendations solution. included placing final appeal in all cases concerning grades with a committee of teaching faculty, making information concerning all grades accessible to all students and requiring faculty study and approval of all "policies and practices significantly impinging upon academic affairs.

Clark noted in his recommendations that the purpose of the committee was "not to place blame" but also stated, "that an instructor's grades can be changed by people in administration without his knowledge or consent is an outcome so monstrous as to be virtually unbelievable, yet this is what happened in 1971."

Clark related to the group his impressions of President Scarlett's reactions to the AAUP report; Clark and Beers discussed with the president the rough draft of the report prior to its release.

Scarlett unavailable for comment

Scarlett has been out of town since the release of the report and unavailable for comment.

Clark cited a "lack of communication" as being a prime difficulty in the controversy surrounding the use of the "W" grade but added that the committee found "no evil intent" in its investigation.

Discussion at the AAUP meeting which was attended by less than 35 persons concerned the report, the composition of the academic appeals committee, administrative use of pre-dated W/P forms and faculty approval of entries in the faculty handbook.

The report indicated that the Academic Appeals Committee was currently composed of Frank Glass, dean of admissions; Leon Hess, director of admissions; and Cliff Gillespie, director of records. Several faculty members questioned the absence of any faculty on the committee.

Vice President Wagner stated that the Academic Appeals Committee at one time was composed of students, faculty and administrators but that the case load had grown to 300-400 cases and had caused all-night sessions that had taxed the energies of the committee members.

Committee subdivides

He noted that the committee had attempted to remedy the overwork by breaking into three sub-committees but that the work load was still large and the three sub-committees had been inconsistent in their treatment of

Students and faculty members left the committee, Wagner said, because of the work load and were replaced by the admissions and records officers whom, he added, did not desire the new posts.

Roscoe Strickland of the history department stated that he had served on the Academic Appeals Committees and denied the statements by Wagner.

Strickland stated that the committee never worked past 10 or 11 p.m. and when they did divide into three subcommittees, entire committee reassembled at the end of the evening finalize appeal decisions.

Committee structure changes

He noted that in the last two meetings, the appeals committee did not reassemble but added that the change in the structure of the committee came when John Weems left the admissions office.

Huhta indicated that the inclusion of the new composition of the Academic Appeals Committee in the faculty handbook was a violation of an agreement between the administration and the Faculty Senate that the faculty body would have to approve entries in the handbook.

Usage of pre-dated W/P forms by the administration were criticized by several instructors including Mario Perez-Reilly of the political science department.

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Theologian to lecture to residents, students

Leroy Garrett, editor, philosopher and Church of Christ minister, will speak this weekend in Murfreesboro and Monday and Tuesday on campus.

Editor of "Restoration Review," a monthly periodical, for 14 years, Garrett holds a theology degree from Princeton and received his Ph.D. from Harvard. He is known in the professional field for a 10-year research program in the teaching of philosophy financed by the Lilly Foun-

The speaker is the originator of the annual Unity Conference which brings together representatives of the Campbell-Stone "Restoration" movement to explore and develop grounds of fellowship.

Garrett will speak on "Fellowship" at a 7 a.m. prayer breakfast Monday in the faculty cafeteria in the Student Union Building and again at 12:15 p.m. in Dining room B.

Monday evening at 7:30 he will appear on a panel with John McRay and Don Finto in Room 323, University Center. The subject will be "Crises of the Contemporary Church.'

Tuesday morning at 10:45 he will speak at the University Center on the subject, "From Pat Boone to the Jesus Movement." His final address Tuesday night is titled "The Young Generation's Quest and the Reformed Church.'

Garrett is to appear under the auspices of the Student Dialogue Club and all meetings are open to the public.

He will also appear Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at the Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation auditorium in Murfreesboro to speak on the subject, 'The Nature of Unity.'

Garrett will hold "minimeetings Saturday night at the home of Norman L. Parks, 404 Minerva, and Sunday in the home of Curry Peacock, 1210 Raleigh Court

Both meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will take the form of religious dialogue on "Restoration and the Contemporary Church."

Dialogue Inc. of Murfreesboro, a religious organization devoted to the promotion of dialogue, will sponsor Garrett's offcampus appearances.

Area Democrats to select delegates for convention

Rutherford County Democrats will meet in their regular precinct voting places Friday night at 7:30 to select delegates to the Rutherford County Democratic Convention, according to Norman Ferris, secretary of the Rutherford County executive Democratic committee.

The history instructor indicated that anyone 18-years-old or older and a Democrat can attend the caucus and be selected as a delegate to the convention to to be held at 12:00 noon, Saturday, April 6, at the Central High School Auditorium.

He added that the county convention would select delegates to the congressional and state convention and may adopt reso- gardless of state law.

lutions concerning the party.

Delegates to the National Democratic Convention in Miami will be selected at the congressional and state convention, according to Ferris.

Larry Harrington, president of the Young Democrats, added that in order for a delegate to be selected to the national convention, he must have been selected to the national convention, he must have been selected first at a precinct meeting.

He added that according to the Democratic National Committee, delegates chosen at this convention cannot be bound by the convention to vote for the candidate who wins the primary re-

AAUP to release findings on re-location of Vernier

sociation of University Professors committee investigating the re-assignment of Douglas Vernier, manager of WMOT, to an-Huhta announced Tuesday.

Huhta stated at the AAUP the issues raised by it. eeting this week that the report radio station beyond the transfer of an individual."

The report, according to the AAUP president, will be sent department.

Findings of an American As- today to the principals involved in the study for their review and then released next week to the AAUP members.

Huhta announced that an open other position will be released meeting would be held next Wed-April 11, AAUP president James nesday to present the report to the entire faculty and to discuss

Over 200 man-hours have alwill deal with "problems of the ready been spent on the investigation, he said. The committee preparing the report is headed by Frank Ginanni of the English

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ASB candidates announce for house, senate posts

Emily Webb will seek the post of speaker of the house, and Peter Hall will seek the post of speaker of the senate in the ASB elections April 13, the two candidates announced Wednesday

Hall will oppose Jeff Barnett, currently attorney general, in the senate speaker's race; Webb is unopposed following Bob Langford's withdrawal from the house speaker's race.

