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## State of Union speech to be given tonight; conditions different

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK  
UPI Senior Editor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan gives his second State of the Union address tonight, but it will be a different Congress and a different nation that will be listening.

In his first State of the Union address last year, as well as his two other appearances before joint sessions of the House and Senate in 1981, Reagan was a dominant and confident figure, riding a crest of success and popularity.

HE MADE all the proper noises about amity and comity between the White House and Capitol Hill, but he was clearly there to give marching orders to the lawmakers.

No more. In 1983, both Reagan and the national economy are in slumps and he will be a supplicant. He may make no direct reference to the changed shape of the Washington world, but this time when he asks for help he really needs it.

His first appearance in the great hall of the House was on Feb. 18, 1981, to present his economic program. Reagan



Up a tree

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Caught in the act, a squirrel perched in the branches of a tree outside Rutledge Hall improves his view on life.

## ASB campaign proposal to be considered tonight

By MARTY WATT  
Staff Writer

A proposal that could change the way campaigning is conducted at MTSU will be considered by the ASB Legislature at 6 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center Multi-Media Room.

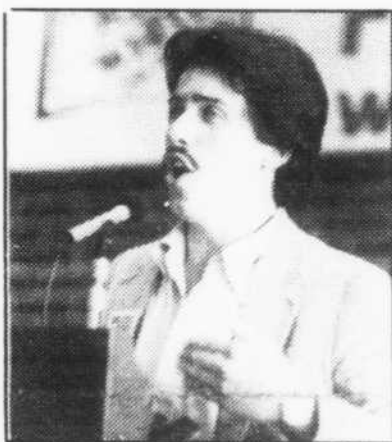
The proposed electoral act would change the campaign practices currently in effect by restricting the amount that can be spent on campaigns, restricting the distribution of campaign material and requiring four "speeches" in which candidates voice their opinions to the student body.

THE NEW limits on spending, if passed, will be \$25 for senatorial candidates, \$75 for speaker of either chamber and \$150 for presidential candidates.

All candidates would also be allowed a \$10 petty cash fund.

If the act passes, campaign literature will not be allowed to be distributed before noon 10 calendar days prior to the election.

THE ACT requires that the



David Kessler  
ASB President

election commissioner appointed by the ASB president have at least 45 hours, and the remaining six commissioners be chosen by the House from the House membership.

Mark Ross, speaker of the Senate, said he hopes the bill will take the commercialization out of campaigning.

"I am not a writer or a sponsor of the act, but I feel it is a good act, and will serve the students well."

Other issues to be considered include:

- A proposal to hold a



Mark Ross  
Speaker of Senate

referendum on the student activity fee.

- A change in the ASB scholarship, and

- A bill making the ASB phone in the library a permanent fixture.

Ross is the speaker for the activity-fee bill.

"When the State Legislature set up the activity fee, they required that a referendum be held no more than every two years. The administration here requires the ASB to hold a referendum every two years," Ross said.

"I think it's good, because

## Handicap rule legal: attorney

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
Editor

Catherine Mizell, general counsel to the State Board of Regents, said Thursday the MTSU policy of forcing handicapped students who receive a special tuition discount to register during late registration is legal.

ACLU attorney Patrick O'Rourke said yesterday that Mizell's decision was "unfortunate."

"THE UNIVERSITY is entirely consistent with the state statute," Mizell said. "I do not find there is any constitutional violation."

Her response was also made in a letter to O'Rourke, who had questioned Board policy in the handling of Section 49-3251 of the Tennessee Code

Annotated. That law allows elderly or permanently and totally disabled students to take classes for \$9 per semester hour—up to a maximum of \$75.

"This privilege," according to the statute, "may be limited or denied by the college or university on an individual-classroom basis, according to space availability."

MTSU POLICY forces anyone receiving tuition under this law to register after noon on the first day of late registration.

"Her decision is unfortunate," O'Rourke said. "We all have to make decisions. But as adults we must accept the consequences of our decisions."

O'Rourke, chair of the Middle Tennessee ACLU legal panel, said he would consult with his colleagues and those involved in the complaint and decide what action to take.

LAST WEEK, O'Rourke said he would file suit against (continued on page 2)

## Debate team takes first place in tournament

By RONDA KRUMALIS  
News Editor

The MTSU Debate Team won first place at Western Kentucky's annual Sun Belt Conference Debating Tournament this weekend.

"The Importance of Privacy As A Constitutional Right" was the issue debated by 17 teams on the Bowling Green campus Friday and Saturday.

REPRESENTING MTSU were the teams of senior Cecelia West and freshman Scott Greer; and senior Ed Anderson and freshman Mike Eaves.

West and Greer won eight debates while losing only one round. In the championship debates, the MTSU teams defeated Bob Jones University and the University of Tennessee, each on 2-1 decisions by the three judges.

MTSU Debate Coach Jim Brooks, professor in the speech and theatre department, said he was "particularly pleased with this particularly since West and Greer are two of the squad's more inexperienced debaters."

BROOKS said the debate (continued on page 2)

## Analysis

made a second speech to Congress on the economic program in 1981 and last Jan. 26, he delivered his first State of the Union address. (As customary, the outgoing president, Jimmy Carter, gave the State of the Union speech as his term ended.)

IN 1981, he declared his program to cut federal spending and taxes and reduce federal regulation would "help America create 13 million new jobs." He cited both double digit inflation and unemployment of "almost 8 million Americans" to illustrate the "pretty grim picture" left behind by Carter.

Today, inflation has been cut in half and the president can be depended upon to exult about it, but the jobless figure has reached 12 million, about which he may decide the less said the better.

Reagan also deplored a national debt approaching \$1 trillion and an estimated \$80 billion deficit in the last Carter budget. The total debt now is in 13 figures and the budget deficit in the next years is expected to reach or pass \$200 billion.

IN HIS 1982 State of the Union address, Reagan emphasized progress on inflation and tax cutting and did confront the 1981 recession head-on. He blamed high interest rates, and conceded that "the already high unemployment [had] increased."

But his basic message was the same as last fall during the 1982 congressional campaigns: "We must stick to our carefully integrated plan for recovery."

There have been hints at the White House of "new initiatives" in the 1983 State of the Union, but no sign that Reagan intended to junk his two-year-old economic program. So "stay the course" may be the message again this year.

LAST YEAR, Reagan was as emphatic as presidents ever are when he said, "I will seek no tax increases this year, and I have no intention of retreating from our basic program of tax relief." But within 12 months he had signed bills increasing both income and gasoline taxes under the guise of "reforms" and "user fees," and already (continued on page 2)

## Abortion traumatic, but necessary: coed

By PHIL WILLIAMS  
Editor

Ten years ago Saturday—Jan. 22, 1973—the Supreme Court issued a ruling which legalized abortions, setting off a debate of unequal proportions in this country.

Because of the occasion, we are reprinting from the Aug. 10, 1982, Sidelines an interview with a 31-year-old MTSU coed who had an abortion.

Question: When did you have your abortion and what were the circumstances?

Answer: I had an abortion in 1975 at Planned Parenthood.

To be brief, five years earlier my doctor informed me that I was sterile, and that I didn't have to worry about using birth control. So I didn't worry about it, and I ended up pregnant.

Which is why I had an abortion. I was unmarried. I knew who the father was. We were good friends, but we didn't want to get married. And abortion was really the sensible thing to do.

Q. And abortions were legal? A. Abortions were legal. I am certainly glad they were.

I think that probably when I went to have it my head was in a good place. I wasn't freaked



Photo by Keith Tippitt

out or hysterical or anything like that.

I was also probably the oldest person at the clinic. Most of the people were in their teens. You know, there were some girls there with their mothers who looked like they were about 14.

I felt like I was in a better position. I knew exactly what I was doing. I knew it was the only route I could take.

It was still very, very hard on me. It was terrible.

Q. What was the experience like?

A. Well, first of all it was

painful.

You don't know how painful it's going to be until you're in there going through it.

Secondly, I got out of the thing and turned on the TV—I guess it was the next day—and some woman who was against abortion started talking about the morality of it, which was real hard on me.

You literally go through a sort of pregnancy—a false pregnancy. It took me almost a year to get over it—I'm saying physically, as well as emotionally because physically I was just messed up. I was ill.

### weather

Partly cloudy today and tonight. High in the mid-40s, low in the mid-30s. Chance of rain tomorrow.



# Mass comm up for accreditation

By RONDA KRUMALIS  
News Editor

A team of educators and media professionals will visit MTSU this week to consider the mass communications department's eligibility for professional accreditation.

The team, from the American Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, will be on campus Thursday and

Friday, interviewing faculty, administrators and students, sitting in on classes and examining facilities and equipment.

ALEX NAGY, chairman of the mass communications department, said that faculty and staff began preparing for the visit two years ago, compiling a previsit report of over 300 pages and revising the curriculum to comply with

accreditation standards.

"Practically every sequence [in mass communications] was involved," Nagy said.

The quality of the mass communications department will be reflected in the accreditation, according to Nagy.

"BUT IT doesn't mean that a program is necessarily of low quality if it is not accredited," he said.

A national accreditation would pave the way for MTSU to develop a graduate program in mass communications.

"The undergraduate program has to be accredited before we can set up a graduate program," Nagy explained.

NAGY SAID a tentative program has been drawn up that "we haven't been able to do anything with" thus far.

Raising funds would also be easier with the accreditation, according to Nagy. The national accreditation is something that many foundations require when considering grants.

After the visit, Nagy anticipates it may be some time in May before MTSU is notified of the team's decision.

The team will be headed by Doug Ann Newsom, chairperson of the department of journalism at Texas Christian University.

## Abortion

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on his children—my step-children.

The only regret I ever have had is that nagging wonder of whether it was a boy or a girl.

You know, to be honest you do consider if your life might have been for the better—if you would have had someone to fill up a lot of the lonely times.

But I didn't love the father, I was alone and didn't think it was possible to raise a child fairly and provide for its welfare on my own.

Of course, if anything had been wrong with the child it would have been all the worse. I wouldn't have been able to bear the burden financially, and neither would my family have been able to help me.

There really wasn't any way

## ASB

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"THE BILL hasn't been changed in 12 years," Howell said. "Back then, what the speakers received was quite substantial, but now it's just not enough."

The bill states that the stipend be in cash, but Howell expressed doubts as to whether the administration would approve such a move.

"Hopefully this bill will pass and be in place by the time a new administration comes into office," Howell concluded.

ROSS commented on the bill

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# Campus Capsule

## TODAY

**HYPNOTIST AND COMEDIAN** Tom DeLuca will entertain at noon in the University Center Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.

**"SHARKY'S MACHINE" CONTINUES** at the University Center Theatre. Show times are 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

**A JOINT SESSION** of the ASB House and Senate will be in the Learning Resource Center Multi-Media Room at 6 p.m.

**THE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE** will meet in the James Union Building's Faculty Senate Lounge at 3 p.m.

**THE ASB TRAFFIC COURT** convenes at 7 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Rooms 313 and 315.

**GED TESTS WILL BE GIVEN** from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Keathley University Center, Room 314.

## WEDNESDAY

**"ALIEN" BEGINS** at the University Center Theatre. Show times are 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated R.

**THE ZETA PSI CHAPTER** of Alpha Kappa Psi will meet at 4 p.m. in Kirksey Old Main, Room 221.

**AN ASB CAMPUS FORUM** will be in the University Center Grill at 1 p.m.

**THE ASB TRAFFIC COURT** convenes at 3 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Rooms 313 and 315.

## THURSDAY

**PIANIST DAVID NORTHINGTON** will perform at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. For ticket information call MTSU's music department, 898-2469.

**"ALIEN" CONTINUES** at the University Center Theatre. Showtimes are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

**STUDENT AMBASSADORS ON TOUR** will have an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Murphy Center's Dance Studio A.

**THE ASB TRAFFIC COURT** convenes at 4 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Rooms 313 and 315.

## FRIDAY

**A TEAM EXAMINING** the mass communications department for possible accreditation will meet at 10 a.m. in Dining Rooms A, B and C in the James Union Building.

**THE BLUE RAIDERS BASKETBALL TEAM** meets the Austin Peay Governors at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center. The Lady Raiders take on the Lady Govs at 5 p.m.

**THE KOOL CLUB SPONSORS** a dance in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**THE LADY RAIDERS MEET BELMONT** at 7:30 p.m. in a women's basketball game in Murphy Center.

**GMAT EXAMINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN** in Woodmore Cafeteria from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA** sponsors a dance at 9 p.m. in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room.

## SUNDAY

**THE TIM FRAZIER PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION** begins in the photographic gallery. It will be shown through Feb. 17.

## MONDAY

**"SPACED OUT" BEGINS** at the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated R.

## NOTICE

**STUDENTS REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY** MUST sign a form in order to keep name, address, phone number or classification from being given out by the Student Information Center. Forms available in Keathley University Center, Room 124. Contact as soon as possible.

**THE MTSU PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY** [dance club] will meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Murphy Center's Dance Studio A. Everyone is welcome.

# Drinking-age survey set; public forum scheduled

By NANCY SLOAN

Staff Writer

ASB officials will conduct a survey Wednesday and Thursday concerning the proposed resolution which would raise the drinking age from 19 to 21.

Students are urged to stop by the ASB table in front of the University Bookstore between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to offer their opinions of the issue.

"WE WANT to represent the students on important matters, such as this, as best we can," ASB President David Kessler said.

However, not everyone will agree on this matter, Kessler added; therefore, the ASB will

## Reagan

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this year he has joined the Democrats in a plan to finance Social Security by speeding up scheduled tax increases and to delay a cost-of-living benefits increase due in July.

The president will have some things to brag about—the appointment of two women to his Cabinet, for example—and may have something new to propose in the job training and tax reform areas. He also may test the waters for extending to other types of federal entitlement programs the temporary freeze on benefit in-

## Debate

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team has "got a lot of new, inexperienced people," but that the more experienced students are a lot of help.