Webb, a sophomore from Jackson, has served in the ASB House for the past year and a half representing the Chi Omega sorority. The biology major served on the house bill committee and was a delegate to the Tennessee Intercollegiate Student Legisla-

Webb stated that she desired to represent the university not only as house speaker but also as an ASB vice president.

If elected, she said, she would work toward closer adherence to parliamentary procedure in the house, holding meetings on a regular basis and providing coor dination for campus organization.

Webb also stated that she wanted to open lines of communication to the ASB Senate through joint committee programs, establish the Academic Study Committee as a permanent committee and develop broader universitycommunity programs.

Hall, a Nashville sophomore, is a marketing major and has served in the ASB Senate for the past two years. He was also a delegate to TISL and to the Tennessee Universities Student Government Association convention.

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Hall stated, "I feel the speaker of the senate should have past experience in the senate in order to make the position viable but also have experience in a variety of fields."

"I feel I've had this experience," the candidate for the speakership said.

Hall said that he favored improvement in academic reform, dorm hours, student rights, food and other campus services, and he indicated that he hoped for further reorganization of the senate and more responsibility for that legislative body.

The sophomore senator stated checks and balances."

he wanted the senate "to work hand in hand with the house of representatives to provide efficient legislation."

In the race for the senate speaker's post, Hall stated that the major issue was past experience in the senate and familiarity with the problems of the senate.

Webb indicated that she opposed a unicameral system of government. "As large as this campus is," she said, "we're slowly getting enough student participation.'

"A unicameral system has its advantages," Hall stated, "more legislation would be passed, but the two-house congress provides

"If the house and senate would realize that they are working for a common goal rather than against each other, they might accomplish more," he said.

Hall blamed "partisan poland "personality conitics" flicts for past difficulties between the house and the senate.

Webb said that she favored the current system of having two vice presidents also because it allowed for more student participation.

"I feel that one vice president would be more efficient," Hall stated, "because he would be carrying out a variety of responsibilities such as the role of the vice president in the national government.

Fraternities to initiate system of 'open rush'

"Open rush," a new fraternity rush system, is being tried by the campus Greeks this week and next, according to Sam Edwards, Interfraternity Council chairman for open rush.

A system of rushing which is not structured, open rush allows the fraternities to make their own rules on how their fraternity will rush and pledge, Edwards said.

He explained the advantage of the system is that each chapter will have the responsibilities of h and that this will leave the free to be a service organiation and not worry about penalties for rush procedures.

Open rush will only be tried for two weeks, he stressed. If it works well for the fraternities it could be put into practice next fall, but first everyone must agree that it works, Edwards commented.

Rush now has hour and grade requirements which would be eliminated through the new system. "The chapters would set up their own requirements which could be as high as the chapter desired," continued the rush chairman.

"Rushees would not be pressured into joining during only "two weeks of a semester," stated Edwards," and rush would lose some of its 'comestic effect' for the rushees."

Currently rushees do not know what Greeks are like because of the hastily structured rush procedures, he added. The new rush would also allow a "liberalized depledging system," permitting a man to depledge one fraternity and go to another one hard feelings, he went on.

Edwards suggested that the new system would help eliminate competition for numbers, and the fraternities could concentrate on the quality of their members.

Official bids would not be sent out through the school administration, he said, but the chapter

would ask the man if he would

like to pledge. If the system comes into effect in the fall, Edwards indicated that each chapter would have to decide on its own method of pledge training which would agree with their national organization.

Other area universities which have a similar system of rushing are Memphis State, Morehead in Kentucky and UT-Chattanooga, he concluded

council bill House rejects campus

In its last meeting under the present administration, the ASB House of Representatives defeated an attempt to create a University Council Wednesday night.

Passed unanimously earlier that evening by the Senate the bill received a 6-9-8 vote in the

A similar bill was tabled by the house last fall, according to Parliamentarian Bill Bennett.

Sponsor of the bill, House Speaker Ron Merville, said that a great deal of work had been done to revise the bill to eliminate those parts which had caused it to be tabled last fall.

Bennett noted that the bill contained only two substantial changes, however.

Under the proposal nine stu-

the three administrative vice do allow for all students to have presidents of the university would have served as an advisory body in the development of policies and as a coordinator and transmitter of the work of standing university committees.

The council would have been the first chance for students not appointed by the ASB president to have a direct input into the committees, Merville said.

Representative Dennis Frobish noted, however, that the open hearings held by the committees

a direct input into decision mak-

In urging defeat of the bill, Bennet said, "I hate to see something shoved down the throat of the house on the last meeting of this session.'

Representative Jack Sidebottom, who had argued against the establishment of the council, also urged its defeat just prior to the vote on the measure

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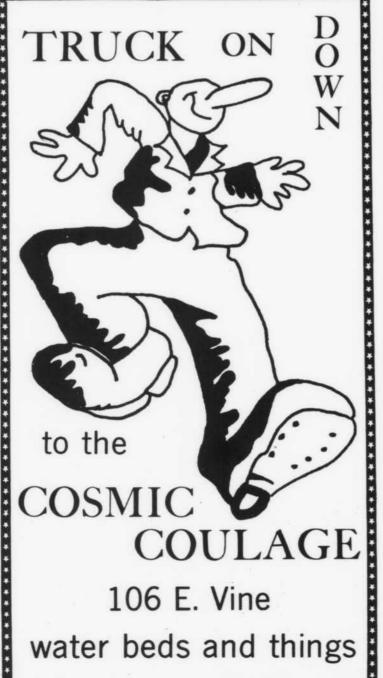
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Students, faculty participate in studies

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"It is more appropriate to call it an interdisciplinary seminar rather than humanities, because we include studies other than just the humanities," explained June Martin, coordinator of the sem-

Martin explained that the seminar was her brain-child, and as a result, she was given the responsibility of it.

"This is the fourth semester we have conducted the seminar,' she said. "Our topics have ranged from "The Individual and Society" to "War and Human

"The semester we had War and Human Values' as our topic wasn't as interesting a semester as we thought it would have been," the speech professor said.