This week MTSU's top varsity debate team is participating in three national invitational tournaments in Utah. Students Greg Simerly, senior, and Tom Bickers, junior, will be debating at the University of Utah, Brigham Young University and Weber State University. Simerly and Bickers have been ranked

## Handicap

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the university at the "discriminatory" policy is not changed.

The Board's specific directive to the universities states only that:

"Enrollments of disabled and elderly students for audit or credit should be made expressly subject to the availability of space in the classrooms for the courses in question."

"IN OTHER words, no regular fee-paying student should be denied access to a

have to support the majority viewpoint.

"That's what the survey is all about," he said.

THE ASB is also sponsoring a public forum which will allow students to voice their opinions, concerns and questions on any subject to a group of administrators.

The discussion will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Grill.

Administrators expected to attend include: President Ingram, Vice President LaLance, Dean Cantrell, Housing Director Ivan Shewmake and others.

creases proposed for Social Security.

But the principal change this year may be in tone. In 1982, Reagan praised Congress for passing his economic proposals, but all concerned were aware he had ramrodded his victories by getting Republicans to march in lockstep.

THIS TIME, on the clear evidence of what happened in the late stages of the 97th Congress and in the November elections, Reagan is on notice that the honeymoon is over and the time for negotiation between equals has arrived.

among the top 10 teams in the country since the season began in October.

The Utah tournaments, according to Brooks, bring together the top 20 teams in the nation for a full week of competition.

Despite the competition, Brooks said that he expected Simerly and Bickers to do "very well and to finish among the top two or three teams in each of the three tournaments."

"I expect we'll finish at least in the top 10," Brooks said, "maybe even in the top five."

course due to the enrollment of disabled or elderly persons in courses pursuant to the act without full payment of fees.

If a disabled or elderly person desires to ensure their enrollment in a course, they may pay the regular fees for admission to the course. However, once fees have been paid, there will be no refund of fees even if space would have otherwise been available."

THE LATTER part of the policy statement is what triggered O'Rourke's inquiry into the possible discrimination.

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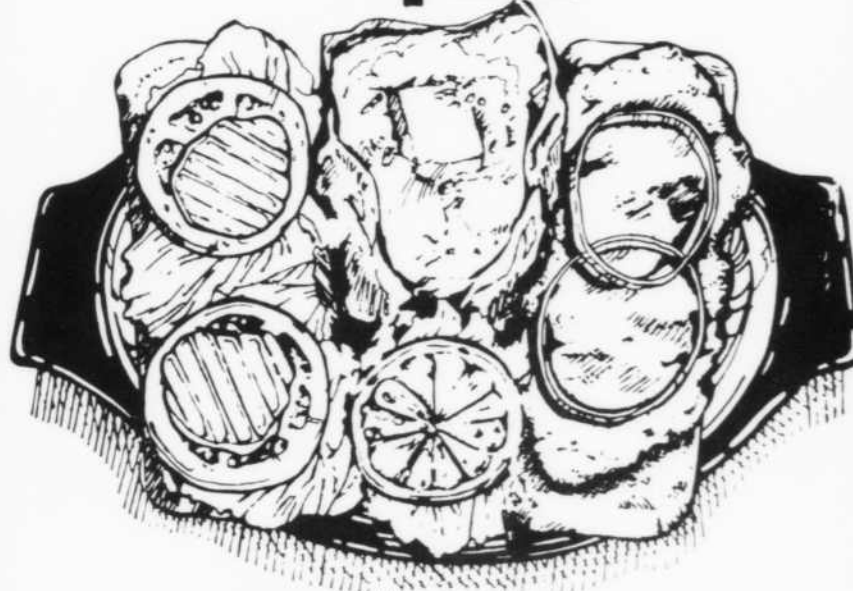
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## Features

# Pianist to play here Thursday

By LINDA WARREN  
Staff Writer

The MTSU Music Department will kick off the 1983 Concert Series Thursday with a performance by David Northington.

Northington will perform musical selections from Mozart, Chopin, Granados and Liszt.

DESCRIBED by the *New York Times* as "an immensely gifted musician," Northington, a native of Georgia, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He recently studied at the Yale School of Music.

Northington won virtually

every local contest and scholarship there was to win while in Cincinnati. Within the space of one week in 1974, he was awarded the Madeleine Malraux Award in the Concert Artists Guild Auditions and the first-place honor in the East-West Artists Competition.

NORTHINGTON also gave

solo performances with the Cincinnati Symphony and Cincinnati Philharmonic Orchestras. His performance at Yale's prestigious Sprague Hall Competition, in which he took first-place honors, can be added to his accomplishments.

Thursday's performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Building. Admission for the concert will be \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$6 for adults.

Northington will also conduct a workshop on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Wright Music Building for interested students.

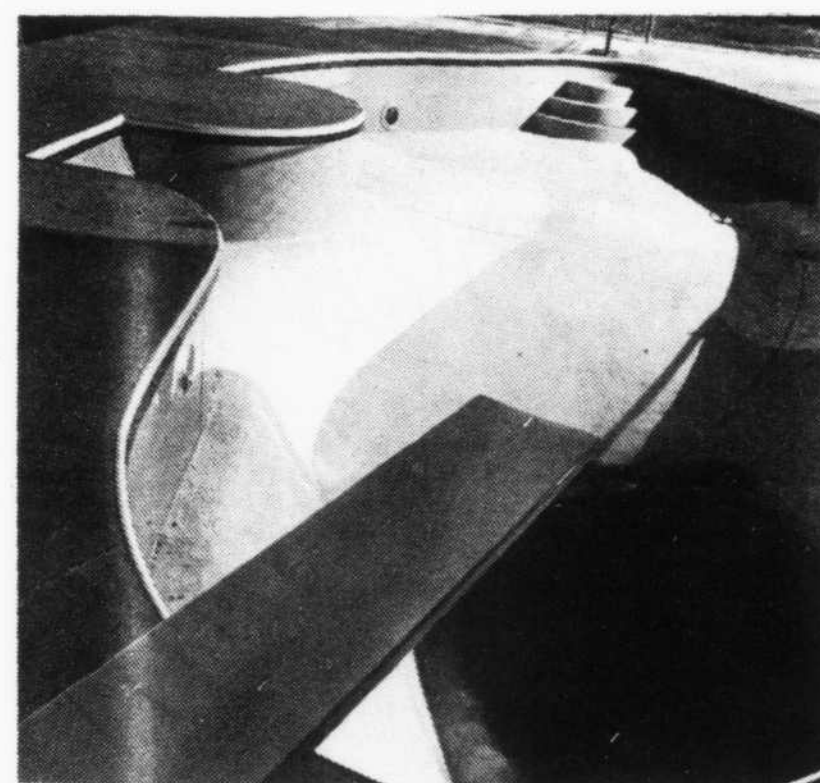


Photo exhibit

Free-lance photographer Tim H. Frazier will exhibit a collection of his work Jan. 30-Feb. 17 at the MTSU Photographic Gallery in the LRC. The gallery is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and 6-10 p.m. Sundays.

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## Hypnotist headlines today's Noon Show

By AURORA DANIELS  
Staff Writer

Tom DeLuca started his career as a hypnotist dealing with psychosomatic disorders, but after three years, he decided to try a new area—entertainment.

Today, DeLuca will bring his entertainment to the University Center Theater for a free Noon Show.

"TOM WAS here last year," said Georgia Dennis, promotions and publicity facilitator for Student Programming, "and he had one of the largest audiences we had for a Noon Show."

"He had some 'unsolicited volunteers' [students] on the stage and took them back to

their younger days," she said, "they were great... they fought like little kids over who was going to draw which picture."

DeLuca's show has two parts. The first part explains the phenomenon of hypnosis. The second part of the act, called BSP, is an original comic parody of ESP.

DELUCA WAS born and reared in upstate New York. He attended the University of Miami, Coral Gables, where he received a bachelor's in communication and psychology.

The Noon Show is presented by the Special Events Committee.

## Cast announced for Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men'

By CYNTHIA FLOYD  
Staff Writer

Auditions for the MTSU Theatre Department's February production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" were held in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Arena Theatre Jan. 11 and 12.

The play's 10 roles were cast as follows: Lenny—Bob Aden; George—David Lee; Candy—Bobby Parker; Boss—Allan Barlow; Curly—Nathan Evans; Curly's wife—Diana Fugate; Whit—Tim Pryor; Carlson—Jack Flannery; Crooks—James Tucker, and Slim—Kirby Mitchell.

MOST OF the cast members are theater majors. However, one is an education major and another is a mass communications major.

Faculty director of the play, Deborah Anderson, will be assisted by student director Ginger Muse.

Published in 1937, "Of Mice and Men" won that year's Drama Critic's Silver Plaque.

THE PLAY reflects Steinbeck's interest in the issues of the time, specifically his interest in the migrant workers in California.

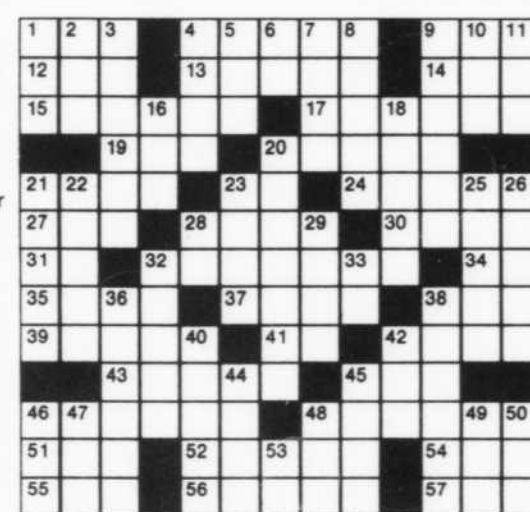
Survival of the "strongest, meanest" is a central theme in

the play, Anderson says.

Performances will be held Feb. 17-19, and Feb. 24-26 at 8 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Theatre. A 2:30 matinee will be held on Feb. 20.

Admission is free to students, and is \$3.50 for the general public.

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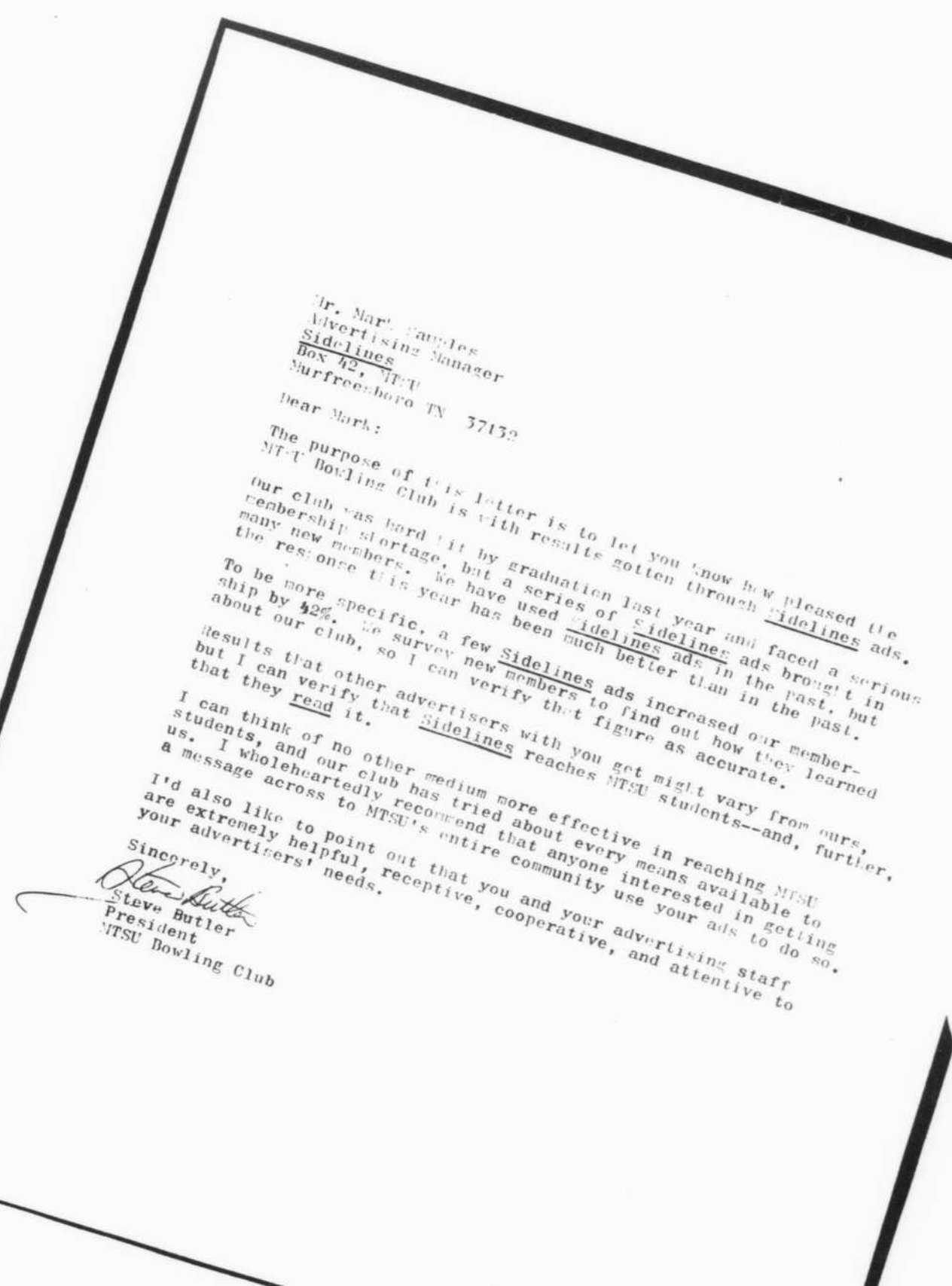
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## Watt termed 'extremist'; hurts America's dignity

Political extremists have faded in and out of the political limelight throughout history.