"Of course, more factors enter into the seminar than just the topic. The personalities of the students, their interactions with the faculty and the number of each group makes the outcome different in each seminar," she By Carol Norville Feature Editor

"That's why we try to keep the seminar small," she said.

Invitations are sent to all students with at least a three point average to be a part of the seminar. They are requested to return a summary of activities and experiences which would be helpful contributions to the group.

Martin explained that this semester an additional paper from the students was requested on "Man and His Environment," this semester's topic. From these final papers, members were chosen for the seminar.

"I always try to choose people with varied interests and activities and ideas, because we want each student to be able to submit worthwhile contributions to the group," Martin said.

Discussion this semester has included the general topics "Physical Environment," "Man-Made Physical Environment" and "Emotional Responses."

The grade for the course depends on participation during the

semester as well as a one-hour presentation by each student near the end of the semester.

James K. Huhta, history professor, explained that he was a participant in the seminar the first semester it was tried.

"That semester faculty members were encouraged to attend, and this semester they are not,' he said. "I think this latter approach is more effective if what the students are thinking and saying is any indication.

Becky Freeman, student participant in the seminar, said, 'Some students feel stifled by the presence of too many faculty members. Faculty participation in the seminar is fine as long as the faculty members remember that they are observers and participants, not leaders in the discussions."

She continued, "Faculty members, like the students, have much to add to the discussions, but because of the limited time period for the seminar, it is important that the students who are partially evaluated on their participation be allowed to contribute as much as possible.

Dance to conclude Derby Week

Sigma Chi Fraternity's second with a dance Saturday night at the Agricultural Center on West Main Street, according to Bill Patterson, publicity chairman for the event.

The Derby Dance, which will conclude a week of activities, will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and feature Duffy's Plantation Band, he added.

At the dance, trophies will be annual Derby Week will climax awarded to both the Derby winner and to the sorority that has exhibited the most spirit during the week, Patterson explained.

> Other events planned for Saturday include a series of games and contests for the sororities, the publicity chairman indicated.

He said that these games would begin at 11 a.m. at the picnic

area near the baseball diamonds and would include such events as Musical Ice Cubes, Skin th Snake, a mystery contest and balloon burst.

Events held earlier in the week included a derby decoration contest, a parade and a barbecue, Patterson said.

He announced that Marsha Steekly of Alpha Delta Pi, Winchester freshman, was selected Monday as Derby Darling to serve as the Queen of Derby Week.

Thursday and Friday were designated by Patterson as the dates of the Derby Chases. On these days, sorority members chase the Sigma Chi members to get the derby they are wearing,

Freshman dies in car accident

Services were held Wednesday for Francene Catherine Novak, 18-year-old McMinnville freshman, who was killed Monday when her Volkswagen collided with a pickup truck on U. S. 70 South, six miles west of McMinnville.

Novak, a student in the nursing program at MTSU, is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Novak of McMinnville; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Novak and Mrs. Paul Bauer, all of Jefferson City, Mo.

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Many do not know drug facts

People involved with marijuana, both pro and con, just don't know many of the facts, according to Joe T. McEwen of Nashville's Metro Police Department.

"Average college students, whether they have used marijuana or not, know very little about the drug: unfortunately many of the people that high schools get to lecture to their students also know very little about marijuana and other drugs," he said.

McEwen, an out-spoken veteran of the department, thinks that the laws governing the "pushers" are not strict enough.

Pushers should get life term

'Anyone caught selling marijuana, or any illegal drug, should be given a life prison term, for many times they ruin another person's life with drugs," he said.

"That may sound harsh, but in today's system they could be up for parole in 13 years and that's pretty cheap for ruining another person's life," indicated the policeman.

McEwen, who has been shot six times in the line of duty, feels that marijuana is a stepping stone to harder drugs.

"Marijuana does not make you want harder drugs, but the same place you get marijuana you can get hard drugs, and it's the pusher's job to sell the more expensive drugs," he said.

Legalization of marijuana might solve the problem, McEwen speculated. "Whether it would solve it or not, marijuana will be legalized because of its widespread use among all classes of people and the sympathy towards its users," he said.

"I picked up a roach," which he later explained was a pusher, "on Fifth Street with over \$200 worth of marijuana and locked him up. The next morning he was out on bail, probably pushing drugs again."

Pot is easily obtained

Pushers can reach most of the college population. This is verified by one anonymous student in Nashville: "I know where I can get pot everyday, as much as I want, if need be. But I usually smoke whenever I am tense or just down in the dumps," this neatly dressed male student said.

He indicated that he "got tired of getting drunk whenever I wanted to get high. Marijuana makes me happy and gives me a better appreciation of music, food and my environment."

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Acapulco Gold is one of many strains of marijuana that comes into this country. The various strains of marijuana affect every user in a different way, according to Jack Arters of the education department.

"Everyone's body chemistry, like his finger prints, is unique, and marijuana can make you active, passive, hallucinate or have no effect on you at all," explained Arters.

Arters said that "Forty-two per cent of the college and high school population have tried marijuana and 10 to 12 per cent become psychologically dependent on it. All regular users of marijuana are emotionally upset and they are using marijuana to get a euphoric feeling or to escape depression," he concluded.

Pot is not greatest problem

Arters explained that legal drugs in this country-pills, ethyl alcohol and cigarettes-make for a much bigger problem than marijuana.

"Deaths resulting from drunk driving reached 30,000 last year. I have yet to hear about any deaths resulting from marijuana," he said:

Arters said that this country cluded.

has been hypocritical in its research on marijuana.

"In 1970, the governor of California, Ronald Reagan, appointed a committee to study the effects of marijuana. This committee, the Kaplin Commission, spent three years studying the effects of marijuana, physical, emotional and social, he said.

He continued, the commission, based on their research of marijuana and other legal drugs, declared that marijuana should be legalized. Regan dismissed them and threw out the three-year study that had been financed by taxpayer's money."

Two researchers who have very profound thoughts on marijuana are Joel Forte and David Smith, according to Arters.

"Both men are medical doctors as well as having their Ph.d.'s," said Arters. Forte even wrote a book called The Pleasure Seekers, which is very interesting and informative."