Devotees of causes on the far perimeters of both the right and left offer alternative views to those that are offered by mainstream politicians. However, when given power, such fanatics tend to destroy the dignity of the office to which they were elected or appointed.

JAMES WATT is a classic case of an extremist who has sacrificed the greatest good in order to please himself and his ideological cronies.

As Secretary of the Interior under the Reagan administration, Watt has proceeded to place America's precious wildlands on the auctioning block to be sold to greedy speculators. At the same time, he has flaunted an air of arrogance which would make any conservative dogmatist proud.

During a recent interview, Watt infuriated Indian tribal leaders, as well as many other conscientious Americans, by saying that the difficulties facing Indian reservations depict the "failure of socialism."

INDIAN LEADERS resent Watt's statement because they feel their reservations have nothing whatsoever to do with socialism. (Instead, the plight of the American Indian could more correctly be described as the result of an abusive capitalistic system that pushed them out of their homelands.)

Watt has a nasty habit of labeling things of which he does not approve with words such as "socialism" and "liberal"—which pass as four-letter words in any reactionary's vocabulary.

For example, Watt has publicly stated that there are two kinds of people who inhabit the United States—Americans and liberals.

THAT SUCH a mentality would be

appointed to a cabinet position under any administration is a disgrace to the dignity of the American people.

As an additional example of his dubious reasoning abilities, Watt has repeatedly defended his exploitive policies with such incredible answers as a claim that we should not preserve our wildlands and resources because the world is going to end soon anyway.

The American people expect and deserve credible government leaders. However, Reagan has been totally insensitive to the pleas of many knowledgeable people who wish to see Watt removed from public office.

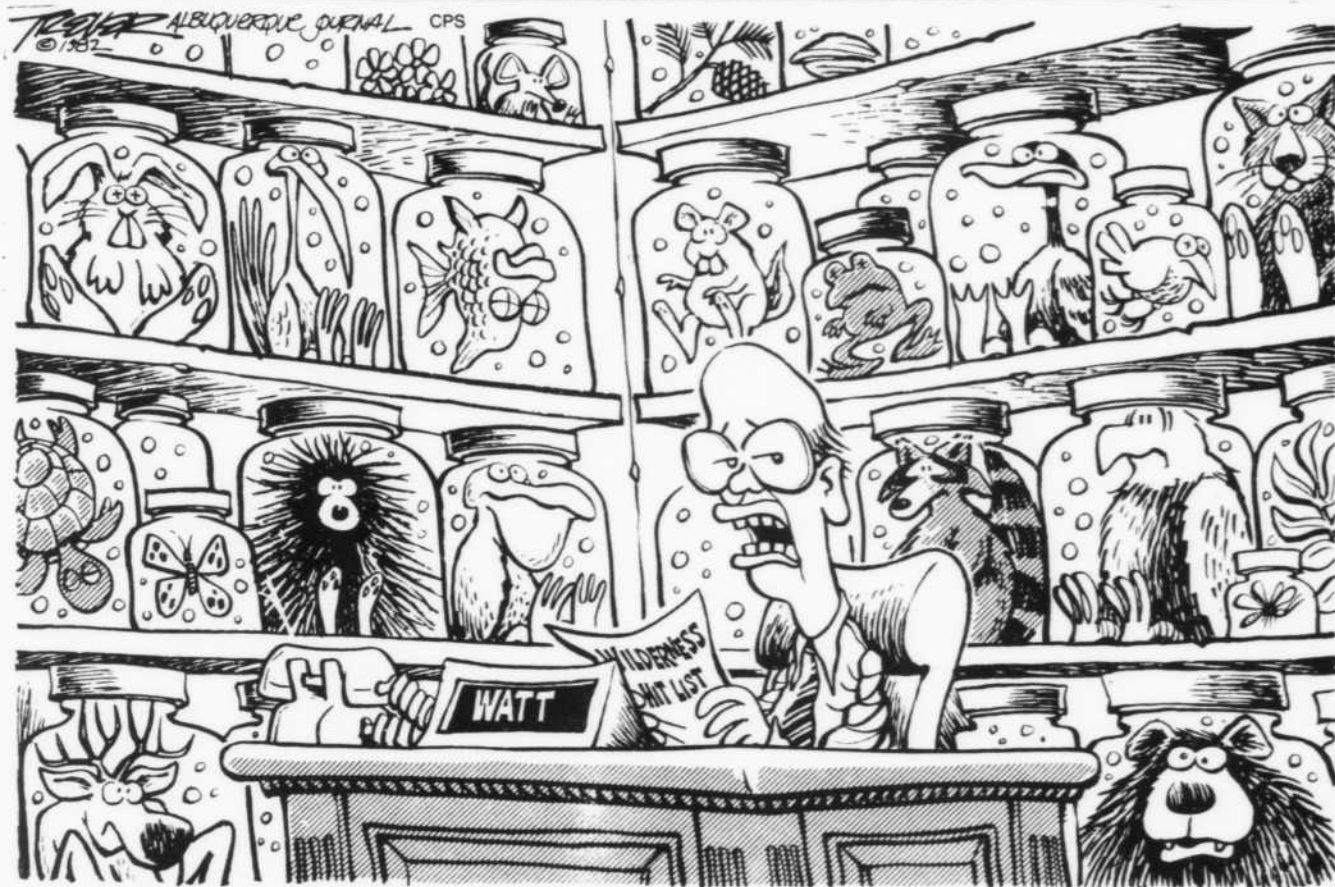
THE AMERICAN people do not demand that their government leaders follow a certain ideology, but they do expect government leaders to be responsible and controlled upholders of their respective offices.

Along with trustworthy cabinet appointees, the American people also deserve a President who is honest enough to admit his mistakes and pragmatic enough to correct them. Most American presidents have had problems with their cabinets and have acted accordingly to correct those problems.

Reagan accepted the resignation of Alexander Haig with little regret, but yet he refuses to dismiss Watt, who is the greatest gift to exploitive business interests since Coolidge.

REGARDLESS of what James Watt thinks, all of the citizens of this country are Americans! Differing ideologies are as natural as preferences for certain flavors of food.

Differing political views are signs of a healthy and self-governing people. However, extremists from either the right or the left who seek to impose the ends of their fanatical thinking on others are not only a nuisance to society; they also fray the fabric of human compatibility and political compromise.



"IT IS NOT TRUE THAT I AM AGAINST PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT—ON THE CONTRARY..."

## Reagan must make concessions

By HELEN THOMAS

UPI White House Reporter  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan will be a man in search of many compromises in the next two years if he wants his presidency to work.

At midpoint in his White House career, Reagan has had to reassess his own hard and fast positions as he watches his supply-side economic policies founder on the shoals of failure.

REAGAN would be the last to say his three-year tax cut combined with his monetary policy is not working.

Although he was warned that it was not the way to go if he planned a trillion-dollar defense buildup, his economic advisers had convinced him that the tax slash would wipe out the recession.

Today, the nation is still in a slump, and Reagan has approved a three-year, \$99 billion tax increase and a four-year \$20 billion gas tax hike, wiping out any of the advantages of the tax cut. And that's not all. Social Security taxes will be accelerated under the reform plan and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has let the cat out of the bag that the president will propose a whole new package of tax hikes in the forthcoming 1984 fiscal year budget.

SOME PAST presidents who have now been sidelined may be smiling at all this, particularly as one remembers Reagan's campaign battle cry against those who "tax and tax and spend and spend."

The president came into office promising a balanced budget and a job for everyone who wanted to work. In his

two years as president, the deficit looms at around \$200 billion and unemployment has spiraled from around 7.5 million to close to 12 million.

Confronted with the facts

rigidity another, and Reagan can see some of the fruits of his philosophy in the right turn the country has taken.

In the area of nuclear arms control, Reagan is being

## political beat

and a continuing sluggish economy, it appears that he can no longer hang tough. Under strong pressure from Republican leaders who have gone public on the subject, Reagan has been displaying more flexibility. Much against his druthers, he sent Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger back to the drawing board, and Weinberger came up with \$11.3 billion in military spending cuts.

HIS TOP GOP lieutenants on Capitol Hill are telling him that is not enough, but he passed the word that that's his bottom line.

Reagan is enough of a politician to know that he has to make concessions if he expects his programs to pass. It is difficult for him to bend, particularly when it involves his political convictions. But he also sees the handwriting on the wall and what is being called the "paralysis of confrontation" if he chooses to do battle with Congress on the major issues.

When he was governor of California, Reagan had pronounced himself "in concrete" on a given issue. Later when he had to compromise, he jokingly told reporters, "You see the concrete breaking around my feet."

DIRECTION is one thing,

reluctantly pushed to change tactics and positions.

Although he is sticking with his "zero option" in the nuclear arms field—meaning no intermediate range missiles on the European continent or aimed at its capitals—the president and his advisers realize they are losing ground in the field of public opinion as Soviet President Yuri Andropov drops new proposals for cuts in nuclear weaponry.

ANOTHER area where Reagan has bowed to outside pressure and image has been the administration's apparent acknowledgement that it has not placed many women in high-visibility or policy-making top government jobs. As a consequence, Reagan selected two women to join his Cabinet: Elizabeth Dole to be secretary of transportation and Margaret Heckler to be secretary of health and human services.

For some, the changes and concessions Reagan is making may be too little and too late, as in the case of activist women's groups who claim he is making only token gestures to women.

But it is a mark of a resilient open-minded president when he can move with the times. In the case of Reagan, it is a necessity born of the need to survive.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Kessler lauds study-day plan

To the editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank and congratulate ASB Sen. Mitch Pettross and Rep. Cecelia West for their efforts which brought about the Faculty Senate's approval of the study-day resolution.

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In addition, I would like to thank the Faculty Senate for approving this measure. I feel it will greatly benefit the student body.

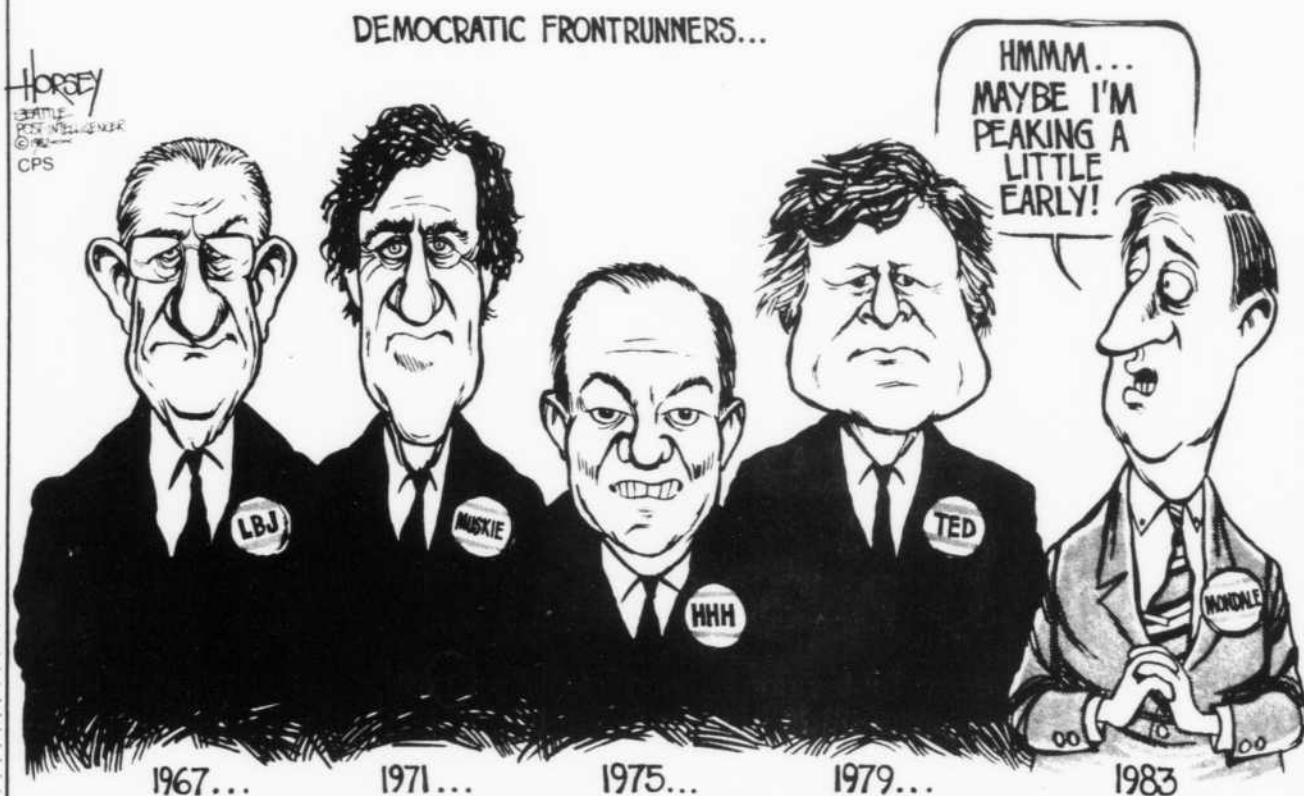
On behalf of the Associated Student Body, I would like to encourage the administration to approve the study day resolution. It will greatly benefit the student body, as well as the university as a whole.

David L. Kessler  
ASB President

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# Sports

## Murray downs Blue Raiders

FROM STAFF  
REPORTS

MTSU dropped their ninth consecutive game, while Murray State upped their winning streak to 14 as the Racers downed the Blue Raiders Friday night, 61-54.

The Blue Raiders led by as many as seven in the second half, but 15 second-half points from Glen Green and 10 straight points for Sammy Curran gave the Racers the edge they needed to take the triumph before 5,550 Murray maniacs and a regional television audience.