Arters said these two men are now researching an amotivational theory about marijuana. This theory states that a person may lose all desire to strive for any goal.

"If this theory is valid, then a lot of marijuana users will have a 'don't give a damn' attitude about everything," Arters commented.

"We could have a lot of people with no concern about anything, and they could become a vegetable of society," he concluded

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Back in the days when the Beatles were the commanders of the pop world, the hierarchy was established for certain. Everyone knew that the Beatles were the setters of musical precedent, and that they were responsible for whatever direction pop music took.

But now the Beatles are gone, alas. Who took their place? Well, nobody officially. But the team of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel held one of the strongest claims to the vacant throne. Then, Simon and Garfunkel split.

Now the question is: Does Paul Simon hold as much of a claim to the throne as Simon and Garfunkel once had? Or, to abandon my metaphor, is Simon himself as good as he was with Garfunkel?

Off the record

In answering that, we can examine the list of sidemen that were called in for the long-awaited album, Paul Simon (Columbia) to replace Garfunkel.

They include Fred Lipsius of Blood, Sweat, and Tears; Los Incas, the flute-and-percussion section who did "El Condor Pasa" on the incredibly solid Bridge Over Troubled Water album preceding this one; Nashville's most accomplished sideman Charlie McCoy; and about 25 other multi-faceted performers. So, even though Garfunkel's gone, he's hardly missed.

The whole album smacks of this kind of thoroughness. The instruments in Simon's repertoire include all the basic stuff, plus the more or less exotic bass harmonica, charango, vibes and harmonium. Simon used four guitarists besides himself, and held sessions in five (count 'em) recording studios,

By Jim Trammel

counting ones in Paris and Jamaica, for this album.

But Simon's production of the material is so skillful that he doesn't sound too glossy. Roy Halee, his engineer, has an uncanny knack for knowing exactly how loud an instrument or vocal should be. The most instrumentally appealing song on the album is one he re-mixed after someone else had engineered it.

The songs themselves are almost great. The only thing is that Simon, who is principally a poet, cannot communicate through a good delivery. Since he has trouble assuming his characters realistically, it takes a bit of imagination on the listener's part to make them come through.

But his lyrics, in themselves, are excellent. Simon has once again produced his normal quota of curious character sketches, semi-philosophical musings, and weirdly constructed situational songs.

And Simon's musical showing, needless to say, is up to his usual standard of excellence. Simon commands the most expressive guitar to be heard in the current pop realm, bar nobody. In addition, he turns in his first recorded percussion appearance during "Paranoia Blues". Simon's drum work is artistically sound, if not outstanding.

Simon has long been a leader, since his "Sounds of Silence" days. On this album, he begins to become a kind of interpreter of other song styles as well. "Congratulations," the album's last cut, boasts a melancholy set of lyrics and a moody delivery that sounds like Simon is aping John Lennon.

Lennon? Maybe Simon really is trying to be another Beatle after all.

Delegate selection

Democrats turn out tonight

There will be a great experiment tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tennessee Democrats will meet in open precinct caucuses to select the men and women who, as delegates to the national convention, will choose the party's candidate for president.

These precinct meetings are the first step in a delegate selection procedure that for the first time is open to rank and file Democrats. State party rules conform to the McGovern Commission guidelines by requiring that all delegates to the national convention must have been elected by their neighbors at tonight's precinct meetings.

Those chosen tonight will go to county conventions Saturday and select delegates to the congressional district and state conventions. Eight per cent of the delegates to the Miami convention will be elected at the congressional district level, 20 per cent at the state convention.

There will be confusion tonight and Saturday caused by inexperience and flaws in the rules, but if there is failure, it will be due to lack of participation.

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention from all over the nation will be selected under rules which not only open the doors to participation, but, in fact, require broad participation if they are to work effectively.

Delegates must be selected at the grass roots level. The rules demand representation of minorities and minority viewpoints. Delegations at each level must have blacks, women and persons under 30 years of age in proportion to their numbers in the population because exclusion of economically disadvantaged persons from delegate positions is basis for a challenge to the delegation.

Tennessee's party rules have taken the selection of the state's delegates By Larry Harrington

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out of the hands of a ruling elite. Implemented across the nation, similar rules promise to take selection of the Democratic presidential nominee out of the hands of big money men, big labor leaders and out-of-touch black politicians who have for so long tried to serve as a private nominating committee.

This promise can be broken. It can be destroyed by those who have clamored and worked for rank and file control but due to foolishness or frustration fail to realize the power of the people in the precinct meetings like those tonight.

Scene from the Hill

An ironic footnote in history may be written tonight. Tomorrow morning the reformers in the Democratic party, many of them liberals, might awaken to find county conventions from Shelby to Sullivan controlled by precinct-elected George Wallace Democrats. His is the only candidate organization working to get people out.

Even worse, only very few Democrats may show up. Rutherford County's precincts are supposed to elect 258 delegates to the county convention. It is considered optimistic to predict that half of the precinct meetings will have enough people present to elect their full number of delegates.

If participation across the state is as low as some predict, it will be said that the new rules have failed. It will be sad that those who fought for the rules have failed.

Yet, if rank and file involvement is in evidence, it should be said that a noble experiment has begun.

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Editorial

'W' report
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Reporting the results of the "W" policy investigation, the committee of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) uncovered some regrettable inconsistencies in the institution of grading policies.

Several facts discovered by the committee seriously damage the credibility of the "W" grade.

While a part of the reasoning behind the "W" is legitimate--that of an attempt to formalize procedure for withdrawal of students for medical or psychological reasons, other reasons given for the administration of the grade in the past are at best cloudy and confusing.

The withdrawal of a student from a course because he was maladvised or unlikely to be able to complete the course successfully opens new ambiguities for examination.

Perhaps the most disturbing fact uncovered in this investigation is the extensive usage of the grade without the knowledge or consent of the faculty and without the awareness of the grade by students

The overriding of a faculty member's evaluation of his student's work is a challenge to the confidence placed in that faculty member as an educator, as well as a gross inconsideration of his efforts. Most, if not all, faculty members would be understanding of a medical or psychological withdrawal from the university.

Failure to make the entire student body aware of the grade usage further discriminated against the majority of students who were unable to make use of its provisions.