THAT television audience, however, was somewhat smaller than expected. The Nashville station, WZTV, that was to carry the broadcast blamed "technical difficulties at Murray" for the delay, and eventually cancelled the broadcast after a half-hour of "Get Smart" and 20 minutes of "The Three Stooges" were substituted during the wait.

The highly favored Racers had their troubles with the young and persistent Blue Raiders, and when Stan Simpson's team hit 13 unanswered points in the second half, it was obvious that MTSU would have to do some work in order to keep their winning streak alive.

Green, the potent Racer guard that the Raiders had held scoreless during the first half, exploded for 15 second-half tallies to spark the comeback.

MTSU relinquished their lead and saw Murray go up by 10 before three-point buckets by LaRae Davis and Danny Mayfield cut the lead to four.

The Raiders fouled and sent Green to the free-throw line with :46 left, and he hit both of the tosses to notch a six-point margin that would not be dented.

Both teams shot miserably from the field, Murray State shooting for 36.2 percent, while the Raiders shot for 34.3

percent.

MURRAY State was led in scoring by Lamont Sleet with 16 points, while Green had 15 and Curran 13.

Two freshmen, Raleigh Choice and Davis, led the charge for MTSU with 11 and 10 points respectively. Dwayne Dorsey had eight for the Raiders.

"I was extremely proud of our effort," Raider Coach Stan "Ramrod" Simpson said after the game. "Our underclassmen performed well against such a hostile crowd. A lot of people gave a great effort."

"BLUE RAIDER fans would've been extremely proud of the effort our team gave tonight," Simpson continued. "Our youngsters kept their heads in the game."

Simpson also noted that the Raider's defensive effort, which has sagged little over the course of the season, was good enough to win the game.

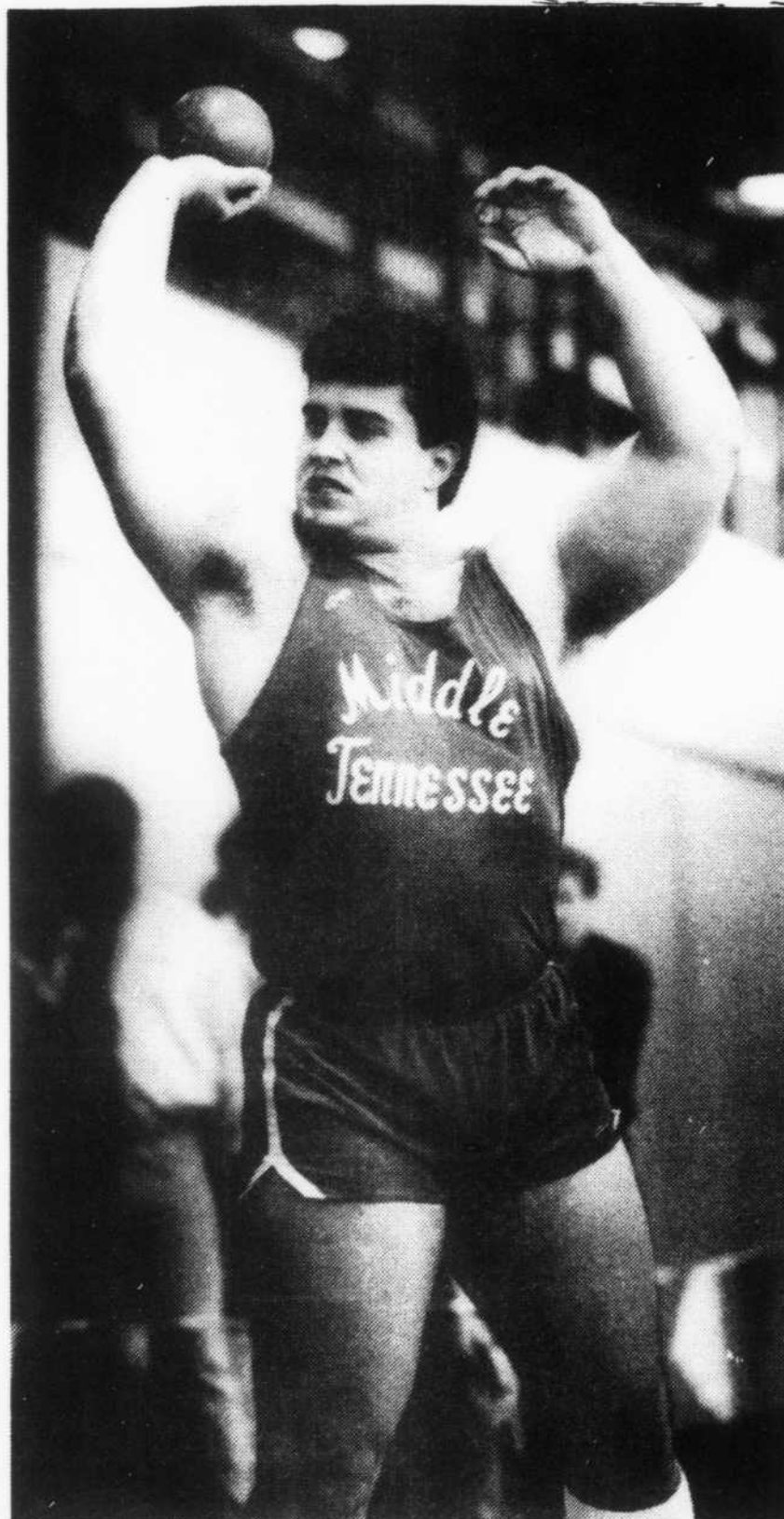
MTSU has now been beaten 12 times this year, and the thought of all those losses doesn't give Simpson a great deal of optimism for the remainder of the season.

"A 3-12 record is nothing to feel good about," Simpson explained. "We've had some games that we should have won. We've got to keep working."

"We've played a lot of young players and will continue to do so, but we are not giving up on the season."

Simpson, however, said the team would not eat very well after the Murray loss and, when asked where the team would take their post-game meal, "Ramrod" replied:

"I think the last restaurant in Murray probably closed down around midway through the half, so we'll probably stop by the nearest convenience market for some potted meat, saltines and an R.C. When you're 3-12, that's the kind of meal you deserve, I guess."



A man and his shot

Middle Tennessee's Jim Fitch prepares to put the shot during Saturday's track meet at Murphy Center. Illinois State won the affair, while MTSU finished second.

## Martin falls to Ladies

The Lady Raiders downed UT-Martin last night in Martin 75-68 behind a 26-point performance from senior guard Eva Lemeh.

MTSU shot 50 percent from the field in the victory, but was out-rebounded 44-34.

The win marked the fifth straight for the women, who are now 11-3 overall.

Sophomore forward Jennifer McFall scored 12 points, Holly Hoover 11 and Sherry Smith 8.

The Lady Raiders host Austin Peay in a 5 p.m. battle on Friday, and face Belmont at Monte Hale Arena at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Illinois State edges Middle

By KEVIN WEST  
Sports Writer

Illinois State came away a five-point winner over MTSU in Saturday's track meet.