The continued usage of the "W" is

questionable, as a student through existing procedure can already withdraw from his classes, following midsemester with a W/P with the consent of his instructor and the dean of the school.

Further consideration of grade changes should be give extensive study.

The SIDELINES endorses the proposal of the AAUP to allow the faculty the authority for their grades, impartial student access to all grades which should be clearly defined, and careful study by the Faculty Senate of academic policies.

Furthermore, we hope this policy serves to warn both the faculty and students to be more critical in their acceptance of procedure and to have the astuteness not merely to accept change passively, but to examine it critically.

Nixon must admit Vietnamization policy error

North Vietnam's offensive is now in its fifth day, and the forces of the South Vietnamese army are being pushed further and further away from the demilitarized zone.

The inability of the South Vietnamese army to hold out against the invasion from the north is a real blow to the Vietnamization policy of President Nixon.

When he was campaigning for the presidency four years ago he said he had a plan to get us out of the war. That plan, we can assume, was Vietnamization.

Now it appears that Vietnamization may be a failure. The use of U.S. aircraft may put a stop or at least a temporary halt to the invasion (or is it an incursion?), but if that is what it takes, one must assume that the South Vietnamese are incapable of defending themselves.

By Dennis Frobish

So where does the United States go from here? If Vietnamization is a failure, do we recommit ground troops already withdrawn? Do we increase the bombing in Indo-China at the expense of civilians and the loss of pilots lives?

Four years ago (and even earlier) some of us were calling for a with-drawal of all American forces. We realized that it was entirely possible that North Vietnam would overrun the south, but we felt that it was imperative that the United States get out.

But President Nixon decided to stay. He decided to commit more money badly needed at home to support a corrupt dictator--President Thieu. He decided to give the American people the idea that the time and money already

spent in the war would not be wasted if the South Vietnamese government could be made to stand.

President Nixon may have been led to believe by zealous military leaders that Vietnamization could work. If he was fooled he was not the first to be taken in by the military.

What happens now depends a great deal on the President. It is hard, indeed, for a man to admit that he has made a mistake, but that is what the President must do.

He must admit to himself and to the American people that democracy cannot be forced on a people who do not understand it.

He must admit that the United States policy in Indo-China has been wrong, and he must reverse that policy so that it is in accordance with the wishes of the American people.

Subversion

Look out! The Commies are on the move to undermine the very foundations of the country.

Item: The major league baseball players are on strike. That must be un-American.

Item: Cesar Chavez and his United Fruit Pickers are threatening to go on strike. No more apples and no more apple pie. That, too, must be un-American.

Item: Women's libbers think that woman's primary role should no longer be motherhood. Also un-American.

Baseball, apple pie and motherhood. When those, the very moral fibers of the nation, are gone, Disneyland and Democracy must fall soon, too.

Movie review

Redskin fights rednecks

Billy Jack is a mean "mother," and any white-socked, beer-drinking redneck who doubts it may get his teeth kicked by a fancy "gook" man-

From the pages of the new West comes the new hero, Billy Jack. Billy (Tom Laughlin) is a half-breed war veteran who appears from nowhere in time of need to rout the forces of evil threatening a progressive Indian school.

This movie, however, concerns more than merely redneck vs. redskin. Jean Roberts (Delores Taylor) has opened the school, which she heads, to any child with a problem and thus opens a battle between the establishment and the "dirty, pot-smoking hippies."

For other thematic concerns there is the battle between Non-violence (Jean) and Violence (Billy) as a means to solve problems and the eternal battle between good and evil.

All these forces and controversies are interwoven in the plot which deals with an attempt by the deputy sheriff (Kenneth Tobey) to get his pregnant hippie daughter away from the protection of a school that shields her from his violence and beatings.

His desire to have her returned is strengthened when he learns she is "messing around" with a Mexican-American lad. On hand to aid the deputy is the classic town boss and his classic son.

Relations between town boss Posner

By Jim Leonhirth

(Bert Freed), the deputy and Billy Jack are somewhat strained, because Posner and the deputy have been killing wild mustangs on Indian land.

Billy Jack is the epitome of good as he studies tribal magic and comes to the rescue on the appropriate mode of transport, be it horse, motorcycle or jeep.

His opposite is the son of the boss, Bernard (David Roya). Bernard is bad. His chief sin is not murder, rape or child molesting, although he commits all three; Bernard's chief sin is his weakness.

Bernard (as countless villians before him) can not stand up to his father's "iron will", a condition which is not aided by his sexual inadequacy.

The plot and themes come to a head in a sequence reminiscent of Walt Disney's Alfredo Baca, but not before Billy and Jean have sermonized on the value of non-violence in a world in which Martin, Bobby and John were killed.

Strip away some of the violence and coarser dialogue and the movie could pilot for a television series. A strong, quiet almost invincible hero carries on a plutonic romance with an independent-minded female and with the aid of a kindly doctor fights evil in the West.

Come to think of it, such a show is already on; it's called "Gunsmoke."



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Shop talk

Ex-Raider pitching star, Chuck Taylor, now with the New York Mets, talks with SIDELINES sports editor, Wally Sudduth, while watching the MTSU-Marion game.

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Spring sports to offer variation

With the Blue-White football game already history and the baseball, tennis, golf and track teams returning to the campus after some strenuous road competition while everyone else was on vacation, it's time for a closer look at what this spring has to offer for the student spectator.

Raider netters, after playing four of the top 20 teams in the country on their Florida swing and Alabama Wednesday, are hosting the OVC Quadrangular Meet starting the 14th of this month with ETSU, APSU, and TTU furnishing the opposition. Four days later Vanderbilt comes to the Big Blue courts

Baseball will be in the limelight also. Coach A.H. "Lefty" Soloman is still muttering to himself about his spring trip schedule which had the Raiders playing four of the top 11 teams in the country within a two week span.

One of those, undefeated and eighth ranked (sure to rise before they get here) South Alabama (SA) will be in Murfreesboro for a doubleheader on April 15.

Eddie Stanky is the Alabaman's coach and, according to Coach Soloman, carries 23 pitchers on his 47-man squad. For the MTSU-SA contests during the break, there were around 3,000 spectators at each game.