"Distance events just killed us," Coach Dean Hayes said.

What was supposed to be a five-way competition for the Blue Raiders turned into four teams when Furman could not make the trip due to the bad weather. Georgia Tech and Western Kentucky—along with Illinois State—came well-prepared despite the weather.

THE MEET ran promptly on time, beginning with the Raiders sweeping two of the three jumping events.

Orestes Meeks leaped 24-6", winning the long jump, while teammate Eddie Lloyd bounded 51-11" to win in the triple jump.

Darryl Morgan and Doug Peterson of Illinois State, accompanied by Mack Reese of Georgia Tech all cleared 6-10 in the high jump event, but could go no higher. Morgan was declared the winner on the basis of fewer misses.

BRUCE Ewen, shot-putter and favorite from Illinois State, left his competitors in the pit as he launched a toss of 56-10", easily winning the event.

MTSU swept the 60-yard dash and the 300-yard run, with Andre Kirnes (6.28 seconds) and Kenny Shannon

(31.26) winning respectively.

The two best races of the day saw Tony Smith of WKU running a 7.32 and "eking out" a .08 victory over Raymond Stiles of Georgia Tech and Blue Raider Miguel Williams in the 60-yard hurdles.

JUST AFTER the crowd's heartbeat slowed to normal Gary Mitchell of MTSU leaned through the tape at 48.39 for the 440-yard run to edge out Tom Hind (Georgia Tech) who finished just a tenth of a second behind.

Georgia Tech took both the 600-yard- and mile-relay runs in tough races. MTSU finished a close second place in each event.

Coach Dean Hayes and his runners had done their job. All they was to do was to wait and see if Georgia Tech and WKU could take enough points away from Illinois State to secure the Raider victory.

THIS was not to be.

In four events, the 880- and 1,000-yard runs and the 1- and 2-mile runs, Illinois State swept 38 of the possible 44 points and stole the meet away from Coach Hayes and the boys.

"They just had too many distance men," Coach Hayes said.

The Blue Raider track team will take to the road this weekend, traveling to the Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, Ky.

## Lady Raiders smash Murray State women

MTSU's Lady Raiders took their 10th win of the year by downing the Lady Racers of Murray State Friday night in Murray, 75-62.

Head Coach Larry Inman's squad was in control the entire way and increased their road record to 4-0, which is also their OVC record.

Murray State's ladies fell to 0-4 in the league and 2-9 overall.

Junior center Holly Hoover led the Lady Raider bombardment with 24 points and 11 rebounds, while Eva Lemeh, a senior out of Nashville, dumped in 16 for the victors.

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**Flying over the beach**

Orestes Meeks of Middle Tennessee goes airborne in the long jump competition during Saturday's track meet. Meeks won the long jump competition.



A Middle Tennessee runner crosses the finish line in Saturday's track meet.

Photo by Keith Tippitt

## MTSU bowlers place at Western

MTSU's intercollegiate bowlers cracked the top 10 in four events at last semester's recent Western Kentucky Invitational.

Blue Raider bowlers were in competition against men's and women's teams from Tennessee, Auburn, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead, Murray State and host Western Kentucky.

women's doubles team of Noreen Roark and Debbie

Hutchison highest among MTSU contestants. They finished third in women's doubles with 1,038, missing second place by only nine pins and first place by only 50.

Elliot Jackson and Greg Engel combined to cop fourth place in men's doubles with a 1,016 tally.

events competition with 1,472 and Hutchison was ninth in women's singles with 501.

MTSU bowlers compete each year in conference play as well as selected individual meets. All scoring is on a scratch (actual) basis.

This season the Blue Raider bowlers are in Subdivision 4B of the Southern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference, the nation's largest such organization with over 40 member schools throughout the Southeast.

OFFICIAL statistics released today show the

Roark ended up seventh in the prestigious women's all-

# Basketball officiating is a rugged occupation

Being a college basketball official is an impossible job.

No matter what he does, he can't please anybody. I've always said, only God could ref... and he'd prefer the home court.

THERE IS no way these guys do it for the money. The Big Ten, for example, pays \$300 per game, plus mileage, with \$75 for expenses per game and a percentage if they stay over.

But most refs have to have another job, because the NCAA says they can only work three games a week. It's done for their love of sports—so they can remain a part of the bucket game, stay close to the well.

I truly believe there's no such thing as a dishonest official. He's like a weatherman. He doesn't decide where the snow falls, he just points out where it does.

BUT I do think sometimes the crowd can work on the subconscious of an official. He might make some calls trying to appease the howling mob, that sort of thing. But it's subconsciously.

If a coach is going to be successful, there are certain things he must recognize about

officials, like fast and slow whistles. The first thing a coach must find out in a game is whether or not the refs are blowing a fast or slow whistle.

A fast whistle is a high school whistle that normally doesn't allow any contact. Usually, you get this early in the game. We call these type fouls "tickle fouls," and right away, as a coach, you must immediately call off all the pressure, full-or-half-court.

ON THE other hand, if it's a slow whistle, a pro-whistle, you play man-to-man and apply the pressure. But if it's a fast whistle, you go to the zones.

Normally, the ref that works in front of the bench, which we call "static row," is the more mature official, the leader of the group. He's the one you don't yell at. You usually jump on the guy who's farthest away, because when you jump an official, always remember: it's not for the call he just made, but for the next one. You're planting seeds in his subconscious.

An example: If you play against the big man, a Keith Lee, you say to the ref, "Hey,

that guy is camping in the lane! Four, five, six seconds!" Or if you're against a great quarterback, you say, "Watch that Foster! He charges on his drives!"

THESE ARE all just tricks of the trade. But now, all of a sudden, you've planted the seed.



The ref is overconscious of a certain thing, and every so often from the bench you remind 'em. It's something you learn over the years, and it adds up to experience. Like the brewing guys from Miller, you learn how to do it just right.

All officials have idiosyncrasies and the smart coach plays to them. Some know the rule book forward and backward, so before the game you ask him about some crazy rule, stroking the official.

FOR INSTANCE, what if you something like "what if you

take a shot with two seconds to go, and the lights go out?" That sort of thing, to butter him up.

Many coaches keep a book on officials.

Some favor charging, some blocking. Some have quick or slow whistles. Some allow you to play like it's football, while others think the game is crumpets and tea.

STILL others are "wilters." That is, if you yell at 'em, they fade out of the game. Others are rednecks. You yell at 'em and they come back at you.

There are also politicians, thinking of next year's assignments. In some conferences where officials are rated, they drop off the back 25 percent and add new officials the following year.

A mortal sin in basketball is a split crew, which means one ref is from one team's conference and the other is from the other team's conference.

THIS, IN my opinion, is wrong for two reasons: It's difficult for the officials and it's not morally right for the game.

The officials have never worked together before, so you're going to get inconsistencies.

And, the visiting coach feels the one guy is there to protect him, the other guy to hurt him,

that sort of thing.

In my opinion, in an inter-sectional game the refs should come from the conference or area of the visiting team. All contracts are two-year contracts, so the next year it's done in reverse.

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