Following SA will be Western Kentucky, David Lipscomb, Vanderbilt and Austin Peay to name some of the topflight competition the Raiders will encounter at home this spring.

Dean Hayes' track crew is scheduled to take in a great many of the prestigous meets around the country but also are attracting some quality competition to the MTSU campus.

The Blue lost a narrow decision to Notre Dame in a dual meet here earlier and have Murray State coming for another dual contest April 18th. Big home meet of the year, however, is the Tennessee Intercollegiate Conference Championships to be held here May 5-6.

By Wally Sudduth Sports Editor

So as spring approaches and sports activity increases there can be no excuse for the plaintive cry commonly heard around the campus of "Boy, I wish there was something to do."

Chuck Taylor visits campus

On the baseball note, the writer, while taking in the pair of Raider wins over Marion College last Monday, had a chance to chat a while with former MTSU pitching great and now New York Met, Chuck Taylor.

Besides the current strike, which is disrupting enough, Taylor and the rest of the Mets are now managerless with the untimely death of Gil Hodges.

Taylor's and presumably the rest of the proplayers' version of the strike is that their demands are only for a cost of living increase and that the owners are merely attempting to break the players' association by refusing to deal with them.

His opinion is that unless the strike was settled as of last night that it would probably last quite some time. Taylor, meanwhile, continues to work out on his own here while waiting some word to play or not play this year.

Sykes gains more honors

Raider Herm Sykes continues to compile honors after the season is over. Besides being selected to compete in the two Tennessee-Kentucky All Star games Sykes has been named to the 1972 edition of the Outstanding College Athletes in America and more recently was named to Western Kentucky's All-Opponent team.

Before one shrugs his shoulders and says "so what" to the last item, they should check some of the other members of the team. Sykes joins Les Taylor, Dwight Lamar, Leonard Coulter, Tom McMillen, George Bryant, Roy Ebron, Charlie Mitchell, Robert Morse and Rich Stone as being the toughest to play against this past season.

Awards volume features MTSU athletes

Ten MTSU students have been chosen to appear in the 1972 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America.

Announcement of their selection was made by the board of advisors of Outstanding College Athletes of America, an annual awards volume published to honor America's finest college athletes.

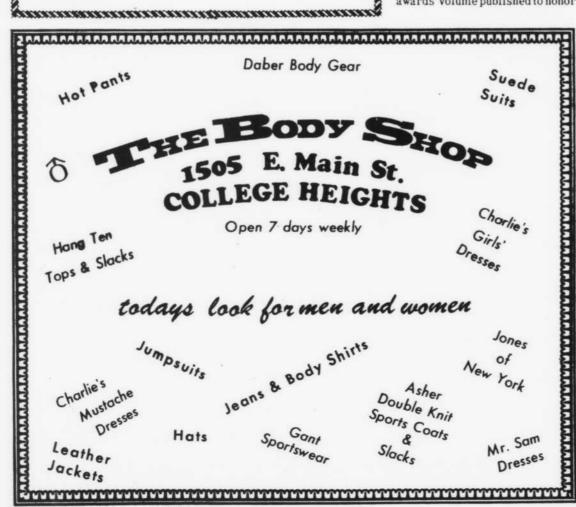
Coaches and athletic directors from individual colleges and universities across the nation nominated the winning athletes on the basis of their displayed abilities not only in athletics but also in community service and campus activities.

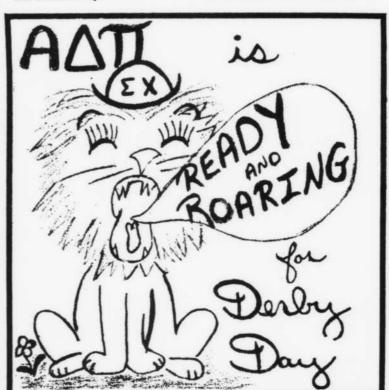
Other criteria for those selected for Outstanding College Athletes of America included strength of character, leadership both on and off the playing field and scholarship.

Biographies of all Outstanding College Athletes of America will be included in the 1972 edition to be published in July.

The program's board of advisors is chaired by James Jeffrey, executive director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Selected from MTSU were Barry McClure, Hall of Fame, track; Ray Oldham, football; Tommy Haynes, track; Rich Russo, track; Jerry Kirby, football; James Inglis, football; Herman Sykes, basketball; Charles Wilson, track; Eustace Kigongo, tennis; Les Price, baseball.





Bubba

Golfers win meet

Mississippi tournament with a 733 score. They took fifth place in

the Palmetto Invitational

MTSU's golf team finished on top of the nine team field in the Bubba Latimer, the Blue-White game's leading rusher, heeds some words of wisdom from Teddy Morris, one of the Blue

squad's coaches.

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Blue squad wins 21-14 in annual Blue-White tilt

MTSU's spring practice-ending Blue-White game, held on a chilly Thursday night just prior to spring break, was won by the Blue squad 21-14.

Two Melvin Daniels TD runs and a 19 yard Daniels to Tommy Latimer pass within an 11:21 span in the third and early fourth quarters accounted for all the Blue points.

Raymond Bonner got the White squad off and running early when he gathered in a Tommy Winfree punt, sidestepped a would-be tackler, cut to his right and raced 67 yards virtually untouched for the game's first score.

The Whites made their lone TD stand up until well into the third quarter behind the stellar defense of tackle Dexter Dodson, who led both teams in individual tackles with 12, linebacker Harry Flippen (nine tackles) and Robert Madry (nine tackles)

After the Blue tied the game at 10:13 in the third quarter on Daniels' four yard run, the White team fumbled the ensuing kickoff to afford great field position for the Daniels-to-Latimer aerial which gave the Blue squad a lead they never relinquished.

Latimer, the game's most prolific rusher with 161 yards in 32 carries, broke free the next time the Blue got the ball and scampered 52 yards to the White 14 with 22 sec. remaining in the third quarter to set up Daniels' last TD, a one yard sneak.

Fayne Limbo, White starting QB, finally unlimbered his passing arm and got the White back on the scoring track as he engineered a drive to the Blue two from where Joe Pelt bolted over for the game's final score.

Leading the Blue defenders in tackles were Tom Bowers and Rick Birchfield with seven each.

Despite the White rushing and passing balance, the Blue led in total offense 290 yards to 225 on the strength of Latimer's and the rest of the Blue rushers' 255 yard total.

Coach joins staff

A new addition to MTSU's football staff has been announced by Athletic Director Charles 'Bubber' Murphy. Joining the Blue Raiders is Otis Wagner, who replaces the departed defensive backfield coach, Hal Dyer, who accepted a position with Memphis State in early March.

Coach Wagner comes to MTSU from Northern Illinois where he was defensive backfield coach for the past eight years. Wagner, who was on the same staff with head coach Bill Peck at Northern for four of his eight years, was a standout quarterback and fullback at Ohio University, winning three varsity letters and getting his B.S. degree in 1963.







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Columbia star inks grant as first basketball signee

David Webster of Columbia became the first Blue Raider basketball signee of 1972 by inking an OVC grant-in-aid Wednesday.

Webster is considered a blue chip prospect by the Raider coaching staff. He has been named to the BANNER All-Midstate team, Sports Writers All-State and AP second team All-State.

The Columbia star averaged 16-5 points and 14 rebounds, and the slender 6-6 leaper is expected to play the wing for the Raiders.

"Credentials are not everything," said Coach Jimmy Earle in referring to Webster. "If they had gone to him he would probably have averaged at least 24-25 points. He is also unselfish and often passed up the shot for the assist."

"We are extremely happy to sign a young man like David," Earle said. "He is not only a major college prospect but also a fine student and good citizen."

Hardy Lloyd, Webster's high school coach, observed, "David has certainly been a credit to our school and basketball team not only as a player but as a fine student and citizen as well."

The Lions were 25-3 during Webster's senior campaign, including a 21 game winning streak.

Raiders break even on road

Blue Raider baseballers sandwiched four wins and four losses around a car wreck on their sounthern road trip before returning home for a pair of wins which ran their season record to 9-5 to date.

Just prior to their Florida swing the Raiders notched a pair of one-run wins over Wittenburg by 2-1 and 4-3 scores.

Tommy Nolan collected both RBI's in the first game to give Gary Elrod the win in relief of Jack Laverty. Two hits each by Ed Robichaud and Les Price powered MTSU to the second game win which went to Bobby Parton, also in relief.

Road wins were harder to come by as the Blue found out in a 9-6 loss to UT Chattanooga with Gary Melson on the short end of the score. One bright spot for the Raiders was Dan Gibson's three-for-five day at the plate.

Tenth-ranked Georgia Tech eased by the Blue by a 5-2 count at their next stop as Laverty was tagged with the loss. Marcus Calsor was the leading Raider batsman with a two-forthree afternoon.

In the second game of a doubleheader at Tech, MTSU bounced back with a 5-3 win over Oglethorpe University behind Randy Bratton's two inning By Wally Sudduth Sports Editor

relief win in which he struck out five of the six men to face him.

Jim Gilliam and Presley Guy teamed up on the next Raider foe, Southern Tech, for a seven hit shutout as the Blue posted a 3-0 win. Gilliam was credited with the win, and Don Hibdon and Robichaud supplied most of the hitting punch as Robichaud blasted his second home run of the season and Hibdon went two-for-four with a double.

After a rainout at Florida State, the Raiders travelled to number eight-ranked South Alabama for a doubleheader which saw the hosts take both tilts. MTSU lost the first 15-7 with Melson tagged for his second defeat of the season and the second by a 9-2 score as Joe Hollar was the loser.

After their return home the Big Blue grabbed a pair of 2-0 victories from Marion College. In the first game Laverty fired a one hit, nine strike-out shutout at the visitors to notch the win. Doubles by Robichaud and Calsor were the big blows at the plate.

Guy and Parton joined efforts in the second Marion contest to nail down a three hit shutout as Guy also struck out eight in his 5 1/3 innings pitched. Calsor scored the first MTSU run in the fifth on a "suicide squeeze" by Johnny Murray.

Raider pitching to date has been headed by Bratton and Guy, both with 2-0 records and 1.20 and 1.26 ERA's respectively. Parton and Elrod are 1-0 with Elrod's ERA at 1.80, while Parton's is a fantastic 0.00 after pitching seven innings.

Gilliam (1-1 and 2.25) and Laverty (1-1 and 2.50) are the other Blue pitching leaders.

Robichaud leads the Raider hitting parade with a hefty .372 average followed by Hibdon (.323), Glover, (.318), Calsor (.286) and Mike Townsend (.280). Robichaud also leads the club in HR's (2), runs (10), hits (16) and two-base hits (6).

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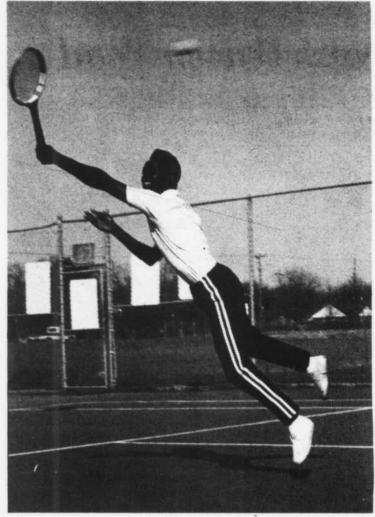
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Eustace

Eustace Kigongo, Raider tennis sensation, stretches to return a high lob. The squad will participate April 14-15 in an OVC Quadrangular Meet on campus.

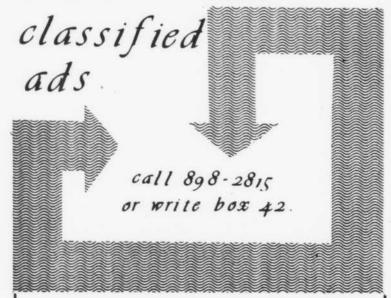
Tennis team presents 6-7 record

MTSU's tennis team this week brought their record to six wins and seven losses by beating Morris Harvey on Tuesday and losing to the University of Alabama on Wednesday.

The Blue Raiders scored a 9-0 victory over Morris Harvey as Eustace Kigongo, Jerry Borysko, Ted Jones, Yogi Burgener, Lee Mayo and Doug Miedaner swept the singles. Kigongo and Miedaner, Jones and Borysko, and Mayo and Burgener completed the Raider shutout with wins in the doubles competition.

Even though playing "a close match all the way," according to tennis coach Larry Castle, the Raiders ended their meeting with Alabama on the short end of an 8-1 score. The lone Blue Raider point was scored in the singles competition by the number two singles player, Jerry Borysko.

The next home match for MTSU's tennis team will be in the Ohio Valley Conference Quadrangular Meet which will be held on the Blue Raider courts April 14 and 15. East Tennessee, Austin Peay and Tennessee Techare the participants.



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Tennis team plays during break

Three wins and three losses were added to MTSU's tennis record over spring vacation as the team had a busy schedule of eight matches in 10 days.

The Blue Raiders began with a 9-0 victory over UT Chatta-nooga on the Raider courts. In singles play, the Raiders did not lose a set as Eustace Kigongo, Yogi Burgener, Ted Jones, Lee Mayo, Doug Miedaner and Jerry Borysko, each garnered wins.

The number one doubles team of Jones and Borysko, the number two team of Kigongo and Miedaner and the number three team of Burgener and Mayo completed the sweep of the match.

The "Big Orange" of Tennessee followed UTC the next day and set the Blue Raiders back

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with an 8-1 victory. The number two doubles team of Kigongo and Miedaner took the lone MTSU point.

A 6-3 loss to Murray State occurred the next day in a match that the Raiders "should have won," according to Coach Larry Castle. Miedaner and Borysko captured singles victories, and Mayo and Burgener teamed for a win in doubles competition.

Hamline University's team was the next visitor to the Blue Raider courts and was blanked by the Blue (9-0) twice.

At the University of Kentucky Quadrangular, MTSU was able to play only Cincinnati when matches with Kentucky and Western Kentucky were snowed out.

In the match with Cincinnati, the Raiders were nosed out 5-4 as Borysko, Jones and Miedaner garnered singles victories while the number three doubles team of Mayo and Burgener added the fourth point.

According to Coach Castle, the next three weeks "really count," as the Raiders begin play for the Ohio Valley Conference championship. OVC play begins this weekend as the Raiders travel to Clarksville to meet Austin Peay, Murray State and Western Kentucky.

"We must beat them or play them close," Castle said of the upcoming matches. The OVC championship will be decided on the number of points scored against OVC competition and not on a won-loss basis.

MTSU's women's tennis team hosts Tennessee Tech this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. on the Blue Raider courts.

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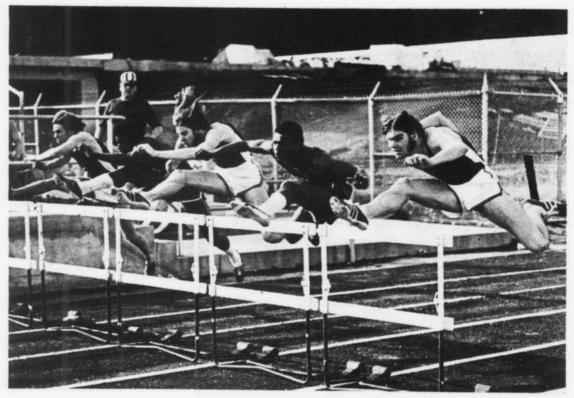


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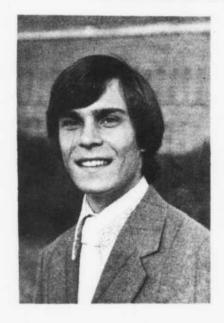
Up & over!

MTSU's Keith Cromartie and Nate Porter struggle in what appears to be a five man dead heat during the Notre Dame meet. The Raider squad was defeated in the meet by a 10-point margin.

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Notre Dame defeats Raider track squad

Notre Dame University's track team visited Middle Tennessee during the spring break and left with a narrow 77-67 victory over the Blue Raider thinclads. According to track coach Dean Hayes, a higher finish by only two MTSU competitors would have turned the score around.

In the 10 running events, the Raiders and the Fighting Irish each won five. MTSU captured wins in both relay events.

The 440 yd. relay team of Henry Kennedy, Tommy Haynes, Melvin Daniels and Charles Wilson edged out Notre Dame by .1 sec., winning 42.1 to 42.2.

A time of 3:20.5 was the winning mark for the mile relay team of Kennedy, John Johnson, Myles Maillie and Homer Huffman.

In the 440 yd. dash, Kennedy led the Raiders to a clean sweep of the points with a time of 49.1 sec. Huey Johnson and John Johnson finished second and third respectively.

Huffman garnered another Blue Raider first in the 880 yd. run. His time was 1:53.6.

A match-up in the 120 yd. high hurdles between Notre Dame's NCAA indoor champion, Tom Mc-Mannon, and MTSU's number one hurdler, Nate Porter, did not materialize. One of Porter's shoes split open at the beginning of the event halting his effort; McMannon won in 14.1 sec. The 440 yd. intermediate hurdles was won by Maillie with a time of 53.6 sec. Keith Cromartie finished third behind Notre Dame's McMannon.

In the field events, the Raiders won three of the seven. Triple jumper Barry McClure leaped 49-3/4 for a first with Haynes second.

Haynes placed first in the long jump with a 24 ft. leap. The high jump was won by Jesse Agnew clearing 6-6. The same height was also cleared by Notre Dame's Mike McMannon, but Agnew had fewer misses. McClure was third in the same event.

Notre Dame's Elio Polselli easily outdistanced the competition as he won the discus and shot put events. In the discus, Polselli's 173-10 was 45 ft. farther than the second place toss, while in the shot put, his effort was almost 10 ft. more than his nearest opponent.

Also during spring break, the Raider trackmen competed in the Carolina Relays at Columbia, S. C.

Tommy Haynes was the only first place finisher as he won the long jump with a leap of 23-6 3/4. Jesse Agnew placed second in the high jump.

The Raiders are competing this weekend in the Kentucky Relays at Lexington, Ky.

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